



Smart City Road



Bhopal Railway Station Road



Shivnagar

Bhopal drowns as relentless rains expose city's crumbling infrastructure

Bhopal: The relentless monsoon continues to wreak havoc across Madhya Pradesh, with Bhopal bearing the brunt of over 24 hours of incessant rainfall. The continuous downpour has plunged large parts of the capital city into chaos, exposing the dire condition of its roads and the inadequacy of its drainage systems.

Widespread waterlogging has turned major thoroughfares into treacherous waterways, making commutes a nightmare for residents. In the old city, a massive banyan tree dramatically toppled near Karbala on VIP Road, adding to the commuter woes. The new city wasn't spared either, with a large tree also collapsing in the bustling Bittan Market area, further



Bittan Market Area



Karbala, VIP Road

disrupting traffic and posing hazards.

Even the much-touted Smart City Road saw vehicles attempting to navigate through significant wa-

ter accumulation, a stark visual testament to the drainage failures. The situation was particularly dire in Old Bhopal, where the road in front of Alpna Talkies near the railway

better withstand the monsoon's fury. As the city battles the floods, residents are left grappling with the consequences of an overwhelmed civic system.

station became impassable due to deep water. Similarly, Shivnagar Chhola, a perennial victim of heavy rains, saw its roads submerged under three feet of water, severely challenging motorists.

The ongoing deluge has not only disrupted daily life but has also highlighted the urgent need for robust urban planning and infrastructure upgrades to

Heavy rains trigger flood-like situation across state

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School girl rescued

In Gyaraspur, Vidisha district, a girl waiting for the school van with her brother was swept away by a strong flow of water in the colony. Despite her brother's attempt to save her, he was also caught in the current. Fortunately, the girl was rescued by bystanders at an intersection, while 67 people were saved in Ashoknagar, and 20 children trapped in CM Rise School in Shivpuri were also rescued.

In Guna, the dam's waste bear broke in Kalora of Bamori, causing the dam to overflow and increasing the risk of flooding in surrounding villages. Additionally, Ukawad village experienced flooding due to

an overflowing drain, and a portion of the Government Boys Higher Secondary School and Complex Center Rampur Kala in Morena collapsed due to the heavy rain late Monday night, fortunately with no reported casualties.

Gates of Tawa, Satpura dams opened

In Itarsi, nine gates of Tawa Dam were opened to a height of seven feet, releasing one lakh cusecs of water, with the current water level at 1159.80 feet. Meanwhile, five gates of Satpura Dam in Sarni, Betul have been opened to a height of 2.2 feet, with 32 mm of rain recorded in the last 24 hours in the dam's catchment area.

In a tragic incident, an elderly

woman died when a kutchra house collapsed in Naharyai village of Shamshabad tehsil, identified as Mullo Bai (60). A heavy rain alert is in effect for a total of 34 districts, with forecasts predicting rainfall ranging from 4.5 to 8 inches in various locations, including Bhopal, Narmadapuram, Raisen, Vidisha, Rajgarh, and Sehore.

Byarma River overflows

The Byarma River, flowing between Tendukheda and Taradehi in Damoh, suddenly overflowed, trapping a couple in Gopalpur village. The SDRF team successfully rescued both individuals and brought them to safety. Local residents reported that this level of flooding is unprecedented.

Madhya Pradesh transfers 10 IAS officers

Bhopal: In a significant administrative reshuffle, the Madhya Pradesh government has issued transfer orders for 10 Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers. These officers, primarily from the 2022 and 2023 batches, have been reassigned to new roles across various districts, aiming to enhance administrative efficiency and streamline operations. The Department of General Administration released the official notification, detailing the new postings for these probationary IAS officers who were previously serving as Assistant Collectors in different districts. This move is part of the state government's ongoing effort to optimize administrative functions by strategically placing its cadre.

Here is the list of IAS officers and their new assignments:

Kartikey Jaiswal: From Assistant Collector, Balaghat, to Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Waraseoni, Balaghat.

Vishal Dhakad: From Assistant Collector, Dhar, to Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Kukshi, Dhar.

Waseem Ahmed Bhatt: From Assistant Collector, Dhar, to Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Pushprajgarh, Anup-

pur.

Shivam Yadav: From Assistant Collector, Shajapur, to Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Bagli, Dewas.

Gagan Singh Meena: From Assistant Collector, Ujjain, to Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Sheopur, Sheopur.

Ms. Kajol Singh: From Assistant Collector, Chhatarpur, to Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Jaisinghnagar, Shahdol.

Prapaj R.: From Assistant Collector, Rewa, to Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Shahpur, Betul.

Mahipal Singh Gurjar: From Assistant Collector, Anuppur, to Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Majhgawan, Satna.

Shubham Kumar Yadav: From Assistant Collector, Narsinghpur, to Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue), Parasia, Chhindwara.

Ms. Drishti Jaiswal: Appointed as Assistant Collector, Rewa (previously awaiting posting).

These transfers are effective immediately, signaling the government's proactive approach to governance and its commitment to strengthening district-level administration.

Madhya Pradesh aims for 10 'Indore-Model' cities

Bhopal: In an ambitious move to elevate urban living and boost tourism, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav announced on Tuesday that at least ten cities across the state will be developed on the lines of Indore, famously known for its consistent top rankings in cleanliness surveys. These cities will adopt Indore's successful strategies to achieve similar levels of civic excellence and national recognition.

Speaking during an informal cabinet meeting at the Assembly complex, CM Yadav congratulated Indore and other cities for their achievements in cleanliness. He also extended greetings for Nag Panchami and revealed plans for a state-level Janmashtami celebration.

Highlighting a significant push

► Major tourism push announced



for tourism, Dr. Yadav reported on the Regional Tourism Conclave held in Rewa on July 26-27, focusing on wildlife and offbeat destinations. Over 80 major tour operators participated, with key investors expressing interest in infusing over Rs.3,000 crore into the Rewa and Shahdol divisions. During the con-

clave, the Shahdol Food Craft Institute, costing Rs.15.60 crore, was inaugurated, and spiritual development projects worth Rs.27 crore were initiated in Chitrakoot. The Chief Minister also announced that Rewa's historic Venkat Bhavan will undergo conservation by the Indira Gandhi Kala Kendra, a project esti-

mated at Rs.20 crore. Furthermore, MoUs were signed with various organizations to establish art and craft centers in Mandla, Dindori, Singrauli, Sidhi, and Seoni.

Looking ahead, CM Yadav announced the Madhya Pradesh Travel Mart from October 11-13 in Bhopal, designed to provide a platform for tourism stakeholders to promote their offerings. Preparatory regional conclaves are scheduled for August 12-13 in Gwalior and September 20-21 in Indore. The state also plans to develop prominent waterfalls and unique sites like Dharmrajeshwar in Mandsaur as major tourist attractions. The Chief Minister also spoke on the spiritual significance of Mahakaleshwar Temple and Nagdwari in Pachmarhi, especially in the context of Nag Panchami.

Radioactive ash from Union Carbide waste sparks legal concerns

HC orders joint hearing on PIL challenging landfill disposal



Jabalpur: Madhya Pradesh High Court has taken up a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) raising serious environmental and public health concerns over the disposal of radioactive ash left after the incineration of toxic waste from the Union Carbide factory in Bhopal.

Petition warns of soil and water contamination

The PIL, filed by Bhopal-based advocate B.L. Nagar and social activist Sadhana Karnik Pradhan, challenges the government's plan to bury the ash using landfill cell technology. The petitioners argue that this method risks leaching radioactive and toxic substances into surrounding soil and groundwater, posing a long-term threat to both human health and the environment.

Court refers matter to special bench

A division bench of Chief Justice Sanjiv Sachdeva and Justice Vinay Saraf has ordered the PIL to be heard alongside the main petition concern-

ing the disposal of Union Carbide's toxic legacy. The case will now be presented before a special bench for in-depth scrutiny.

Incineration complete, but ash remains toxic

According to the PIL, 337 metric tons of hazardous waste were successfully incinerated at a facility in Pithampur, but the process produced 850 metric tons of ash and residue. The ash reportedly contains high levels of mercury, a hazardous material that only Japan and Germany are currently equipped to neutralize safely.

Dispute over radioactivity and disposal methods

The petition further claims the ash may still contain radioactive elements undergoing nuclear decay. There is growing disagreement between government and private experts over how best to dispose of the material without harming the ecosystem.

Petition seeks expert-led disposal strategy

Petitioners have requested that the toxic ash only be disposed of after consultation with independent scientific experts, to avoid irreversible damage to the environment and public health. Advocate Ritvik Dixit appeared on behalf of the petitioners.

2-km-long queue for Mahakal's Nagchandreshwar Darshan

Ujjain: Devotion reached a fever pitch in Ujjain as millions of pilgrims converged to witness the rare darshan of Shri Nagchandreshwar Mahadev, enshrined atop the world-renowned Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple. The temple gates, which opened at midnight on Monday, remained accessible for a continuous 24 hours until midnight on Tuesday, drawing an astonishing crowd that stretched for nearly 2 kilometers outside the complex. Despite heavy rainfall, the faithful endured the long queues with unwavering enthusiasm, chanting hymns and seeking blessings.

The administration reported that over 6 lakh devotees had completed their darshan by 6 PM. The sacred rituals commenced with the first puja performed by Mahant Vineet Giri Maharaj of Ma-



hanirvani Akhara at 1 AM, after which general public access began. Many devotees had arrived in Ujjain as early as Monday morning, first witnessing Mahakal's third Shravan procession before eagerly

awaiting the midnight opening for Nagchandreshwar.

The auspicious occasion of Nag Panchami saw the observance of the traditional 'Trikal Puja' (three-time worship). The first puja was performed by the Akhara immediately after the gates opened, followed by a government-led puja at 12 PM, attended by Collector Roshan Kumar Singh and SP Pradeep Sharma, among other senior officials. The third puja was conducted by the temple committee in the evening. To manage the massive influx of devotees, an elaborate security arrangement was in place, comprising 200 officers, 250 staff members, 1800 police personnel, and 560 CCTV cameras. Operations ran in shifts, ensuring a smooth and uninterrupted darshan experience for all.

Former aide of Machli claims he was asked to deliver time bomb

Bhopal: Shariq Machli and his nephew Yasin Machali were arrested by the Crime Branch in an illegal arms and MD drug smuggling case. Following this, explosive allegations have been made by his former aide, Mohammad Anees. Anees, once close to Shariq Machli, now claims to be living in fear. He revealed that in 2014, Machli had approached him with an offer of a flat worth Rs 18 lakh and financial support. In return, Anees was allegedly asked to deliver a briefcase containing a time bomb to Delhi's Jama Masjid. Shocked, Anees claims he fled and reported the matter to Bilkhira police station. However, police staff allegedly tipped off Machli, forcing Anees to escape to Delhi.

Anees further said that his attempts to file a petition in Tees Hazari Court were blocked after CBI officers detained him for over a week. He alleges that Bhopal Crime Branch officers later mocked his claims and pressured him to stay silent. Anees and his wife Rihana accuse the Machli family of deep-rooted criminal activities and political links. Police Commissioner Harinarayan Chari Mishra, however, said the allegations are old but promised a thorough probe if Anees formally comes forward.

MP emerges as a model for Wildlife Conservation: CM Yadav

► Inaugurates state level programme on International Tiger Day

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav emphasized Madhya Pradesh's rising global reputation as a model state for wildlife conservation and management, especially in tiger protection. Marking International Tiger Day, he inaugurated the state-level celebration at Kushabhau Thakre Convention Center, Bhopal.

Two new Tiger Reserves and Safari Plans: CM Yadav highlighted that Madhya Pradesh, home to 9 tiger reserves, proudly holds the title of "Tiger State". Two new reserves—Ratapani and Madhav National Parks—have recently been declared tiger reserves. Plans are underway to develop tiger safaris in buffer zones to promote conservation and ecotourism.



Zoo and Wildlife Rescue Centers in Ujjain & Jabalpur: Ujjain and Jabalpur will soon have modern zoos and wildlife rescue centers, focusing not only on display but also rehabilitation and protection of animals.

Cheetah reintroduction a success: Implementing PM Modi's vision, the reintroduction of cheetahs in Madhya Pradesh has seen notable success. The state is also setting global standards in managing human-animal coexis-

tence, including conflict mitigation.

Launch of Wildlife Transport Vehicles and 'Gajrakshak' App: CM Yadav flagged off special wildlife rescue and medical vehicles, including dog squad vans. He also launched the 'Gajrakshak' mobile app to help manage elephant-human conflicts effectively.

Exhibition and publication releases: The CM inaugurated a wildlife conservation exhibition and released several publications, including the 2023-2043 State Wildlife Plan, a manual on cheetah handling, and a vulture census report. Teasers of documentaries on tiger and cheetah

conservation were also unveiled. **Honoring wildlife heroes:** Forest officials and institutions were felicitated for exceptional contributions—ranging from cheetah rehabilitation, anti-poaching, community engagement, and eco-development. Notably, female forest ranger Shubhi Jain and several frontline workers were recognized for their dedication.

Innovative conservation efforts recognized: Minister of State for Forests, Shri Dilip Singh Ahirwar, applauded innovations in wildlife protection, citing Satpura Tiger Reserve's global recognition. He reaffirmed Madhya Pradesh's top ranking in tiger, cheetah, vulture, and wolf populations.