

Sexual harasssment discussed at BJP mock parliament

● CM Yadav responds to student's query

Bhopal: A student's direct question about the lack of discussion on sexual harassment issues took center stage at the BJP Mahila Morcha's Mock Parliament on Thursday. The event, attended by Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, BJP State President Hemant Khandelwal, and other prominent leaders, saw student Chhaya Bilgainya, playing an opposition role, question why the government focuses on topics like 'Developed India' and 'Emergency' but overlooks sexual harassment. She highlighted that many such incidents are suppressed, and perpetrators often escape punishment, advocating for discussion on these matters in the mock parliament.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav patiently addressed the concern, citing a recent Bhopal case where the government acted swiftly to



apprehend and secure a death penalty for the accused. He stated that Madhya Pradesh is the first state to provide for capital punishment in such cases, vowing that the government would not tolerate such criminals. Dr. Yadav emphasized the high regard for women in Indian culture and highlighted the appointment of women to senior administrative roles. He even pointed out that

Narsinghpur district has both a female Collector and SP, and Shahdol has a female Divisional Commissioner.

CM criticizes Congress and Rahul Gandhi

During his address, Dr. Yadav also took aim at the Congress party and Rahul Gandhi. He questioned the Congress's choice of a non-Indian name, suggesting they

should contest elections abroad if they prefer foreign names. He sarcastically remarked that the Congress is "still beating the stick" despite the "snake having died," referring to the party's origin by the British.

The Chief Minister also criticized Rahul Gandhi's casual attire, contrasting it with traditional Indian parliamentary wear. He questioned Gandhi's understanding, suggesting a change of party name to reflect Indian identity if they wish to stand against PM Modi.

Reflecting on the emergency

Dr. Yadav engaged students on the Emergency, asking about its worst aspect. Students identified Indira Gandhi's actions to retain power as the most deplorable, labeling it an act of crushing democracy. One student also expressed shock at the forced sterilization of 1.10 crore people aged 15-70 under Sanjay Gandhi's

orders, deeming it a violation of their right to live.

“Respect for women is paramount”: Khandelwal

BJP State President Hemant Khandelwal asserted that societies and nations that respect women thrive. He cited developed countries like America and Europe as examples where women are highly respected. He highlighted that even without 33% reservation, women hold significant parliamentary representation in nations like Norway, Sweden, Australia, and South Africa. Khandelwal expressed confidence that PM Modi's initiatives would lead to one-third female representation in India's future Parliament.

The Mock Parliament was also addressed by State Organization General Secretary Hitanand, former State President VD Sharma, and Mahila Morcha State President Maya Naroliya.

CM Yadav congratulates PM Modi on receiving Ghana's highest honor

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has extended his heartfelt congratulations to Prime Minister Narendra Modi on being conferred with Ghana's highest civilian honor.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Dr. Yadav stated, “The glory of Mother India reverberates once again on the global stage. It is a matter of immense pride for every Indian that our illustrious Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi ji has been honored with the ‘Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana,’ Ghana's highest civilian award.”

He further added, “This honor symbolizes the enriching relationship between India and Ghana and the growing prominence of India on the world stage.”

The recognition underscores India's strengthening diplomatic ties and its increasing influence in international relations.

MP to Collaborate with Premier Institutions for Energy Sector Innovation and Knowledge Sharing

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh is initiating a significant collaboration with top-tier educational and research institutions – IITs, IIMs, IIITs, MANIT, and CPRI – to foster innovation and knowledge sharing within its energy sector. A conference was held on Thursday, with Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) Neeraj Mandloi in attendance, bringing together representatives from these prestigious institutions.

During the conference, representatives from the renowned academic institutions delivered presentations, setting the stage for in-depth discussions. Key topics revolved

around addressing challenges in the energy sector, including:

- * Segregation of technical and commercial losses in energy companies.
- * Planning of distribution networks and grid stability.
- * Reactive power compensation from inverters in renewable energy plants.
- * Forecasting agricultural pump load and seasonal demand.
- * Data analysis for loss identification and demand analysis.
- * The application of Artificial Intelligence (AI) for outage forecasting and asset management.

The participating representatives expressed keen interest in collaborating on joint research, field studies, and technical projects to find solutions to these diverse problems. This conference marks a crucial step towards creating a common platform that integrates practical experience from the power distribution sector with academic knowledge and research capabilities.

MD MP Power Management Company, Avinash Lavania, and MD Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company, Kshitij Singhal, also provided valuable suggestions during the discussions.

Tragic road accident in Jabalpur claims three lives

Jabalpur: A horrific road accident in Jabalpur on Thursday resulted in the tragic deaths of three individuals. The collision occurred near the Pili Building, under the Gaur Police Outpost, when a truck and a pickup truck were involved in a powerful head-on collision.

All three fatalities were occupants of the pickup truck. Following the devastating impact, the truck driver immediately fled the scene.

Upon receiving news of the incident, police promptly arrived at the site. They registered a case and dispatched all three bodies to the hospital for post-mortem examinations. Investigations into the precise cause of the collision have commenced.

Reports indicate that the pickup truck was en route from Tilwara to Barela when the fatal accident



unfolded near the Gaur Police Outpost. The severity of the crash quickly drew a large crowd to the scene. Police at the site worked to extricate the bodies from the

vehicle before sending them for medical examination, as they continue their probe into the circumstances surrounding this tragic event.

Heavy rains lash Dindori, Jabalpur

► Orange alert issued for several MP Districts



Bhopal: Parts of Madhya Pradesh, including Dindori and Jabalpur, are bracing for heavy to very heavy rainfall starting Friday, July 4th. The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an Orange Alert for several districts, predicting widespread showers accompanied by strong winds up to 40 kmph.

The districts specifically under an Orange Alert for Friday's heavy downpour include Dindori, Jabalpur, Mandla, Balaghat, Guna, Shivpuri, and Sheopur Kalan. Additionally, light to moderate rainfall is also anticipated in Ashoknagar, Vidisha, Rajgarh, Gwalior, Datia, Chhatrapur, and Tikamgarh districts, which are also under an Orange Alert.

The meteorological department has forecasted continuous heavy rainfall across the state until July 6th. Residents in affected areas are advised to take necessary precautions.

According to the IMD, the current weather conditions are influenced by several active systems. The monsoon trough is currently extending from Bikaner,

Sheopur, Khajuraho, Daltonganj, and Digha, moving east-southeastwards to the northeast Bay of Bengal.

Furthermore, a cyclonic circulation is active over central parts of West Rajasthan and adjoining areas at 0.9 km above mean sea level. Another cyclonic circulation is present over northeast Madhya Pradesh and adjoining areas at 1.5 km above mean sea level. An upper air cyclonic circulation is also active over West Bengal and adjoining north Odisha between 1.5 and 5.8 km above mean sea level, tilting southwestwards with height.

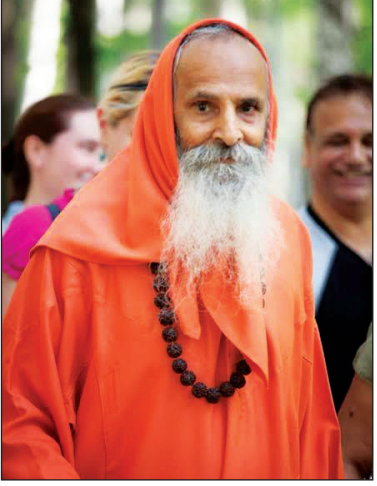
A trough line is extending from the northwest Bay of Bengal, passing through Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, and the cyclonic circulation over West Bengal and adjoining north Odisha, between 3.1 and 5.8 km above mean sea level, also tilting southwestwards with height. These combined weather systems are contributing to the intensified rainfall activity across the region.

Swami Vairagyanand Giri alleges illegal occupation of Ashrams

● Demands probe against Jyotirmayanand Giri

Ujjain: Prominent spiritual leader Mahamandaleshwar Swami Vairagyanand Giri Maharaj has leveled serious allegations against Mahamandaleshwar Swami Parmanand Giri Maharaj and his nephew Swami Jyotirmayanand Giri, accusing them of illegally occupying multiple ashrams and violating core Sanatan Dharma traditions.

In a press statement, Swami Vairagyanand alleged that Jyotirmayanand has not only forcibly taken over ashram properties in Ujjain, Delhi, and Uttar Pradesh, but is also accused of



committing serious misconduct with a woman in Ujjain. He further claimed that Swami Parmanand Giri is misusing the name of revered saint Swami Akhandanand Maharaj to mislead devotees, while listing his householder father, Kalicharan, as his guru in official identification—violating the traditions of the monastic order.

Swami Vairagyanand called upon the Akhil Bharatiya Akhara Parishad, including its President Mahant Ravindra Puri Maharaj and General Secretary Mahant Harigiri Maharaj of the Juna Akhara, along with all 13 recognized Akharas, to expel Jyotirmayanand from the monastic community and bring the occupied ashrams back under the

Akhara Parishad's authority.

He also expressed deep concern over the situation at Ujjain's Chardham Temple, stating that the ashram—built through the lifelong dedication of Peethadheeshwar Shanti Swaroopanand—was “looted” and its cultural and spiritual education programs shut down under Jyotirmayanand's influence. “This is a direct blow to the propagation of Sanatan Dharma,” he said.

Calling it a grave insult to the saint community and sacred tradition, Swami Vairagyanand demanded a high-level investigation into the alleged misconduct, illegal encroachments, and misuse of religious positions.

Villagers alarmed

Elephant herd from Chhattisgarh causes havoc in Dindori

Bhopal: A herd of four wild elephants from Chhattisgarh has entered Dindori district, causing significant damage to homes and instilling fear among villagers. These elephants, which had been in Anuppur district's Rajendragram forest range for the past 16 days, crossed into Dindori on Wednesday morning, reaching the forests near Baidra village.

The herd, previously seen in Chhattisgarh's Marwahi forest division, entered Anuppur's Jaithari area on the night of June 14. After three days, it moved to the Rajendragram forests on June 17, remaining active there for 16 consecutive days.

These migratory elephants rest in the jungle during the day but venture into villages at night in search of food.



Over 50 rural homes in the Rajendragram area have been damaged in the past 16 days, with elephants consuming stored rice, wheat, and other grains. On Tuesday night, they vandalized two houses in Tikra Dhawai village of Amdari Gram Panchayat.

Forest department teams are continuously monitoring the elephants' movements

and advising villagers to remain alert. While no untoward incidents have been reported due to the department's vigilance, a sense of fear persists among residents. The forest department believes that these areas are becoming permanent migratory routes for elephants from Chhattisgarh, leading to frequent such situations in the districts.

Behna' Scheme Beneficiaries:

Women under the 'Ladli Behna Yojana' will be given priority in housing allotments.

* Regulated Meat and Fish Markets:

Urban local bodies have been instructed to organize and allocate proper spaces for meat and fish vendors.

Urban Forests and Deendayal Rasoi Expansion:

Dr. Yadav directed officials to promote urban forests (Nagar Van) by utilizing reserved land in cities to enhance green cover and ensure environmental sustainability. He also

called for expanding the Deendayal Rasoi Yojana in religious areas with support from NGOs and private donors.

Development plans and infrastructure projects:

Urban Development Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya announced that an integrated development plan worth Rs 2,800 crore has been prepared for Chitrakoot, a prominent religious and tourism destination. Of this, Rs 800 crore is being allocated for a detailed project report by the Urban Development Department.

* Metro Operations by 2027:
Full-scale operations of Indore

and Bhopal metro lines are scheduled to begin by 2027, in line with the state government's roadmap.

* Electric Buses and Water Projects:

The meeting also reviewed plans for electric bus operations. Additionally, 333 water supply and sewage projects worth nearly Rs 11,000 crore have been approved to strengthen urban infrastructure.

Dr. Yadav also emphasized timely promotions for government employees and directed departments to prepare recruitment plans for vacancies arising from these promotions.

Illegal constructions around Bhopal's upper lake to be removed

CM orders survey and action

Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh government has decided to take strict action against illegal constructions around Bhopal's iconic Upper Lake (Bada Talab). Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav issued clear directives during a review meeting of the Urban Development and Housing Department held at Samatva Bhavan on Thursday.

The Chief Minister expressed deep concern over encroachments near the lake and emphasized that such structures will not be tolerated. He ordered an immediate survey to

identify illegal constructions, followed by prompt removal actions.

“This lake is the pride of Bhopal. Preserving its beauty and cleanliness is our collective responsibility,” said Dr. Yadav, underlining the ecological and cultural significance of the water body.

Key decisions from the review meeting:

* Affordable Housing and Slum Control:

CM Yadav stressed the need to curb the expansion of urban slums and advocated for the development of affordable housing for economically weaker sections.

* Involving Top Builders:

He proposed involving nationally recognized builders and developers in the planning and development of urban colonies across the state.

* Modernizing Fire Services:

Fire services in urban and industrial areas will be modernized to better handle emergencies.

* 'Namo Train' for Inter-City Connectivity:

A plan will be drafted to introduce the 'Namo Train', aimed at enhancing inter-city rail connectivity. The CM said that discussions with Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw would be initiated soon.

* Housing Priority for 'Ladli