

Expedite resolution of natural disaster relief cases: Sanjeev Singh

RCMS portal regional review meeting held

Bhopal: Divisional Commissioner Sanjeev Singh has directed officials to ensure swift resolution of cases related to natural disaster relief funds. Emphasizing the importance of timely action, he also instructed that pending cases of land mutation, partition, and demarcation on the RCMS portal be cleared without delay.

Singh chaired a divisional-level review meeting on Wednesday via video conferencing from the VC room at the Commissioner's Office. The meeting focused on the RCMS (Revenue Case Management System) portal. Present at the meeting were Revenue Deputy Commissioner Smt. Kiran Gupta, Joint Director of Urban Bodies Suresh Beliya, Executive Engineer



Shri Brijendra Verma, and through video link, ADMs, CMOs, and concerned officials from all districts of the division. During the review, Singh emphasized resolving pending com-

9,500 schools still without electricity

Patwari writes a letter to CM



Bhopal: In a scathing indictment of Madhya Pradesh's declining education standards, State Congress President Jitu Patwari has penned a strongly worded letter to Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, demanding im-

mediate intervention. Patwari, citing a recent central government report, described the state's education system as "appalling and concerning." He highlighted alarming statistics from the Unified District Information System for Education (UDISE) 2023-24 report, managed under the Union Ministry of Education.

The report reveals a shocking reality: nearly 9,500 government schools across Madhya Pradesh still lack basic amenities like electricity. Furthermore, over 12,000 schools are being run by a single teacher, shouldering the entire burden of educating multiple classes.

Patwari questioned the state government's priorities, asking: "When the government possesses adequate budget and administrative infrastructure, why are children being deprived of minimum facilities such as electricity, teachers, furniture, and toilets?"

He urged the Chief Minister to address the UDISE report with utmost seriousness in the upcoming assembly session. Additionally, Patwari called for an independent agency to investigate the utilization and potential misuse of the education budget to ensure accountability.

Chaos on Kolar six-lane road

Illegal parking cripples traffic flow



Bhopal: The much-touted Kolar six-lane road, built at a cost of approximately Rs 222 crore, is proving to be a monumental failure when it comes to traffic management. Illegal parking on both sides of the thoroughfare is creating daily gridlock, turning what should be a smooth commute into a frustrating crawl. From mid-day into late evening, during peak hours, four-wheelers are routinely parked for hours along the roadside, causing massive traffic jams. This chaotic parking not only snarls traffic but also cre-

ates significant inconvenience for local shopkeepers on both sides of the road.

Six-lane becomes two-lane" due to driver disregard

Local shopkeepers lament that due to improper parking, the six-lane road effectively shrinks to a mere two or three lanes. Adding to the congestion, stray cattle frequently wander onto the main road, further intensifying the traffic pressure.

"If drivers showed more sense, this problem wouldn't be so massive," an anonymous local commented. "Most drivers ignore the designated parking spots, and that's why the problem persists." Sandeep Ahirwar, a resident of Bima Kunj, highlighted that this issue plagues the entire stretch from Kolar Square to Bairagarh Chichli. In the late evenings, even street vendors set up their stalls directly on the main road, flouting regulations. Commuter Abhishek Singh expressed frustration, stating, "Kolar has a six-lane, but people lack awareness." Jitendra Vyas, a driver, added that this negligence often leads to accidents. "Because no action is taken, many four- and three-wheeler drivers continue to act irresponsibly."

Authority's response

Devendra Yadav, Traffic ACP, stated: "Spaces are designated for parking in front of shops. Action is being taken against drivers who do not comply with the rules."

Awareness program today for safety from toxic mercury

Bhopal: Mercury is a toxic heavy metal. Its release through various industrial processes poses serious health and environmental risks. In addition, several medical and household items can also release mercury into the environment, which can have severe impacts on human health. To understand the hazardous nature of mercury and to prevent its harmful effects on human health and the environment, a consumer awareness program is being organized titled "Understanding Mercury: Protecting our Health and Environment." This program is being conducted under the joint collaboration of the WHO, the National Centre for Human Settlements and Environment (NCHSE), Consumer Voice, New Delhi and J.K. Hospital and Medical Research Centre. In this awareness session, experts in the fields of health and environment will discuss the dangers of mercury exposure and preventive measures.

BHEL ignites green revolution with PNG Pipeline Project



Bhopal: Pradeep Kumar Upadhyay, General Manager & Head, BHEL, Bhopal performed the Bhoomi Pujan for laying Piped Natural Gas (PNG) pipeline at BHEL, Bhopal on Thursday. D.S. Durgesh, Regional Head, M/s Think Gas, who is the implementing partner of the project was

also present on the occasion. This is an important step towards commitment towards green energy under the "Green BHEL" campaign.

Vipul Agarwal, General Manager (Material Management), Vikas Khare, General Manager (EM), G.P. Baghel, General Manager (Quality), Ashish Aurangabadkar, General Manager (WEX & MOD), all General Managers, G Asthana, Assistant Commandant (CISF) along with other product heads, senior officers and employees were present on the occasion. The objective of laying the PNG pipeline is to adopt cleaner, safer and more efficient fuel options in place of LPG (Liquefied Petroleum Gas) and Furnace Oil currently being used in the plant. This initiative will result in annual reduction of approximately 4000 metric tons of CO₂ emissions which is equivalent to planting approximately 2 lakh trees annually. This project further strengthens BHEL's commitment towards environmental sustainability and demonstrates BHEL's initiative in contributing towards the national goal of achieving Net Zero emissions by 2047.

Joint plantation drive by SSB at IGRMS



Bhopal: A special joint plantation drive was held at the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS), as part of the ongoing "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" campaign. The initiative promotes environ-

mental awareness and pays tribute to motherhood through tree plantation.

The event was graced by CISF Central Storage Depot Commanding Officer CPS Rathore, Deputy

Commandant Rakesh Ranjan Tiwari, and IGRMS Director Prof Amitabh Pandey, among others. Trees of various species were planted in the Sarna Sacred Forest area of the Tribal Habitat Exhibition.

Mementoes and saplings were presented to the visiting officers as a token of appreciation.

Prof Pandey highlighted the museum's ongoing commitment to preserving environmental and cultural values, stating that such efforts bring about meaningful change in society. Rathore emphasized the program's symbolic connection between nature and motherhood.

Officers, staff, and members of the Friends of IGRMS Group also planted saplings in memory of their mothers and pledged to continue contributing to environmental protection.

Vidisha girl dies by suicide at kin's home

Bhopal: A tragic incident occurred on Wednesday night in Bhopal's Bagh Sewania area, where a 29-year-old woman from Vidisha, Surabhi, took her own life by hanging.

She was staying at the residence of her paternal uncle (father's elder brother) in Vidya Nagar, C-Sector, as a guest when the incident happened.

According to SI Bharat Singh Meena of the Bagh Sewania Police Station, Surabhi was the daughter of Rajkumar and originally belonged to Vidisha district. Her family often visited Bhopal, where her grandfather resides.

On the day of the incident, Surabhi was alone at home. Her mother, employed in a private job, and her brother Vivek, who works as a taxi driver, had both gone to work.

Her cousin had also accompanied her brother, leaving Surabhi

alone in the house.

Brother repeatedly called her

The incident came to light when her brother repeatedly tried to contact her by phone but received no response. Worried, he rushed back home and found Surabhi hanging. He immediately informed the police, who arrived at the scene, conducted a Panch nama, and began investigating the matter.

Following a post-mortem on Thursday afternoon, it was revealed that Surabhi had been undergoing treatment for mental health issues. However, no suicide note was recovered from the location. The police have registered a case and are continuing their investigation to determine the exact circumstances leading to her death.

Crime Branch nabs wanted mother-son duo in Ganja smuggling



Bhopal: The Bhopal Crime Branch has successfully arrested a mother-son duo—Kiran Ahirwar (55) and her son Monu Ahirwar (30)—who had been on the run in a major ganja smuggling case. Both had a Rs 5,000 reward on



their heads and were wanted by the Crime Branch and multiple police stations in the city. According to officials, the two were involved in trafficking ganja from Odisha and distributing it across Bhopal.

They had managed to evade arrest for months despite being key accused in a Narcotic Drugs case registered under the Crime Branch's NTPS unit.

Acting on a tip-off, a team led by Additional DCP Shailendra Singh Chauhan laid a trap and arrested the duo from beneath the Subhash Nagar underbridge. After the arrest, the accused were produced in court and subsequently remanded to judicial custody. Both Kiran and Monu Ahirwar have multiple cases registered against them, making this arrest a significant breakthrough in Bhopal's ongoing crackdown on narcotics networks. The Crime Branch continues its focused efforts to dismantle drug supply chains and bring long-absconding criminals to justice.

Woman killed as Bolero rams bike in Danishkunj

Bhopal: A tragic accident occurred late Wednesday night in the Danishkunj area of Kolar, Bhopal, when a speeding Bolero hit a mother-son duo riding a bike. Kusum Kushwaha (52), a resident of Damkheda A Sector, died on the spot, while her son Rajan sustained minor injuries.

At the time of the accident, a politician's convoy was passing through the area, and a police force was deployed for security. Due to this, the police personnel present nearby quickly acted and detained four youths from the Bolero. The vehicle was stopped by the convoy's pilot team and local police.

Initial reports suggest that the Bolero was chasing a black Scorpio allegedly carrying liquor smugglers. The occupants of the Bolero



Bolero driver was thrashed by bystanders after the crash. A video of the incident, including the assault on the driver, was captured on mobile phones and has since surfaced. Police have taken the accused into custody, and further investigation is underway.

are said to be employees of a liquor company.

Deceased had recently opened a tea and snacks shop: Kusum Kushwaha had recently opened a small tea and snacks hotel near D-Mart with her son. She was returning home around 10:30 pm after closing the shop when the accident occurred. Her husband had died four years ago during the COVID-19 pandemic. She is survived by three married sons and a daughter.

Awareness session on World Youth Skills Day held at BSSS



Bhopal: The Equal Opportunity Cell of The Bhopal School of Social Sciences, in collaboration with the Department of Psychology, organized an impactful awareness session on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day. The theme for the session was "Skillful Youth for Inclusive Growth", which aimed to highlight the importance of building inclu-

sive, equitable, and accessible skill ecosystems that empower all learners. Shanu Singh, an esteemed Psychologist, Career Counselor, and Deputy Editor at Madhyam, was the expert speaker. She engaged the audience with insightful discussions on the need for developing life skills among youth, with a special emphasis on active listening as a vital communication and interpersonal skill. One of the most engaging parts of the session was an interactive activity conducted by Singh, which focused on illustrating the importance of listening actively and empathetically. The activity not only captivated the participants but also led to thoughtful reflection and discussion among attendees, many of whom were college students and aspiring professionals.

AIIMS empowering persons with disabilities



Bhopal: AIIMS Bhopal has taken significant strides in empowering persons with disabilities through its dedicated rehabilitation services. In a major step forward, the Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (PMR) launched its lower limb prosthetic service, which recently complet-

ed one impactful year. This initiative has emerged as a critical support system for people who have lost limbs, restoring not only mobility but also their confidence and independence.

India continues to witness a growing number of amputations due to road accidents, diabetes, and periph-

eral vascular disease (PVD). Around 85% of all amputations involve lower limbs—essential for mobility and daily functioning. The absence of a leg imposes severe physical, psychological, and social hardships, often making individuals dependent on caregivers. A prosthesis not only helps a person walk again but also brings back their sense of dignity and autonomy. Prior to this, AIIMS Bhopal had been successfully running orthosis fabrication and distribution services, having provided around 3,000 orthotic devices. The department now offers a wide range of prosthetic services, including below-knee (BK), above-knee (AK), below-elbow (BE), and above-elbow (AE) prostheses. Executive Director Prof. (Dr.) Ajai Singh emphasized the transformative potential of these services, stating, "The loss of a limb changes lives, but with proper rehabilitation, individuals can reintegrate into society with dignity and confidence."