

# PM MITRA Park to transform the state into India's cotton capital

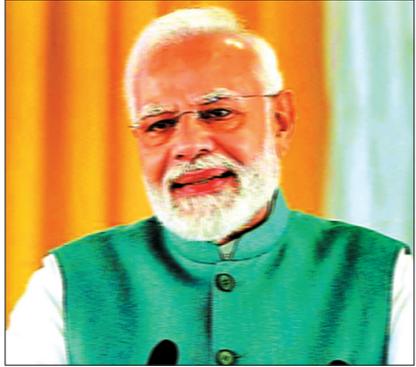
A new dawn for Madhya Pradesh

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh is set to become India's new "Cotton Capital" with the ground breaking of the first PM MITRA Park in the Dhar district. This landmark project, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is poised to connect the state's cotton farmers directly to the international market, ushering in a new era of prosperity and global recognition for their produce.

The state is already a leader in organic cotton production, contributing a significant 40% of the country's total output. The PM MITRA Park is seen as a game-changer, providing a direct link between farmers' hard work and the global marketplace.

## A foundation for industrial growth

Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav hailed the project as the cornerstone of the state's industrial future and a gateway of new possibilities for farmers. He emphasized that the park will transform Madhya Pradesh's cotton from a mere crop into a recognized industrial identity. The initiative will not only benefit farmers but is also expected to change the lives of laborers, women,



and youth through new opportunities.

## Past production:

- ★ 2022-23: 8.78 lakh metric tons
- ★ 2023-24: 6.30 lakh metric tons
- ★ 2024-25: 5.60 lakh metric tons

The Malwa region, particularly districts like Indore, Dhar, Jabhua, Alirajpur, Kargone, Bar-

wani, Khandwa, and Burhanpur, are major cotton producers and are expected to benefit immensely from this development.

## World-class infrastructure and investor confidence

Spanning an impressive 2,158 acres, the park will boast world-class amenities, including a 20 MLD Common Effluent Treatment Plant, a 10 MVA solar power plant, and robust provisions for water and electricity. Modern roads and 81 "plug-and-play" units will also be developed. Beyond industrial infrastructure, the park will feature residential and social facilities for workers, transforming it into an ideal industrial township.

Investors have already shown strong confidence, with proposals worth Rs 27,109 crore submitted for setting up industries. This investment is expected to create new jobs and boost exports. With the establishment of these textile units, products from Dhar will be directly sold in the global market, positioning Madhya Pradesh as a new textile hub. The project is projected to generate approximately 3 lakh jobs—1 lakh direct and 2 lakh indirect—and is expected to double the value of farmers' crops.



# Railways launches festival specials to ease holiday rush

Jabalpur: To accommodate the surge in passenger traffic during the upcoming festival season, Indian Railways has announced the launch of several special trains. These services, operating on a special fare basis, will connect key destinations, primarily linking Pune with major cities in northern India.

The new services include both weekly and bi-weekly trains on the Pune-Hazrat Nizamuddin and Pune-Sanganer routes. These special trains will operate from late September through the end of November, aiming to meet the high travel demand during festivals like Diwali. They will

traverse multiple stations under the West Central Railway zone, offering convenient travel options for passengers across Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan. The trains are equipped with a mix of coaches, including First AC, Second AC, Third AC, Sleeper, and General compartments, to cater to various passenger needs. Passengers are advised to check the official railway website for exact schedules, fares, and booking information. The launch of these special trains is a strategic move to ensure smooth and comfortable travel for a large number of commuters during the busy holiday period.

# Centre moves 35 officers in major JS level reshuffle

(Conte from Page 1)

The Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions has also seen a round of fresh inductions.

Sushil Kumar Patel (IAS\NL:2009) and Chhavi Bhardwaj (IAS\MP:2008) have been appointed to senior roles in the Department of Personnel & Training, the latter also serving as CEO of Karmayogi Bharat.

Dinesh Kumar Verma (CSS) has been assigned as Secretary (JS level) at the Public Enterprises Selection Board.

In the social sector, Harikishore S (IAS\KL:2008) has been appointed Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Tourism, Rajamurugan Muthukalathi (IPS\MN:1996) will lead TRIFED under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, and Radhika Jha (IAS\UD:2002) has been assigned to the Ministry of Women and

Child Development.

Shilpa Sachin Shinde (IAS\UT:2006) will head WAPCOS as CMD.

Other notable appointments include Chetan PS Rao (IRS-IT:2002) as Member (Finance) of Delhi Development Authority, Garima Singh (CSS) in the Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, and Sumant Narain (IA\AS:2000) in the Department of Water Resources.

This large-scale reshuffle signals a renewed focus on policy delivery and institutional strengthening across ministries. By drawing officers from a wide range of services, the government has ensured both diversity of experience and depth of expertise at the Joint Secretary level—an essential tier in the administrative machinery responsible for shaping and executing policies of national importance.

# CM Yadav blasts Ratlam SP over crowd control at crop inspection

Sailana (Ratlam): Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav on Saturday publicly reprimanded Ratlam's Superintendent of Police (SP) for a failure in crowd management during a crop inspection in Sailana. The CM was visibly angered by a large crowd of villagers, which police were unable to control as he surveyed fields devastated by recent rains and yellow mosaic disease.

In a strong display of frustration, CM Yadav directed a sharp rebuke at SP Amit Kumar. "What's the point then, SP sir?" he questioned. "If you say so, I'll do it myself. If you can't handle it, then leave." The Chief Minister's firm tone spurred the administration into immediate action, with police forces receiving new directives to manage the situation. While the CM's visit served to reassure farmers of government support, the incident sent a clear and unequivocal message to officials that negligence in crowd management will not be tolerated.

# MP braces for heavy rain as weather shifts

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh is preparing for a significant weather change as a system over the Bay of Bengal brings the promise of heavy rainfall to the state's southern regions. While some areas might experience light drizzles, the meteorological department forecasts intense downpours in the afternoon and evening.

## Heavy rain alert for southern districts

Districts within the Indore, Jabalpur, and Narmadapuram divisions are on high alert for heavy rainfall. Residents of Indore, Kargone, Dhar, Khandwa, Burhanpur, Jabalpur, Narsinghpur, Mandla, and Narmadapuram have been advised to exercise special caution.

The change in weather patterns is attributed to the low-pressure system over the Bay of Bengal, which is expected to maintain its intensity for the next 24 hours.

Mixed forecast for other regions In contrast, most districts under



the Bhopal, Ujjain, and Gwalior-Chambal divisions are expected to experience partly cloudy to clear skies. While light showers may occur in isolated pockets, significant rainfall is not anticipated. Meanwhile, eastern Madhya

Pradesh, including Rewa, Shahdol, Sidhi, Singrauli, and Katni, will likely see cloudy conditions with the possibility of light drizzles. The rest of the state is expected to have a mix of clear and partly cloudy weather.

# Digvijaya Singh questions 'Ladli Behna' Scheme

Asks if funds are from 'Uncle's House'



Bhopal: Former Chief Minister Digvijaya Singh has questioned the financial viability of the state government's flagship 'Ladli Behna Yojana.' In a tweet on Saturday, Singh asked if the Rs 1,250 monthly assistance came from the Chief Minister's "uncle's

house," a direct jab at CM Mohan Yadav. His comments came a day after the monthly assistance was transferred to over 1.26 crore beneficiaries.

Singh argued that the amount is insufficient for major expenses like expensive medical treatment, private school education, or even electricity bills. He contended that instead of limiting women to mere financial assistance, the government should provide them with permanent employment and stable salaries to truly empower them. Drawing a parallel to leaders like Jawaharlal Nehru and Indira Gandhi, he urged the government to provide well-paying jobs to help families of beneficiaries become self-reliant. Singh also made a reference to a recent statement by RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, questioning why the government has no solid policy to address population growth. His remarks on social media have sparked considerable political speculation.



# Farmer's suicide attempt at Tehsil Gate sparks outcry

Tikamgarh: A tense scene unfolded at the Mohangarh Tehsil office on Friday as a frustrated farmer, denied a meeting with the Deputy Commissioner, created a ruckus, culminating in his son attempting suicide by hanging himself from the main gate. The shocking incident, which was captured on video and has since gone viral on social media, has drawn widespread attention to the farmer's plight.

Desperate bid for justice: The farmer, Ghanshyam Prajapati from Kanchanpura village, had been seeking compensation for a fire that destroyed his house a year ago. After exhausting all other options and weary of repeated visits to the Tehsil office, he arrived hoping to plead his case directly to the visiting

Deputy Commissioner. When he was prevented from meeting the official by Tehsil staff, his son, in a desperate act of protest, tied a rope to the gate and attempted to hang himself.

Officials intervene amidst viral video: The chaos and a similar past incident involving the same farmer—a suicide attempt over the same issue six months ago—prompted officials to intervene. After a prolonged period of commotion, the authorities finally allowed the young man to meet the Deputy Commissioner. The official listened to the complaint and assured the family that their grievance would be resolved. The incident has cast a critical light on the administrative delays that can push citizens to such extreme measures.

# Daily wage laborer stunned by Rs 25 lakh Income tax notice

Sehore: A daily wage laborer in Sehore, Madhya Pradesh, has been left in a state of shock and desperation after receiving an income tax notice for ₹25 lakh. The notice, which came as a complete surprise, also included an order to cancel his family's ration card, jeopardizing their only source of food support.

Rakesh Sisodia, a resident of Khaikheda village, insists he has no business or significant assets and earns a meager living through manual labor. The sudden notice has caused him immense fear, as he struggles to comprehend how he could be liable for such a massive tax amount. In a complaint filed with the Ahmadpur police, Sisodia alleges that his identity was fraudulently used to open companies in Chandigarh and Firozabad.

With three young children to feed, the laborer has pleaded with the local administration for a thorough investigation to bring him justice. "I can neither earn this much nor can I pay such a large tax," he stated, highlighting his desperate situation. The family is now living in fear of losing its only source of support as they face the consequences of a crime they did not commit.

# Engineer arrested, Patwari jailed in separate bribery cases

Lokayukta Police crackdown on corruption

Bhopal: In a dual blow to corruption, authorities in Madhya Pradesh have taken action against two public officials involved in bribery cases. In separate incidents, one official was arrested in the act of taking a bribe, while another was sentenced to four years in jail for past corrupt practices.

## Engineer caught red-handed accepting bribe

In a swift operation in Sagar, the Lokayukta Police arrested an assistant engineer from the Madhya Pradesh East Zone Electricity Distribution Company, identified as Milan Parteti. He was caught accepting a bribe of Rs 1 lakh. The arrest followed a complaint from a contractor, Ram Kumar Patel, who alleged that Parteti had demanded the money to approve an estimate for relocating a power line that was impeding construction on a consumer's plot. After verifying the complaint, the Lokayukta team laid a trap

at the Nagar Division office and apprehended the engineer as he took the money.

## Patwari sentenced to four years for accepting bribe

In a significant verdict, a Special Court for the Prevention of Corruption Act in Chhatarpur district has sentenced Brijlal Raikwar, a Patwari (revenue official), to four years of rigorous imprisonment for accepting a bribe. The court also imposed a fine. The case stemmed from a complaint made by a citizen, Uttam Singh, to the Sagar Lokayukta police. Singh had alleged that Raikwar demanded a bribe of Rs 5,000 to process the land mutation and officially register the name of his late father's heir in the land records. Following a successful trap and a thorough investigation, the court found Raikwar guilty, sending a strong message that corrupt public servants will face legal consequences.

# CM Yadav credits saints with disciplining society

CM attends convention of Jain Shwetambar Malwa Mahasangh

Indore: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav on Saturday praised the pivotal role of spiritual leaders in maintaining discipline within society. Addressing the 14th convention of the Jain Shwetambar Malwa Mahasangh, he said that the teachings and messages of religious figures are central to the preservation of Indian culture.

The Chief Minister also announced that a "Seva Pakhwada" (Service Fortnight) campaign will be launched across all districts of the state on September 17, coinciding with the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Highlighting his engagement



initiatives, CM Yadav stated that Madhya Pradesh is making great strides towards self-reliance by focusing on industrial development, increasing invest-

ment, and boosting self-employment opportunities. He also noted the government's better work in protecting cows, managing cow shelters, and enhancing milk production.

The CM received the blessings of Acharya Vishwaratna Sagar, who praised his simple and collaborative approach to state development. The Acharya lauded the government's "incomparable" work on new industries, employment, and religious trusts, adding that it has strongly promoted pro-people initiatives. The convention was attended by dignitaries including Water Resources Minister Tulsiram Silawat, Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava, and other public representatives.

श्री गणेशाय नमः श्री खेड़ापति सरकार की जय श्री खेड़ापति महाराज जी का सूर्यतिलक श्री विश्वकर्माय नमः

भारतान श्री खेड़ापति महाराज जी का सूर्यतिलक

दिनांक 17 सितम्बर 2025 दोपहर 12 बजे से दोपहर 02 बजे तक

पं. गौरीशंकर व्यास जी महोदय सचिव श्री श्री 1008 श्री महंत जगदीश दास जी स्वामी

अनूप तुलसीराम विश्वकर्मा अनिल तुलसीराम विश्वकर्मा

मुख्य उतिथि मान. श्री विश्वास केलसा सारंग मंत्री म.प्र. शासन

वंत सृजक सेवक : अनूप तुलसीराम विश्वकर्मा क्षेत्रीय विश्वकर्मा समान समिति, भोपाल स्थान: श्री खेड़ापति हनुमान मंदिर, खेला भोपाल (म.प्र.)

मध्य प्रदेश में पहली बार भगवान विश्वकर्मा पूजन दिवस पर हनुमानजी महाराज का सूर्य तिलक भोपाल, म.प्र. मध्य प्रदेश में भगवान विश्वकर्मा पूजन दिवस के शुभ अवसर पर एक ऐतिहासिक और अनेकाल अज्ञेयन किया जा रहा है। श्री खेड़ापति हनुमान मंदिर, खेला भोपाल में भगवान श्री खेड़ापति हनुमान जी महाराज के ललाट पर सूर्य तिलक के दर्शन का अवसर ब्रह्मदत्तों को प्राप्त होगा। इस भव्य आयोजन का उद्देश्य भगवान विश्वकर्मा जी की पूजा के फलित अवसर पर श्री खेड़ापति हनुमान जी महाराज के सूर्य तिलक की अनुपम शक्तियों के दर्शन का साथ साथी सर्व प्रेमियों और ब्रह्मदत्तों को दिलाना है।