

Three Afghan Nationals arrested in Jabalpur

▶ Fake documents recovered by ATS



Jabalpur: In a major operation, the Anti-Terrorist Squad (ATS) of Madhya Pradesh has arrested three Afghan nationals in Jabalpur for allegedly using fraudulent Indian documents, including passports. The arrests were made in the 8 Nal area of the city.

The men have been identified as Yakub Khan, Mohammad Yunus, and Abdul Khan. According to authorities, the trio was running a blanket business in the Chhoti Omati area. The ATS's investigation revealed that Yakub Khan, who arrived in India from Afghanistan with his grandfather 15 years ago, had forged Indian passports not just for himself but also for Yunus and Khan.

This latest action is part of a broader crackdown on a document forgery racket. The ATS is currently conducting an intensive interrogation to uncover the full extent of the network that facilitated the illegal procurement of Indian identification papers.

This brings the total number of Afghan nationals detained in this case to six. Previously, the ATS had arrested and imprisoned three other individuals—Sohbat Khan, Iqbal, and Akbar—for similar offenses. The ongoing investigation underscores the ATS's heightened vigilance against illegal immigration and the use of forged documents. Further actions are expected as the probe continues.

Shillong police uncover “Murder Blueprint” on cell phones in Indore



Indore: The investigation into the murder of Raja Raghuvanshi has taken a crucial turn as police from Shillong, Meghalaya, have returned to Indore, following a major breakthrough. It has been revealed that the victim's wife, Sonam Raghuvanshi, and her lover, Raj Kushwaha, purchased new mobile phones from Jail Road in Indore to plot the murder.

The conspiracy's digital trail: These phones were reportedly used for a series of calls and chats to meticulously plan Raja's death. This new evidence, uncovered by the East Khasi Hills Police during their probe, has prompted a second visit to Indore to follow up on the lead. The Indore Crime Branch is assisting in the investigation.

Strengthening the case

Sources indicate that after buying the new devices, Sonam and Raj exclusively used them to coordinate the entire conspiracy, with Raj reportedly staying in constant contact with the hired killers during the crime. The phones were switched off and discarded immediately after the murder.

While the Shillong police are nearing the completion of their investigation and are preparing to file the chargesheet, this new discovery has provided a powerful new piece of evidence, solidifying their case. The police team is currently in Indore, meticulously gathering more information from the Jail Road area to strengthen their case further before presenting it in court.

“Delhi Police” Con Artist scams student for thousands



Jabalpur: A cybercriminal, posing as a Delhi Police officer, has scammed a local B.Com student out of Rs 35,500 after threatening to “go viral” with an explicit video. The police have registered a case of fraud against the unknown suspect. The victim, 21-year-old Sajal Betiya, who lives near the ICMR in Garha, reported the incident to the police.

According to Betiya, he received a call from an unknown number. The caller identified himself as a police officer from Delhi and claimed that an explicit video of Betiya had gone viral. The scammer further intensified the threat by showing him a woman on a video call, claiming she had filed a complaint against him at the station.

Terrified by the threat of a public scandal, Betiya was manipulated into transferring a total of Rs 35,500 via a mobile payment app. The fraudster, using scare tactics and deception, took advantage of the student's fear. Garha police have since filed a case and launched an investigation to track down the culprit behind the deceptive phone call and recover the stolen funds.

Cyber thugs create fake FB account of IPS officer, dupe kin

Indore: In Indore, cyber criminals have once again surprised the police with their audacious tactics. This time, they targeted the relatives of IPS officer Rishikesh Meena by creating a fake Facebook account. The fraudsters messaged the officer's relatives, enticing them into a scheme involving the sale of furniture and a car. The scammers finalized the deal through conversations on the social media platform Facebook. During this interaction, they gained the trust of the two relatives and managed to transfer a total of three lakh fifty-five thousand rupees from their bank accounts. Once the fraud was uncovered, the Chhatrapur police registered a case against the unidentified culprits and initiated an investigation. Authorities are now actively searching for the cyber criminals and have urged the public to exercise caution while using social media.

Deadly college bus crash leaves two dead

▶ Two critically injured in Indore



Indore: A horrific accident unfolded at Antim Chauraha on Wednesday evening when a speeding private college bus went on a rampage, leaving two people dead and two others critically injured. The bus, believed to belong to Medicaps College, first struck a motorcyclist before crashing into two students and then hitting a car and an auto-rickshaw.

According to Maharganj police, the incident occurred around 4:30 PM. The out-of-control bus first hit 33-year-old Ekansh Pandya, who was on his motorcycle, killing him on the spot. The bus then continued its destructive path, hitting two female students who were on their way home. A 12th-grade student died instantly, while the second girl was severely injured.

The bus, showing no signs of stopping, proceeded to collide with an auto-rickshaw and a car, leaving the rickshaw driver with grave injuries. Both the injured student and the auto-rickshaw driver have been admitted to Cloth Market Hospital and are in critical condition.

Eyewitnesses reported that the bus was traveling at a very high speed. Following the devastating crash, an angry crowd stopped the bus and notified the police, who arrived and seized the vehicle. The police are currently working to identify the victims and are investigating the full scope of the tragedy.

Engineer husband kills wife for not giving water



Singrauli: A shocking case has emerged from Singrauli in Madhya Pradesh, where an engineer husband has been accused of murdering his wife. The incident took place in the Vindhyanagar police

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station area. The accused, Nikhil Dubey, who worked for NTPC's L&T, reportedly asked his wife for water to drink. When she refused, he became enraged and brutally killed her. Following the crime, he wrapped her body in a blanket, placed it in his car, and transported it to Prayagraj, where he cremated her at an electronic crematorium. Family members of the deceased have alleged that Nikhil had a history of harassing his wife for dowry. Based on their complaint, the police have arrested both Nikhil Dubey and his mother, Durgaswari Devi. They were subsequently presented in court and have been remanded to jail.

Court demands answers in alleged tribal land grab



Jabalpur: The Madhya Pradesh High Court has taken a serious stance on a petition alleging the fraudulent acquisition of land from an indigenous tribe. The court has issued notices to top officials, including the Jabalpur Collector, the Superintendent of Police (SP), and the Revenue Department, demanding their responses. The case, brought by tribal petitioners Kusum Bai Gond, Anita Gond, and Munna, claims that their land was deceitfully purchased by Anshul Kant Choudhary and Jyoti Choudhary. The petitioners allege that the payment check bounced, and the land was illegally transferred to the couple's servant before they attempted to re-register it in their own names. A key point of contention is the legal process. According to the petitioners' advocates, tribal land can only be sold with the express permission of the Collector. The accused are alleged to have circumvented this process by obtaining permission from the Revenue Board in Gwalior while their application with the Collector was still pending—a move the court has been asked to deem illegal. The petitioners' appeal to various authorities for help went unanswered, leading them to seek justice from the high court. Citing past rulings, they argue that the court must intervene in cases where non-tribal individuals have fraudulently acquired tribal land.

Elderly couple swindled of Rs 50 lakh

▶ Thugs pose as police; keep victims digitally captive for 13 days

Khandwa: Despite ongoing awareness campaigns, cases of cyber fraud continue to rise, with the latest incident occurring in Khandwa's Pandhana Nagar. An elderly couple fell victim to a sophisticated scam, resulting in a loss of Rs 50 lakh after being digitally held captive for 13 days. The couple, who operate a utensils shop in Pandhana and live alone without children, received a phone call on July 18 from someone claiming to be a police officer from the Colamba police station in Mumbai. The caller accused them of being involved in serious crimes, including murder, kidnapping, and fraud, creating a sense of urgency and fear.

The fraudsters, impersonating police officers, instructed the couple to remain at home for an investigation, forbidding them from answering any other calls. During a series of video calls, the scammers presented themselves as police officers in uniform, further convincing the couple of their legitimacy. On July 21, they instructed the couple to break their fixed deposit (FD) of Rs 30 lakh to “check” a payment, which was then transferred to the fraudsters' account. Following this, on July 25, the couple was coerced into breaking another FD of Rs 19.5 lakh under the pretense of needing funds for a property purchase. The transactions were made via RTGS to accounts located in Hyderabad and Chandigarh. It wasn't until August 16, during a visit to her brother's house for Janmashtami, that the elderly woman disclosed their ordeal. Her family, alarmed by the situation, promptly reported the incident to the Cyber Helpline at 1930. Inspector Praveen Arya, in charge of the Cyber Cell in Khandwa, confirmed that an investigation is underway based on the couple's complaint.

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Desperate farmers block highway over fertilizer shortage



Satna: Frustrated by a persistent lack of fertilizer for their monsoon crops, farmers in Satna once again took to the streets, blocking the key Satna-Panna highway for hours. This is the latest in a series of daily protests as the severe supply-demand gap continues to plague the region. On Tuesday, long queues of farmers, including women, the elderly, and even mothers with infants, formed outside fertilizer distribution centers from early morning. The situation escalated in the afternoon when distribution was disrupted, sparking anger among the waiting crowd.

The protesting farmers quickly moved to the main road, bringing traffic to a standstill and causing a massive four-kilometer-long jam. Police, led by Civil Line Station House Officer Yogendra Singh Parihar, arrived on the scene but were initially unable to de-escalate the situation. The farmers demanded a more organized and reliable distribution system, citing that they line up for hours every day only to leave empty-handed. The impasse was finally resolved after Sub-Divisional Magistrate Rahul Siladiya arrived and personally addressed the farmers. He assured them that the administration would take their concerns seriously and work to ensure a consistent fertilizer supply. Following his guarantee, the farmers dispersed, but not before the extensive traffic jam had caused hours of disruption.

Employment & apprenticeship fair in Datia

Datia: In accordance with the directives of the Government of Madhya Pradesh and under the guidance of Collector Swapnil Wankhade, the District Employment Office, District Industries Department, and ITI Datia are organizing an employment, self-employment, and apprenticeship fair. This event will take place on August 25, 2025, at Government ITI Bakshi Hanuman Mandir Road, Datia, starting at 10:30 AM. Thirteen different companies will participate in this fair, offering opportunities for individuals with educational qualifications ranging from 5th grade to postgraduate levels, including D Pharma, MBA, and ITI graduates.

Interested applicants are required to bring their educational qualifications, Aadhaar Samagra ID, employment registration card, PAN card, a recent photograph, and both original and photocopies of other relevant certificates.

Forest officials attacked during anti-encroachment drive



Guna: A routine anti-encroachment drive in the Fatehgarh forest range turned violent yesterday when a team of forest officials was ambushed by a mob. The assailants, reportedly a group of around two dozen men, attacked the team with

stones, leaving a Deputy Ranger and two other officials seriously injured. The attack, which occurred in the Karmauda forest of Kalora beat, was so sudden and intense that the forest department employees were forced to flee for their lives. A video of the assault, showing the officials desperately trying to escape the rain of stones, is now circulating on social media. Deputy Ranger Lakhman Singh Shivhare, Forest Guard Laxmi Narayan Savari, and a watchman were all hospitalized with injuries. According to Shivhare, the mob was led by the village head of Khadela, and comprised residents from several surrounding villages. Officials allege the attack was backed by powerful local figures who have been illegally occupying vast areas of forest land for years.

You Tuber arrested for theft amid financial struggles

Jabalpur: Police have arrested a 38-year-old woman, Sanjeeda B, who turned to theft after her YouTube channel failed to gain traction. Sanjeeda, a resident of Raja Chowk, was a housewife who dedicated her time to creating cooking videos but struggled to attract viewers, resulting in no significant growth in her channel's popularity. Facing mounting financial pressure, including a loan of nearly Rs 4 lakh, Sanjeeda sought desperate measures to alleviate her monetary woes. On July 17, during a visit to her friend Sajda B, who was away from her in-laws' house, Sanjeeda seized the opportunity to steal. Noticing that Sajda had left the key in her bag, Sanjeeda discreetly took it, rode her scooter about four kilo-

meters, and unlocked the house. She removed valuable jewelry worth over Rs 10 lakh from the cupboard, returned the key, and left without raising suspicion. When Sajda returned home on July 22, she found the jewelry missing, prompting her to file a complaint with the Gohalpur police. Investigators meticulously reviewed over 50 CCTV clips, identifying Sanjeeda through her unusual attire—a raincoat on a dry day. Tracing her scooter's registration led to her arrest, where she initially denied any wrongdoing but later confessed and revealed the location of the stolen items. The police recovered a variety of jewelry including gold necklaces, bangles, and rings. Investigations are in progress in the case.

Skill development for tribal girls in Chhindwara

Chhindwara: Chhindwara district is predominantly tribal, and skill development is an essential tool for empowering tribal girls to become self-reliant. In this context, the government has established the Tribal Women Industrial Training Institute in the district, where girls from tribal communities receive training in various trades, including Diesel Mechanic, Electrician, Fitter, COPA, Stenography in Hindi, and Sewing Technology. Currently, the admission process is underway, with the last date for registration error correction and choice filling in the CLC round for admission to the institute set for August 22, 2025.

Institute Principal Nalin Tiwari stated that it is mandatory for all unadmitted registered candidates to participate in choice filling during this round. Notably, male applicants are also eligible to apply. Candidates can voluntarily fill in a maximum of five choices, and it is crucial to do so according to their interests, as changes will not be permitted after locking the choices.

On August 25, 2025, applicants must appear in person at the institute to register their presence in their chosen trade. The selection list will be published on August 26, and selected applicants will be granted admission the same day. The admission process will be completed on the same day, with a waiting list for any remaining vacant seats to be released on August 28, 2025. Selected applicants will be admitted from 2:00 PM on that day.