

# Accused Saad and Sahil's family homes bulldozed

### Controversial demolitions spark debate on justice and accountability

Bhopal: District authorities used bulldozers to demolish the alleged illegal homes of two accused, Saad and Sahil, who were recently arrested on charges of rape and "love jihad" against college students. A third suspect, Farhan, has had his demolition action postponed. The highly-debated move has ignited a contentious public conversation about the nature of justice and collective punishment.

### Families question collective punishment:

The families of the accused have vehemently protested the demolitions, arguing that they are being punished for crimes they did not commit. Farzana, Saad's sister-in-law, stated "This house was built with our savings and hard work after mortgaging our jewelry. We have young children; why are we being punished for Saad's mistake? This was our family home, not just



his." Similarly, Sahil's mother, Shanno, questioned why her family, which has lived in the area for 20 years, was rendered homeless. "If he is guilty, let the law punish him, but why are we suffering for it?" she said. Neighbors Challenge Authority's

Claims: Residents in the neighborhood have also raised doubts about the legality of the demolitions. A neighbor, Salim, noted that the entire colony consists of legitimate houses and has been in existence for 30 years. "How can only two houses be illegal when the entire

colony is legal?" he asked. The residents assert that if the authorities' claims are true, the entire colony should face the same fate.

### Administration defends action as legal

The district administration has defended its actions, maintaining that the homes were built without proper permission. Officials stated that while the criminal cases are being handled by the courts, demolishing illegal constructions is a separate and legitimate legal procedure. "Running a bulldozer on an illegal construction is a part of the legal process. The accused's case is in court, and the court will decide on that. But action will be taken on the illegal house," an official said. The incident has intensified the public debate over whether the families of offenders should be made to bear the consequences of their alleged crimes.

# Bhagwa Party holds 'thirteenth day' ritual for Trump

### Protest against tariff hike



Bhopal: On Saturday, the Bhartiya Garh Varta (Bhagwa) Party staged a unique protest against US President Donald Trump at Board Office Square. The party held a symbolic 'Trayodashi' (thirteenth-day death ritual) program, following a mock funeral and effigy burning held earlier on September 1. The protest was in response to Trump's move to impose a 50% tariff on Indian goods, which the party termed as anti-India and hostile to Indo-US

relations. Party workers placed a garland of shoes around Trump's effigy and raised slogans denouncing him. Meals were also offered to attendees, marking the traditional thirteenth-day ritual observed after death in Indian culture.

### Trump's decision reflects a flawed mentality

Speaking at the event, party national president Shivakant Shukla said Trump's decision reflects "a flawed mentality and deranged thinking." He added that the protest aimed to "bring Trump to his senses" and hoped it would lead to the rollback of the tariff hike. Shukla emphasized that while India and the US have historically enjoyed strong ties, such economic policies harm bilateral friendship. He further said the protest was also a message to promote Swadeshi products and self-reliance among Indians. Organizers confirmed that symbolic protests like this would continue if policies perceived as harmful to India's interests persist.

# Retired BHEL supervisor defrauded of Rs 68 lakh by cyber criminals

### Held under digital arrest for 2 months

Bhopal: In a shocking case of digital extortion, 71-year-old Vinod Kumar Gupta, a retired supervisor from BHEL, was held under "digital arrest" by cyber criminals for nearly two months. The fraudsters, posing as officials from the Telecom Department and the CBI, falsely accused Gupta of involvement in serious crimes such as money laundering, drug trafficking, and human trafficking. Exploiting fear and psychological manipulation, they extorted Rs 68.3 lakh from him between July and September.

The ordeal began with a phone call in July, claiming a SIM card registered in Gupta's name was being used for criminal activities in Delhi. The callers then falsely claimed that Rs 68 crore in black money was linked to his ICICI bank passbook. Intimidated by the fabricated charges,

Gupta was forced to follow the criminals' instructions, even seeking their "permission" through coded messages (DM-592) for basic activities like eating, bathing, or worshipping. The accused would respond with "Jai Hind" after each message, maintaining a false sense of authority.

### Gupta transferred money into nine different accounts

Gupta ended up transferring the money into nine different bank accounts, including those at CSB Bank, Kotak Bank, Bandhan Bank, Punjab National Bank, and others. So convinced was he of the scam's legitimacy that he even borrowed money from relatives without revealing the real reason. Gupta has now filed a complaint with the Crime Branch, which has launched an investigation into the matter. Authorities are tracing digital evidence and account details in hopes of tracking down the perpetrators behind this elaborate scam.

By Special Correspondent

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Congress Media Department chairman Mukesh Nayak has launched a scathing attack on the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), accusing its leaders of shielding the state's rapidly expanding drug trade. He claimed that under BJP rule, Madhya Pradesh is emerging as a hub of drug trafficking and consumption.

Citing a recent case in Agar-Malwa district, Nayak said police recovered 9,250 kg ketamine, 6 grams of MD drugs, 12,100 kg ammonium chloride powder and 35 litres of isopropyl alcohol from a car belonging to BJP Tanodia Mandal vice-president Rahul Anjana. The seizure was valued at nearly Rs 350 crore in the international market. The main accused remains absconding.

Nayak argued that this was not an isolated case. In October 2024, authorities seized over 907 kg of mephedrone



and 5,000 kg of raw material from Bhopal's Bagroda industrial area, worth nearly 1,814 crore. Similarly, in August 2025, the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) confiscated more than 61

kg of MD drugs from Jagdishpur, Bhopal.

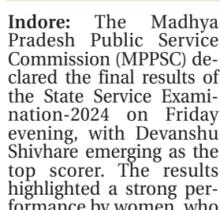
Quoting NCRB statistics, he said cases under the NDPS Act rose from 1,644 in 2020 to 2,169 in 2022, while seizures of cannabis and synthetic drugs had also surged alarmingly.

The Congress leader questioned why names of BJP leaders or their close associates repeatedly surfaced in major drug cases.

He demanded an impartial probe by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) and the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), along with the immediate arrest of fugitives. Appealing to the public, Nayak stressed that the fight against drugs was not only political but also social. He alleged the BJP's hypocrisy was exposed, as it spoke of values and de-addiction from the stage while allegedly protecting leaders involved in the narcotics trade.

# Devanshu Shivhare tops MPPSC Exam

### Girls secure five of 13 Deputy Collector Posts



Indore: The Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission (MPPSC) declared the final results of the State Service Examination-2024 on Friday evening, with Devanshu Shivhare emerging as the top scorer. The results highlighted a strong performance by women, who secured five of the 13 coveted Deputy Collector positions, a key service in the state administration.

The main examination, held from October 21 to 26, saw nearly 3,000 candidates compete for 110 positions.

Following the 87% formula, the commission released the list of successful candidates for 102 posts, while eight posts remain on hold under a provisional 13% category due to ongoing legal disputes over reservation. A total of 339 candidates were selected for interviews. The top scorers, following Devanshu Shivhare, were Rishav Awasthi and Ankit. The declaration of the final results marks a significant milestone for hundreds of aspiring civil servants in the state.

# BHEL aims for greener supply chain

### Trains suppliers on sustainable energy



Bhopal: Vipul Agrawal, General Manager (Materials Management) inaugurated the Suppliers Training and Awareness Programme on "Use of Green Energy in Industry" through Video Conferencing at BHEL, Bhopal. Shri Shalabh Sharma, General Manager (Think Gas, Bhopal); Shri Sameer Paul, Sr. Deputy General Manager (EMT); Smt. Richa Bajpai, Sr. Deputy General Manager (CRX); Shri Deepak Kumar, Manager (FSX) and Smt. Priya Das were present on the oc-

casion. In his address, Shri Agrawal said that BHEL, Bhopal is committed to set an example in moving towards a greener future. Thereafter, Shri Shalabh Sharma made everyone aware of the use of Piped Natural Gas (PNG) in the industry and Shri Sameer Paul made everyone aware of the use of solar energy. BHEL has taken a significant step towards promoting sustainability in its supply chain by empowering suppliers and supply chain partners in the engineering and manufacturing sector with the knowledge and tools required to adopt solar energy and piped natural gas. This program further strengthens BHEL's tradition of engaging with suppliers not only as business entities, but also as stakeholders and partners in learning and growth.

# Absconding land fraud accused held

Bhopal: Shahjahanabad police have arrested Deepak Thakur, an accused in a land fraud case who had been absconding since 2023. A reward of Rs 2,000 was announced for his arrest.

T. U.P.S. Chauhan stated that an FIR was lodged by Sultan Khan against Deepak Thakur and Saroj Thakur for committing land fraud using forged documents. Despite multiple raids at possible locations, Deepak remained untraceable. However, an informer recently alerted police that the accused had quietly returned home after a long absence. Acting swiftly, the police arrested him from his residence on Saturday. The case is now being further investigated, and legal action is underway.

# Hindi Diwas celebrated with enthusiasm at Champion School

Bhopal: During the Hindi Fortnight, Champion School, Arera Colony, Bhopal, organized a vibrant Hindi Diwas celebration in the Secondary Section Assembly Hall. The event, held with great enthusiasm, witnessed active participation from both students and staff. The Departments of Hindi, Sanskrit, and Urdu came together to promote appreciation for the Hindi language. A special morning assembly, led by the Hindi Department, featured secondary students as the main speakers.



The program included poetry recitations, speeches, discussions on the relevance of Hindi in today's world, idioms, phrases, melodious songs, and creative displays. Students from Classes VI to XII exhibited their artistic talents through posters, drawings, paintings, and slogans—all prepared within a short time. The assembly began with a speech on the impor-

tance of Hindi. Chief guests, along with the Principal and Vice Principal Fr. Manoj Minj, graced the occasion. The Principal praised the students' efforts and encouraged everyone to value and promote the richness of the Hindi language.

# Woman files rape case against boyfriend

Bhopal: A 24-year-old woman residing in the Misrod area of Bhopal has filed a rape complaint against her boyfriend, Manu Soni, after he allegedly exploited her under the pretense of marriage.

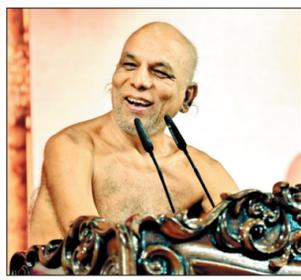
The couple had been in a relationship for five years, during which Soni promised to marry her. However, he recently cut off all communication and refused her requests for marriage.

The victim, originally from Narmadapuram district, met Soni in 2020 at an event. Their relationship progressed from phone conversations to an in-person meet-

ing at a hotel, where she claims he raped her. Following this incident the victim states that Soni continued to exploit her until he abruptly ended their relationship and vanished.

After the victim filed a complaint, the Misrod police conducted an investigation and registered an FIR late Friday night. Authorities are currently searching for Soni, assuring the public that he will be apprehended soon. This case highlights the serious issues surrounding consent and the responsibilities that come with promises of marriage.

# Many people knowingly walk towards self-destruction



Bhopal: During a spiritual discourse, Muni Shri Praman Sagar Maharaj posed a thought-provoking question: "What happens to someone who earns 25 paise but spends a rupee, with debts running into lakhs?" The answer was simple—ruin. He emphasized that

many people knowingly walk towards self-destruction by refusing to change their ways. Muni Shri explained that enjoying the fruits of one's good deeds without spiritual awareness depletes virtue and adds to the debt of sins, ultimately leading to ruin. He urged listeners to change their path if they truly wish to improve their lives. "True change is the eternal achievement of life," he said. He added, "People remember God only in sorrow, but those who remember Him in happiness never face sorrow." Spokesperson Avinash Jain Vidyavani announced the upcoming Shri Siddhachakra Mahamandal Vidhan (Oct 4-12), a rare chance to earn merit. The Jain community is also invited to the "Brihad Kshamavani Parv" on Sunday at Shri Vidyapraman Gurukulam.

# Hindi Diwas Fortnight begins at RNTU with global participation

Bhopal: The Hindi Diwas Fortnight - 2025 was inaugurated in a grand ceremony jointly organized by the Vishwa Rang Foundation, Tagore International Hindi Centre, and the Hindi Department of Rabindranath Tagore University (RNTU). The event marked the release of the poster for Vishwa Rang Sri Lanka 2025, which is scheduled to take place on 29-30 September at the Indian High Commission, Colombo, in collaboration with the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Centre.

An international seminar on the theme 'Hindi's Global Scenario: Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow' was held, featuring scholars from India, Sri Lanka, Australia, and the UK. The keynote address was delivered by renowned thinker Pawan Verma, who emphasized the role of Hindi in fostering cultural unity across South and Southeast Asia.

# Bhopal Railway Hospital hosts Vigilance Awareness Seminar



Bhopal: As part of an annual initiative to strengthen transparency and ethical values within Indian Railways, a seminar was organized

at the Divisional Railway Hospital in Bhopal on Saturday. The event is part of a broader vigilance awareness campaign running from August 18 to November 17, 2025. Under the leadership of Chief Medical Superintendent Dr. Ajay Dogra, the seminar aimed to educate hospital staff on vigilance-related matters. Chief Pharmacist Tapos Chatterjee delivered a detailed Power-Point presentation on preventive measures, activities, and safeguards. The session was attended by all medical officers and a large number of hospital staff. Senior Divisional Commercial Manager Saurabh Kataria stated that the primary objective of the seminar was to make employees aware of their ethical responsibility, promote honest performance, and bring greater transparency to their work.