

Districts to see removal of Collectors over fertilizer crisis

Farmers' distress prompts stern warning from CM

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has issued a stern ultimatum to district collectors, holding them solely responsible for ensuring adequate fertilizer supply to farmers. During a review meeting on Wednesday, the Chief Minister expressed sharp frustration over reports of mismanagement and farmer protests, warning that underperforming collectors will be removed from their posts.

The warning comes amid state government claims of sufficient fertilizer stock, which are contradicted by a ground reality of farmer frustration. Dr. Yadav called a recent police baton charge on protesting farmers in Rewa “unnecessary,” underscoring the gravity of the situation. He stressed that a failure to manage fertilizer distribution reflects a failure in overall district administration.

Ensuring transparency and accountability

To prevent black-market activities and ensure transparency, the Chief



Minister mandated that district administrations share fertilizer stock information with elected representatives and farmer organizations. He also directed officials to conduct surprise inspections of sales centers and, if necessary, open new ones to streamline distribution. Dr. Yadav emphasized that the state government stands firmly with its farmers and will do everything to ensure their needs are met.

The meeting also highlighted a crackdown on illegal activities related

to fertilizers, with officials reporting 53 FIRs filed, 88 licenses canceled, and 102 suspended. This signals a zero-tolerance policy against black marketing and the sale of fake products.

Innovative solutions and flood relief

Dr. Yadav praised innovative distribution models presented by collectors from Damoh and Jabalpur, where they separated token issuance from the physical distribution process and used phone calls and display boards to manage queues. He urged other districts to adopt similar strategies.

Shifting focus to another pressing issue, the Chief Minister directed officials to accelerate flood and heavy rain relief efforts. He instructed them to ensure immediate assistance for crop damage, loss of life, and livestock. Officials reported that 12,000 hectares of land and 17,500 farmers in multiple districts were affected by recent floods, with over Rs 20 crore in relief already sanctioned. The CM stressed the need for pre-emptive measures, including stocking relief materials in flood-prone areas, as more heavy rainfall is forecast.

Rain expected across Madhya Pradesh as monsoon activity intensifies

Bhopal: A strong weather system over the Bay of Bengal is set to bring widespread and heavy rainfall to many parts of Madhya Pradesh over the next few days. The system, a well-marked low-pressure area off the Odisha coast, is moving west-northwest and will keep the monsoon active across the state.

The Meteorological Department predicts heavy showers with thunderstorms in districts including Narmadapuram, Betul, Harda, Burhanpur, Khandwa, Khargone, Dewas, Chhindwara, and Pandhurna.

Meanwhile, light to moderate rainfall is anticipated in the following districts:

- ✪ Bhopal, Vidisha, Raisen, Sehore, Rajgarh
- ✪ Alirajpur, Jhabua, Dhar, Indore, Ratlam, Ujjain, Shajapur, Agar Malwa
- ✪ Guna, Ashoknagar, Shivpuri, Gwalior, Sheopur Kalan
- ✪ Shahdol, Umaria, Dindori, Jabalpur, Narsinghpur, Seoni, Mandla, Balaghat
- ✪ Damoh, Sagar



Lighter rains are also expected in Mandsaur, Neemuch, Datia, Bhind, Morena, Singrauli, Sidhi, Rewa, Mauganj, Satna, Katni, Panna, Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh, Niwari, and Maihar. Weather experts say that the

low-pressure system, combined with a cyclonic circulation in North India, will ensure consistent rainfall. Farmers are advised to take necessary precautions to prevent waterlogging in their fields during this period.

Two Infants die after rat bites, sparks political and public outcry

Tragedy at MY Hospital Indore

Indore: The state's largest government hospital, MY Hospital, is under intense scrutiny following the tragic deaths of two newborns, allegedly after being bitten by rats in the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU). The first death occurred on Tuesday, followed by a second on Wednesday, sending shockwaves across the city. The families and public are outraged, pointing to severe negligence as the cause of death, despite the hospital's claims of infection.

Investigations and actions taken

The Human Rights Commission has taken notice of the matter and has demanded a detailed report from the hospital superintendent within one month. The hospital administration has also taken swift action, suspending two nursing officers, removing the nursing



superintendent from duty, and serving termination notices with a Rs 1 lakh fine to the pest control agency. A high-level committee of expert doctors has been formed to investigate the matter.

The incident has also taken a

political turn. Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla acknowledged that timely pest control could have prevented the tragedy, while PCC Chief Jitu Patwari expressed his anger on social media, saying that the infants were not killed by rats but by a “corrupt system.”

CMHO issues stern warning to all hospitals

In response to the tragic incident, Indore's Chief Medical and Health Officer (CMHO), Dr. Madhav Hasani, has issued a strict warning to all government and private hospitals in the district. He stated that if any rats or other pests are found, the duty in-charge and hospital manager will be held directly accountable. The order has been issued to all 237 government and 292 private hospitals, along with 850 clinics. The CMHO has warned that strict action will be taken under the Nursing Home Act against any hospital that fails to comply with the order.

Newborn dies due to rat infestation, Congress attacks government

Indore: A major political and public outcry has erupted in Indore after a newborn reportedly died and another was severely injured from being bitten by rats inside the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) of Maharaja Yeshwantrao (MY) Hospital, Madhya Pradesh's largest government hospital.

Following the horrific incident, the hospital management has suspended two nurses, issued show-cause notices to multiple officials, and fined the pest control company ₹1 lakh. The Dean of MGM Medical College, Dr. Arvind Ghanghoria, confirmed that a five-member high-level committee has been formed to investigate the matter and will submit its report in seven days.



The incident has drawn sharp criticism from the Congress party, with State President Jitu Patwari accusing the government of “corrupt administration” and “anarchy” at the hospital. Patwari questioned why only lower-level staff were being punished and demanded accountability from the hospital superintendent and the state's health minister.

Videos showing rats scurrying freely inside the NICU, allegedly filmed by a parent, have gone viral on social media, fueling public anger. The videos surfaced two days ago, bringing to light an incident that reportedly happened several days prior. The controversy highlights a critical failure in hospital hygiene and patient safety protocols.

Two teachers of MP to be honored with National Awards for innovation in education

Bhopal: Two educators from Madhya Pradesh, Sheela Patel from Damoh and Bherulal Osara from Agar-Malwa, have been selected to receive the prestigious National Teachers' Award 2025. President Droupadi Murmu will present the awards at a ceremony in New Delhi's Vigyan Bhavan on September 5, Teacher's Day.

Out of 145 teachers from 45 districts who applied, a state-level committee shortlisted six names, with two ultimately chosen for the national honor.

Sheela Patel, a primary school teacher, is being recognized for her innovative, play-based approach to education. She used songs, stories, and acting to implement the Foundational Literacy Mission (FLN) and even held special classes on holidays to promote female lit-

eracy. She also created low-cost teaching materials and set up “learning spots” throughout her village to make education accessible everywhere.

Bherulal Osara, a middle school teacher, is being celebrated for his focus on creativity and environmental awareness. He established eco clubs and conducted activities on water conservation, tree planting, and plastic eradication. He also used street plays and rallies to engage students. In a forward-thinking move, he educated students on online safety, cybercrime, and secure social media use, inspiring many other teachers in the process.

Their dedication highlights a commitment to holistic and impactful education beyond the traditional classroom.

CM pays tribute to late father on death anniversary

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav paid a heartfelt tribute to his late father, Poonam Chand Yadav, on his death anniversary. In a statement, the Chief Minister honored his father, remembering him as a symbol of “courage, strength, and support.” Dr. Yadav said his father's ideals, values, and spirit of service are the most cherished assets of his life. He added that his father's love, blessings, and memories will continue to be a source of inspiration and strength in his mission of public service.

Five sentenced to life in prison for Ujjain murder case

Ujjain: An Ujjain district court has sentenced five men to life imprisonment and imposed a fine after convicting them of murder. The verdict was delivered by Special Judge (SC-ST Act) Arvind Pratap Singh Chauhan. The convicted individuals—Akash Khinchi (30), Sagar Khinchi (24), Ashish (27), Vishal (23), and Ashok (48)—were found guilty of the 2021 killing of a man named Govind.

According to Kuldeep Singh Bhadoria of the media cell, the incident took place on May 28, 2021, stemming from a dispute over impounded cattle.

New highway of Rs 12,000 crore to make Bhopal-Indore two-hour trip

By KanhaiyaLodhi

Bhopal: Commuters traveling between Bhopal and Indore will soon see a significant reduction in travel time thanks to the new Indore-Bhopal Greenfield Corridor, an ambitious project that will also be Madhya Pradesh's most expensive road to date. The proposed corridor is set to cost Rs 75 crore per kilometer, with an estimated total project cost of Rs 12,000 crore. While the existing four-lane highway connecting the two cities is roughly 15 to 20 kilometers longer, the new 160-kilometer corridor is designed for high-speed travel, allowing vehicles to maintain an average speed of 100 kilometers per hour. This will cut the current travel time of more than three hours down to just two, saving both time and fuel for countless daily commuters and businesses.

Other high-stakes projects in the pipeline: The Indore-Bhopal project isn't the only high-cost highway being built in the state. The Jabalpur-Bhopal Greenfield Highway comes in



as the second-most expensive road in terms of per-kilometer cost. With a total length of 255 kilometers and an estimated budget of Rs 15,000 crore, this highway will cost Rs 58.82 crore per kilometer. Once completed, it will reduce travel time between Jabalpur and Bhopal from over four and a half hours to just over three hours.

Also on the list of major infrastructure projects is the Lakhnadon-Raipur High-Speed Corridor, which

will connect Madhya Pradesh to Chhattisgarh. The 220-kilometer highway is projected to cost Rs 10,000 crore, making it the third-largest project by total cost. It also ranks third in per-kilometer cost at Rs 45.45 crore.

Combined, these three mega-projects represent a total investment of Rs 37,000 crore in Madhya Pradesh's transportation infrastructure, signaling a major push for economic and travel efficiency across the region.

Cheetahs to remain in MP's Kuno National Park



Bhopal: In a major policy decision, the Madhya Pradesh government has announced that it will not transfer any of the cheetahs from Kuno National Park to other states for the time being. The decision was confirmed by Ashok Barnwal, Additional Chief Secretary of the Forest Department, who stated that the cheetahs

will remain in Kuno to focus on increasing their population.

The move reverses a previous agreement between Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan to create a corridor for the cheetahs, allowing them to move into Rajasthan's Mukundra Reserve. This plan, which was part of a larger initiative to es-

tablish a 17,000-square-kilometer corridor across both states, has now been put on hold.

According to sources, the primary goal is to first stabilize and grow the cheetah population within Kuno National Park. While the government will not actively move the animals, it also won't prevent them from migrating naturally, though monitoring will be intensified.

The decision was influenced by concerns over the potential risks of inter-state movement, including poaching and conflicts with other predators like tigers and leopards. Officials believe that a stable population within a single, protected area is the safest path forward for the species' revival in India. The cheetahs, originally brought from Namibia and South Africa, have been successfully adapting to their new environment, with their numbers now slowly increasing. The government's new strategy aims to ensure this growth continues uninterrupted.

Multi-Crore Job Scam Uncovered in Indore

Indore: A major fraud ring operating between Indore and Bhopal has been busted, with a gang of fake government officials accused of swindling approximately Rs 1.72 crore from victims under the pretext of securing government jobs. The Indore Crime Branch registered a First Information Report (FIR) following a complaint from a local doctor.

Dr. Subhash, a resident of Shiv City, reported that the scam's mastermind, Rakesh Suman, had befriended him in 2018 at Index Medical College, posing as a railway official. Over six years, Suman and his associates—including individuals identified as Ratna Tiwari, Seema Tiwari, Urmila Tiwari, and others—conned the doctor and his family. The group demanded money for various fabricated reasons, such as “processing fees,” “bribes,” and “CBI clearances.”

To build trust, the fraudsters used sophisticated tactics, including creating fake appointment letters, promotion documents, railway ID cards, and even falsified CBI notices. They also made phone calls from numbers appearing to be official government lines.

Despite a previous complaint filed in Bhopal in 2024, no action was taken until the Indore Crime Branch intervened. The accused have now been booked for fraud and criminal conspiracy. Police are actively investigating the extensive racket to determine the full scope of their operations and bring all perpetrators to justice.

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