

Smile of 'Annadata' is the strength of Govt: CM

▶ Dr Yadav transfers relief amount into accounts of disaster-hit farmers

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav on Saturday disbursed Rs 20.60 crore in flood relief to 17,500 farmers from 11 districts of Madhya Pradesh. The distribution took place at 'Samattva Bhavan', the Chief Minister's residence, where the amount was transferred directly into the farmers' bank accounts with a single click as compensation for crop losses caused by the recent natural calamity (excessive rainfall).

Interacting virtually with the affected farmers, Chief Minister Dr. Yadav stated that the prosperity and smile of 'Annadata' are the true strength of his government. CM Dr. Yadav assured, "We will not allow our farmers to remain helpless in the face of adverse weather. What had to happen has happened, but now the government is ensuring that proper compensation is provided for crop damage. No farmer in the state will be left unsupported. The government stands firmly with farmers in both happiness and adversity, and every affected farmer will receive relief."

The event was attended by Revenue Minister Karan Singh Verma, Additional Secretary to the CM Alok Singh, and Revenue Commissioner Smt. Anubha Srivastava and other senior departmental officials.

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warm dialogue with farmers from districts affected by heavy rains, inquiring about their well-being, crop losses and current situation. He interacted virtually with farmers. Tourism & Culture Minister of State Dharmendra Singh Lodhi was also present in Damoh during the interaction. The farmers expressed their gratitude to CM for promptly providing flood relief.

CM had distributed more than Rs 30 crore in relief to 24,884 individuals affected by natural disasters, excessive rainfall and floods earlier in

August. Revenue Commissioner Srivastava informed that provisions have been made in the Revenue Code to ensure immediate financial assistance to disaster-affected families, enabling them to restore their livelihoods. During this monsoon season, the state has recorded 1,031.2 mm of rainfall, 25% above normal. So far, in the year 2025-26, a total relief amount of Rs 188.52 crore has been distributed under various heads to cover losses caused by natural disasters.

Shivraj Singh declares fertilizer tagging illegal

▶ Highlights massive GST benefits for farmers

Bhopal: Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has firmly declared tagging on fertilizers as illegal, stating that it will not be tolerated under any circumstances. Addressing a press conference at his residence on Saturday, he emphasized that strict action will be taken against those involved if any complaints are received.



significant financial benefits for farmers. He noted that the reduction in GST on agricultural machinery and equipment will help farmers save between Rs 25,000 to Rs 65,000 on tractor purchases alone. A 75 HP tractor, for example, will now be cheaper by about Rs 63,000.

Other equipment will also see savings: 11,875 on a 13 HP power tiller, 15,400 on a paddy planting machine, 21,875 on a straw reaper, and 32,800 on an automatic planter. Additionally, lower GST on dairy products like milk, cheese, butter, and ghee will benefit both consumers and producers, boosting the rural economy.

Chouhan also pointed out that the GST cuts on cement and iron will reduce construction costs in rural areas, making housing and infrastructure projects more affordable under government schemes. He also definitely reduce.

GST reforms

Highlighting recent GST reforms, Chouhan announced signif-

International Vulture Day celebrated in Van Vihar

▶ Awareness programs, workshop held



Bhopal: On the occasion of International Vulture Awareness Day, various awareness activities were held at Van Vihar National Park, Bhopal, in collaboration with WWF-India and BNHS. Observed annually on the first Saturday of September, the event aimed to highlight the vital ecological role of vultures and the urgent need for their conservation.

A one-day workshop at Vihar

tations. To raise further awareness, a state-level art competition titled "Panni se Pakshi" was announced, inviting participants to create vulture models from plastic waste for display during Wildlife Week 2025. A poster-making competition on "Ecological Services of Vultures" was also held for college students.

Drawing competition for schoolchildren

BNHS conducted a drawing competition for schoolchildren on the vulture theme, with winners awarded. An interactive quiz for tourists at the forest resort tested knowledge on vultures, with prizes for correct answers.

A field guide titled "Vultures of Madhya Pradesh" was launched to aid forest staff in species identification and monitoring. The event was graced by senior officials including PCCF (Wildlife) Shubranjan Sen and WWF Director Dr. Swati Moghe, reinforcing the collaborative commitment to vulture conservation.

Student injured in tiger attack near university

▶ Forest Dept. issues safety notice

Bhopal: A tiger cub attacked a student near the campus of Jagran Lakecity University late Thursday night, leaving him injured. The student, identified as Mohammad Bora, was walking with two friends when the young tiger emerged from the bushes and attacked. The cub's claws caused a one-inch wound on his leg before his friends managed to scare it away by shouting and pulling him back. Mohammad was immediately taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

According to Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) Lokpriya Bharti, the tiger involved in the incident is a one-year-old cub of tigress T-123. After the attack, the cub retreated into the forest. The forest department confirmed the tiger's identity based on paw prints found at the scene.

Videos of the incident surfaced on Saturday

Although the incident took place on Thursday night, videos of the attack surfaced on Saturday. Forest officials have been actively monitoring the area since then and



conducted searches to ensure public safety.

The forest department has also issued a notice to the university, directing them to install proper wire fencing around the campus to prevent such encounters in the future.

The Kaliasot and Kerwa forest ranges near Bhopal have reported frequent tiger activity. Tigress T-123 and her two cubs have been

spotted several times in the region, including areas close to the Bhoj University campus on Kolar Road.

Officials noted that since the tiger was a young cub, the consequences were less severe. However, they warned that if it had been a fully grown tiger, the outcome could have been much worse. The forest department continues to monitor the area to ensure no further incidents occur.

8th Day of Velankanni Mata Novena Celebrated

Bhopal: The Novena prayers of Velankanni Mata, revered as the Mother of Good Health, are being held in various Catholic churches across the city. Churches have been beautifully illuminated and decorated, and the statue of Velankanni Mata has been adorned with vibrant floral arrangements.

On the eighth day of the annual Novena at Infant Jesus Church, Ayodhya Bypass, Archbishop Dr. Durairaj S.V.D. presided over the special Novena prayers and Holy Mass, delivering an inspiring message to the faithful. In his homily, Archbishop Durairaj highlighted humility as Mother Mary's most outstanding virtue. Though chosen as the most blessed woman on earth, she always regarded herself as the Lord's servant. Her life, he emphasized, teaches that true greatness is found not in power or



riches, but in humility and service.

The Archbishop further explained that genuine devotion to Velankanni is best expressed through acts of service. He urged devotees to follow Mother Mary's example by showing kindness and love in their daily lives. He was joined in the liturgical celebration by Father Benito and Father Johnny Wilson.

Father Alfred D'Souza shared that the annual Novena is a time of deep spiritual renewal and community unity, bringing devotees together in prayer and reflection as they seek the blessings and intercession of Mother Velankanni.

The Novena prayers will conclude on Sunday, and on 8th September, the feast of Mother Mary's birthday will be celebrated with great joy and reverence in churches across the city.

Only those who abuse Hindus and Sanatan get a position in Cong

Administrative Correspondent

Bhopal: Former Home Minister Dr. Narottam Mishra has strongly attacked the statement given by Congress leader and Leader of Opposition Umang Singhar regarding tribals. Mishra said that Singhar's statement exposes the mentality of the Congress, which is based on the policy of dividing the society. He alleged that the Congress is following the strategy of 'divide and rule' like the British.

Dr. Mishra said that only those leaders move forward in the Congress who oppose Sanatan Dharma and Hindutva. Giving an example, he said that leaders like Rahul Gandhi and Mani Shankar Aiyar have been questioning Hinduism earlier as well. Citing the statement of Tamil Nadu DMK leader describ-

ing Sanatan Dharma as dengue, Mishra said that Congress is following this tradition. He said that Umang Singhar's statement that we are tribals, not Hindus, is not only reprehensible but is also part of a well-planned conspiracy to divide the society. Mishra alleged that Singhar is trying to please the Congress high command to save his post and hence is giving such controversial statements.

Dr. Mishra said that Congress has a history that whenever it gets away from power, it tries to divide the society. This statement given about tribals is also proof of the same thing. Mishra called it a serious crime and said that the public is understanding such efforts and in the coming times, Congress will get a befitting reply for this.

CM to unveil development projects in Mauganj today

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav will inaugurate development projects valued at Rs 241.33 crore in Mauganj on September 7. The initiatives primarily include the laying of the foundation stone for the Joint District Office Building of Mauganj. During the event, Dr. Yadav will inaugurate 16 development projects worth Rs 37 crore 50 lakh and perform Bhoomi Pujan for 6 additional projects totaling Rs 203 crore 83 lakh.

In addition to the development works, Chief Minister Dr. Yadav plans to visit Bahuti Falls and worship at the Shiva temple in Devtalab. At a program scheduled to take place at Devtalab Stadium, the Chief Minister will also distribute benefits under various beneficiary-oriented schemes. The event will feature addresses from Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla, Minister of State for Animal Husbandry and Dairying (Independent Charge) Lakhan Patel, MP Janardan Mishra, and former Assembly Speaker and MLA Girish Gautam.

Bhopal bids emotional farewell to Ganpati Bappa on Anant Chaturdashi

▶ Devotees celebrate with rituals, music, and heartfelt goodbyes



Bhopal: The city of Bhopal was steeped in devotion, celebration, and emotion on Saturday as thousands of devotees gathered to mark the occasion of Anant Chaturdashi, bidding a grand and heartfelt farewell to Ganpati Bappa with chants of "Ganpati Bappa Morya, Pudhchya Varshi Lavkar Ya!". The farewell rituals began with special poojas and aartis, where devotees offered Ganpati's favourite sweets as bhog, followed by lively processions featuring dhol-tasha and people dancing to the beats in joyous unison. The mood was festive yet emotional, culminating in the visarjan (idol immersion) ceremony.



Immersion activities commenced on Saturday morning at major ghats across the city including Shahpura, Prempura, Khatlapura, Rani Kamlapati, Bairagarh, Malikhedi and Hathaikheda. Larger idols were immersed with the help of cranes, while smaller idols were placed into specially prepared tanks and stalls set up throughout Bhopal. To ensure a safe and smooth immersion process, authorities deployed CCTV surveillance, divers, and police personnel at key lo-



People bid emotional farewell to Ganpati Bappa on Anant Chaturdashi on Saturday. Photos by Ashraf Ali.

CM greets

CM Dr. Mohan Yadav has extended greetings and best wishes to the Citizens of Madhya Pradesh on the occasion of Anant Chaturdashi. He prayed to Lord Hari Vishnu and Gajanan Ganesh to bless the state with all-round development and prosperity. CM also reviewed the rainfall situation and Ganesh idol immersion arrangements from the State Situation Room on Saturday. Interacting with Collectors and SPs through video conferencing, he directed all districts to remain on high alert, ensure smooth immersion and take extra precautions in view of heavy rains. He also watched a live demonstration of disaster management measures and proper arrangements for Ganesh idol immersion. CM Dr. Yadav instructed officials to shift people to safe locations if needed and manage flood relief effectively.