

Head-on bike collision claims three lives on Balaghat Highway

Balaghat: A tragic head-on collision between two motorcycles on a newly constructed highway overpass has resulted in the deaths of three people and left another in critical condition. The devastating incident occurred on the Balaghat-Gondia highway near the Mangoli Dhari overpass between 1 and 2 PM on Friday.

The collision involved two bikes, both of which were completely wrecked.

On one motorcycle were two young men from Khara, Gaurav Kamde (18) and Kunal Vaidya (19), who were heading toward Rajegaon.

The impact was immediate and fatal for Kunal Vaidya and a man identified only as Rishabh, both of



whom died at the scene. Gaurav and Rishabh's companion were

rushed to the district hospital. Tragically, the third individual, whose identity remains unconfirmed, succumbed to his injuries during treatment.

Police are facing challenges in identifying the two deceased men from the second motorcycle. While some believe they may be from Karnataka, others suggest West Bengal.

Authorities are working diligently to determine their identities. The bodies of Kunal and Rishabh have been sent for post-mortem at Kirnapur Hospital, while the third victim's body is at the district hospital.

Police have launched a full investigation, as the sole survivor, Gaurav, fights for his life.

Man ends life amid family distress

Bhind: On Wednesday evening, a tragic incident occurred at Bhind railway station when Rajiv Joshi, a 45-year-old resident of Manepura village, took his own life by laying his head on the tracks as a train approached. Reports indicate that he had been grappling with mental stress stemming from family issues.

According to Pritam Singh Bhadauria, the Incharge of the Railway Police Station, Joshi had been sitting at the station for about an hour. At around 5:30 PM, he boarded the Etawah-Kota passenger train before disembarking on the opposite side. After wandering for a while, he lay down on the tracks just as the train began to move.

In the aftermath of the incident, the Railway Protection Force (RPF) arrived on the scene, where chaos ensued. Local residents aided in identifying the deceased, and his family was promptly notified.

His body has been sent to the district hospital for a postmortem examination. The railway police have registered a case and initiated an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the suicide.

Deepak Joshi, the deceased's brother, shared that Rajiv left home around 3:30 PM with his Aadhar card, without disclosing his destination. The family, residing in Gwalior, speculated that he may have intended to visit them. Friends learned of the tragedy through the Government Railway Police (GRP) and rushed to the station, where they found Rajiv's body on the tracks.

EOW nabs Panchayat Secretary in bribery sting in Indore



Indore: In a strong message against corruption, the Economic Offenses Wing (EOW) has arrested a Panchayat Secretary in Indore for accepting a bribe. Om Gupta, the secretary of Magarkheda Janpad Panchayat, was caught red-handed while taking a bribe of ₹10,000

to approve a house map. The operation was initiated following a complaint by a citizen, Roshan Verma. According to Verma, he had submitted an application to the panchayat secretary for the approval of his house map. Gupta allegedly demanded a bribe of

₹20,000 for the service, with the first installment of ₹10,000 to be paid upfront. Acting on the complaint, a special EOW team, led by DSP Kanhaiyalal Dangi and Station House Officer Rajesh Sahu, laid a trap. Verma was instructed to hand over the marked currency to Gupta at the Magarkheda Janpad Panchayat office. As soon as the transaction was completed, EOW officials moved in and arrested Gupta on the spot. The secretary now faces charges under the Prevention of Corruption Act. This decisive action by the EOW underscores the agency's commitment to rooting out corruption and holds officials accountable for their abuse of power. The arrest is a stark reminder that public officials who demand bribes will be met with severe consequences.

Pregnant woman's ordeal highlights Shahdol's inadequate health services



Shahdol: A troubling incident has emerged from the Papaundh area of Shahdol district, highlighting the inadequacies of the local health system and infrastructure development. A pregnant woman from the village of Bara Baghelha faced a harrowing journey to reach the hospital. Her family first had to walk two kilometers, then risk their lives crossing the Son River

using a boat. After navigating these challenges, they managed to reach the hospital via a private vehicle on a rough road.

The situation was exacerbated when the family sought assistance from an ambulance. The driver not only refused to help but also spoke rudely to them, causing significant distress during a critical time. Instead of relying on government re-

sources, the family was compelled to take risks to ensure the woman's safety and well-being.

Compounding these issues, an allocation of 112 crores has been sanctioned for the construction of a bridge over the Son River, which would span approximately one and a half kilometers in the village panchayat of Vijayasota. However, years have passed without any construction progress. As a result, residents from over 60 nearby villages continue to rely on boats to cross the river. The situation becomes even more perilous during the rainy season when the river swells. The lack of completed infrastructure, slow progress on projects, and administrative negligence have left villagers living in unsafe conditions, raising serious concerns about their health and safety.

Guru" who posed as spiritual guide jailed for 20 years

Accused of rape of disciple's daughter Rewa: In a shocking verdict from Rewa, a self-proclaimed guru, Krishna Tiwari, also known as "Phalahari Maharaj," has been sentenced to 20 years of rigorous imprisonment and fined ₹8,000 for the abduction and rape of a minor girl. The court of Special Judge D.R. Kumre in Teonthar delivered the verdict after finding the 30-year-old guru guilty of heinous crimes. Tiwari, a resident of Bihar, had posed as a spiritual guide to a family in the Jawa area. After earning the trust of the parents and making them his disciples, he manipulated their 15-year-old daughter. In December 2022, under the pretense of providing her with an education, he lured the girl away from her home in Rewa and took her to Surat, Gujarat. There, he repeatedly subjected her to sexual assault. The father, a migrant worker, filed a missing person's report after his daughter failed to return home from school.

Fraudsters dupe businessman with fake gold coins



Indore: A shocking case of fraud has emerged in the Dhar district, where a businessman was swindled out of ₹10 lakh in a sophisticated "ancient gold coins" scam. The victim, Piyush Vani, and his father were lured by the promise of purchasing kilograms of gold coins at a fraction of their market value. The elaborate

scheme began on July 26, when an individual approached Vani's shop in Kukshi, claiming to have unearthed a trove of yellow-colored coins during labor work. He sold a single coin for ₹800, promising more and taking the businessman's number. A jeweler later confirmed the initial coin was genuine gold. Enticed by the promise of a larger haul, Vani and his father met the fraudsters again. The scammers showed them a bag purportedly containing five kilograms of gold coins, offering the entire stash for ₹40 lakh. After negotiations, the price was settled at ₹10 lakh. On July 29, the businessman handed over the cash in exchange for the bag of coins. However, a local jeweler's inspection revealed a devastating truth: the entire bag was filled with worthless brass coins. By the time Vani realized he had been duped, the fraudsters had vanished, and their phones were switched off. The victim has since filed a complaint with the Kukshi police station, which is now investigating the matter.

13-year-old boy takes his life after losing money in online game

Indore: A heartbreaking incident occurred in Anurag Nagar when a 13-year-old boy, Aaklan Jain, reportedly took his own life after losing ₹2,800 while playing the online game Free Fire. Aaklan, a class 7 student, feared his parents would reprimand him for the loss, leading him to make this tragic decision.



On Thursday night, Aaklan's grandfather discovered him hanging and immediately took action. The family rushed him to DNS Hospital, but unfortunately, he was declared dead upon arrival. As per hospital protocol, the police were notified of the incident.

According to C.B. Singh, the officer in charge at MIG Police Station, Aaklan owned a mobile phone that did not have a

SIM card and was only connected to Wi-Fi. He had linked his mother's debit card to his gaming account, which allowed him to make in-game purchases. After losing the money, Aaklan informed his mother, Apurva, about the incident. Overwhelmed by fear of their reaction, he took the drastic step shortly thereafter.

Aaklan was a student at a private school and was the elder of two siblings. His father, Ankesh Jain, works as an auto parts dealer with shops located in Chhoti Gwaltoli and Dewas Naka. The police have initiated an investigation into the circumstances surrounding this tragic event and sent Aaklan's body for a post-mortem examination at MY Hospital.

Deadly tractor accident claims two lives in Maihar



Satna: A tragic accident on the Maihar-Barhi road has resulted in the deaths of two men after a tractor-trolley overturned. The incident occurred on the treacherous gradient of the Bhadanpur valley, where the vehicle, laden with fly ash bricks, lost

control.

According to reports, an unregistered tractor-trolley was traveling from Maihar toward Bhadanpur when it suddenly became unmanageable while descending a slope near the Sarla Nagar cement plant. The tractor and its trolley flipped over, scattering its heavy load of bricks.

The impact was fatal for both the driver, identified as Sanju Kol (35) from Birhuli, Satna, and a passenger, Ramkathi Kol (40), from Bandhi village. They both died at the scene, crushed beneath the overturned vehicle and its cargo.

Badera police, led by Station In-charge Abhishek Singh, rushed to the site. The victims were quickly transported to the Maihar Civil Hospital, where they were officially pronounced dead.

The lack of a registration number on the tractor made the identification of the victims difficult for the police. A crane was called to the scene to remove the wreckage and clear the road. Police have registered a case and are investigating the incident.

'History's biggest road blockade' if compensation not paid in 8 days: Patwari

► Guna flood tragedy: Jeetu Patwari's visit

Guna: In the wake of recent devastating floods, Madhya Pradesh Congress President Jitu Patwari visited the affected areas of Guna district, meeting with victims and issuing a stern warning to the administration. Joined by Raghogarh MLA Jaivardhan Singh and Bamori MLA Rishi Agarwal, Patwari declared that if flood victims are not properly compensated within eight days, he would lead what he called "history's biggest highway blockade."

A tale of negligence and flawed relief: Patwari accused the government of gross negligence, stating the disaster was not just a natural event but a consequence of administrative failures. He alleged that authorities failed to issue a timely warning before releasing water from the Gopalpura Dam, leading to widespread loss of life and



property. During the visit, Patwari and his team listened to the grievances of angry residents in areas like New City Colony. Many women showed Patwari their ruined homes and spoiled grain, while others recounted being turned away with nothing more than a packet of pooris. One woman emotionally

shared that her only source of livelihood—her auto-rickshaw—was washed away.

Scathing criticism for administration and leadership: The Congress leader also criticized the ongoing relief efforts, claiming the damage surveys are flawed and an attempt to downplay the tragedy.

Jaivardhan Singh added that farmers in the region have lost their entire crops and have not received crop insurance benefits for the last five years. He highlighted the public's outrage over the absence of local leaders and the area's Member of Parliament. Patwari aimed a pointed barb at Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, urging him to "come out on the streets to listen to the flood victims" as he once promised to do for development. Patwari concluded by emphasizing that the Congress party is not politicizing the issue but is fighting for the public's well-being and will continue its struggle until all victims are justly compensated.

Corruption in road filling: Truck gets stuck in pit dug for pipeline



Jabalpur: A major case of corruption in road filling has come to light in the city. Recently, a truck got stuck in the road that had been dug for pipeline installation, and it

was fortunate that the vehicle did not overturn; otherwise, a serious accident could have occurred. The incident took place on Ram Mandir Adarsh Nagar Gauri Ghat Road, where work is ongoing to lay a pipeline under the Amrit Yojana initiative.

The truck's wheels became stuck due to improper filling of the road; instead of using solid material, the potholes were filled only with soil. As a result, commuters are facing difficulties. Public Works Department Minister Rakesh Singh recently reprimanded officials for corruption related to the road filling process. However, it appears that the minister's admonition has not had an impact on the departmental officers.

NSS volunteers plant saplings on Reva Kunj hill

Barwani: On Reva Kunj hill, 120 volunteers from the National Service Scheme unit of Prime Minister College of Excellence, Shaheed Bhima Nayak Government Post Graduate College Barwani, participated in a tree-planting initiative. Guided by Program Coordinator Dr. Prakash Garhwal from Devi Ahilya University Indore and Principal Dr. Veena Satya Rashtriya, along with District Organizer Dr. R.S. Mujalda and Program Officers Dr. Ranjit Singh Mewade and Dr. Ranjana Chauhan, the volunteers planted saplings as part of the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" program, with each volunteer planting one sapling.

Dr. Mewade emphasized the importance of trees for providing shade and oxygen, encouraging students to plant trees in their home gardens and fields. Dr. Chauhan linked the initiative to environmental health, asserting that tree planting is essential for a clean environment.

Indore mayor orders swift road repairs by October 25th



Indore: In a high-level meeting at the City Bus office on Friday, Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava issued a strict directive to municipal corporation officials and contractors: all road construction and patch-up work in and around Indore must be completed by October 25, 2025. The meeting, which included officials like Public Works In-charge Rajendra

Rathore and Additional Commissioner Abhay Rajan-gaonkar, focused on the city's poor road conditions following the monsoon. Mayor Bhargava reviewed the progress on 23 key master plan roads, which are being developed in four packages. He gave clear instructions to resolve any hurdles impeding the work, emphasizing that all departments must cooperate to meet the deadline. In a move signaling serious action, the Mayor expressed strong disapproval of the agencies responsible for repairing damaged asphalt roads during the rainy season. He has ordered action against negligent contractors and those who failed to perform patch-up work, stating they will be held accountable and compelled to finish the job. Furthermore, he has directed the Municipal Commissioner to take strict action against any officials who sanctioned illegal gaps on master plan roads. Demonstrating a focus on public convenience, Mayor Bhargava instructed that information boards be installed at all construction sites to inform citizens and apologize for any inconvenience. He reiterated the city's commitment to ensuring road safety and quality for all residents.