

Double murder rocks Mandla

Ghugri, Mandla: A chilling double murder has sent shockwaves through Ghugri, a village under the Salwah police outpost in Mandla district. In a horrifying act of violence, a man brutally killed two individuals with an axe – first a neighboring woman, and then a young man who witnessed the initial crime.

According to police, the accused, Mahesh Marawi (45), son of Guha Marawi, had an ongoing dispute with his neighbor, Hariom Bai (45), wife of Ramlal Markam. Between 10 and 11 AM, Marawi attacked Hariom Bai with an axe, killing her.

Tragically, Rajkumar Uike (30), son of Munnalal Uike, a resident of the same village, witnessed the horrific act. Unwilling to leave a witness, Mahesh Marawi pursued Rajkumar as he tried to flee, fatally striking him with the axe as well.

Witness brutally killed after neighbor



Villagers apprehend suspect; Po-

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the double murder quickly spread, causing panic throughout the village. Showing immense courage, villagers swiftly apprehended Mahesh Marawi at the scene and tied him to a pole.

Upon receiving the information, a police team immediately rushed to the crime scene. The Station House Officer of Ghugri, SDOP Bichhia, Salwah In-charge, and other police personnel arrived and have initiated a thorough investigation into the matter. Both bodies have been sent for post-mortem examination, and further action is underway.

Police have arrested Mahesh Marawi, who was held by the villagers, and are currently interrogating him. The motives behind this heinous double murder are still unclear, and police are investigating all angles to uncover the full truth.

Two young brothers brutally murdered after kidnapping

Seoni: In a heart-wrenching incident, two minor brothers—Mayank Dhakariya (9) and Divyansh (6)—were kidnapped and brutally murdered in Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh. The children's mother, Pooja Dhakariya (30), a domestic worker residing in Subhash Ward, reported them missing late Tuesday night after an anxious search. Pooja had left her sons at home around 5 PM and returned by 8 PM to find them missing. Despite frantic efforts to locate them on her own, she could not trace their whereabouts. She approached the Kotwali Police Station around 11 PM to file a missing complaint.

Bodies Found in Forest, Covered with Stones: The tragic discovery was made on Wednesday at around 2 PM when the bodies of the two children were found in Amba Mai forest, about 13 kilometers from their residence. Both had their throats slit, and stones were

deliberately placed over and around their bodies, apparently in an attempt to conceal the crime.

Police Suspect Insider Role: Kotwali Police Station in-charge Kishor Wamankar confirmed that a murder case has been registered. Based on preliminary investigations, police believe that someone known to the family may be involved in the crime. One suspect has been detained and is currently being interrogated. Officials are tight-lipped about the identity and possible motive, citing the sensitivity of the case.

Forensic Team and Dog Squad Join Investigation: A forensic team along with a dog squad was dispatched to the crime scene. Both the Kotwali and Dunda Sivani police units are working jointly on the case. Evidence has been collected from the forest area, and further forensic analysis is underway. The motive behind the double murder remains unclear.

Class 8 student abducted and raped in Khandwa

Khandwa: In a distressing incident in Khandwa, a class 8 student was kidnapped and sexually assaulted near her school. The accused, identified as Man Singh, 22, has been apprehended by the Mandhata police and presented in court, where he has been remanded to jail. Notably, this person had a prior case of molestation registered against him three months ago, from which he had been released on bail. The incident occurred during the school's lunch break when the victim, facing a lack of toilet facilities at her government school, ventured behind the school premises. It was during this time that the accused allegedly seized her, dragging her to a secluded area approximately 200 meters away, where he assaulted her. The girl's cries for help were heard by a young man nearby, who rushed to the scene. Up-

on being discovered, the accused fled the area. Following the incident, the young man promptly informed the school's headmaster, who attempted to reach the victim's family. Unfortunately, he was unable to contact them as they were away at work and lacked a mobile phone. In the evening, when the girl's mother and grandfather returned home, the headmaster and the victim recounted the harrowing experience. Consequently, the family, accompanied by the headmaster, reported the incident to the police and filed a formal complaint. The accused was later apprehended while fishing in the backwaters of the Indira Sagar Dam, according to outpost in-charge Prakash Badole. This tragic event has raised serious concerns about the safety of students and the need for adequate facilities in schools.

45 dismissed transport constables reinstated

High Court delivers major relief

Gwalior: In a significant ruling, the Madhya Pradesh High Court has brought much-awaited relief to 45 dismissed transport constables, ordering their reinstatement. This case stems from the 2012-13 transport constable recruitment, where these 45 men were controversially appointed to positions reserved for women. The issue first came to light when Himadri Raje filed a petition in the High Court challenging these appointments. In 2014, the High Court ordered the removal of these 45 transport constables.

A long battle for justice: The constables challenged this decision in the Supreme Court, but their appeal was unsuccessful. Consequently, fearing contempt of court, the Transport Commissioner dismissed the 45 constables from service on September 25, 2024. Undeterred, the dismissed constables filed a petition against their termination with the High Court's Division Bench.

BJYM leader caught with illegal liquor

BJP initiates disciplinary action



Jabalpur: In a late-night operation on the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday, the Excise Department arrested Prashant Rai, an office-bearer of the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), with a large quantity of illegal liquor. Acting on a tip-off, Excise officials intercepted Rai's vehicle near

Pauri village on the Pauri-Majhau road. Upon searching his Alto K10 car (registration number MP20 CG 3453), authorities recovered 20 boxes containing 180 liters of country liquor, valued at approximately Rs 5 lakh. Prashant Rai, who holds the position of Office Secretary in the Majhau Yu-

va Morcha West Division, was taken into custody and booked under sections 34(1)(a) and 34(2) of the Madhya Pradesh Excise Act, 1915. He was produced before a local court and has since been sent to jail.

Political controversy

The incident has triggered a political controversy. Youth Congress President Vijay Rajak launched a sharp criticism of the BJP, stating, "This is what can be expected from BJYM leaders—first rape charges, now liquor smuggling. The public is watching and will respond when the time is right." Reacting to the arrest, BJP officials stated that disciplinary action will follow. "I've just learned that Prashant Rai has been caught with liquor. I am verifying this with Mandal President Dharmendra. If true, the matter will be reported to the BJP District President, who will decide on the further course of action. The party treats such cases seriously," a local BJP representative said.

Lineman caught red-handed taking Rs 6,000 bribe in Damoh

Damoh: In a swift operation by the Sagar Lokayukta team, a lineman from the electricity department was caught red-handed while accepting a bribe of ₹6,000 in broad daylight.

The accused, Kuldeep Rajput, a resident of Khajri Mohalla in Civil Ward No. 9, had allegedly demanded the bribe from Mukesh Singh, a shop owner from Parsoriya Nahar, in exchange for installing an electricity meter at his shop near Hata Naka.

Acting on Mukesh Singh's complaint, the Lokayukta team verified the claim and laid a trap. On Thursday around 2:30 PM, they apprehended Kuldeep in front of Sagar Naka police outpost while he was accepting the bribe.

The operation was led by Lokayukta Inspector Roshni Jain, along with Head Constable Shafiq Khan, Constables Raghvendra Singh, Vikram Singh, Arvind Nayak, and an independent witness.

Interestingly, Kuldeep had secured his job through



a compassionate appointment after his father, the late Preamsingh — also a lineman — tragically died by electrocution nearly a decade ago.

Inspector Jain confirmed, "The lineman was caught in the act following due verification of the complaint. Legal proceedings have been initiated against him."

Inspired by films, caught smuggling sandalwood

Mandsaur police seize Rs 4.5 crore worth red sandalwood



Mandsaur: In a major breakthrough, Mandsaur's Piplia Mandi police, under the directive of SP Abhishek Anand, busted an inter-state sandalwood smuggling gang and seized red sandalwood worth ₹4.5 crore from a vehicle dur-

ing a routine check. Acting on a tip-off, a police team led by Inspector Shivanshu Malviya intercepted an Eicher tractor (MP 44 AB 7371) and recovered 180 bundles of red sandalwood weighing 2,260 kg. The smugglers admitted they were inspired by movies to get into the illegal trade. Two accused — Yatindra Rathore (34) and Ajay Bhil (19) from Dalpatpura, Jeeran — have been arrested.

A third suspect, Rajendra alias Raju Bhai alias Salim Bhai, is currently on the run. The accused have been booked under multiple provisions of the BNS Act, the Madhya Pradesh Forest Produce Act (2000), and the Indian Forest Act (1927). Investigations are underway. Red sandalwood, also known as Rakta Chandan, is a highly protected species found primarily in the Seshachalam, Veligonda, and Palakonda hills of Andhra Pradesh. Its high demand in international markets drives its illegal smuggling. This successful operation involved key contributions from officers Shivanshu Malviya, Nitin Kumawat, Santosh Munia, Wasim Khan, Jeevan Rathore, Pushpendra Singh, Vinod Namdev, V.P. Singh, Udai Singh, and Dilip Meghwal.

Woman robbed by fake policemen

Incident caught on CCTV



Dewas: A sensational daylight robbery has shaken the Nahar Darwaza police station area of Dewas city. Nirmala Jain, wife of Mandi trader Rajendra Jain and a resident of Vijaya Road, became the victim

of a daring heist carried out by four unidentified miscreants.

According to reports, the incident occurred when Nirmala Jain was returning home after visiting a temple. As she walked along the

road, four youths on two motorcycles approached her and stopped. Posing as policemen, they asked her to remove her jewellery under the pretext of safety. Caught off guard and before she could fully grasp the situation, the miscreants snatched her gold chain and quickly fled from the scene on their bikes.

The entire incident was captured by a nearby CCTV camera, providing crucial evidence for the ongoing investigation.

After reaching home, the shaken woman informed her family, who immediately contacted the police. Law enforcement officers arrived at the spot and initiated a probe. Police officials are now scanning CCTV footage from the area in an attempt to identify and apprehend the culprits involved in the robbery.

Truck rear-ended the bus in Rajgarh

Bus driver killed, over 25 passengers injured



Rajgarh: The relentless scourge of speeding vehicles continues to claim lives and cause widespread devastation on Madhya Pradesh's roads. In the latest tragic incident, a bus driver has died and over 25 passengers were injured after a horrific collision on National Highway 52 in Rajgarh district. All injured passengers have been admitted to the hospital for treatment.

How the horrific accident unfolded: The accident oc-

curred near Bamalabe on National Highway 52, when a "Sai Kripa" passenger bus, en route from Rajgarh to Biaora, was struck from behind by a truck. The impact caused the bus to overturn. According to reports, the bus driver had applied the brakes at a speed breaker on the highway when the truck, traveling directly behind, collided with it forcefully. The bus driver tragically died at the scene, and more than 25 passengers sustained injuries.

Predominantly electricity board employees among injured: Chaos and cries of distress erupted at the accident site immediately after the bus overturned. Prompt rescue and relief operations were initiated, and all the injured were transported to Civil Hospital Biaora for primary treatment.

It has been noted that the majority of the injured passengers were employees of the electricity department who commuted daily on this particular bus. Upon receiving news of the incident, the SDM and Tehsildar swiftly arrived at the scene to oversee the rescue and relief efforts. The information was provided by an injured passenger, Waqar Ali.

Admission process underway for 2025-26 session in Govt ITIs

Vidisha: The admission process for the academic session 2025-26 is currently ongoing across all Government Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in Vidisha district. As part of the third phase of admissions, the Department has released the merit list, and the admission process will continue from 16 July to 19 July 2025.

Providing details, Manoj Dubey, Principal In-Charge of ITI Vidisha, informed that 35 percent of the total seats in all government ITIs of the district have been reserved for women candidates.

This initiative is aimed at encouraging female students to pursue skill-based training, thereby increasing their chances of employment and economic independence.

Interested candidates can register and fill in their choices for trades by visiting the official departmental website: <https://mpiticounseling.co.in>.

There are a total of 1,204 seats available across various trades in the seven government ITIs located in: Vidisha, Ganjbasoda, Sironj, Larteri, Gyaspur, Nateran and Kurwai.

For trades such as Welder, Carpenter, and Needling Technology, the minimum qualification required is 8th pass.

For all other trades, candidates must have passed at least 10th standard. For further assistance and detailed information, applicants are encouraged to contact the Helpdesk at Government ITI Vidisha.

Rs 7.5 crore embezzlement uncovered through forged signatures

- Fake documents used to sell Govt land
- EOW busts fraud and illegal sale of property

Jabalpur: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) Jabalpur has registered a case against four individuals for embezzling over Rs 7.56 crore by forging signatures and presenting falsified financial documents.

According to EOW sources, Girish Pandey, a resident of Vijay Nagar, filed a complaint alleging fraudulent withdrawal of funds and misuse of partner signatures in the firm K.P. Builders & Promoters. The firm, registered on April 28, 2014, initially had four partners: Mangal Prasad Patel, Girish Pandey, Vinay Dubey, and Narendra Agrawal. Later, Agrawal exited the firm.

Investigations revealed that Vinay Dubey manipulated financial records, showing inflated project expenses—reporting Rs 9.22 crore spent on a development project in Kachhpura,



while actual deposits amounted to only Rs 3.05 crore. Further scrutiny of transactions exposed that Dubey siphoned off large sums under false pretenses. Payments totaling over Rs 1.39 crore were transferred to accounts of his domestic help Akash Sahu and associates Dharmaprakash and Amit Rajput, disguised as expenses for materials like cement, sand, and iron. In total, Rs 7.56 crore was fraudulently withdrawn from the firm's accounts without

partner consent. Based on the findings, an FIR has been lodged against Vinay Dubey and his associates under charges of conspiracy, fraud, and embezzlement.

= Fraudulent sale of government land
Jabalpur: In another case the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) has filed a case involving the illegal sale of government land by tampering with approved building plans and fabricating documents.

The complaint, filed by Ravi Degra, revealed that Harbhajan Singh Chopra and Kanwarjeet Singh Chopra had originally registered multiple floors and seven shops in the "Chopra Chambers" complex at Katanga Crossing under Degra's name. However, during investigation, it was found that the Chopras had illegally encroached upon corridors, common passages, and staircases—areas meant for public use.

These encroached areas were fraudulently sold to Devashish Yadav, Ayaz Khan, and Rahman Ali through forged documents and criminal conspiracy. FIRs have now been lodged against all accused following the EOW probe.