

Income Tax Dept conducts major raids on Science House Group in Bhopal



Bhopal: The Income Tax Department launched a significant operation in Bhopal on Tuesday, conducting early morning raids on multiple premises associated with the Science House Group and a medical equipment trader. Teams, accompanied by CRPF personnel for security, simultaneously descended on offices

and residences, sending a clear signal of a coordinated crackdown.

Raids target business moguls

The operation began in the early hours as officials and CRPF jawans arrived at the Science House Group's office in Gautam Nagar, initiating a search for documents

and records. Concurrently, another team raided the residence of Rajesh Gupta, a prominent medical and surgical equipment trader with a large linen supply business. Gupta is known for his extensive supply contracts with government departments.

Raids are also reported to be underway

in Indore and Mumbai, indicating a nationwide investigation. Officials have questioned key individuals connected to the group, including director Jitendra Tiwari, software engineer Rohit Gupta, and consultants Dinesh Barolia and Shikha Rajoriya. The group's alleged connections to a former IAS officer are also under scrutiny. The Science House Medical Private Limited, headquartered in Bhopal since 1994, is involved in supplying medical equipment, and providing pathology and diagnostic services.

Past scandals haunt the group

This isn't the first time the Science House Group has faced legal trouble. The firm was previously embroiled in a massive procurement scam in the Anuppur district's health department, along with another company, Anu Sales. The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) uncovered a multi-crore rupee scandal where medical equipment and medicines were supplied at grossly inflated prices. Following the investigation, the EOW arrested directors Jitendra Tiwari and Shailendra Tiwari, highlighting the company's checkered past and reinforcing the seriousness of the current investigation.

MP Govt to spend Rs 9,026 Crore on delayed Jal Jeevan Mission Projects

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Cabinet approves major infrastructure projects

In a significant boost to state infrastructure, the cabinet has greenlit several key projects. An Indore-Ujjain Greenfield Expressway will be built under a Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM), with an estimated cost of Rs 2,935.15 crore. This four-lane road, spanning 48.10 km, will include two service lanes, 34 underpasses, two flyovers, and an overbridge. The concession period for the project is 17 years, during which tolls will be collected.

Furthermore, two new railway overbridges (ROBs) have been approved for Ujjain in preparation for the Simhashta Mela in 2028. The four-lane ROB and a 980-meter bridge from Hari Fatak Square will be built at a cost of Rs 371.11 crore.

The Narmadapuram-Timarni road, covering 72.18 km, will also be upgraded to a two-lane road with paved shoulders. Approved under the HAM scheme with an estimated cost of Rs 972.16 crore, this project includes new bridges, junctions, and safety measures. Tolls will also be collected on this road for a 17-year concession period.

Tensions escalate as Bhind Collector and MLA File Police Complaints

Bhind: A public confrontation between Bhind Collector Sanjeev Srivastava and local BJP MLA Narendra Singh Kushwah has intensified, with both individuals filing written complaints against each other at the City Kotwali police station. The long-simmering dispute began a week ago and shows no signs of resolution.

A Disputed Confrontation

The conflict originated on August 27 when the MLA, accompanied by his supporters, went to the Collector's residence to discuss a fertilizer shortage. According to witnesses, the conversation quickly soured. The MLA allegedly made a physical gesture toward the Collector, who reportedly responded with a provoking word and a raised finger. The situation then escalated, with both men exchanging insults and accusations of illegal sand mining. The MLA is accused of raising his fist in a threatening manner before security personnel intervened.

After the altercation, the MLA and his supporters staged a four-hour protest at the Collector's residence. The incident caught the attention of both the state BJP



leadership and the IAS Association, with both bodies taking strong notice.

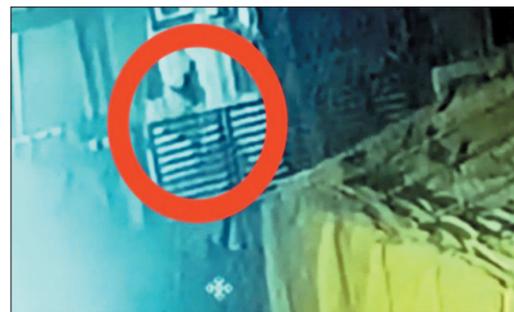
Police have confirmed they have received the complaints and have forwarded them to senior officials for further investigation. The Collector's complaint alleges assault, verbal abuse, and public humiliation, while the MLA's complaint claims the Collector's disrespectful behavior and a sudden shift in the conversation to illegal sand mining led to the argument.

Thieves steal Rs 2 Crore in Jewelry and lakhs of cash from Ujjain SBI Branch

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Lax security and a history of incidents

The branch, a relatively small operation, had no security guard on duty at night. A lone armed guard only patrols during business hours, from morning until closing time. This security lapse is now a major focus of the police investigation. This isn't the first incident at the branch. Just a month ago, a fire broke out, destroying the ground floor and the CCTV DVR, though the cash and lockers remained unharmed. The recent theft has raised questions about whether the previous incident was a deliberate attempt to compromise the bank's security sys-



tems.

Customer panic and reassurance

The news of the theft sent a wave of panic through the bank's customers, many of whom rushed to the branch to check on their personal lockers.

Bank officials and police were quick to reassure them that only the main bank locker, which held customer gold pledged for loans, was broken into. The private lockers of other customers were not compromised. Bank services were temporarily diverted to a nearby branch as authorities continue their investigation.

Indore seeks Rs 671 Crore for Kanha-Saraswati Riverfront Project

Mayor requests central government to approve



Karnal/Indore: Indore's Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava has requested central government approval for Rs 671.69 crore Detailed Project Report (DPR) to develop the riverfronts of the city's two lifelines, the Kanha and Saraswati Rivers. The project aims to transform the 28 km stretch of the Kanha River and the 13 km stretch of the Saraswati River.

Mayor Bhargava discussed the project directly with Union

Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs Manohar Lal Khattar during the All-India Mayors' Council meeting in Karnal, Haryana.

The ambitious plan includes several key features:

- ✓ Stone pitching to stabilize riverbanks
- ✓ Construction of scenic walkways
- ✓ Development of lush gardens and recreational spaces
- ✓ Installation of aesthetic lighting and other beautification works

ing and other beautification works. Once completed, the project is expected to create a stunning and attractive riverfront in the heart of the city, serving as a new hub for residents and a major draw for tourists.

The mayor emphasized that Indore, known for its leadership in cleanliness and innovation, is now setting a new benchmark in river revitalization and tourism development.

Civil Supplies Corporation employees to receive fourth pay scale increment

Bhopal: In a significant move to enhance employee benefits, the Madhya Pradesh Civil Supplies Corporation has approved the fourth pay scale increment for its staff. This decision, along with others, was made during a board meeting chaired by Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Protection Minister, Govind Singh Rajput. **New benefits and welfare initiatives:** Under the new directives, employees of the Civil Supplies Corporation will now also be eligible for a House Rent Allowance based on the rates set by the state government. Additionally, the board has more than doubled the

ex-gratia payment for employees who die while in service, increasing it from the current Rs 50,000 to a maximum of Rs 1.25 lakh. New service promotion rules for 2025 will also be implemented. During a separate board meeting for the Warehouse Corporation, a new mobile app was approved to enhance monitoring. The app will allow officials to track the quantity and quality of stored grains through photo uploads and geotagging.

Minister Rajput also gave directives to ensure timely maintenance of all warehouses before the start of paddy procurement.

Indian Railways' 'Vikalp' scheme offers relief to waitlisted passengers

Bhopal: Indian Railways is enhancing the travel experience for passengers with its innovative 'Vikalp' (Alternative) scheme. This optional facility provides a new opportunity for waitlisted passengers by automatically transferring them to another train with available seats at no extra charge. The 'Vikalp' option is exclusively available for tickets booked online through IRCTC. Passengers can opt-in for the scheme while booking their ticket, allowing the system to automatically search for and allocate a confirmed seat in a different train heading in the same direction or on a different date if their original ticket remains unconfirmed. Travelers are notified of any changes via SMS and email.

Commercial Manager Saurabh Kataria, the scheme has been highly effective. From April to August 2025, a total of 83 waitlisted PNRs originating from the Bhopal division were successfully transferred to other trains, ensuring more efficient use of available seats and preventing ticket wastage.

The primary objective of 'Vikalp' is to maximize seat utilization and provide a guaranteed travel option for waitlisted passengers. This initiative not only reduces the number of wasted seats but also offers a seamless and stress-free solution for travelers whose plans might otherwise be disrupted. Passengers are encouraged to select the 'Vikalp' option on the IRCTC website to take advantage of this beneficial service.

Jal Nigam fails to deliver clean water to 134 villages

Mandla: The Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam is under fire for failing to provide clean drinking water to 134 villages in the district, three years after a major project was initiated. The blame is being placed on the construction company, Kalpataru Projects International Limited, which has been accused of working at a snail's pace, leaving key infrastructure unfinished. This negligence comes amidst separate allegations of a ₹1,000 crore commission scam involving PHE Minister Sampatiya Uike, whose home district is Mandla.

The project, which aimed to supply water from the Halon Dam, was awarded to the company on August 8, 2022. It was supposed to provide water resources and tap connections to villages across the



Bichhiya, Mohgaon, Mawai, and Mandla blocks within 28 months. However, three years later, the work is far from complete. **Unfinished infrastructure and allegations of negligence:** Reports from the ground indicate that the construction of water tanks is incomplete, serving as mere "show-pieces" for villagers. The pipe-laying work is also unfinished, and essential infrastructure like power supply for the project has not been secured. Jal Nigam officials claim that 70% of the work is complete, but locals and sources allege that the company lacks adequate resources and is relying on rented machinery, with numerous complaints of unpaid bills.

The issue has led to frustration among residents, who say the slow

progress and poor quality of work have left them in a state of continuous hardship. In places like Gurdli village, pipeline work has damaged roads, which have been left unrepaired for over a year, causing immense inconvenience.

Officials deny issues, cite progress: Hemant Jindwani, from the Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam, stated that the work is "nearing completion" and that 70% of the project is finished. He denied any outstanding payments to subcontractors, though this contradicts multiple complaints. The lack of action against the contracting company, despite its slow progress, has also raised questions. With a state minister from the region, locals are puzzled why the project has not been completed on time.

Mahanaryaman Scindia elected MPCA President, continues family legacy

Indore/Bhopal: In a unanimous decision, Mahanaryaman Scindia (29), son of Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, has been elected as the new President of the Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA). The election took place during the MPCA's Annual General Meeting (AGM) at the Holkar Stadium on Tuesday, with Jyotiraditya Scindia also in attendance. **A new chapter for MPCA:** At 29, Mahanaryaman has become the youngest president in the history of the MPCA, signaling a new, youthful direction for the association. His election follows a period of active involvement in cricket administration, including his role as vice-president of the Gwalior Division Cricket Association and his leadership in launching the successful Madhya Pradesh League (MPL) in Gwalior.



The new executive committee includes:

- ★ Sudhir Asnani as Secretary
- ★ Arundhati Kirkire as Joint Secretary

- ★ Vineet Sethia as Vice President
- ★ Sanjeev Dua as Treasurer
- ★ Sandhya Agrawal, Prasoona Kanamdiakar, Rajiv Risodkar, and Brajesh Rama were elected to the Manag-

ing Committee. **A powerful family tradition:** Mahanaryaman's election continues a long-standing family tradition of leadership within the MPCA. His grandfather, the late Congress leader Madhavrao Scindia, served as president from 1982 to 2001, and his father, Jyotiraditya, held the position from 2004 to 2019. The family's dominance was previously challenged in 2010 and 2012 by BJP's Kailash Vijayvargiya, but Jyotiraditya Scindia secured decisive victories in both elections. The new leadership has generated significant enthusiasm, with supporters putting up hoardings across Indore. Former MPCA President Abhilash Khandekar praised Mahanaryaman as an "energetic youth" and expressed hope that he would lead the association to new heights, following in the footsteps of his father and grandfather.

EOW and GST teams raid Singrauli Coal Transporters' locations



Singrauli: In a massive joint operation, the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) and the GST team from Rewa have raided multiple locations of coal transporters in Singrauli, Madhya Pradesh. The simultaneous raids, conducted across various areas including College Mod, Bargawan, Sarai, and Morwa, sent shockwaves through the local business community. The action was initiated follow-

ing intelligence reports of disproportionate assets and significant GST evasion by these coal transport businesses. A key target of the raid was the firm of Anil Kumar Shah, the proprietor of AK Tax and Associate. However, sources report that Shah fled his office before the raiding party arrived.

The EOW's Superintendent of Police from Rewa is currently at the scene, leading the inspection of seized documents and records. This coordinated crackdown signals the authorities' intensified efforts to combat financial irregularities and illegal practices within the region's lucrative coal transportation industry. The investigation is ongoing and further details are expected to emerge as authorities scrutinize the seized evidence.