

Congress labels Crop Insurance Scheme the 'Biggest Scam'



By Special Correspondent Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Congress spokesperson Rahul Raj on Monday launched a scathing attack on the BJP government, branding the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana as the "biggest scam" in the state.

"web of loot" benefitting insurance companies and corporate houses at the expense of cultivators. Citing shocking figures, Raj claimed that in 2024 farmers paid Rs 2,743 crore in premiums, yet not a single rupee was disbursed as compensation against a potential liability of Rs 36,803 crore.

sums reaching farmers while companies reportedly pocketed thousands of crores.

According to Raj, the manipulation occurs through collusion between patwaris, collectors, and higher officials, who allegedly prepare false reports, dilute crop loss assessments, and delay payments by up to two years. In some districts, farmers who paid lakhs in premiums reportedly received "zero" compensation for crop loss in the 2024 kharif season. The Congress party posed three questions to the government: where the collected premiums have gone, why no action has been taken against insurance firms, and whether the BJP is deliberately handing over farmers' hard-earned money to corporates.

Monkey business on Bhopal's VIP Road



Bhopal - Commuters on Bhopal's VIP Road were treated to a surprising sight on Tuesday when a mischievous monkey staged a peaceful takeover of a corn vendor's cart.



The animal, seemingly a fan of roasted corn, made itself comfortable right on top of the stall, creating a moment of delightful chaos. As the vendor looked on help-

lessly, the monkey began to munch on the fresh cobs, ignoring the growing crowd of onlookers. The incident quickly drew laughter and attention from passersby, who found the monkey's audacity both humorous and charming. The scene became an instant social media sensation, with videos and photos being shared widely. Users have jokingly dubbed the primate a "VIP customer" for its brazen act. One user commented, "This is the real VIP customer—money isn't necessary, only a good takeover!"

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a salon in Bairasia, but their relationship soured following disputes that led the girl to file charges against him. On the night of the attack, Sonu lured the girl to a secluded area near Curit Heights under the guise of wanting to talk. Following a heated argument around 8:30 PM, he allegedly attacked her with a knife. The police have since registered a case of attempted murder and are actively searching for the suspect, who is currently absconding. The investigation is ongoing as authorities work to locate the accused.



Bhopal Police conducts riot control drill

Security preparations for upcoming festivals

Bhopal: In preparation for upcoming festivals like Anant Chaturdashi, Dol Gyaras, and Milad-un-Nabi, Bhopal's police force conducted a comprehensive riot control mock drill at the Police Lines. The exercise, which involved approximately 500 police personnel, was designed to ensure peace, security, and law and order during the festive season. Led by Deputy Police Commissioners Shradha Tiwari and Neetu Thakur, the drill simulated a protest by farmers demanding compensation. The exercise began with police officers attempting to de-escalate the situation and engage in dialogue with the "protestors." However, as the crowd be-

AIIMS Bhopal hosts national CME on eye donation

To promote awareness and vision restoration



Bhopal: The Department of Ophthalmology at AIIMS Bhopal organized a National Continuing Medical Education (CME) programme as part of the National Eye Donation Fortnight. The event was inaugurated by Prof. (Dr.) Madhabananda Kar, Executive Director of AIIMS Bhopal, alongside esteemed guests Dr. Prabhakar Tiwari, Dr.

Nichlani, and Dr. Lalit Srivastava. The CME featured prominent experts in ophthalmology who shared their insights and experiences. Dr. Chindan Malhotra from PGI Chandigarh delivered an informative session on penetrating keratoplasty, transplantation, and cross-linking techniques. Additionally, Dr. Neha

Chaturvedi discussed steroid-induced glaucoma, while Dr. Prerna Upadhyay focused on the management of chemical burns and ocular trauma. These presentations provided participants with valuable knowledge about the latest advancements in eye care and vision restoration. The event saw active participation from postgraduate students, interns, and faculty members, fostering an interactive atmosphere. A quiz competition concluded the programme, generating excitement and rewarding winners with attractive prizes. This National CME not only served as a scientific platform for exchanging ideas but also played a crucial role in raising awareness about the importance of eye donation. By encouraging individuals to pledge their eyes, AIIMS Bhopal reaffirmed its commitment to enhancing public health and supporting the vital cause of restoring sight to those in need.

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Indian Railways, SBI Sign Landmark Pact for Enhanced Employee Insurance

and SBI Chairman C.S. Setty. Under the new MoU, railway employees who hold a salary account with SBI will receive a massive upgrade in their insurance coverage. In the event of accidental death, the coverage for Group A, B, and C employees has been raised to a uniform Rs 1 crore, a monumental increase from the previous amounts of Rs 1.20 lakh, Rs 60,000, and Rs 30,000, respectively. Additionally, all railway employees with an SBI salary account will now be eligible for Rs 10 lakh natural death insurance policy, with no premium or medical examination required.



Bhopal: In a significant move for employee welfare, Indian Railways and the State Bank of India (SBI) have signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to substantially increase insurance benefits for railway employees. The agreement was signed in the presence of Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw, Railway Board Chairman Satish Kumar,

The agreement also includes other comprehensive benefits, such as:
● Rs 1.6 crore air accident death cover on RuPay debit cards.
● Up to Rs 1 crore for permanent total disability in case of a personal accident.
● Up to Rs 80 lakh for permanent partial disability.
This employee-centric MoU is set to benefit nearly 7 lakh railway employees, particularly the frontline Group C workers, underscoring a strong partnership between the two major institutions.

Student protests erupt over nursing education crisis, submit memorandum to Registrar

Kushwaha, the organization's state president, stated that the future of thousands of students is at risk due to severe mismanagement and alleged corruption within the council. He highlighted that GNM students from the 2022-23 batch have yet to receive their first-year results, three years after their exams, with no sign of a timetable for their second-year exams. This delay is turning a three-year diploma course into a six-year ordeal.



Bhopal: Nursing students, under the banner of the NSO Student Organization, staged a vigorous protest and submitted a memorandum to the Registrar of the Nursing Council in Bhopal and the Deputy Chief Minister's residence, demanding urgent action to save their academic careers. Subhash

Similar issues plague ANM students, whose two-year course is also severely delayed. Compounding the problem, many SC, ST, and OBC students have not received their scholarships for the past four years, forcing some to abandon their studies. The students are demanding the immediate declaration of all pending results, timely conduct of future exams, disbursement of scholarships, and the proper distribution of mark sheets. They have also called for action against the officials responsible for the delays. The council has promised to resolve these issues within 15 days, but students have warned of more intense protests in Bhopal and Delhi if their demands are not met.

Salvation is possible only with self-restraint and discipline



Bhopal: On the sixth day of Das Lakshan at the Shri Mahavir Digambar Station Bajaria Jain Temple, Manoj Shastri delivered a discourse on the religion of restraint on Tuesday. He emphasized

that restraint is essential in life, likening it to the brakes of a vehicle or a dam holding back a lake; it is crucial for maintaining balance. He noted that humans cannot progress on the path to salvation

while being irregular and unrestrained. Shastri explained that when women observe a religious fast on Sugandh Dashami, they help wash away the inauspicious deeds of individuals, leading them toward salvation. President Rajiv Panchratna, along with Narendra Jain, Ashok Jain, Rajendra Jain, Pradeep Jain, Raja Jain, and Vipin Jain, are participating in the religious programs, benefiting from the teachings. In the evening, a grand musical aarti was performed, and the play "Nemi-Rajul" was staged as part of a cultural program organized by Mahila Mandal President Babita Panchratna. Women participated in a competition, dressed in full regalia.

BHEL kicks off three-day training for ONGC Officials



Bhopal: A three-day customer training program on "Alternator - Troubleshooting and Maintenance Aspects" for officials from Oil and Natural Gas Corporation (ONGC) began to-

day. The inaugural event, held at Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL), was led by the General Manager of HR, T.U. Singh, and the Head of HRD, Surekha Banchhor.

Surekha Banchhor welcomed the participants and gave a detailed overview of the training module, which focuses on practical knowledge and skill enhancement. T.U. Singh addressed the group, emphasizing that ONGC is a valued customer and user of their products. He highlighted the importance of high-quality products and prompt service, stressing that the training is a platform for mutual learning. He urged the ONGC officials to use this opportunity to discuss critical operational challenges and explore solutions. The training program is being conducted by a team of faculty from HRDC, including Shishu Pal, Umesh Kumar Savle, Tarun K. Kaushik, and V.P. Siloriya. Umesh Kumar Savle delivered the vote of thanks, concluding the inaugural session of the program.