

Madhya Pradesh on war footing for flood relief

CM Dr. Yadav continuously reviewing the relief work

Bhopal: In response to relentless heavy rainfall and widespread flooding, the Madhya Pradesh government has initiated a war-footing rescue and relief operation. Urban Development Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya announced that Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav is continuously monitoring the situation and directing all officials, from district collectors to police, to work without delay. The state has already received 60% more rainfall than its average, leading to a challenging and rapidly evolving situation.

Rescue efforts and emergency teams

Specialized teams have been deployed across the state to handle the crisis. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) has five teams in key locations like Bhopal, Jabalpur, Gwalior, and Dhar, successfully rescuing 22 people. The State Disaster Emergency Response Force (SDERF), equipped with modern rescue gear, has established 259 disaster response centers and 111 Quick Response Teams in vulnerable areas. Since June 1st, SDERF has conducted 432 rescue operations, saving 3,628 people and 94 animals. In addition,



tion, thousands of trained “Disaster Mitra” volunteers are assisting in the relief efforts.

Monitoring and public communication

The state has set up a 24/7 Situation Room in the Mantralaya to monitor the situation, with a toll-free helpline (1079) available for public assistance. The “Sachet” portal has sent out 75 red alerts three hours in advance to at-risk citizens, and a Disaster Warning and Response System provides real-time alerts for heavy rain, floods, and lightning.

The state government has also been quick to provide financial aid. So far, Rs 28.49 crore in relief funds has been distributed to flood victims. With 128 houses completely destroyed and 2,333 partially damaged, the government has ensured that there is no shortage of funds or essential supplies like food and medicine. The state's hospitals are also on high alert to handle any medical emergencies. The ongoing efforts show a coordinated and robust response to protect lives and property in the face of this natural calamity.

CM to lay foundation stone for 4 industrial units today

Major Investment to Boost Sehore's Economy

Rs 1,440 crore investment to create over 1,100 Jobs

Bhopal: In a major economic boost for Sehore, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav is set to inaugurate four industrial units with a combined investment of ₹1,406 crore on Saturday. The projects are expected to generate 854 new jobs in the region.

The new ventures include a food processing unit, India's largest malt manufacturing plant, and Asia's largest transformer factory by CG Power & Industrial Solutions, which alone will invest ₹888 crore.

The Chief Minister will also distribute letters of intent to six additional companies, attracting a further ₹33.85 crore in investment and creating another 311 jobs. In total, these initiatives will bring over ₹1,440 crore of investment to the Sehore district, creating a total of 1,165 employment opportunities for local residents.

Student stages own kidnapping to extort family

Two local youths participated in hoax

Morena: In a bizarre turn of events, a Class 11 student from Morena, identified as Bhupendra Sharma, orchestrated his own kidnapping to extort Rs 30 lakh from his family. The plan, executed with the help of two strangers he encountered in Gwalior, involved a series of calculated moves.



Bhupendra caught the attention of two local youths

While at the station, Bhupendra caught the attention of two local youths, Bitta and Rahul, who approached him after noticing his distressed demeanor. During their conversation, Bhupendra concocted the idea of staging a kidnapping, persuading Bitta and Rahul to assist him in executing the scheme. The trio then purchased medical supplies, including bandages and a towel, to create a convincing scene. They found a secluded spot near Gwalior Fort, where they tied a bandage around Bhupendra's head and bound his hands with the towel, capturing a photo that would later be used to threaten his family.

The ransom demand was sent from a house in Bahodapur, where Bitta and Rahul contacted Bhupendra's sister via Instagram. However, the police's diligent investigation quickly unraveled the plot. Morena Superintendent of Police, Samir Saurabh, confirmed that the case was treated with utmost seriousness, leading to the eventual recovery of Bhupendra and the arrest of his accomplices. As a result, Bhupendra will now face charges for his role in the elaborate hoax.



Remove hooters and sirens within 7 days: MP High Court's stern order

● No exceptions for MLAs, Mayors, or Police Officials

Indore: In a significant move, the Madhya Pradesh High Court has ordered the removal of hooters, sirens, and flashlights from all private vehicles within seven days — even if owned by MLAs, mayors, or police officers. The court declared such installations illegal and non-compliant with traffic regulations.

Court takes stand on Public Interest Litigation

The interim directive was issued by a division bench comprising Justice Vivek Rusa and Justice Binod Kumar Dwivedi while hearing a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) filed by former councillor Mahesh Garg. Advocates Manish Yadav and Aditi Manish Yadav represented the petitioner. The petition highlighted that despite a govern-

ment circular issued in March 2025 directing all SPs and RTOs to act against illegal use of hooters and sirens, enforcement remained lax. Photographs submitted in court showed police officials using such devices on their private vehicles.

Government officials put on notice

The court made it clear that no individual — regardless of position — is above the law. Notices have been issued to the Principal Secretary (Home), DGP, Indore Police Commissioner, Deputy Commissioner, Transport Commissioner, and RTO, asking them to respond within four weeks.

The petitioners' counsel emphasized that non-compliance with the order would amount to contempt of court.

HC denies bail to notorious tiger smuggler Adin Singh



Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh High Court in Jabalpur has denied the second bail plea of internationally infamous tiger hunter and smuggler Adin Singh, also known as Kalla Bavaria. On July 30, 2025, the court ruled that the case would be heard in the Narmadapuram court, as announced by the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) through a press release.

Kalla Bavaria has been incarcerated in Central Jail Narmadapuram for the past two years. He has filed

bail petitions twice in the High Court, but both were rejected. The court emphasized that he is part of an organized criminal gang, and serious allegations against him warranted the denial of bail.

Singh was apprehended by the State Tiger Strike Force (STSF) on August 18, 2023, near Gyaraspur on the Vidisha-Sagar Highway. Authorities recovered tiger whiskers, hair, and nails during his arrest. Multiple cases of wildlife hunting and smuggling are registered against him across several states in India, and he is also wanted by Nepal's Central Investigation Bureau.

The MP Tiger Strike Force acted on information from the Wildlife Crime Control Bureau in New Delhi, leading to Singh's arrest.

Two missing after truck swept away in flooded river



Gwalior: A scrap dealer and his driver are missing after their truck was swept away by a flash flood in the swollen Parvati River near Gwalior. Despite warnings from villagers, the driver attempted to cross a bridge where floodwaters were flowing

dangerously over the road. The truck, carrying four men, was quickly submerged by the strong current. While two passengers in the back were successfully rescued and taken to a hospital, the driver, Rakesh, and the scrap dealer, Mukesh Rathore, were washed away. A large-scale search and rescue operation is now underway to find the two missing men. This incident serves as a grim reminder of the extreme dangers of crossing flooded roads during the monsoon season.

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