

Bhopal launches public awareness campaign against drug addiction

► **Drug addiction affects health, tears apart social fabric: CM**

Bhopal: The city witnessed a vibrant launch of the Public Awareness Campaign Against Drug Addiction, with enthusiastic participation from school and college students. Rallies were organized throughout the city, featuring banners and slogans promoting a drug-free lifestyle. Students engaged in various activities, including street plays and performances, to spread awareness about the dangers of drug use. The campaign aims to foster a collective effort in combating addiction within the community.

On this occasion, CM Dr. Mohan Yadav said, "Drug addiction is a serious social evil that is hollowing out the foundations of youth, families and society. Addiction is the root of destruction, it not only destroys health but also severely damages the social fabric". Chief Minister stated in a video message on the launch of the state-wide de-addiction campaign, "Nashe Se Doori Hai Jaroori", which will run from July 16 to 30.

Campaign Launched by DGP Makwana

Director General of Police Shri



Various programmes marked launch of public awareness campaign against drug addiction. Photo by Ashraf Ali.

Kailash Makwana formally launched the large-scale public awareness campaign "Nashe Se Doori Hai Jaroori" at the Police Headquarters in Bhopal on Tuesday. He also unveiled the Chief Minister's video message and the campaign poster.

The campaign will witness participation from departments including Higher Education, Rural Development, Social Justice, Sports and Youth Welfare, Technical Education, Health and Family Welfare, Urban Development and Housing, and School Education. NGOs and

religious organizations will also be actively involved.

Daily awareness activities across the state

Throughout the campaign, various daily public awareness activities will be conducted, including Radio & FM broadcasts, Display of banners, posters, and hoardings at public places, Distribution of pamphlets, Video messages via digital screens at bus stands and major intersections, Public announcements through PA systems mounted on sanitation vehicles and Social media campaigns using hashtags: #SayNoToDrugs, #NashamuktMP.

All schools and college hostels across the state will form "Hostel De-addiction Committees." Notable organizations including Prapajita Brahma Kumaris, All World Gayatri Pariwar, Art of Living, and Heartfulness will participate actively. Trained Master Volunteers, under the Social Justice and MSME departments, will inspire citizens and students to stay drug-free. Street plays, songs, and musical performances by Kala Pathak teams will be used to spread awareness among the masses.

CM Dr. Mohan Yadav to visit Spain from July 16 to 19

► **'Invest in MP' Business Forum in Madrid today**

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav will be on an official visit to Spain from July 16 to 19, 2025. During his Spain visit, he will address the 'Invest in Madhya Pradesh' Business Forum in Madrid and participate in high-level meetings related to industry, tourism, sports, culture and film production. The CM will depart on Tuesday from Dubai and reach Madrid, the capital of Spain, late at night.



CM Dr. Yadav will provide detailed insights to the participating industrialists about investment opportunities across various sectors in Madhya Pradesh. During the networking lunch, he will interact with prominent Spanish industrialists and representatives of different organizations.

CM Dr. Yadav will attend a presentation by Populous

CM Dr. Yadav will also attend a presentation by the renowned sports infrastructure design and consulting firm 'Populous', delivered by Mr. Jorge Betancourt. The session will focus on the development of modern sports infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh.

Later, the President of the Spain Film Commission will meet with the Chief Minister to discuss international-level film shooting and collaboration opportunities in Madhya Pradesh.

CM Dr. Yadav will also visit the world-famous Prado Museum.

CM Dr. Yadav will interact with representatives of the Indian business community based in Spain and attend a special dinner event organized in Madrid in the evening.

SC grants interim relief to cartoonist Hemant Malviya

Indore: The Supreme Court has granted interim protection from arrest to cartoonist Hemant Malviya, who is facing legal action for sharing a controversial cartoon targeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS). The court ordered on Tuesday that Malviya should not be arrested until further notice, with the next hearing on his anticipatory bail scheduled for the following Tuesday.

Earlier, a division bench comprising Justice Sudhanshu Dhulia and Justice Arvind Kumar had declined to give immediate relief on Monday. However, Malviya was granted time to submit an apology. His lawyer, Vrinda Grover, argued that having a critical opinion is not a crime and submitted an apology in court.

Malviya had approached the Supreme Court after the Indore bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court rejected his anticipatory bail plea. The High Court, in its July 8 order, stated that Malviya had misused his right to freedom of expression and lacked discretion in creating the cartoon.

During the hearing, Additional Solicitor General KM Nataraj presented screenshots of the alleged posts, arguing they were clearly criminal and that Malviya did not deserve any relief. In response, Grover asserted that the posts were unrelated to the FIR, lacked dates, and had already been taken down.

Cartoon surfaced in May

The controversial cartoon surfaced in May. Malviya faces charges under multiple sections of the Indian Penal Code, 2023, including Sections 196 (promoting enmity), 299, 302, 352, 353, and Section 67A of the IT Act. The FIR was filed by advocate Vinay Joshi, who alleged the cartoon insulted religious beliefs and disturbed public peace.

The Supreme Court acknowledged that the cartoon was provocative and indecent, with Justice Dhulia commenting that Malviya still lacked maturity. However, Grover defended it as an issue of personal liberty, emphasizing that the post had been deleted and did not amount to a criminal offense.

In-charge CMO of Nagar Parishad Indargarh suspended

Bhopal: Chief Municipal Officer in-charge of Nagar Parishad Indargarh of Datia district Mahendra Singh Yadav has been suspended on the instructions of Urban Administration Development Commissioner Sanket Bhondve for negligence in his duties. His headquarters has been fixed as Divisional Office Gwalior during the suspension period.

A pond was being constructed in Nagar Parishad Indargarh. During the construction, the pond got filled with water during the rainy season. Negligence in safety measures, railing and barricading were not arranged during the construction work. Due to lack of arrangements, small girls drowned. Along with this, the in-charge Chief Municipal Officer (CMO) did administrative work in the establishment of employees against the rules during his tenure. In-charge Municipal Officer Mahendra Singh Yadav was found guilty in the investigation.

Internship for law students conclude at MPHRC

Bhopal: The one month internship for the students of law faculty, which is conducted every year in Madhya Pradesh Human Rights Commission, was completed on Tuesday. This training had started from June 16. In the internship, the students of law faculty studying in the country's reputed law universities and colleges were given training by resource persons on various subjects including human rights and the functioning of the commission.

Mainly students of Maharashtra National Law University Nagpur, Career College of Law Bhopal, Renaissance Law College Indore, LNCT University Bhopal, K.C. College Mumbai, Ishwar Saran Degree College Allahabad Prayag, Institute of Law Bhopal, PIMR DAVV Indore, Barkatullah University, ITM University Gwalior, Government PG State Law College Bhopal and Bhabha University Bhopal participated in the internship.

Acting Chairman greets students

Acting Chairman of Human Rights Commission, Shri Rajiv Kumar Tandon said that all the students have received the training with full dedication, which is commendable. He said that I wish the



students a bright future. He congratulated them on receiving the training. Shri Tandon said that every year internship program is conducted for the students of Law Department in two sessions.

Former member of Human Rights Commission Shri Sarabjeet Singh gave training on Human Rights through PPT presentation. Deputy Superintendent of Police of the Commission Shri Rajesh Guru gave information about the activities of the Commission. Research Officer Shri Sanjay Kumar Vish-

wakarma conducted a tour and study of various branches of the office. Deputy Secretary of the Commission Shri D.S. Parmar gave training on the concept of Human Rights. Acting Chairman of Human Rights Commission Shri Tandon also distributed certificates to all the trainees.

In the internship, presentation and training was given to the students by various subject experts. Officers and employees of Human Rights Commission were present on this occasion.

Where rivers originate, there is immense energy: Minister

► **Worshipped and visited origin of Goi river in Sendhwa and planted saplings**

Bhopal: Panchayat and Rural Development and Labor Minister Prahlad Singh Patel on Tuesday worshipped and visited the origin of Goi river in village Dhavda in Sendhwa and planted saplings. Minister Patel said that where there is a confluence of rivers, mountains, trees etc., there is a possibility of life. While preserving these natural heritages, do not think of destroying them. Wherever rivers originate, there is immense energy. Humans came later, rivers already exist, these origin places are even older than our ancestors, no one will be able to say since when they are there.

He said that it is known from the entire history that wherever there are water sources, human population resides there. Minister Patel said that we should respect rivers because the human race is based on them. If we don't worry about the origin of rivers, then who will, because if the origin of small rivers dries up, then the main rivers will also dry up. Due to climate change,



rivers, ponds etc. which were perennial earlier have started drying up now, there are only two rea-

sons for this, excessive purification of groundwater and destruction of trees.

I have reached the origin of the 91st river: Patel

Minister Patel said that today I have reached the origin of the 91st river. Earlier, I have visited the origin of 90 rivers. He said that mostly tribes reside at these origin places, who worship and respect nature. In my journey to the origin places of rivers, I learned that knowledge is never complete. Madhya Pradesh is called the motherland of rivers because most of the rivers originate from our state.

Patel said as long as the origin of tributary rivers like Goi river remains, the origin of rivers like Narmada will also remain the same. Keeping in mind the current climate change, we have to do something so that we can give a clean, beautiful and green environment to the coming generations. We should all plant such trees that collect water back in the stream. Whatever trees we plant, we should keep them alive and protect them so that they can turn into trees.

Patel holds dialogue with Panch-Sarpanch

Bhopal: Panchayat and Rural Development and Labor Minister Prahlad Singh Patel engaged in a meaningful dialogue with local Panchs and Sarpanchs at the "Panch Sarpanch Samvad" held at Lines Convent School, Sendhwa, Barwani district. The session emphasized the critical role of Panchayati Raj in strengthening grassroots democracy and promoting sustainable rural development.

Minister Patel highlighted that the Panchayati Raj system is not just a governance mechanism but a cornerstone of Indian democracy. It empowers citizens at the village level, especially the marginalized, by making governance participatory and inclusive. He stressed that real development starts when local communities become active stakeholders in planning and implementation.

Key rural issues: Addressing key rural issues, the Minister discussed the importance of infrastructure development through schemes like the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, which aims to provide all-weather

road connectivity to villages. He urged Panchayats to adopt a long-term vision for development and utilize modern technology for projects such as roads, ponds, and dams.

Patel also announced the construction of new three-storey Panchayat Bhavans to be built by Gram Panchayats and highlighted the ongoing audit of hand pumps to ensure water sustainability through recharge pits.

30 lakh fruit-bearing plants will be cultivated: In a significant step toward women empowerment, Patel introduced the "Ek Bagiya Maa Ke Naam" initiative. Through this MNREGA-backed scheme, over 30 lakh fruit-bearing plants will be cultivated on the private lands of 30,000 women from self-help groups. The government will provide all necessary inputs including saplings, labor support, fencing, and training. The project aims to create a sustainable source of income and economic independence for rural women, reinforcing the government's commitment to inclusive development.

Cong leaders protest heavy school bags

Bhopal: In Bhopal on Tuesday, Congress leaders visited a school and checked the weight of students' school bags by placing them on weighing scales. MP Congress spokesperson Vivek Tripathi, along with Abhinav Baroliya, Kundan Punjabi, and Vikram Chaudhary, accused the "education mafia" of exploiting both private and government schools, including CM Rise Schools, for commissions on books and materials. Tripathi highlighted that even students studying just 500 meters away from the District Education Officer's office, in both PM government schools and private institutions, are burdened with bags much heavier than the permissible limit. He stated that due to this excessive

weight, young children are being forced to visit doctors and hospitals—when they should be enjoying their childhood and education.

He also alleged that the BJP government, administration, and Child Commission have remained passive on the issue. Tripathi further claimed that the rules for distribution of free books in government schools are being violated, and unnecessary books are being added purely for profit.

Notably, the Directorate of Public Instruction, Madhya Pradesh, has issued an order mandating that the weight of school bags in all government, private, and aided schools must now comply with the limits set under the School Bag Policy 2020.

Turtles and babies of rare Gharials seized in major wildlife smuggling bust

► **Action taken by State Tiger Strike Force**



and Ramveer Singh from Surya Bihar Colony, Gwalior. Upon further investigation at Vijay Gond's resi-

dence in Gwalior, an additional 22 Batagur turtles were recovered.

All three accused have been booked under the Forest Act. The Forest Division Morena and local police extended key support in the operation. The accused will be produced before the Shivpuri Court and taken on forest remand for further questioning.

Officials revealed that similar cases have been registered against the

accused in the past, and they have even served sentences for wildlife smuggling.

Animals were being transported to Bangladesh

The accused admitted during interrogation that the animals were being transported to Bangladesh via Kolkata. These rare aquatic species, especially found in the Chambal River, are under severe threat due to smuggling driven by high demand in Western European countries. The Principal Chief Conservator emphasized the vital ecological role of these endangered species and reiterated government efforts to protect them.