

# Police Chief mandates CCTV, women volunteers

▶ Security tightened for Navratri



**Bhopal:** With the festive season kicking off, Police Commissioner Harinarayanachari Mishra chaired a

crucial joint meeting of police, administrative officials, and Hindu festival committees on Sunday. The focus was clear: ensuring robust security and peace throughout the Navratri, Garba, Ramlila, Ravan Dahan, and immersion events.

Addressing the gathering, which included the Additional Police Commissioner, various Deputy Commissioners, and organizers from Durga Utsav and Garba events, Commissioner Mishra emphasized the need for “utmost security” for the massive crowds expected.

The Police Commissioner made it mandatory for all Durga pandals and Garba venues to install CCTV cameras. He also directed organizers to deploy women volunteers specifically for the safety of female attendees.

Mishra sternly reminded everyone that all programs, including processions and Garba, must adhere strictly to government guidelines, including time limits for events and decibel limits for loudspeakers and DJs, warning of legal action for non-compliance.

The meeting also served as a forum for officials to hear suggestions and concerns from committee members, ensuring a collaborative and proactive approach to a safe and joyous festival season.

# MCU Student caught in Rs 3 crore bank frauds

▶ Postal bank scam

**Bhopal:** A student from Makhnal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication (MCU) and former NSUI unit president, Aman Kumar, has been arrested by Bihar Police on charges of large-scale financial fraud. Kumar and his associates are accused of using over 250 Indian Post Payments Bank (IPPB) accounts—many allegedly opened during his time in Bhopal—for suspicious transactions totaling nearly Rs 3 crore.

**Luring villagers with ‘Government Schemes’:** The investigation, which began after complaints from villagers in Bihar, exposed a sophisticated racket. The accused allegedly lured people, mostly laborers, by promising them benefits under government schemes. They were offered a paltry of Rs 500 initially and a commission of Rs 2,500 to

Rs 5,000 for each new account opened.

Aman, a third-year Mass Communication student, is a native of Khap Gopalpur, Bihar. Police revealed that the scam network was established by a man named Vishal in Bihar, and Aman's introduction to the racket, including a contact named Irshad, started during his schooling. The three are suspected of collaborating to run the fraud.

**Accounts flagged After massive transactions:** The fraud unraveled after victims, who were denied their passbooks, began receiving notices from the bank. The bank ultimately froze the accounts after realizing the scale of the fraudulent activity, which involved transferring over Rs 3 crore. One victim, a laborer, found his account balance was over Rs 50,000 in debt. Bihar Police seized four mobile phones from the accused, who revealed he had been opening accounts for over two years, operating between Bhopal and Bihar.

# Ayodhya Nagar police bust massive cricket betting racket

▶ Arrest 7 and seize approx assets of Rs 50 lakhs

**Bhopal:** Ayodhya Nagar Zone-2 police delivered a major blow to an illegal online cricket betting syndicate, seizing assets worth approximately Rs 50 lakh and arresting seven individuals in a targeted raid on a call centre (book).

The crackdown uncovered a massive operation with transactions estimated to be in the crores. Police confiscated a large cache of equipment, including 40 mobile phones, 80 SIM cards, 177 ATM cards, 5 laptops, 2 cars, and Rs 3.54 lakh in cash. An additional Rs 15 lakh was successfully frozen in on-line accounts.

The syndicate, which operated a sophisticated betting panel via Instagram and Telegram, employed tactics to evade law enforcement. The accused—who hail

## Minor raped by fiance, accused held

**Bhopal:** A 17-and-a-half-year-old girl from Bilkhiriya was allegedly raped by her fiancé, Vivek Tiwari, on September 27. According to police reports, the incident occurred after the girl had ceased communication with Vivek following their recent engagement. This change in her behavior reportedly angered him. The survivor, a Class 12 student, had her wedding arranged by her parents with Vivek, who also resides in Bilkhiriya. After their engagement, the girl followed her parents' advice to avoid contact until the wedding, which led to Vivek's frustration. On the day of the incident, he approached her under the pretext of discussing their relationship, offering her ride in his car to Hathaikheda Dam.

It was there that he allegedly raped her after questioning her silence. After returning home, the girl confided in her parents, who then confronted Vivek and his family. This confrontation escalated into a dispute, with Vivek's family accusing the girl of having a questionable character and threatening her family. Subsequently, the girl's family filed a police complaint, leading to Vivek's arrest.

# Woman struck by drum carried by drunk biker

▶ Victim succumbs to injuries after three days

**Bhopal:** A tragic road accident occurred near Narmada Bhawan in TT Nagar, on September 25, when a woman was struck by a drum carried by a drunk biker. The impact caused her to fall headfirst onto the road, resulting in severe injuries. She succumbed to her injuries three days later while undergoing treatment.

The victim, Sangeeta Singh (48), a resident of Naya Basera, worked as a cleaner at an officer's bungalow. According to her son, Rahul Singh, the incident took place as they were returning from an apartment in TT Nagar where she was employed.

As they approached Narmada Bhawan, a youth, allegedly under



the influence of alcohol, attempted to overtake their motorcycle. His pillion rider was carrying a drum slung over his shoulder. During the overtaking maneuver, the drum struck Sangeeta Singh, causing her to fall violently onto the road.

She was immediately rushed to the hospital but tragically passed away on Sunday, while receiving treatment. Her body was subsequently handed over to her family following a post-mortem examination.

Police have registered a case and launched an investigation; however, the accused biker has not yet been arrested. Authorities have confirmed that both the rider and the pillion passenger were intoxicated at the time of the incident.

## MP Transco bags first place at Bhopal Science Fair

**Bhopal:** The Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company (MP Transco) tall won first place in the government category at the 12th Bhopal Science Fair, organized under the aegis of Vigyan Bharati Madhya Bharat Province at the Gyan Vigyan Bhawan, Barkatullah University. Urban Development and Housing Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya presented the award at the fair's closing ceremony. Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar congratulated MP Transco on this success.

**Innovations and Cutting-Edge Technologies Showcased:** MP Transco's stall was a special attraction at the fair, which began on September 26. The stall effectively showcased the cutting-edge technologies and innovations being used by MP Transco in MP's transmission network.

Among the highlights were numerous technical displays, including improvements using hotline technology and wear-and-hand technology on charged transmission lines, and a model of an extra-high-tension substation powered by Gas Insulated Switchgear (GIS) technology.

# Railways roll out five pairs of Puja Specials for Diwali, Chhath



**Bhopal:** In anticipation of the heavy rush during the upcoming Diwali and Chhath festivals, Railway Administration has announced the operation of five pairs of special trains from the Bhopal Division to ensure comfortable travel for

passengers. These “Festival Special” trains are running on special fares to accommodate the festive surge. Under the initiative, special services are being launched connecting the region to key destinations, including Danapur, Rewa, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, and Hadapsar.

Key routes operational through the Bhopal division include the Rani Kamalapati-Danapur-Rani Kamalapati bi-weekly service, running until November 1, 2025. Other vital routes are the weekly specials linking Rewa with Rani Kamalapati, Dr. Ambedkar Nagar, and Hadapsar, catering to various travel needs across Madhya Pradesh, Bihar, and Maharashtra. For instance, the Rewa-Rani Kamalapati weekly special departs every Saturday at 12:30 PM from Rewa. Similarly, the Sogaria-Danapur weekly special offers connectivity every Saturday night. Passengers can book tickets for these services through computerized reservation centers or the IRCTC website. The rail administration urges travelers to utilize these additional services and check the detailed timetables on the official railway website or the NTES app.

# Catastrophe averted as Hamidia Govt College building collapses



**Bhopal:** A major disaster was narrowly avoided at Bhopal's prestigious Hamidia College today when a large section of the ceiling in the Principal's office suddenly collapsed.

The incident involved a section of the institution's severely dilapidated old building, which had long been flagged as dangerous.

Fortunately, no one was injured in the collapse, but the event has reignited serious concerns over the neglect of government-run educational facilities.

College authorities stated they have repeatedly alerted the administration about the building's “extremely poor condition” and the urgent need for repair. The incident underscores a systemic failure to address the safety risks posed by aging infrastructure across the city's educational institutions.

The collapse has intensified calls for immediate structural audits and maintenance funding. While the dust settles, all eyes are now on the state administration to see what definitive steps will be taken to prevent a similar, potentially tragic, accident in the future.

# World class food plaza opens at Bhopal Rly Station

▶ Tiny hands, big Inauguration



**Bhopal:** Travel just got tastier for passengers passing through Bhopal Railway Station. In a heartwarming and unique ceremony, a brand-new, modern Food Plaza, developed by M/s Express Food Services, was officially opened today by none other than a young traveler, marking a special start to this major amenity upgrade.

The initiative, spearheaded by the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation Limited (IRCTC), is

a significant step towards the corporation's commitment to providing world-class facilities and superior services to travelers, a goal driven by the leadership of the Railway Minister and the guidance of IRCTC Chairman and Managing Director, Sanjay Kumar Jain.

Located on Platform No. 1, the spacious Food Plaza spans 152.25 square meters and features comfortable seating for approximately 40 passengers. With modern decor and a welcoming atmosphere, the plaza promises to elevate the passenger experience by offering a selection of both traditional snacks and full meals.

Speaking at the launch, Gaurav Jha, Group General Manager of IRCTC Western Region, Mumbai, emphasized the importance of the new facility. “This Food Plaza, which is now operational on Platform No. 1 of Bhopal Railway Station, will offer world-class services and significantly enrich the travel experience of our passengers,” he stated. “The availability of traditional snacks and meals makes this facility distinct and truly passenger-friendly.”

The inauguration was attended by key officials, including the Station Director, Bhopal, and the Regional Manager, IRCTC Western Region, Bhopal, underscoring the collaborative effort behind the project.

# Bhopal's MP Nagar hosts stunning ‘Jwala Devi’ Navratri tableau

▶ Mountain marvel



**Bhopal:** Devotees in the capital are flocking to a spectacular sight this Sharadiya Navratri at MP Nagar Zone-1, near Jyoti Talkies. The Maharana Pratap Nagar Vyapari Utsav Samiti

has unveiled its most ambitious display yet: a grand Jwala Devi Temple intricately crafted atop miniature mountains.

This breathtaking tableau allows visitors to receive blessings from not only nine different forms of the Goddess but also a majestic representation of Maa Jwala Devi.

Deepak Sharma, associated with the organizing committee, highlighted the significance of the display. “Our committee has been installing the Mother Goddess's idol for 40 years, but this is the first time the tableau has been constructed on such a grand scale,” he said. The majestic setting has become a major draw, with devotees arriving in large numbers to seek divine blessings. Adding to the festive atmosphere, a vibrant fair has sprung up around the site. Stalls offering a variety of treats, decorative items, and religious materials are attracting crowds. While the committee hopes to see more vendors fill the 35 available spots next year, the current blend of spiritual grandeur and festive commerce makes this a must-visit destination this Navratri.

# Police constable preparation programme launched



**Bhopal:** Scope Defence Academy, under Scope Global Skills University, has begun specialized training for candidates appearing in the

Madhya Pradesh Police Constable Recruitment 2025. The program includes focused preparation for both the written examination and

physical tests.

Training is being conducted at the SDA Sarnath campus (opposite Board Office) and at the university's Misrod campus on Narmadapuram Road. The expert team includes Major General Shyam Srivastava, retired officers from the Navy and Air Force, and university professors.

Major General Srivastava stated the academy aims to provide complete preparation, focusing on physical fitness, discipline, and mental strength.

Chancellor Dr. Siddharth Chaturvedi emphasized the academy's commitment to career-focused training. Applications are open on the official website. For details, contact 7880083440.