

# “Negligence will not be ignored”

**Bhopal:** Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav delivered a stern warning to district collectors and top field officers, stating that his government will not overlook negligence and expects them to work with full responsibility. The warning came during the state-level Sampoonnata Abhiyan Samman Samaroh (Completeness Campaign Awards Ceremony) held on Wednesday.

At the event, CM Yadav honored collectors and their teams from aspirational districts and blocks for their outstanding performance.

## Recognizing excellence in governance

Dr. Yadav praised the “Aspirational Districts” program, an initiative by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, as a powerful example of a coordinated effort to drive development in underdeveloped areas. He highlighted the positive changes brought about by the campaign, in-

## ► Chief Minister Yadav warns officials



cluding improvements in health-care, education, agriculture, infrastructure, and governance.

“The positive change in the lives and living conditions of the residents of these districts and blocks

expresses the success of the campaign,” Dr. Yadav said. He noted specific improvements in areas like health check-ups for pregnant women, child vaccination rates, distribution of soil health cards,

and timely provision of school supplies.

Chief Secretary Anurag Jain echoed the sentiment, stating that the Sampoonnata Abhiyan has introduced a new work culture characterized by data-driven evaluations and healthy competition among districts.

## Honoring top performers

CM Yadav recognized dozens of officials for their exceptional contributions. Among those honored were the collectors and their teams from districts like Barwani, Damoh, Dhar, Khandwa, Niwari, and Vidisha. The awards were also given to officials who served in these districts during the campaign's implementation, including former collectors, district council CEOs, and other team members. The ceremony served to both acknowledge success and set a clear expectation for future performance.



# Nakul Nath leads “Save the Farmer” rally

## ● Blasts BJP government

## ● Protesters handed a memo to a dog

**Chhindwara:** Thousands of farmers converged on Jail Baghicha ground for a historic “Save the Farmer” rally, where former MP Nakul Nath launched a scathing attack on the BJP government, vowing to fight for the rights of farmers, tribals, and youth.

The rally, which began with chants of “Jai Jawan, Jai Kisan” and “Inquilab Zindabad,” marked a powerful show of dissent against the ruling party. Paying tribute to former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi on his birth anniversary, Nakul Nath accused the BJP government of neglecting farmers, stating that they are being met with police batons and FIRs instead of fertilizer.

## Key accusations

**Nakul Nath highlighted what he called the government's broken promises:**

- ✓ **Loan Waiver:** He reminded the crowd that the 15-month Congress government had waived loans for 2.7 million farmers, including over 75,000 in Chhindwara alone.
- ✓ **Vote Theft:** He accused the BJP of “stealing votes” to come to power, alleging that the Election Commission is acting as a BJP front.

- ✓ **Corruption:** He claimed BJP members are involved in the black-marketing of fertilizer and that tribal lands are being sold to the mafia.
- ✓ **Broken Promises:** He criticized the government for failing to deliver on its promises, such as providing Rs 3,000 to “Ladli Bahnas” and Rs 450 gas cylinder.

## Leaders echo the statement

Other prominent Congress leaders echoed Nakul Nath's message. State President Jitu Patwari claimed, “The farmer is weeping in the field, and the Chief Minister is sleeping in Bhopal.” Leader of the Opposition Umang Singh accused the BJP of stealing 1.6 million votes. Former minister Vijaylakshmi Sadho said while Rajiv Gandhi gave a vision for the 21st century, the BJP has made the state number one in crime and atrocities.

The rally concluded with a strong message of solidarity and a promise of continued protest against the government's policies.

## Memo submitted to a dog

The protest took a bizarre and highly symbolic turn when Congress leaders were denied an audience by the Chhindwara Collector. After the Collector refused to accept their memorandum, the infuriated Congress workers submitted the document to a dog instead. The act was a visceral and public condemnation of the administrative official.

# Kanhaia Lodhi named President of Central India Press Club

**Bhopal:** The Central India Press Club Public Trust, Bhopal, has announced the formation of its new district executive body, with Kanhaia Lodhi, News Editor at Navbharat Bhopal, appointed as its new District President. The newly constituted executive committee comprises 21 members who have been entrusted with key roles.

## A vision for journalistic integrity

Lodhi, a veteran journalist with two decades of experience with the Press Club, previously served as its State Secretary and Joint Secretary. The new leadership aims to bolster the organization's mission of empowering journalism, fostering mutual cooperation within the media fraternity, and safeguarding journalists' rights.

Ajit Dwivedi has been named Vice President, while Sushil Agrawal will serve as General Secretary. Lodhi stated that the new executive body is committed to transforming the Press Club into a robust platform for dialogue, collaboration, and ethical journalism. He also



emphasized the group's focus on resolving local journalists' issues, addressing social concerns, and mentoring the next generation of reporters.

The Central India Press Club has a history of successfully organizing key events such as “Meet the Press” programs, training workshops, and seminars on media ethics and social responsibility. The new leadership's objective is to uphold the principles of transparency, credibility, and social accountability in journalism.

## New Executive Committee Members

- ★ **Secretaries:** Vivek Pataiya, Hridesh Dharwar, Rakesh Sharma
- ★ **Joint Secretaries:** Adarsh Chaurasia, Prithviraj, Saurav Soni
- ★ **Coordinator:** Ashok Gautam
- ★ **Executive Members:** Pawan Srivastava, Ajay Verma, Rajkumar Mishra, Muktesh Rawat, Neeraj Gaur, Dilip Malviya, Ram Gopal Rajput, Krishna Sharma, Deepak Pagare, Shivani Gupta, and Rajat Parihar.

# NRI assault case leads to ousting of police officer



**Bhind:** In a swift and decisive move, the Station House Officer (SHO) of Gohad Chauraha, Rohit Gupta, has been removed from his post and replaced by TI Shiv Singh Yadav. The transfer, ordered by Superintendent of Police Asit Yadav late yesterday, is widely believed to be a direct consequence of the police's alleged negligence in a high-profile assault case involving an NRI family.

**Allegations of complicity:** The Gohad Chauraha police station came under intense scrutiny recently after a family visiting from London was attacked. In a shocking twist, the family accused a constable from the same station of being the mastermind behind the assault.

This sparked outrage within the Sikh community, which staged a two-day protest demanding that an FIR be filed against the accused officer.

**Official investigation underway:** Senior police officials immediately launched an investigation into the matter. While the official reason for the transfer has not been stated, it is being seen as an admission of accountability by the authorities. The sudden removal of the SHO is a clear signal that the administration will not tolerate any leniency or complicity in a case that has drawn significant public attention and protest.

# Gwalior High Court blasts Municipal Corporation

## ► Orders removal of “Lazy” Workers

**Gwalior:** The Gwalior High Court delivered a sharp rebuke to the city's municipal corporation over its poor sanitation management. During a crucial hearing on the city's door-to-door waste collection and cleanliness, the court mandated that the corporation must fire negligent employees to emulate the success of Indore's exemplary sanitation model.

## A call for accountability

Despite an improvement to the 14th rank in the Swachh Survekshan 2024 (Cleanliness Survey), the court highlighted that Gwalior still grapples with garbage accumulation, flawed door-to-door waste collection, and inadequate drain cleaning. A court-appointed amicus curiae (friend of the court) raised these issues, prompting the High Court's strong stance. The



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court emphasized that removing unproductive workers would send a strong message and lead to a significant improvement in the city's cleanliness.

## Swift action and future plans

In response to the judicial directive, Municipal Commissioner Sangh Priya stated that action is already underway. Over the past two months, the corporation has terminated the services of more than 20 sanitation workers for negligence. The commissioner further added that the corporation is implementing continuous monitoring and will hold meetings with ward officers and councilors to strategize on improving the city's sanitation system. The court's ruling underscores the urgent need for systemic reform to elevate Gwalior's cleanliness standards to match its aspirations.

# Allegations of “Vote Theft” rock Madhya Pradesh

## ► Congress cites “pre-determined” results

**Ujjain:** The issue of “vote theft” has reignited political tensions in Madhya Pradesh, with Congress leaders raising serious questions about the integrity of the state's electoral process. Former MLA Dilip Gurjar has accused the BJP of manipulating voter lists and having access to election results before they were officially declared.

## The pre-determined outcome

Gurjar, who represented the Nagda-Khachrod constituency, claimed that a staggering 36,000 voters were added to the electoral roll in his region in 2013, coinciding with Narendra Modi's rise to a national leadership role. He alleges that in the 2023 assembly elections, a BJP leader posted the exact re-



sults on social media before the official announcement. The post correctly predicted that BJP candidate Tejbahadur Singh would get 93,000 votes and Gurjar would receive 77,000. The official results, a mere four days later, were nearly identical, with only a minor difference.

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## Calls for action

Gurjar, whose claims were first highlighted by Congress leader Digvijaya Singh on social media, has questioned the very purpose of the vote counting process if the results were already known. He also raised concerns about irregularities in voter lists from 2013 and 2018.

Despite repeated complaints to the Election Commission, Gurjar says no action was taken. He is now escalating the matter to Rahul Gandhi, who recently gave a 22-page presentation on electoral irregularities, alleging a “nationwide organized model of vote theft.”

The accusations have fueled a new political firestorm in the state, with the opposition demanding accountability from the electoral body.

# Congress MLA Arif Masood booked in Kohefiza Police Station

## ► High Court directs to register FIR in college fraud case

**Bhopal:** In a major development, the Madhya Pradesh High Court has ordered an FIR to be registered against Congress MLA Arif Masood for allegedly using forged documents to obtain recognition for a college. The move intensifies the legal troubles for the legislator from Bhopal.

The case, registered at the Kohefiza police station, revolves around the Indira Priyadarshini College, run by a society of which Masood is the secretary. The Higher Education Department had previously canceled the college's recognition, citing a failure to submit required documents and meet necessary conditions.

Masood had challenged the derecognition in the High Court. However, the court's scrutiny of the case revealed a different story. The bench, in a sharp observation, stated that a college could not have been run for so many years with fraudulent documents without “political patronage.”



While the High Court allowed the college to continue functioning for now to protect the students' interests, it has imposed a complete ban on new admissions. The court has also ordered the formation of a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to oversee the probe, underscoring the gravity of the allegations. The investigation will also look into the role of officials from the Higher Education Department who may have been complicit in the matter.

Given the seriousness of the matter, everyone's eyes are now fixed on what action is taken next in this case.

# CM Yadav lauds Makhnal Chaturvedi's role in reviving Hindi

## ► 3-day ‘Abhyuday-2025’ event inaugurated at Makhnal Chaturvedi University

**Bhopal:** Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav on Wednesday hailed the late Pandit Makhnal Chaturvedi for his pivotal role in re-establishing the prestige of the Hindi language. Speaking at the inauguration of the three-day ‘Abhyuday-2025’ event at Makhnal Chaturvedi University, Dr. Yadav said it was a matter of immense pride that such a great personality was born in the state.

## A legacy of journalism and culture

The Chief Minister unveiled a statue of Pandit Makhnal Chaturvedi at the university, which bears his name and is a renowned institution of journalism across the country. Addressing the



gathering, he said, “Pandit Makhnal Chaturvedi led a significant movement to re-establish the Hindi language. We are proud that such a great man and poet was born on the soil of Madhya



Pradesh.”

Dr. Yadav also highlighted the state government's initiative to use the term “Kulaguru” instead of Vice-Chancellor in state universities, symbolizing the

## Heavy monsoon rains bring relief in MP

**Bhopal:** The monsoon remained active across Madhya Pradesh over the last 24 hours, bringing significant rainfall to several regions and causing temperatures to fluctuate. While many parts of the state received much-needed downpours, the weather has been unpredictable.

Heavy rainfall was reported in most districts of the Bhopal, Indore, Narmadapuram, and Ujjain divisions, while the Jabalpur division received moderate rain. Lighter showers were recorded in the Rewa, Gwalior, Shahdol, and Sagar divisions, while the rest of the state remained mostly dry.

## Temperature swings and forecast

Temperatures across the state

have been varied. The Rewa and Shahdol divisions saw a slight dip in maximum temperatures, but other parts of the state remained hot. Maximum temperatures in the Gwalior, Rewa, Jabalpur, Shahdol, and Sagar divisions were recorded at 1.6 to 3.0 degrees Celsius above normal, while in Bhopal, Narmadapuram and Ujjain, they were even higher, at 3.2 to 4.6 degrees Celsius above the average.

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a forecast for the coming days, warning of moderate to heavy rainfall in the Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Ujjain, and Narmadapuram divisions. Residents and farmers in these regions have been advised to remain cautious and prepared for the upcoming rains.

# Public Health Engineers busted in Rs 24,000 bribe scam

**Jabalpur:** In a major anti-corruption operation, the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) has arrested two senior Public Health Engineering (PHE) officials for allegedly accepting a bribe of Rs 24,000. The officials, an Executive Engineer and a Senior Accounts Clerk were caught red-handed.

The arrests were made following a complaint by Rohit Barolia, a contractor who had completed maintenance work on handpumps in the Sihora block in 2022-23. According to the complaint, the two officials were demanding a 5% cut from the final bill of Rs 2,47,000 to process



the payment.

The accused have been identified as Sharad Kumar Singh, the Executive Engineer, and Vikas Patel, the Senior Accounts Clerk. Barolia stated in his complaint that the duo was demanding a total of Rs 24,000—a 5% bribe from each of them—to clear the bill. After a swift verification of the complaint, the EOW set up a trap and apprehended the officials as they accepted the bribe. A case has been filed against both men under the Prevention of Corruption Act. The arrests underscore the EOW's commitment to rooting out corruption in public departments.