

# Family ramps up fight for justice, hires Supreme Court lawyers

**Indore:** The family of Raja Raghuvanshi, tragically murdered in a gruesome incident, has intensified their pursuit of justice. In a significant development, Raja's brother, Vipin Raghuvanshi, has enlisted a team of Supreme Court lawyers to ensure the perpetrators face the harshest possible punishment.

Vipin Raghuvanshi unequivocally stated that Sonam and her accomplices orchestrated Raja's murder as a premeditated conspiracy, likening the act to a "human sacrifice." Speaking to News24 Madhya Pradesh Chhattisgarh, Vipin revealed, "The manner in which Raja was killed was no ordinary crime. His throat was slit, which feels symbolic of a human sacrifice." He asserts that Sonam executed the killing with meticulous planning, suggesting the involvement of experienced individuals who provided legal advice on how to carry out the act and evade consequences.

**Allegations of cover-up: Brother Govind under scrutiny:** Vipin Raghuvanshi also expressed strong

## Raja Raghuvanshi murder case



disapproval of Sonam's brother, Govind. He claims that Govind initially acknowledged Sonam's culpability and the need for her punishment. However, Govind has since changed his stance, now hiring lawyers for Sonam, attempting to visit her in jail, and retracting his earlier statements. Vipin alleges that Govind emotionally manipu-

lated their family and is now actively working to protect Sonam. **Demand for Narco Test: Unearthing hidden truths:** Believing that Sonam possesses crucial information yet to be revealed to the police, Vipin Raghuvanshi suspects she was guided by a mastermind in orchestrating the heinous crime and navigating legal av-

enues. Consequently, the family plans to file a petition in the High Court, demanding a narco-analysis test for Sonam to uncover the full truth.

## Clarification on Srishti case

Vipin also addressed the separate matter concerning Srishti, who created a social media video related to the case. He clarified that Srishti received a notice from Assam Police due to suspicion of her knowing something, but she has since issued an apology, and no further action is being taken against her.

**Unwavering resolve: A quest for ultimate justice:**Vipin Raghuvanshi affirmed that he and his family are resolute in their pursuit of justice. With the backing of experienced Supreme Court lawyers, they are prepared for a comprehensive legal battle. Their singular objective remains clear: to ensure Sonam and all other accused receive the most severe punishment, including a death sentence, for this horrific crime.

# One dead, 8 injured as tent collapses at Bageshwar Dham



Caption: Deceased Shyamal Kaushal

**Chhatarpur:** A tragic accident occurred at the Bageshwar Dham premises in Garha village, Chhatarpur district, Madhya Pradesh, where a tent collapse led to the death of one devotee and left eight others injured. The incident took place during celebrations marking the birthday of Dham Peethadheeshwar Pandit Dhirendra Shastri.

According to reports, eight devotees from Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh, had come to Bageshwar Dham to participate in the celebrations. Due to sudden rainfall,

they took shelter under an under-construction tent. However, the structure collapsed, and a heavy iron angle struck one of the devotees on the head, causing his death on the spot. The deceased has been identified as 50-year-old Shyamal Kaushal, a resident of Chauri Sikandarpur in Basti district, UP.

His son-in-law, Rajesh Kumar Kaushal, informed that six family members had arrived at Bageshwar Dham by car on Wednesday night. On Thursday morning, they had gone for darshan when the accident occurred.

Among the injured are Rajesh himself, along with Soumya, Parul, and Unnati, all of whom are currently undergoing treatment at the district hospital. The condition of three injured persons is reported to be critical.

Police have sent the body of the deceased for post-mortem and initiated an investigation into the incident. The local administration is also expected to review the safety measures in place at the Dham premises, especially with large gatherings expected for the ongoing celebrations.

# Husband dies by suicide amid marital dispute

## Family alleges wife's affair and threats

**Jabalpur:** In a tragic incident from the Ghampur police station area of Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh, a man named Mayank died by suicide, allegedly due to constant harassment and threats from his wife. According to family members, Mayank was deeply disturbed by his wife's behaviour and alleged extramarital affair.

Before taking the extreme step, Mayank reportedly posted a WhatsApp status reflecting his emotional turmoil and later died by hanging himself. His family has claimed that after discovering the affair, Mayank confronted his wife, but instead of resolving the issue, she threatened to falsely implicate him and his family in a domestic violence case.

This was not the first sign of distress. On April 17, Mayank had attempted suicide by consuming poison. At that time too, a formal complaint was lodged at Ghampur police station. However, the family alleges



that no substantial action was taken by the police. They believe timely intervention could have saved his life.

The Ghampur police have now initiated a detailed investigation into the case, reviewing previous complaints and Mayank's final statements.

# E-Rickshaw overturns in waterlogged drain

## Five miraculously escape in Jabalpur



**Jabalpur:** With the onset of the monsoon, the claims of the Municipal Corporation are quickly unraveling. Despite assertions that drains and sewers had been cleaned for a month prior to the rains, even a moderate downpour

has exposed the grim reality: waterlogging due to accumulated waste has become rampant.

The city is grappling with widespread waterlogging, and a prime example is the area in front of Gaji Bagh's main gate. Here, a damaged

drain overflowing with rainwater caused an e-rickshaw to overturn, a harrowing incident captured on video. Miraculously, all five occupants—two women and two children—narrowly escaped serious injury.

The e-rickshaw was transporting passengers from Raddi Chowki and was turning left onto the road leading to Kela Godam when it slowly toppled into the waterlogged drain.

A scene of panic erupted as the vehicle overturned. Fortunately, the quick-thinking rickshaw driver, displaying remarkable presence of mind in the otherwise deserted morning area, first helped the two children out, followed by the women. It's a relief that none of the passengers sustained significant injuries.

# Off-duty policeman's reckless firing injures 10-year-old at wedding

**Gwalior:** A joyous wedding celebration in the Hazira police station area took a shocking turn when a 10-year-old girl sustained burn injuries due to the reckless actions of an off-duty policeman. The incident occurred last night at the Rajiv Awas Yojana multi-housing complex, where the girl's brother's wedding festivities were underway. Sardar Singh, a constable stationed at the Hazira police station, reportedly arrived at the event and, inexplicably, fired a country-made pistol. Tragically, Doli Sikarwar, the groom's 10-year-old sister, was standing nearby when the shot was fired, and gun powder sprayed onto her face, causing burns. Her family alleges that Doli also sustained pellet injuries, a claim the police dispute, stating that the medical report has not confirmed the presence of pellets. Doli, a fifth-grade student, was actively involved in her brother's wedding preparations. She was playing with other children her age in the multi-complex premises when Constable Sardar Singh arrived. Lo-



cal residents and family members claim he was intoxicated and carrying a firearm. Moments later, he fired the weapon, and Doli screamed. When relatives and others rushed to her side, they discovered her face was severely burned. She was immediately rushed to the hospital for treatment

# Crocodile creates panic in Shivpuri village

## Swallows jackal before rescue

**Shivpuri:** As the monsoon advances in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh, crocodiles have once again started making their way into villages and towns along with the rainwater. This is an annual occurrence, but the latest incident from Vijaypur village in the Khod Chowki area under Pichor tehsil has left the villagers shaken. On Thursday, farmers from Vijaypur noticed a six-foot-long crocodile resting near the huts in their fields. Initially, they assumed it had strayed from the large pond near the village, as has happened in previous years. However, this time the situation turned alarming. The crocodile was lying still when a jackal appeared nearby. In a sudden and swift attack, the reptile grabbed the jackal and swallowed it whole in front of stunned villagers.

## Locals informed forest dept

Frightened by the sight, locals immediately informed the forest department. A rescue team reached the spot and, after nearly three hours of effort, managed to safely capture the crocodile. Since the animal had just eaten, it was less active, making the capture relatively easier. Still, the rescue operation was challenging due to the crocodile's heavy weight



and its aggressive display—frequently opening its powerful jaws in defense.

Eventually, the forest team succeeded in controlling the reptile and later released it into the Sindh river. Officials say crocodile sightings increase significantly during the rainy season in Shivpuri. With water bodies overflowing, these reptiles often venture into rural and even urban areas. Many times, they settle in smaller ponds near human settlements, leaving villagers in constant fear of potential encounters.

# Indore Police conducts mock drill at Sarvate Bus Stand

**Indore:** In a proactive move to strengthen city-wide security, the Indore Police conducted a mock drill on Wednesday at the Sarvate Bus Stand, one of the city's busiest transit hubs. The exercise was designed to assess the readiness and rapid response capabilities of the police and allied agencies in the event of an emergency—particularly in cases involving unattended or suspicious items that could pose an explosive threat.

The drill was led by Assistant Commissioner of Police (Security Branch) Rajkumar Saraf and BDDŚ (Bomb Detection and Disposal Squad) in-charge Khalid Mushtaq. Personnel from the Chhoti Gwal-toli police station and staff from the bus stand management also actively participated in the operation.

## Assess emergency preparedness



**Simulating real scenarios for quick response:** The simulation focused on real-life procedures: how to swiftly cordon off the area after spotting an unclaimed object, how

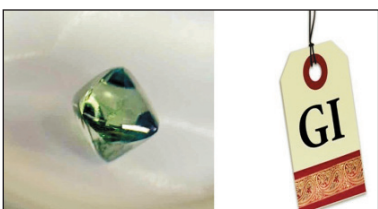
to immediately summon the bomb squad, and most importantly, how to ensure the safety of the public. Officers demonstrated the protocol to be followed in such high-

alert situations, emphasizing speed, coordination, and public awareness.

Commuters and bystanders were also advised to stay vigilant and report any suspicious items to the police without delay. The drill wasn't just a test for law enforcement—it served as a public awareness campaign, urging citizens to become active participants in maintaining collective safety.

**Ahead of festive season and public gatherings:** Police officials held discussions with the bus stand administration, offering safety recommendations and encouraging collaboration. They also appealed to the public to remain alert, especially with the upcoming festival season and large public gatherings, where the risk of security breaches can be higher.

# Panna diamonds to shine with a brand logo



**Panna:** The world-renowned diamonds of Panna, famous for their gem-quality brilliance, are all set to enter the global market with a distinctive brand logo. These sparkling stones, known for their exceptional clarity and subtle greenish hue, may soon receive the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag—a move that could redefine their identity on the world stage. As part of the process,

the Intellectual Property India office in Chennai has requested detailed information from the Mining Department regarding the diamonds' geographic origin, production details, number of producers, and their unique features. The District Mining Office in Panna has already submitted the required data, while the proposed logo design will be sent within the next few days.

**Diamonds to carry a brand logo:** The application for the GI tag was submitted in 2023, and all remaining formalities are expected to be completed by August this year.

Once granted, Panna diamonds will carry an official brand logo, making them instantly recognizable and affirming their authenticity in both domestic and international markets.

# Visiting MP's national parks and tiger reserves to be costlier from Oct 1



**Jabalpur:** From October 1, 2025, visiting national parks and tiger reserves in Madhya Pradesh will become more expensive, as the state government has decided to hike the entry ticket fee by 10%. This increase applies across all protected areas, including national parks and tiger reserves. Currently, the entry fee for six people is Rs 2400 on weekdays (Monday to Friday) and Rs 3000 on weekends (Saturday-Sunday). With the 10% hike, tourists will now pay an additional Rs 240 and Rs 300 respectively. This fee is exclusive of the gypsy

charges, which range from Rs 2000 to Rs 3500 depending on the park. For foreign tourists, the cost will be double that of Indian visitors. The decision is based on a notification issued on October 22, 2024, which increased the entry fee for Mukundpur White Tiger Safari (Maihar), Van Vihar National Park (Bhopal), and Ralamandal Sanctuary (Indore) by Rs 5. The same notification laid out a new policy that mandates a 10% increase in entry fees for all protected areas every three years. This revision will now be implemented starting the 2025–26 season. Meanwhile, all national parks and tiger reserves in the state will remain closed from July 1 to September 30 due to the monsoon. This closure is necessary because it is the breeding season for wildlife and heavy rains damage forest roads and increase the risk of accidents. As a result, tourism in these regions is considered unsafe during this time. The parks will reopen for visitors on October 1, marking the beginning of the new season along with the revised entry fee structure.

# Indore Metro sees sharp drop in ridership

**Indore:** It has been a month since the commercial launch of the 5.9 km Priority Corridor of the Indore Metro. However, after an enthusiastic start, the daily number of passengers has dropped significantly, prompting authorities to revise operations. In the initial days, the metro witnessed over 25,000 passengers daily. But recently, weekday ridership has fallen below 500 passengers per day. Weekend figures are relatively better, with more than 1,000 commuters on Saturdays and Sundays. During the first week after its inauguration by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 31 May 2025, the metro recorded a total of 1,43,301 passengers. This number fell drastically to just 15,947 the following week, and further declined to 11,579 pas-

## Authorities revise timings and fares



sengers last week. **Metro will run hourly on weekdays:** To adapt to the falling demand, the Madhya Pradesh Metro Rail Corporation Limited has revised the schedule and

fare system. Since 23 June 2025, Indore Metro now operates from 10 AM to 6 PM on weekdays, with trains running every hour. This is a significant change from the earlier schedule of 8 AM to 8

PM with 15-minute intervals.

Initially, the metro service was free for a week, followed by heavy discounts of up to 75%. The current concession stands at 25%. Alongside the change in schedule, fares were revised from 22 June. The minimum fare is now Rs 15, and the maximum is Rs 23, for travel between Gandhi Nagar Station and Super Corridor Station No. 3. Authorities say the new timetable is based on demand patterns, with increased focus on weekend ridership. On weekdays (Monday to Friday), the metro will continue to run hourly between 10 AM and 6 PM. The long-term success of the Indore Metro now hinges on whether these adjustments can reverse the decline in public interest and increase regular ridership.