

MP unveils new public service promotion rules 2025

Bhopal: Just one day after a pivotal cabinet decision, the Madhya Pradesh government has officially released the Public Service Promotion Rules-2025, signaling a serious intent to restart promotions that have been stalled for the past nine years. The new regulations maintain reservation provisions for promotions mirroring those applied to direct recruitment. This means Scheduled Tribes (ST) government employees will receive 20% reservation in vacant promotion posts, while Scheduled Castes (SC) will get 16%. Remaining promotions will go to the unreserved category, but the promotion process for reserved category employees will be completed first.

The General Administration Department's notification frankly admits that the nine-year freeze on promotions has severely impacted efficiency and morale. Many eligible government employees have retired without receiving due promotions, affecting both state government functionality and employee morale. With this notification, the new rules are now in effect, allowing departments to initiate promotion processes.

However, the new rules are al-

▶ Reserving quotas for SC/ST amidst legal challenges

ready facing a challenge. Employee organizations are preparing to contest them in the High Court, with a petition expected to be filed on Friday. The state government, anticipating this, is preparing to file a caveat, ensuring it has an opportunity to present its side before the High Court makes any decision.

Key bases for promotion under new rules

- Promotions to Class I posts will be based on merit-cum-seniority.
- For other posts, promotions will consider seniority combined with suitability.
- The overall vacant posts for promotion will reserve 20% for ST and 16% for SC, effectively maintaining the previous reservation system.

Departmental promotion committees to be formed

Dedicated Departmental Promotion Committees (DPCs) will be constituted in all departments to



manage promotions for each cadre. The departmental secretary will chair these committees, with the head of the department serving as secretary. Each committee will also include a GAD officer, not below the rank of Deputy Secretary.

If a departmental committee reaches a differing decision in any case, a special committee headed by the Chief Secretary, including the departmental secretary and

GAD secretary, will review it. These committees will have a tenure from 2024 to 2028, with changes possible after five years. Their primary responsibility will be to oversee promotions.

Annual DPC meetings and disqualification for penalties

The new rules mandate that DPC meetings for each cadre's promotions will be held at least once a

year. A special DPC meeting will convene after the rules are implemented to address promotion vacancies up to December 31, 2025. Subsequently, annual DPC meetings will be held between September and November to consider promotions for posts becoming vacant by December 31st of that year.

Significantly, the GAD's new rules also stipulate that any government employee against whom disciplinary action has been taken and a penalty imposed will be deemed ineligible for promotion.

Potential benefits: Over 4 lakh employees could gain

Promotions in the state have been on hold since 2016. With the cabinet's recent decision and the release of these new rules, the path to promotion could open for over 4 lakh government employees if the rules avoid further legal entanglement. This surge in promotions will create vacancies at lower levels, potentially leading to approximately 2 lakh new positions that the state can then begin to fill. Notably, over one lakh government employees have already retired without receiving any promotions during the last nine years.

Governor calls for collective effort in Sickle Cell Eradication

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Due to adverse weather, the Chief Minister could not physically reach Barwani and addressed the event virtually from Indore.

100-day special campaign from July 1st: Deputy CM

Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla acknowledged that President Droupadi Murmu's visit to Barwani was planned but could not materialize due to unfavorable weather. Shukla proudly stated that in 2024-25, Madhya Pradesh has been a national leader in sickle cell screening, exceeding its target of 9 million by screening 9.7 million citizens. So far, 10.6 million citizens have been screened. To rapidly ensure the screening of 14 million citizens, a 100-day special campaign will be launched starting July 1st.

CM to engage with cow herders & cow shelter operators today

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav is set to interact with cow herders and gaushala (cow shelter) operators across Madhya Pradesh at his official residence on June 20th. During this significant "Gaushala Conference," scheduled for 12 PM, the Chief Minister will also disburse approximately Rs 90 crore in financial aids to gaushalas. State Minister for Animal Husbandry and Dairy Development (Independent Charge), Lakhan Patel, will also be present. The conference will see participation from representatives and operators of both government and private gaushalas from all districts of the state. Uma Kant Umrao, Principal Secretary of Animal Husbandry and Dairy, announced that the state government has increased the financial grant for registered gaushalas from Rs 20 per cow per day to Rs 40 per cow per day for the proper upkeep of cattle. Accordingly, the installment of

approximately Rs 90 crore, covering the grant for cows maintained in gaushalas for April and May 2025, will be released during the conference.

The event will also feature the presentation of Gau-Seva Awards to selected gaushalas and organizations under the Acharya Vidyasagar Jeev Daya Gau-Seva Samman Yojana. The first prize will be Rs 5 lakh, the second Rs 3 lakh, the third Rs 2 lakh, and consolation prizes of Rs 50,000 each will be awarded. Individuals demonstrating outstanding work in cow welfare will receive a first prize of Rs 1 lakh, a second prize of Rs 50,000, and a third prize of Rs 20,000.

To boost milk production in the state, the Kamdhenu Yojana has been launched, enabling the approval of dairy farming schemes ranging from 25 to 200 milch animals. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav will also distribute approval letters to beneficiaries of this scheme.

Shillong Police intensify Indore probe

● Quiz Sonam's staff and taxi driver who dropped her in Varanasi

● Raja Raghuvanshi murder

Indore: The Shillong Police, meticulously working to unravel the complexities of the Raja Raghuvanshi murder case have now broadened their investigation, becoming increasingly active in Indore. On Thursday, a police team meticulously interrogated three employees associated with Sonam Raghuvanshi at the Indore Crime Branch police station. Among them were two young women who were in close contact with Sonam and possessed vital information related to her professional activities in Indore.

According to sources, the interrogation delved into Sonam's daily routine, her meetings, and her general demeanor. The investigation's primary focus was to ascertain if these em-



'Driver'

ployees had ever observed any abnormalities in Sonam's activities or relationships. The women were also questioned about any pre-existing tensions they might have noticed be-

Collective Yoga Sessions across Educational Institutions for International Yoga Day

Bhopal: In preparation for the Eleventh International Yoga Day on June 21st, the Directorate of Public Instruction in Madhya Pradesh has issued comprehensive guidelines for organizing collective yoga demonstrations in educational institutions across the state.

According to official information, this year's International Yoga Day theme is 'Yoga for One Earth - One Health.' The directives stipulate that all collective yoga demonstrations in educational institutions must adhere to the Common Yoga Protocol of the Ministry of AYUSH. Additional information related to the International Yoga Day 2025 event, including branding kits, essential supporting materials, and comprehensive textual information related to the 10 main International Yoga Day programs, is available on the specified website. The yoga program will be conducted throughout the state according to a meticulously planned, moment-by-moment schedule.

Live broadcasts of the addresses by the Chief Minister and Prime Minister will be facilitated via links provided by NIC.

Joint Director of Public Instruction, H.N. Nema, has been designated as the State Nodal Officer for the School Education Department's collective yoga program.

tween Sonam and the deceased, Raja Raghuvanshi.

Adding another crucial layer to the investigation, Shillong police also interviewed the taxi driver who transported Sonam from Indore to Varanasi. The driver confirmed that police sought details about the vehicle and the journey. "The police only questioned me about the use of the car and the travel on that day," the driver stated, "I have provided them with all the information clearly."

This intensified police action strongly indicates that the murder investigation is not confined to Shillong but is actively exploring the network and activities extending from Indore to Varanasi. Police are leaving no stone unturned in examining Sonam's contacts, travel details, and the roles of her associates. Sources suggest that Shillong police may interrogate other contacts and acquaintances of Sonam in the coming days to gain a clearer picture of the entire case.

Ambedkar statue row deepens in Gwalior High Court

▶ Delegation meets CM Yadav, demands 27% OBC reservation

Gwalior: The ongoing controversy surrounding the installation of an Ambedkar statue within the Gwalior High Court premises is intensifying. In a significant development, a delegation advocating for the statue's placement met with Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav at Gwalior Airport. During the meeting, they also submitted a memorandum urging the implementation of 27% OBC reservation in Madhya Pradesh and the immediate release of the currently withheld 13% OBC reservation.

The demand for Baba Saheb Bhimrao Ambedkar's statue in the Gwalior High Court campus has been a subject of discussion for several months, escalating into a full-blown dispute and creating considerable tension. Consequently, a pro-statue delegation, led by Advocate Dharmendra



Kushwah, sought an audience with Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav at the Gwalior Airport. They urged the CM to issue swift directives for the statue's installation.

Advocate Vishwajit Ratonja, commenting on the statue contro-

versy, stated that they had a fruitful meeting with the Chief Minister, providing him with comprehensive information and submitting their memorandum. They implored the Chief Minister for direct intervention from the Madhya Pradesh

government to expedite the statue's installation and resolve the escalating dispute in Gwalior. Chief Minister Yadav reportedly assured them that the entire matter is under his close scrutiny and that necessary steps would be taken soon.

OBC Mahasabha joins the fray, demands reservation implementation

During the same meeting, the OBC Mahasabha, also part of the delegation, presented a separate memorandum to Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav. Their primary demand was the immediate implementation of 27% OBC reservation in Madhya Pradesh and the prompt release of the currently unheld 13% OBC quota. The OBC Mahasabha delegation reported that the Chief Minister assured them of his commitment to implementing 27% OBC reservation in Madhya Pradesh and addressing the matter swiftly.

Ancient wonders declared 'Red Fly Zones'

▶ No drones without Permission in Sanchi, Bhimbetka, and Bhojpur Temple

Raisen: In a move to safeguard Madhya Pradesh's invaluable historical and cultural sites, the Bodhi Stupa Sanchi, Bhimbetka, and Bhojpur Shiv Temple in Raisen district have officially been declared 'Red Fly Zones.'

According to official sources, the operation of drones in these sensitive areas is now strictly prohibited without explicit permission from the designated authority, the Sub-Divisional Magistrate. This order has been passed unilaterally and takes immediate effect, prioritizing public interest and maintaining law and order. Acting on the directives of Collector Arun Kumar Vishwakarma and based

on a report by the Superintendent of Police, Additional Collector Shweta Pawar issued this declaration under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, in accordance with the Drone Act 2021.

In addition to restricting drone operations, any unnecessary gatherings are also banned in the areas surrounding Bodhi Stupa Sanchi, Bhimbetka, and Bhojpur Shiv Temple. During inspections, any individual found operating a drone in these designated zones will face punitive action under Section 223A of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita and other relevant provisions.

World Bank Delegation Visits MPUDC Headquarters

Bhopal: A high-level delegation led by renowned urban development expert and retired IAS officer Keshav Varma visited the headquarters of Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company (MPUDC) at Amarkantak Bhawan on Thursday. The visit was part of an ongoing review of World Bank-funded urban infrastructure projects in the state.

Varma, widely recognized for his expertise in urban planning and international urban development initiatives, reviewed the progress of various World Bank-supported projects implemented by MPUDC and appreciated the



efforts undertaken so far.

During the interaction, Varma emphasized the need for capacity-building and training programs for representatives of local urban bod-

ies to ensure more effective implementation of these development initiatives. He also suggested organizing tree plantation drives at project sites during the monsoon sea-

son to promote environmental sustainability in urban areas. The World Bank delegation also included Abedal Razzaq, Raghu Keshavan, and Riddhiman Saha, who participated in discussions and reviewed technical progress on the ground.

Representing MPUDC were EnC Anand Singh, Deputy Project Director (Technical) Shailendra Shukla, along with other senior technical officers and concerned staff. The visit was coordinated by Technical Officer Kamlesh Bhatnagar, ensuring smooth execution of the delegation's schedule and site reviews.

Sidhi and Rewa districts for Saturday. Meteorologists predict continued rainfall in Dhar, Indore, Ujjain, Dewas, Shajapur, Agar, Gwalior, Datia, Bhind, Morena, Sheopur Kalan, Singrauli, Sidhi, Rewa, Mauganj, Satna, Katni, Jabalpur, and Narsinghpur. During these showers, winds could gust up to 40-50 km/h.

The Meteorological Department indicates favorable conditions for the southwest monsoon to advance further into the remaining parts of the North Arabian Sea, Gujarat and some parts of Rajasthan, additional areas of Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Bihar, and some areas of East Uttar Pradesh over the next two days.

'Reign of Terror' in Kanha Tiger Reserve?

● Baiga Tribals allege extreme brutality

● Women and Children not spared

Mandla: Startling revelations emerging from Jhingra Tola, Umartala Gram Panchayat, under Bichhia Block in Mandla district, during the Jan Sangharsh Morcha's Jan Swabhiman Yatra, have sent shockwaves across the region. Villagers have made grave accusations, claiming that the Kanha Tiger Reserve forest staff is relentlessly persecuting Baiga tribals, with women and children now becoming targets.

Infant snatched, grandfather beaten: A horrifying account

In the early morning of June 4th and 5th, Mangal Baiga had gone to the riverside with his 8-month-old granddaughter, Pragya, to brush their teeth. Suddenly, a team of 25-30 forest department constables raided the area. They allegedly forcibly snatched the infant from her foster mother, Gautharin Bai. Mangal was then seized and taken to the Mahua Dabri checkpoint, where he was reportedly beaten at the Sarhi Gate. Furthermore, it is alleged that attempts were made to coerce a false confession from Mangal regarding the deaths of wild animals.

Katku Baiga vanishes: "Taken to the Jungle after being plying with alcohol"

On June 6th, Katku Baiga, while returning to his village, was allegedly abducted by forest personnel. Local villagers claim he was plied with alcohol and then taken into the jungle, and he has been missing ever since. His family is in utter de-



spair; Katku, a father of four, is missing, and his wife has no idea whether he has been imprisoned or has fallen victim to some other tragic fate.

The alleged brutality of the forest department is so severe that when the forest team came searching for Ajay Baiga of Jhingra Tola, he chose to flee the village to save his life. The entire village remains gripped by fear after Girani Baiga was reportedly surrounded on June 10th.

These distressing incidents were brought to light on June 18th during the Jan Swabhiman Yatra in Anjanika, where a memorandum detailing the atrocities was submitted to the Naib Tehsildar, to be forwarded to the Mandla Collector.