

Chitrakoot Gramodaya University granted category-1 autonomy

► Minister Inder Singh Parmar congratulates

Chitrakoot: Mahatma Gandhi Chitrakoot Gramodaya Vishwavidyalaya, Chitrakoot, has achieved a significant milestone by being granted Category-1 autonomy under the “Graded Autonomy” regulations of the University Grants Commission (UGC). On this notable achievement, Higher Education, Technical Education, and AYUSH Minister Inder Singh Parmar extended his heartfelt congratulations to the university and the Higher Education Department.

Minister Parmar emphasized that this recognition reflects the sustained and comprehensive efforts made by the Madhya Pradesh Government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, to enhance the quality and global competitiveness of higher education in the state. He said that the state is dedicated to aligning its educational initiatives with the Na-



tional Education Policy-2020, focusing on quality, innovation, and employment-oriented learning. **University will have enhanced academic independence:** With

Category-1 autonomy, the university will now enjoy enhanced academic, administrative, and financial independence. This will empower the institution to further strength-

en its curriculum, promote advanced research, foster innovation, and implement value-based education, enabling students to achieve academic and professional excellence. Minister Parmar stated that this development underlines the government's commitment to making higher education institutions more self-reliant and future-ready. The university's new autonomous status will open up fresh opportunities for educational and institutional advancement. It is noteworthy that Mahatma Gandhi Chitrakoot Gramodaya Vishwavidyalaya was accredited with an “A++” grade by the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in 2024. The university has consistently demonstrated innovation and academic excellence, meeting the criteria laid out by UGC under the 2018 regulations for graded autonomy. This recognition places it among the top-ranked and most respected institutions in the country.

Minister Tomar takes initiative during Gwalior visit



Gwalior: Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar visited various wards in the suburban areas of Gwalior on Monday and interacted with local residents to understand their issues firsthand. Accompanied by officials from the district administration, municipal corporation, and electricity distribution company, along with local councilors and public representatives, the minister emphasized immediate action on public grievances. During his visit to Ward No. 16, Tomar personally inspected the condition of the area.

Noticing a choked and dirty drain, he took the initiative to clean it himself, setting an example of active leadership. He instructed the concerned officers to resolve issues related to roads, drinking water, sewage, and electricity without delay.

The Energy Minister also appealed to citizens to actively participate in the campaign to make Gwalior clean, green, pollution-free, and drug-free. He encouraged residents to dedicate time from their daily lives to contribute towards building a better and healthier city.

3 trucks run over man, daughter's engagement cancelled

Gwalior: A heartbreaking accident occurred in Gwalior when three trucks ran over a 47-year-old man within just 20 seconds. The incident took place around 2 AM on Sunday night near the Laxmiganj culvert close to Ramdwara on AB Road. The victim, Devendra Jatav, was returning from a hotel after going out to buy vegetables when a truck hit him. He fell on the road, and in the light drizzle, two more trucks ran over him consecutively, causing severe injuries. He was immediately rushed to the trauma center but succumbed to his injuries during treatment on Mon-

day. Devendra, a resident of Gol Pahariya Navgrah Colony, was a contractor specializing in color-putty work. He is survived by his wife, two daughters, and a son. The accident has devastated the family, especially since his elder daughter's engagement was scheduled for Tuesday. His brother, Gajendra Jatav, lodged an FIR at Janakganj police station. CCTV footage from a nearby liquor shop captured the horrifying incident, showing how three trucks passed over Devendra one after the other. Police are currently identifying the trucks and continuing the investigation.

Two minors end their lives in separate incidents

Indore: In two heartbreaking incidents, two young boys died by suicide under distressing circumstances in Indore. In the first case, 12-year-old Atif, a Class 7 student, died after an argument with his younger brother. The two were playing on the roof of their house in South Toda area, enjoying the rain, when a quarrel broke out. Reportedly, his 7-year-old brother pushed him during the scuffle. Angered and emotionally disturbed, Atif went inside the house and allegedly hanged himself. He was rushed to a nearby hospital by family members, who were then referred to MY Hospital,



where doctors declared him dead. Atif's father is a scrap dealer and the family resides in Raoji Bazaar. In another incident from Hiranagar, 16-year-old Sushil Chauhan, a Class 10 student, ended his life by hanging himself in his home located in Gauri Nagar. Sushil had recently suffered personal losses—his mother died six months ago and his father just 20 days ago. He was alone at the time of the incident. The exact reason behind the suicide is still unknown. Police have initiated an investigation and will question his elder brother Shubham, who works at a private college.

College girl attacked, injured by dogs in Indore

Indore: In a case of stray dog menace, a college student was attacked and severely injured by a pack of dogs while on her way to an exam in the Nagar Extension area of Indore on the morning of Saturday, July 12. The student was accompanied by a friend and was heading to college around 6:30 AM when four stray dogs suddenly charged at her. Despite initially trying to fend them off, the dogs knocked her down and bit her legs, leaving her seriously wounded. The student tried to scare the dogs away and succeeded briefly. However, moments later, the same dogs returned in a group and launched another assault. The entire incident was captured on CCTV and

has since surfaced, showing the harrowing moments when the young woman was dragged to the ground.

According to eyewitnesses, a friend riding a scooter noticed the attack, stopped, and intervened just in time to help drive the dogs away. The student, overwhelmed and dizzy, sat on the ground in shock and pain.

Nearby residents, Vishal and Shaifali Agrawal, came to her rescue and took her to their home to clean her wounds. “She was going for her exam when the dogs attacked her. She has deep wounds on one leg and was in panic,” the couple told local media. The student later left for medical treatment with her friend.

MLA donates land, brings health facilities to Padariya

Jabalpur: In a remarkable gesture of public service, MLA Santosh Barkade has gifted a new lifeline to the people of Padariya village in Jabalpur district by enabling the construction of the newly completed Ayushman Arogya Mandir. Approved in February 2023, the primary health center project had stalled due to a lack of land—until Barkade stepped in and donated 30,000 square feet of his personal land to ensure its timely completion.

This selfless act not only revived the project but also reinforced the MLA's deep commitment to public welfare. Today, the Ayushman Arogya Mandir stands fully construct-

ed, equipped with 10 beds and residential facilities for doctors and staff, ensuring uninterrupted medical services even during emergencies. Serving 23 nearby villages, the health center is expected to directly benefit around 15,000 to 20,000 people.

Locals will now have access to timely treatment without needing to travel to the city, easing both health risks and financial burdens. Calling it a proud moment, MLA Barkade said, “This Arogya Mandir will become a new identity of healthcare in our region.” The center is indeed a beacon of hope, self-reliance, and dignity for rural residents.

Dastak Abhiyan to target over 2 lakh children in Rajgarh

Rajgarh: A meeting of the District Task Force regarding the Dastak Abhiyan was held on Tuesday in the Collectorate meeting room under the chairmanship of Collector Dr. Girish Kumar Mishra. District Vaccination Officer Dr. L.P. Bhakoria presented a detailed plan of the campaign through a PowerPoint presentation. He informed that the campaign aims to reach 2,14,366 children aged 0 to 5 years across the district. These children will undergo health check-ups, and necessary consultations and treatments will be provided. This year, the campaign will run under the theme “Stop Diarrhea cum Dastak Abhiyan.”

Health camps will be organized in every village and city ward, with the active participation of CHOs,

► Focus on diarrhoea prevention



ANMs, ASHA supervisors, ASHAs, and Anganwadi workers. A line

listing of eligible children is being prepared, and newly arrived chil-

dren will also be included on the campaign day to ensure full coverage.

Prominent officials including Chief Medical and District Health Officer Dr. Shobha Patel, Civil Surgeon Dr. Nitin Patel, District Epidemic Controller Dr. Mahendrapal Singh, and other health officers attended the meeting. During the review, Dr. Mishra emphasized 100% admission of eligible children in Nutritional Rehabilitation Centres (NRCs) and follow-up of those admitted in Special Newborn Care Units (SNCUs). He directed that the campaign should not remain a paperwork exercise and must be monitored in real time. Success will be evaluated based on the campaign's outcome and its actual benefit to the targeted children.

Guna tops national ‘Eat Right Challenge Phase-4’

Guna: The district has secured the first position in the country in the Eat Right Challenge Phase-4 competition by scoring an impressive 180 out of 200 marks. The achievement was made possible through the collective efforts of the Food Safety Department under the guidance of the District Administration.

As part of the challenge, the district successfully certified 5 Eat Right Campuses, 5 Eat Right Schools, 2 Eat Right Railway Stations, 2 Bhog Complexes, and 2 Clean Fruit and Vegetable Markets. Additionally, all targets related to sampling, inspections, licensing, and registrations were achieved within the stipulated timeframe by the Food Safety Officers.

Collector Kanyal awarded certificates to the heads and teams of the institutions for their commitment to food safety and hygiene.



Certified Institutions: Bhog Complexes: Shubhodaya Atishay Tirtha

Kshetra Jain Temple (Binaganj), Bohra Masjid (Guna)

Eat Right Stations: Guna Railway Station, Ruthiyai Railway Station

Clean Fruit & Vegetable Markets: Shastri Park Sabji Mandi (Guna), Naveen Sabji Mandi (Raghogarh)

Eat Right Campuses: GAIL (Raghogarh), NFL (Raghogarh), JP University (Raghogarh), Hospital Campus (Guna), Swami Ramanand Naturopathy Center (Binaganj)

Eat Right Schools: Christ Higher Secondary School (Guna), Acharya Vidyasagar Higher Secondary School (Aaron), Pragya Higher Secondary School (Raghogarh), Krishna Memorial School (Binaganj), Royal Public School (Bamori)

This remarkable performance highlights Guna's dedication to promoting safe and healthy food practices across public institutions.

Belkund nursery powers green revolution across MP

Katni: The Belkund Nursery, located in Bhamka village of Dhimarkheda tehsil of the district, is making significant strides in enhancing the greenery of Madhya Pradesh. Named after the Belkund River, this nursery has become a vital identity for the Dhimarkheda area. With the production of 21 lakh root-suit teak saplings and 2 lakh 17 thousand polypot teak saplings, the nursery is not just contributing to local forest areas but is also supplying various districts across the state.

Root-soot teak saplings, developed using advanced root-soot technology, are known for their durability and rapid growth. These saplings are designed to thrive in diverse climatic conditions, with deep-root systems that help reduce soil erosion. In contrast, polypot teak saplings, grown in small containers, are easier to transport and less prone to root damage, making them ideal for reforestation efforts.

Generated employment opportunities for villagers: This initiative has not only environmental benefits but also economic implications, as it has generated employment opportunities for villagers. Hundreds of workers from surrounding villages are engaged in all aspects of the nursery's operations, fostering economic self-reliance and community involvement. Under the guidance of the Madhya Pradesh State Forest Development Corporation, the Belkund Plantation is well-positioned to make a lasting impact on both the environment and local livelihoods.

Dist Hospital Jhabua performs first laparoscopic appendectomy

Jhabua: A major milestone has been achieved in the field of medical services at District Hospital Jhabua with the successful completion of its first laparoscopic appendectomy. The surgery was performed on 18-year-old Lakshmi, daughter of Uday Singh from Thandla, who had been suffering from severe abdominal pain for a long time.

This advanced surgical procedure was completed in approximately 2 hours and 30 minutes through the collaborative efforts of Dr. Deepak Rathore (surgeon), Dr. Devendra Bhayal (surgeon), Dr. Sawan Chauhan (anesthetist), and the dedicated operation theater team.

Laparoscopic surgery, a cornerstone of modern medical science, is carried out through small incisions, offering numerous advantages over traditional open surgery. These include reduced pain, minimal risk of infection, and faster recovery time.

This remarkable achievement not only marks a new chapter in the capabilities of District Hospital Jhabua but also opens doors for high-level surgical procedures in the future, greatly enhancing healthcare access for the local population.

Major expansion underway at Ratlam Medical College

Ratlam: The Ratlam Medical College is set to undergo major infrastructure expansion with significant projects aimed at upgrading healthcare and academic facilities. A total of 8,490 hectares of land has been allocated for the construction of a Rs 180 crore super-speciality hospital. Additionally, 3.1 hectares has been earmarked for a paramedical college at an estimated cost of Rs 14 crore. A new cath lab is also proposed on an outsourcing model, and administrative processes are currently underway. This information was given at a review meeting chaired by Deputy CM Rajendra Shukla.

In response to the poor condition of the existing rest house, a new 200-bed rest house will be built on a 1073 sq. meter plot near the hospital's main gate. Under the PM-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission, an IPHL lab is proposed within the campus, with basic preparations complete. Facilities such as a Burn Unit, Skill Lab, ART Centre, MNCU Unit, MDR Ward, and Organ Recovery Centre are also

► Rs180 crore super-speciality hospital plan



in various stages of development. Diagnostic upgrades include a CT Scan unit and MRI facility, with infrastructure and staffing already in place.

Plans to enhance hostel facilities: Plans are also in motion to enhance hostel facilities with new buildings for 180 undergraduates, 180 interns, and 300 postgraduates.

Currently, first-year MBBS students are housed in the nursing hostel due to space constraints. The college has also identified the need for a 500-seat auditorium and residential quarters for doctors and staff.

720 MBBS students are enrolled: Dean Dr. Anita Mutha presented financial and academic progress, noting that MBBS began in 2018 with 150 seats, expanding to 180 seats including 30 EWS from 2019. Presently, 720 MBBS students are enrolled, with 180 interns from the 2020 batch. Postgraduate seats have grown to 82 across 17 departments. Paramedical courses with 95 approved seats are also running, along with private nursing college training for 255 students.

The college has successfully conducted medical and paramedical exams for over 5000 candidates. Of 160 teaching posts, 119 are filled. In the nursing cadre, 336 out of 404 posts are occupied. Recruitment efforts continue across vacant teaching and paramedical positions.