

# CM Yadav unveils world-class Executive & VIP Lounges at Bhopal Rly Station



**Bhopal:** Elevating passenger amenities to unprecedented levels, Bhopal Railway Station marked a significant milestone today with the grand inauguration of its Executive and VIP Lounges. The state-of-the-art facilities were unveiled by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mohan Yadav, at a distinguished ceremony. The event was graced by several esteemed dignitaries, including Minister for Sports & Youth Welfare and Cooperatives, Vishwas Sarang; Mayor of Bhopal, Mrs. Malti Rai; MLA (North), Atif Arif Akeel; and Municipal Corpo-

ration Chairman, Kishan Suryavanshi. From the railway administration, Divisional Railway Manager Bhopal, Dewashish Tripathi; Additional Divisional Railway Manager, Smt. Rashmi Diwakar; Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, Saurabh Kataria; and other senior officials were present, actively contributing to the event's success. Saurabh Kataria, Senior Divisional Commercial Manager, highlighted that the lounges, developed by IRCTC, span approximately 10,693 square feet. These modern spaces offer pre-



mium amenities, providing a grand and unique environment for passengers to relax, entertain, and work before or after their train journeys. **Unparalleled comfort & amenities:** The Executive Lounge accommodates 200 passengers, while the VIP Lounge seats 100, both featuring air-conditioned comfort. With 48 luggage racks and three dedicated 'Nap Zones' equipped with recliners and bed units, passengers can enjoy optimal rest. The fully air-conditioned lounges offer comfortable sofas, newspapers,

magazines, Wi-Fi, music, television, clean restrooms, shower facilities, makeup mirrors, and hand dryers. **Access & optional premium services:** Entry to the Executive Lounge is Rs 50 per person per hour, including a complimentary welcome drink. The VIP Lounge is priced at Rs 100 per person per hour, offering upgraded amenities like recliners, snacks (samosa/vada), and game activities. Additional paid services include luggage handling, print/scan facilities, wash & change, conference areas, travel accessories, and buffet options.

# Deputy CM Rajendra Shukla slams Congress



**Sidhi:** Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla vehemently condemned the Emergency imposed on June 25, 1975, by the Indira Gandhi-led Congress government, calling it a "dark day in history that tarnished democracy." Speaking at a press conference organized by the BJP, Shukla expressed a fervent hope that India would never again witness such a period, paying tribute to all those who risked their lives to safeguard democracy. He urged a collective resolve to free the nation from such "mindsets, arrogance, and dictatorial ideologies." Addressing an audience including MP Rajesh Mishra and various MLAs, Deputy CM Shukla accused the then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi of dismissing elected state governments over 90 times to cling to power, effectively "murdering the Constitution." He further alleged that 75 amend-

ments were made to the Constitution to serve her vested interests and establish an autocratic rule. Shukla criticized the Congress government for stripping fundamental rights, suppressing the press, and dismantling the powers of the executive, legislature, and judiciary. Shukla asserted that the Congress prioritizes an individual and family over the nation, contrasting it with the BJP's "nation first" philosophy. He called on Congress to atone for its "misdeeds" during the Emergency, highlighting the unjust imprisonment and torture of innocent citizens, scholars, and nationalist leaders. Describing the Emergency as a "tragedy," he urged public vigilance to prevent any future attempts at similar authoritarianism, also accusing Congress of fostering Muslim appeasement, terrorism, separatism, and Naxalism.

# Robbery of liquor shop collection agent cracked

► Driver turns out to be mastermind, 4 held

**Bhopal:** Police have taken four youths into custody in connection with the robbery of a liquor shop collection agent in the Berasia area. Shockingly, the complainant's driver has emerged as the mastermind behind the crime. Police are currently interrogating him, while one accused is still absconding. According to police sources, Devendra Patel, the collection manager of a liquor shop, was returning to Berasia in a Bolero car on Monday night after collecting cash from Nazirabad. The vehicle was being driven by his driver, Manoj. Around 11 PM, near Bhauijapura Ghati, they encountered stones placed suspiciously on the road. When Manoj stopped the car, miscreants attacked, threw chilli powder into Devendra's eyes, and escaped with a cash-filled bag.

**Two suspects were caught**

Soon after receiving the alert, Nazirabad police station in-charge Arun Sharma, who was patrolling with his team, intercepted two suspects on a motorcycle.



During interrogation, they confessed to the robbery. Based on their inputs, Manoj and another accomplice were also arrested. The police are now on the lookout for the absconding accused, Kanha Gurjar. Interestingly, Manoj had chilli powder thrown in his eyes too, as part of the plan, to avoid suspicion. The arrested persons have been identified as Dhanraj, Makhan, Sachin, and Lalu. Police believe the full case will be resolved soon with the arrest of the final accused.

# Gang terrorizing neighborhood with arson and vandalism busted

► Four arrested

**Bhopal:** In the Naya Basera area of Kamala Nagar, Bhopal, a group of bike-borne miscreants attempted to set several houses on fire by pouring petrol on them late Friday night. The incident is believed to have stemmed from an old enmity. According to the police, around six individuals arrived on three motorcycles, targeted specific houses, and poured petrol on the gates before setting them ablaze. They also vandalized vehicles parked outside.

As residents rushed out upon hearing the commotion, the miscreants fled the scene. The locals managed to douse the flames using water. During the chaos, the attackers were heard shouting for Ajay Yadav, indicating he was their primary target. An FIR was

lodged based on the complaint of Motilal Siroti. **Incident was captured on CCTV cameras:** The entire incident was captured on CCTV cameras installed in the colony. Following the incident, angry residents gathered at the local police station, demanding immediate arrests and submitted the CCTV footage as evidence. Based on the footage and input from an informant, police identified and arrested four accused. Two others are still absconding. The arrested persons were presented in court on Wednesday and sent to jail. During interrogation, they confessed to the crime, stating it was a move to assert dominance in the area due to old rivalry. TI Nirupa Pandey confirmed that the feud involved Ajay Yadav and that the case is progressing based on the CCTV evidence and local intelligence.

# Krishna Gaur performs bhoomi puja for development works



**Bhopal:** Minister of State for Backward Classes and Minority Welfare (Independent Charge) Krishna Gaur performed Bhoomi Pujan on Wednesday for various development projects worth over Rs 1.29 crore in the Govindpura area. These include the construction of drains worth Rs 74 lakh and RCC drains costing Rs 19 lakh across Shivnagar

Phases 1, 2, and 3. She also initiated road and drain construction projects worth ₹10 lakh in Shivnagar Phase-1 and Rs 26 lakh near Chhote Jind Baba in Zone-16. During her visit, the Minister inspected drain cleaning work in Ward 73 Chandbadi and instructed officials to ensure timely maintenance ahead of the monsoon. She also reviewed progress on an Anganwadi School under construction at a cost of Rs 16 lakh and directed early completion. Additionally, she inspected civic amenities like street lighting and drinking water arrangements, issuing strict instructions for timely and quality execution of all works.

# BHEL honored with top national award for cost management excellence

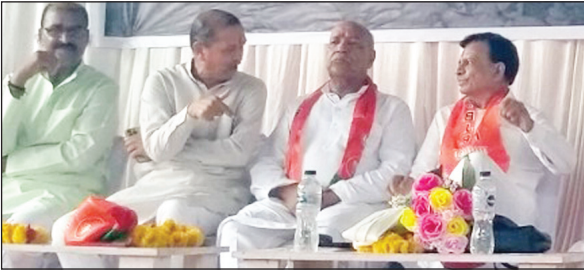
**New Delhi:** Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has been recognized for its outstanding financial stewardship, receiving the highly coveted 'ICMAI National Award for Excellence in Cost Management – 2024'. The public sector giant secured the top honor in the 'Manufacturing-Public-Mega' category, underscoring its commitment to efficiency and sustainable growth. BHEL's Director (Finance), Shri Rajesh Kumar Dwivedi, accepted the prestigious accolade from Shri Bhartuhari Mahtab, Hon'ble MP, Lok Sabha, and Chairperson, Standing Committee on Finance, at a distinguished ceremony held at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi. Conferred by the Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI), this national award celebrates organizations demonstrating exceptional professional expertise in cost management and pioneering leadership in adopting innovative tools and techniques. Its aim is to foster a widespread culture of robust cost management practices across the Indian corporate landscape.



This achievement marks a significant milestone for BHEL, reaffirming its dedication to making cost management a strategic pillar for operational excellence and long-term value creation. By leveraging advanced practices, BHEL continues to strengthen strategic decision-making, optimize resource allocation, and enhance overall operating performance. The award not only highlights BHEL's success in cost innovation but also reinforces its commitment to strong corporate governance and transparency for all stakeholders.

# “Democracy Assassinated for Power”: Deputy CM Devda on Emergency’s 50th Anniversary

**Neemuch:** Fifty years ago, on June 25, 1975, then-Prime Minister Indira Gandhi imposed the Emergency—a decision Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Jagdish Devda today labeled as not merely political, but “the biggest assault on India's democratic system, a sinister attempt to halt the Constitution to save power.” Speaking at a BJP district-level seminar in Neemuch, Devda asserted that the Emergency crushed civil liberties, including freedom of thought, expression, and speech, and “abducted fundamental moral rights by imposing dictatorship.” Devda highlighted that the Emergency was declared after the Allahabad High Court invalidated Indira Gandhi's election on June 12, 1975, barring her from contesting for six years. Rather than accepting the verdict, “the Emergency was imposed to cling to power,” he said. The Deputy CM praised “Loktantra Senanis” (democracy fighters) for their unwavering dedication to safeguarding democracy, noting that even Jan Sangh and Vidyarthi Parishad workers, along with Rajmata, were imprisoned. He stated that the Congress leaders “forcibly imposed the



Emergency on the nation solely for power.” Various speakers echoed Devda's sentiments. Former Minister Om Prakash Sakecha noted the long struggles faced by democracy fighters in jail, while MLA Dilip Singh Parihar called their sacrifices the “foundation of a developed nation.” Manasa MLA Aniruddh Madhav Maru criticized Congress for disregarding court orders and imprisoning millions of innocent people.

# Bhopal Round Table 257 illuminates futures

► New classrooms and 100 free cataract surgeries transform lives



**Bhopal:** In a significant stride towards community welfare, Bhopal Round Table 257 has unveiled a series of impactful initiatives, dramatically enhancing educational and healthcare access for the underprivileged. The organization proudly inaugurated three new, fully equipped class-



rooms for needy children. These modern learning spaces include new furniture, cooling systems (coolers), and essential toilet facilities. This vital educational upgrade was made possible through the generous support of PNG Shiksha (Sanjay Singh), Rakesh Sukharamani, Tabler

Shanky Bansal (Area 17 Chairman), and Tabler Prashant Bajaj (AST). Beyond education, Bhopal Round Table 257 also brought the gift of sight to many. In collaboration with Ajwani Eye Hospital, Dr. Anusha Ajwani performed 100 free cataract operations, profoundly improving the lives of individuals from marginalized communities. These commendable efforts were spearheaded by the leadership of Chairman Tr. Dr. Rahul Borkar and the tireless dedication of Project Convener Tr. Jitesh Parwani. Crucial contributions also came from Head Board members Tr. Deepesh Asnani, Tr. Shivendra Agarwal, Tr. Akash Saxena, and the entire BRT 257 family. Bhopal Round Table 257 continues its unwavering commitment to driving positive change in the fields of education and health, consistently uplifting the disadvantaged sections of society.

# Excise Department cracks down on illegal liquor trade

► Major action against bootleggers shakes up illegal alcohol network

**Bhopal:** The illegal liquor trade in Bhopal was dealt a massive blow on Wednesday morning when the Excise Department carried out a surprise raid. Teams raided several hotspots, including Gandhi Nagar, Nai Basti, Nariyal Khara, and Karond areas executing one of their biggest crackdowns yet. This decisive action was carried out under the leadership of Bhopal Collector Kaushalendra Vikram Singh and Assistant Excise Commissioner Virendra Dhakad, with the raid spearheaded by Control Room Incharge R.G. Bhadauriya.

**What was seized?**

- 40 liters of illicit hand-made liquor in 3 cans.
- 1500 kg of Mahua Lahan and raw material for brewing alcohol in 3 large tanks.

- 2 liters of illegal liquor seized from the house of Rupmati Banjara.
- 1.5 liters from Indra Bai's residence.
- 3 liters from Lakhan Pardhi's premises.

**Estimated value of seized material: Rs 1,62,000**

This operation was conducted under the leadership of Circle Incharge Dr. Anu Jain, with the full support of the district excise team, who worked tirelessly to ensure the success of the raid.

**Legal Action:** Assistant Excise Commissioner Virendra Dhakad made it clear that the department's relentless drive against the illegal alcohol trade will continue without pause, sending a strong message to bootleggers across the region.

# Dilapidated building collapses in TT Nagar, one dead

**Bhopal:** A portion of an old, dilapidated government house located in the rear section of the TT Nagar Old MLA Quarters in Bhopal collapsed on Wednesday at around 3:30 PM. Tragically a youth who was asleep inside the structure was buried under the debris and died on the spot. His identity remains unknown. According to preliminary information from the police, the building had been previously declared unsafe and unfit for habitation. Despite this, the victim was reportedly living there illegally. Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) TT Nagar, Anita Khatarkar, stated that the police arrived at the scene after receiving a call via Dial 100.

On confirming that someone was trapped, the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) was called in. A joint rescue operation by the police and



SDRF lasted for about half an hour, but the youth had already succumbed to his injuries by the time he was recovered. Authorities clarified that the area is not meant for residential use. Locals said the victim appeared to be mentally unstable and survived by begging in the nearby areas. However,

no one in the vicinity knew his name or background. Following the incident, local MLA Bhagwandas Sabnani and senior administrative officials arrived at the site. The municipal corporation later cleared the debris with the help of JCB machines and cleaned the surrounding area.