

Promoting 'Swadeshi' for a stronger nation

► CM Mohan Yadav advocated for purchasing indigenous products



Bhopal: Speaking at a state-level seminar on "Swadeshi to Self-Reliance," Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav declared that indigenous products are not just commodities but symbols of national identity and pride. He emphasized that the 'Vocal for Local' campaign, initiated by Prime

Minister Narendra Modi, is a significant step toward this goal. The CM argued that Indian-made goods are often more durable, affordable, and of higher quality than their foreign counterparts. Dr. Yadav urged citizens to not only use Swadeshi products themselves but also to in-

spire others to do the same, calling this a direct path to strengthening the nation's economy.

A pledge for indigenous products

The event, a collaboration between the Jan Abhiyan Parishad and the Swadeshi Jagran Manch, saw the signing of an MOU to promote awareness of indigenous products. In a powerful moment, the Chief Minister administered a pledge to everyone present, vowing to use Swadeshi products in their daily lives. He highlighted the government's efforts to build a self-reliant India under PM Modi's leadership and congratulated the people of the state on National Small Industry Day.

A call for cultural patriotism

Betul MLA and BJP state president Hemant Khandelwal also addressed the gathering, stating that Swadeshi is a broad concept that must be integrated into our daily actions. He urged citizens to protect their culture and heritage and to actively support government initiatives related to Swadeshi. He stressed that collective effort is essential to spread the message to every citizen. As a follow-up to the event, the Jan Abhiyan Parishad announced it will observe a "Swadeshi Jagran Week" from September 25 to October 2.

RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra visits Indore Village

► Promoting financial inclusion

Indore: In a major push for nationwide financial inclusion, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Sanjay Malhotra visited Rangwasa village, Indore, to attend a special saturation camp. The event, part of a joint initiative by the Government of India and the RBI, aimed to bring banking services to the rural populace.

Despite heavy rainfall, nearly 1,000 residents participated enthusiastically in the camp. The event facilitated the opening of new accounts under the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana, enrollment in social security schemes, and completion of Re-KYC processes. Participants were also educated on digital fraud prevention and grievance redressal.

In his address, Governor Malhotra lauded the efforts of the banks and urged citizens to embrace digital banking and UPI for greater convenience. He also cautioned against sharing sensitive information like mobile numbers and OTPs. He further instructed banks to achieve



100% Re-KYC targets to ensure account security.

The event was attended by a host of dignitaries, including State Bank of India Chairman C.S. Shetty, executives from Central Bank of India and Bank of India, RBI's Regional Director Rekha Chandanavelly, and Indore Collector Ashish Singh. The visit underscores the central bank's commitment to extending financial services to every corner of the country.

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan cycles with youth in Vidisha



Vidisha: Union Minister for Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, demonstrated his commitment to fitness and public engagement by cycling approximately two kilometers in his parliamentary constituency of Vidisha.

During a visit to a sports festival celebrating National Sports Day, Minister Chouhan was greeted with enthusiastic energy from the youth. Inspired by their vigor, he joined students and young people for a bicycle ride from SIT College to the RTO office. The spontaneous ride was a powerful message to promote a healthy lifestyle, echoing the slogan, "Keep one dream in your heart: to make our India healthy."

Chouhan's direct participation in the event highlights his focus on connecting with his constituents and promoting wellness among the younger generation. The event was a testament to his vibrant and

Scindia loyalist Ex-MLA criticizes own govt

Morena: In a rare public display of dissent, former MLA and BJP leader Raghuraj Singh Kansana, a prominent supporter of Jyotiraditya Scindia, openly criticized his own party's state government and ministers during a recent party meeting. Kansana's frustration stemmed from what he described as a lack of access and disregard for grassroots workers.

Speaking at a meeting held at former district president Nagendra Tiwari's residence, Kansana expressed his disappointment, stating, "Our ministers don't have time for us. If they ignore their own party members, how can we expect the administration to listen?" He added that even for a small task like getting a worker's motorcycle released from a police station, he had to call the station in-charge



ten times.

Kansana warned that neglecting local workers would prove costly. "How is it that they only remember us when elections are near? When our efforts help form the government, why are we ignored after they come to power?" he questioned.

Kansana's political journey has been tumultuous. A two-time election loser, he won as a Congress candidate in 2018 but switched to the BJP with Scindia in 2020. He has since lost both the 2020 by-election and the 2023 assembly election, despite his close ties to a Union Minister.

Heavy rain alert issued for multiple districts across Madhya Pradesh

Bhopal: A fresh spell of monsoon activity is expected across Madhya Pradesh today, with the Meteorological Department issuing a yellow alert for several districts. While the day is predicted to be humid, strong thunderstorms and heavy rainfall are likely to hit during the night. The maximum temperature is forecasted to be between 30 and 31 degrees Celsius.



Harda, Khandwa, Indore, Ratlam, Dewas, Chhindwara, Seoni, Balaghat, Gwalior, Datia, Bhind, Morena, and Sheopur. The warning also extends to areas like Vidisha, Raisen, Sehore, Ujjain, and Narmadapuram, among others.

Current weather conditions

The change in weather is attrib-

uted to several active systems. The monsoon trough is currently extending from Bikaner to the Bay of Bengal.

An upper-air cyclonic circulation is also active over south-central Madhya Pradesh, while a Western Disturbance is influencing the weather from central Pakistan. These combined systems are responsible for the expected weather shift.

Safety advisory

The administration has urged residents to remain vigilant. The public is advised to carry an umbrella or raincoat when traveling, stay away from low-lying areas and riverbanks, and exercise caution in waterlogged areas.

Panna Collector moves to reclaim forest land worth crores

Panna: In a landmark decision, Panna Collector Suresh Kumar has issued notices to three individuals to reclaim forest land worth crores that was illegally transferred into their names. The individuals—Dharmu Kurmi, Munna Kushwaha, and Shrikant Dixit—have been given until September 15 to present their defense.

The case involves a plot of 228.71 acres, Survey No. 520, which has been officially classified as "Jungle Mud" (forest land) since 1955-56. According to a report from the Tehsildar, a portion of this land was fraudulently recorded in the name of Dharmu Kurmi in 1969-70 without any official authorization. The land was then fur-

ther transferred to the other two individuals.

The Collector's notice highlights that the entries in the land records are suspicious and lack proper judicial orders. Citing a recent Supreme Court decision from May 15, 2025 (Writ Petition No. 301/2008), the Collector emphasized that forest land cannot be used for agricultural or other non-forest purposes. The move is a strong message against land encroachment, aiming to restore the land to its original forest classification and deter future illegal transfers. The notice requires the recipients to appear before the court on September 15 to present their side of the story.

First major monsoon Storm Drowns Indore Exposing infrastructure flaws

Indore: After a long wait, Indore was hit by its first major monsoon storm, a furious downpour that lasted for nearly an hour and a half and brought the city to a standstill. The intense rainfall, measuring over three inches, caused widespread waterlogging, with no road or neighborhood spared from the deluge. The season's total rainfall has now reached 24.5 inches.

The storm, which began around 2 PM, quickly overwhelmed the city's drainage system. The chaotic scenes exposed a critical failure in municipal infrastructure, as streets transformed into rivers and residents' homes were inundated.

In some areas, the sheer force of the water swept away cars and even

Ganesh idols from pandals. In Prajapat Nagar, an idol was reportedly washed away by the strong currents, leading to a natural immersion. Traffic across the city, including on major arteries like the BRTS and Super Corridor, came to a halt. Commuters were left stranded for hours, and water levels reached up to three feet in some low-lying areas, rendering cars and even larger vehicles immobile.

The Municipal Corporation's disaster response teams were deployed to open choked drains and manholes to alleviate the flooding. While their efforts provided some relief, the severity of the storm underscored the urgent need for a more robust and resilient drainage system to prevent future chaos.

Investigation launched after giant tortoise hunted, eaten in Bhind

Bhind: A shocking act of animal cruelty has surfaced in Bhind, Madhya Pradesh, where a group of villagers hunted and killed a giant tortoise before consuming its meat in a communal feast. The incident, which occurred on August 28 in Sikri Jagir village, came to light after a disturbing video went viral on social media.

The footage shows several men mercilessly attacking the tortoise with an axe and sticks as the animal desperately tries to retreat into its shell. After killing the tortoise, the villagers were seen extracting its meat for a feast.

Heavy rains cause flooding at Khargone District Hospital

Khargone: Intense rainfall in Khargone has led to floodwaters from a nearby drain entering the district hospital, including its ICU. While no patients needed to be evacuated, the unexpected inundation has caused significant disruption.

District Collector Bhavya Mittal stated that the flooding was a result of a sudden downpour, with the drainage system unable to cope. Municipal crews are working with machinery to divert the water and manage the flow, a process expected to take several hours.

Amidst the heavy rains, officials have issued warnings about submerged bridges, and a small number of homes in the Bhagwanpura and Barwani areas have been affected. A mud house collapsed in Bhagwanpura, but no casualties were reported. Police and SDRF teams have been deployed to monitor high-risk areas, and announcements are being made to inform residents in low-lying areas. The district has received an average of 52.50 mm of rain in the last 24 hours, with the highest concentration in the Khargone and Bhagwanpura tehsils.



BJP to protest against Congress over remarks on PM Modi's mother

Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh BJP has announced a series of protests in front of all district Congress offices on August 31 and September 1. The demonstrations, led by senior female BJP leaders, are in response to derogatory comments allegedly made by Congress leaders against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his late mother.

Following instructions from State BJP President Hemant Khandelwal, BJP workers and officials will stage protests across the state. In Bhopal, a large-scale demonstration will take place on Sunday at 12 PM outside the Pradesh Congress office. The protest will see a massive turnout of Mahila Morcha officials and other women's organizations, who will demand a public apology from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

The strategy for the protests was finalized during a meeting of the BJP Mahila Morcha on Saturday. State President and MP Maya Naroliya stated that the women's wing has been tasked with burning effigies of Rahul Gandhi in protest of the offensive remarks.

Naroliya also mentioned that Mahila Morcha members will be promoting the "Mann Ki Baat" program by listening to the broadcast at various locations, including Prime Minister's Housing Scheme sites, Ganesh pandals, and Sanjivani Clinics. The protests are aimed at holding Congress accountable for the disrespectful language used against the Prime Minister and his mother.

IAS Association condemns MLAs 'Worrying' misconduct Meets CM Yadav, says civil servants must be respected



Bhopal: In a stern message to the political leadership, the Madhya Pradesh IAS Association has strongly condemned the alleged misconduct of BJP MLA Narendra Kushwaha towards Bhind Collector Sanjeev Sri-

vastava. Calling the incident "deeply worrying," the association has urged Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav to intervene and ensure that civil servants can perform their duties without fear or pressure.

The viral confrontation

The controversy erupted after a viral video showed a heated exchange between the MLA and the Collector. The confrontation, which occurred over issues of fertilizer distribution and alleged illegal sand mining, has drawn sharp reactions from both the bureaucracy and the BJP leadership. The IAS Association, led by its president Manu Srivastava, met with CM Yadav to formally raise the issue. "This misbehavior is worrying," Srivastava said, emphasizing that the physical and verbal intimidation of officers is a serious concern that goes against democratic principles. The association stressed that the dignity and respect of civil servants must be upheld to ensure effective governance. In response to the outcry, the BJP has reportedly reprimanded its legislator for a "breach of party discipline."

CM Yadav condemns Moitra's remarks, demands apology

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has sharply criticized Trinamool Congress MP Mahua Moitra for her offensive remarks about Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Dr. Yadav stated that Moitra's comments reveal her "hateful mindset" and demanded a nationwide apology from her party.

In a social media post, the Chief Minister condemned the statement, highlighting a pattern of disrespectful behavior. "First, it was an indecent comment about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mother. Now, the Home Minister of the country is insulted," he wrote. "This is a result of their narrow-minded and distorted mentality. The Trinamool Congress must apologize to the entire nation for this indecency." Moitra's controversial statement was made during a press interaction yesterday regarding Bangladeshi infiltration. Her comment has since drawn widespread condemnation and has sparked a major political row. Dr. Yadav's strong reaction adds to the growing pressure on the Trinamool Congress to address the issue.

