Bhopal curbs E-Rickshaws on key routes

▶12 major roads now no-go Zones, fines to follow



Bhopal: In a significant move Bhopal: In a significant move aimed at easing traffic congestion and enhancing safety, the Bhopal administration has imposed a ban on e-rickshaws on 12 prominent and VIP routes across the capital, effective today, Wednesday, July 23, 2025. This decision follows a directive from the Collector, who had previously restricted e-rickshaws from ferrying schoolchildren.

The city's busiest and most crucial roads will now be off-limits for both the operation and parking of e-rickshaws. The restricted areas e-fickshaws. The restricted areas include: Raj Bhavan, State Hanger, Boat Club, Bhopal Talkies, Alpana Cineplex, Board Office Chouraha, G.G. Flyover, Polytechnic, Apex Bank, and Roshanpura.

For the next week, traffic police will focus on educating e-rickshaw drivers about the new regulations. Following this grace period, strict enforcement will begin, with viola-

tors facing challans (fines).

Bhopal Police are also enlisting public cooperation to ensure the successful implementation of the ban. They have released dedicated complaint numbers: 0755-2677340 and 2443850. Citizens are encouraged to call these numbers if they spot e-rickshaws operating on the newly restricted routes.

Currently, over 10,000 e-rick-shaws ply the roads of Bhopal, contributing significantly to traffic jams, especially during peak hours. This comprehensive ban is a direct response to these concerns, aiming to streamline traffic flow and improve overall road safety within the bustling city. The administration hopes that this measure will bring much-needed relief to commuters and enhance the urban transportation experience.

Congress pays tribute to Tilak and Azad on their birth anniversary



Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee held a solemn tribute event at its state headquarters in Bhopal to honor the birth anniversaries of two towering figures of India's freedom struggle - Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak and Amar Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad.

Remembering the **Legends of Freedom**

Congress leaders and party workers gathered to commemo-

rate the life, struggle, and sacrifices of the two national heroes. The event echoed with emotional tributes and reflections on their enduring legacy in India's fight for independence.

Key attendees included

- Mukesh Nayak, Senior Congress Leader & Head of Media Department P.C. Sharma, Former Minister
- Jitendra Mishra, State Spokesperson

- Senior leaders Anand Taran, Abhishek Tiwari, Guddu Chauhan
- Along with several dedicated Congress workers

Words of reverence

Speakers highlighted Tilak's iconic declaration — "Swaraj is my birthright and I shall have it" that ignited a wave of nationalistic fervor. They also praised Azad's unmatched courage, sacrifice, and unyielding rebellion against British rule, calling him a beacon of inspiration for the youth even

A legacy of sacrifice and national pride

Describing both leaders as symbols of unwavering patriotism and selfless dedication, the Congress reaffirmed its commitment to keeping their ideals alive among future generations. The party pledged to continue spreading their message of freedom, justice, and national pride.

Lady Doctor dies of Legal battle brews over Kolar graveyard suicide in TT Nagar

No suicide note recovered, police begin probe

Bhopal: In a tragic incident, a 27-year-old lady doctor was found dead by sui-cide in the Tulsi Nagar locality under TT Nagar police station on Tuesday night. The deceased, identified as Dr. Shivangi Yadav, allegedly ended her life by hanging herself in her residence. According to Assistant Sub-Inspector Digvijay Vaishnav, the incident came to light around 8 PM when Shivangi's family members found her hanging. She was immediately taken to JP Hospital, where doctors declared her brought dead. Shivangi Yadav, daughter of Krishna Kumar Yadav, was a practicing doctor at a private hospital in the city. Her father is a retired

faculty member from the Homeopathic Medical College. Police have confirmed that no suicide note was found at the scene. The exact reason behind the suicide remains unknown. Shivangi's mobile phone has been seized for forensic examination to help determine any possible clues about her mental state or circumstances leading up to the incident. The body was sent for post-mortem, and on Wednesday afternoon, it was handed over to her family. Police have registered a case and initiated an investigation. The future course of the probe will depend on the post-mortem report and digital evidence recovered.

Congress leader's 'Cow Shed' encroachment challenged in Waqf Tribunal

Bhopal: A contentious dispute has erupted over the Akbarpur gravevard on Kolar Road, as Congress eader Ashwini Shrivastava's alleged attempt to construct a cow shed on the burial ground faces a legal challenge in the Waqf Tri-bunal. Young city advocate Ibrahim Sarbat has filed a petition, naming not only the alleged encroacher but also the Madhya Pradesh Waqf Board and the District Administration as parties to

The controversy gained significant traction with Shrivastava's unauthorized construction efforts. However, the roots of the dispute run deeper. Historically, the Waqf Board's subsidiary, Auqaf-e-Aam-



ma, had leased out this land, a practice that critics argue often leads to Waqf properties slipping out of the board's control, often through unilateral actions benefit-

This trend, Sarbat highlights, has allegedly led to a drastic reduction in the number of graveyards, with only a dozen remaining out of an original 185, a situation he at tributes to the complicity of Waqf Board employees.

The Akbarpur graveyard, located in Kolar Tehsil, is a long-estab-lished burial site, clearly documented in revenue records as Khasra number 112, with an area of 0.620. Despite its undisputed status as a graveyard, Auqaf-e-Aamma's decision to lease it out in 2013 sparked the current controversy. Critically, even the Waqf Act of 2013 did not permit the leasing of graveyard land. Yet, it is alleged that Auqaf-e-Aamma officials pro-vided misleading information to facilitate the lease, thereby creating the very dispute now before the tribunal.

Dr. Abhishek assumes RPF **Chief Role in Bhopal**



Bhopal: Dr. Abhishek, an officer of the Indian Railway Protection Force Service (IRPFS) from the UPSC-2014 batch, has formally assumed the charge of Senior Divisional Security Commissioner for the Bhopal Division

of the Railway Protection Force. Prior to this posting, Dr. Abhishek held the same position in the Tiruchirappalli Division of Southern Railway. Following his assumption of duty, Dr. Abhishek paid a courtesy visit to Divisional Railway Manager, Shri De-bashish Tripathi. He subsequently convened a meeting with RPF officers, where he issued essential directives concerning passenger safety, prevention of Alarm Chain Pulling (ACP), curbing unauthorized vending, and enhanced monitoring of railway crimes. His appointment is expected to bring renewed impetus and strength to the rail security system within the Bhopal Division, further belstering efforts to ensure sefe and bolstering efforts to ensure safe and secure travel for passengers.

private college gang rape case Trial to begin soon

Bhopal: In a significant development in the sensational case involving the alleged luring and exploitation of female students at a private college in Bhopal, a Special POCSO Court has framed charges against the primary accused, Farhan and Sahil. This crucial step was taken based on a comprehensive 250-page charge sheet and a list of 57 witnesses presented by the Bagsewania police station. The court has formally charged

the accused under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya San-



Charges framed against Farhan and Sahil in

hita (BNS), specifically 137(2), 64A, 64(2)(M), 115(2), and 351(2). In addition to these, charges have also been pressed under Section 5(L)/6 of the Protection of Children from

Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and Sections 3 and 5 of the Madhya Pradesh Religious Freedom Act, 2021. The police are set to present a robust case in court, featuring technical evidence, detailed medical reports, and compelling statements from the victims to ensure that the accused are brought to justice. The next hearing in this high-profile case is scheduled for July 25, 2025, during which the court will present the trial schedule. This case has sent shockwaves across the state, centering on grave allegations of rape, blackmail, and coercion for religious conversion, specifically targeting Hindu students in Bhopal. The framing of charges marks a pivotal moment, signaling the commencement of what is expected to be a closely

Woman dies by suicide amid fear of husband's arrest

Family alleges police harassment

Bhopal: A 42-year-old woman, Noor Bano, died by suicide in Bhopal's Shahjehanabad area late Tuesday night, just two months before her daughter's wedding. The police said she was under extreme mental stress due to the persistent fear of her husband being

According to Shahjehanabad police station in-charge U.P.S. Chouhan, Noor was found hanging in her home in Sanjay Nagar. Her family alleges she was facing ongoing mental trauma caused by constant police pressure on her

husband, Anis Khan. Anis had earlier run a scrap business in Eintkhedi but shut it down after being booked by police a year ago for allegedly purchasing stolen goods. Though the case is still pending in court, family members claim police continued to summon Anis, demand bribes, and threaten further legal action.

Noor's brother, Farooq, said she was especially anxious about a court hearing scheduled for Wednesday and feared her husband would be sent to jail. "She couldn't bear the stress anymore," he said.

Elder daughter's wedding is scheduled for Sep

The family also alleged frequent threatening calls from police offi-cers, requesting a probe into the call detail records (CDRs) to con-firm their claims. They demand a fair investigation and accountability for the officers involved.

Noor leaves behind her husband, two daughters, and two sons. The elder daughter's wedding, scheduled for September, has now been overshadowed by the tragedy. Police have registered a case and begun an investigation.

Youth drowns while bathing in Upper Lake

Deceased had gone on a fishing trip with friends

Bhopal: A tragic incident occurred on Tuesday evening at the Upper Lake near Bhadbhada, Bhopal, where a 25-year-old youth, Shubham Mahajan, drowned while bathing. Shubham, a resident of Rahul Nagar and a gym worker, had gone to the lake with three friends for a fishing outing. According to information, two of the friends stayed on the shore to fish, while Shubham and another friend entered the water to bathe near a stony area behind the vegetable market. Neither of them knew how to swim. Around 4 p.m., Shubham climbed onto a rock and jumped into the water but failed to resurface. His friend quickly raised



an alarm, and other people nearby joined in the search.

Divers from BMC were

called The police were informed imnediately, and divers from the Municipal Corporation were called in. Despite efforts, the body was recovered only after two hours The police registered a case and began an investigation into the in-

TI Nirupa Pandey confirmed the deceased's identity and said that Shubham had studied up to Class 12 and worked at an old gym in the Number Ten area. The body was sent to Hamidia Hospital for post-mortem, which was conducted on Wednesday.

Hariyali Mahotsav celebrated with devotion and green initiatives at Jain Temple



Bhopal: The Hariyali Mahotsav organized by the Digambar Jain Social Group Chandraprabhu concluded with enthusiasm, devotion, and a strong message of environmental awareness at the Professor Colony Jain

Temple. The event began with prayers

to Lord Parshvanath and the recitation of Shri Parshvanath Chalisa, where participants wished for peace and happiness for all. A soulful Man-galacharan by children filled the atmosphere with spiritual energy, followed by the auspicious Deep Pra-

valan ceremony, where dignitaries lit lamps to inaugurate the event. Spokesperson Anshul Jain shared that senior citizens and group members planted saplings and distributed med-icinal plants to promote the message of a clean and green Bhopal. The program was presided over by Vishal Jain

Special guests included BJP District President Ravindra Yati, Yogesh Parmar, IAS officer Manoj Banga, and other notable members of the Jain community like Sandesh Jain, Jitesh Jain, Ravindra (Journalist), Aditya Mania, Rajendra Sethi, and many others. In his concluding address, Vishal Jain expressed gratitude to all attendees for their participation. The event ended with collective tree plantation, reinforcing the commitment to environmental conservation.

Fitness test for new ncc cadet enrollment organized



Bhopal: Sant Hirdaram Girls College organized a Fitness Test under the Join NCC Drive for the enrollment of new NCC cadets. The activity was conducted with the support and supervision of 1 MP

Naval Unit NCC, Bhopal. During

the test, PI Staff POCOM (Tel) Preetam Sarkar and PO (GS) Bhanu Pratap Sharma were present from the 1 MP Naval Unit. They encouraged the students and appreciated the initiative taken by the college management for promoting discipline and patriotism among the youth. The fitness test included various physical and personality assessment components such as running, push-ups crunches, drill, posture evaluation, and interviews. These activities were designed to identify students who are physically fit, active, and genuinely interested in joining NCC. College Principal Dr. Dalima Parwani addressed the partici-pants and emphasized that only those students who are willing disciplined, and physically fit will be enrolled in NCC to ensure better performance and promising results in the future.

She motivated students to feel love for the country and give their 100% in serving the nation through NCC. She also congratulated NCC Officer Dr. Shanti Shari ma for the successful coordination and execution of the event.