



Rhythmic finale: Jabalpur celebrates grand closing of Navratri Garba Festival



Jabalpur: The city of Jabalpur pulsed with energy as the two-day Navbharat Navratri Rhythm Garba Mahotsav 2.0 concluded with a spectacular finale at the MGG Marriage Palace Ground, Damohnaaka, on Sunday.

The grounds were awash with the vibrant colors of joy and devotion as participants, adorned in diverse tra-

ditional attires, dedicated their spirited Garba performances to the divine Mother Ambe. Their commitment, faith, and enthusiasm over the two days perfectly encapsulated the festive spirit of Navratri.

= Live music and distinguished guests elevate the event

The final evening saw participants dancing enthusiastically to live music, with singers doubling the crowd's energy and compelling onlookers to join in the rhythm. Families from all corners of the city gathered, making the festival a grand community affair.

The concluding ceremony was graced by several distinguished guests, including Chief Guest Jagatguru Raghav Devacharya Ji Maharaj and Mayor Jagat Bahadur Singh Annu. They were joined by the Navbharat newspaper family, including Editor Avinash Dixit, Assistant General Manager Nirmal Singh Parihar, and Editorial Head Dhananjay Srivastava.



Women excited for upcoming cooking contest

The festive excitement received an extra boost with the announcement of the upcoming Suruchi Cooking Competition. Hearing the

news, women participants immediately expressed their delight, enthusiastically throwing their dandiya in the air.

Navbharat's Assistant General Manager, Nirmal Singh Parihar, made the announcement from the

Garba stage, promising another engaging and fun event for the community.

The overwhelming response ensures that the tradition of community engagement will continue beyond the Navratri celebrations.

Rhythm Garba Festival concluded successfully. We will meet again next year with the same enthusiasm. - Vikas Pandey, Director, Garba Group

We thoroughly enjoyed the last day. We performed the steps we had learned and enjoyed the delicious food. - Shivani

Rhythm Garba created a buzz throughout the city. There were many amazing participants in this Garba. - Harsh

Now we will be able to see Rhythm Garba next year. I am a little sad about that. But I thoroughly enjoyed this time. - Sumaila

Mauganj man dies in mishap after police chase crosses into UP

► Serious allegations against policemen, family demands SIT probe



Mauganj: A sensational case has emerged from Mauganj district, where Rahul Sahu, a local resident, died under suspicious circumstances after being chased by police across the Madhya Pradesh-Uttar Pradesh border. His wife, Anju Sahu, has leveled serious allegations against the police officers involved and is demanding a fair and impartial investigation.

Anju Sahu alleges that three officers—Kartikeya Singh, Shiv Dubey, and Vivek Yadav—were involved in the chase. She claims her husband was being pursued in a Baleno car by a Bolero vehicle registered to Ram Bahadur Tiwari, which is often used by police. The chase ended with Rahul's car crashing into a container, killing him on the spot.

Container driver confirms cops fled: Container driver Saurabh Kumar revealed that Madhya Pradesh policemen were in the Bolero and fled the scene after the crash. CCTV footage and toll booth records allegedly confirm that the police vehicle passed without paying the fee, indicating official use.

Drug-based cough syrup found in vehicle: According to UP Police, around 954 cc of drug-based cough syrup was found in Rahul's car. Two other men in the vehicle, Nilesh Vishwakarma and Lalla Rawat, fled after the accident. Rahul's family claims he had ongoing conflicts with Mauganj police and had previously filed complaints.

His wife insists that the police presence and their escape after the crash point to foul play. She demanded a joint MP-UP SIT investigation to uncover the truth.

BJP worker shot dead for opposing illicit liquor and arms trade

Gwalior: Police have revealed the motive behind the murder of BJP worker Monu Batham, who was shot dead at a religious event on September 24. The murder was premeditated—planned over 42 days by four men: Roshan Batham, Bhura Batham, Rahul Batham, and Pankaj Batham. Police investigations revealed that Monu had been opposing an illegal liquor and country-made pistol trade run by the accused. His continuous complaints and efforts to stop the racket had disrupted their operations, prompting frequent police raids over the last month and a half. Monu had even alerted the Gwalior IG and the SSP, stating in his final complaint (dated August 15) that the accused were training women in their homes to use firearms.

Monu was preparing to contest local elections: Monu Batham, an active BJP member, was preparing to contest the local councilor elections, aiming to eliminate crime in his area.

Forest ranger fires shots as sand mafia attacks team



Shivpuri: In the Karaira area of Shivpuri district, Madhya Pradesh, members of the sand mafia brazenly attacked a forest department team attempting to stop illegal mining. The incident took place in the Veerpur beat, where Ranger Laxman Singh Meena and his team had responded to a report of unauthorized sand excavation

along the Kasna River. During the operation, the team seized a JCB machine involved in the illegal mining. While they were transporting the seized vehicle, known mafia members Kalli Rawat, Lokendra Rawat, and two unidentified associates blocked the team's path and attempted to assault them.

Tragic electrocution kills 5-year-old at Ratlam Garba Site

Ratlam: A festive evening turned to tragedy in Arjun Nagar when a five-year-old boy was fatally electrocuted after touching a metal gate at a local Garba pandal entrance. The incident, which occurred around 7 p.m. on Saturday, has sparked outrage among residents.



Area Police Station In-Charges, quickly arrived with reinforcements to manage the crowd. The situation was eventually calmed after authorities assured the family a thorough investigation and swift action would be taken. The pandal has been cordoned off as police look into the safety lapses.

The victim, Hasan Khan, son of Azhar Khan, was playing near the site when an electrical current, reportedly running through the entrance's iron pipe, struck him. He immediately collapsed and was rushed to the District Hospital, where doctors tragically pronounced him dead on arrival.

The heartbreaking news prompted a tense situation at the hospital's porch.

Senior police officers, including the Station Road, Manakchok, and Industrial

Young woman dies of heart attack while dancing at Durga Pandal

19-Year-old collapses during Garba performance with husband
Khargode: A 19-year-old woman, Sonam, tragically died of a heart attack while dancing at a Durga pandal in Khargode district, Madhya Pradesh. The incident occurred on Sunday night in Palasi village, located in the Bhikangaon area. Sonam was performing Garba with her husband, Krishnapal, in front of the idol of Goddess Durga at the Singaji Temple. The couple was dancing to the song "O Mere Dholna" when Sonam suddenly collapsed in front of the tableau. Initially, onlookers assumed it was part of the performance. But when she didn't get up, panic spread through the crowd. People rushed to help and attempted to revive her, but she had already stopped breathing. According to reports, Sonam and Krishnapal had been married just a few months ago, in May. The moment of her collapse was captured on video, which surfaced online on Monday morning.

Sky high thrills: Kuno Cheetahs just Rs 2,000 flight away



Gwalior: Wildlife enthusiasts eager to witness the magnificent cheetahs at Kuno National Park have cause to celebrate! A new, affordable helicopter service is set to launch soon, offering tourists a thrilling aerial connection between Gwalior and Kuno.

Anticipated to start around Diwali, the service aims to make cheetah sightings accessible and exciting. Tourists will soon be able to fly to Kuno for an estimated cost of just 2,000 to 3,000 per person. This is a game-changer, as the current taxi journey from Gwalior can take a full day and cost between 3,000 and 4,000. The initiative will significantly boost connectivity, linking Kuno and tourist hotspots like Khajuraho to four major cities in Madhya Pradesh. The service will utilize 6 to 12-seater helicopters to cover distances of 100 to 250 km, drastically cutting down travel time. This move promises to transform the tourism experience, offering a swift, scenic, and budget-friendly way to see the cheetahs roam freely.

Conmen dupe Naib Tehsildar's wife of jewels near SDM Bungalow

Satna: In a daring daylight crime, the wife of a Naib Tehsildar in Satna was swindled out of jewelry worth lakhs by two motorcycle-riding conmen in the Nagod area. The victim, who was out for her morning walk, was targeted brazenly right in front of the SDM's official bungalow. The woman told police the two suspects stopped her and spun a convincing tale, exploiting her with religious fear and claims of "domestic strife and illness caused by black magic." Under this psychological pressure, the woman was persuaded to remove her mangalsutra, earrings, and nose pin, which the fraudsters promptly took before speeding away. Shaken, the victim immediately returned home and informed her family, who then alerted the police. Nagod Police quickly arrived at the Naib Tehsildar's residence to register the complaint and begin the search for the suspects. Police noted this is not an isolated incident, recalling a similar fraud near Singhpur Square previously.

Head-on bike crash kills two, injures three in Satna

Satna: Tragedy struck in the Ramnagar area of Maihar district yesterday when a devastating head-on collision between two motorcycles instantly claimed the lives of two men and left three others seriously injured. The horrific accident occurred near the Chandwar Patna turn.

The victims, identified as Ravi Saket of Mirgauti and Sanjay Agharhi of Katni's Adharkap, died at the scene due to the sheer force of the impact.

One motorcycle, a Honda Shine, was carrying three riders: Amit Patel, Sandeep Saket, and Ravi Saket, traveling from Bheda village to Mirgauti. It collided with the second bike, which was coming from the Gorsari side and was carrying Sanjay Agharhi and Pramod Urmaliya.

The three survivors—Amit Patel, Sandeep Saket, and Pramod Urmaliya—were rushed to the hospital via a 108 ambulance. Their condition remains critical.

Ramnagar police swiftly arrived at the site to conduct preliminary proceedings and sent the bodies for post-mortem examination.

Mysterious illness claims another child

► Kidney failure suspected

Chhindwara: A four-year-old boy, Vikas Yaduvanshi, from Dighawani village in Chhindwara, has died of kidney failure, becoming the fourth child to succumb to a mysterious illness in the region. Vikas passed away on Sunday during treatment in Nagpur, where he had been admitted last week with a high fever.

According to family members, Vikas initially developed fever and cold, which soon led to kidney complications and loss of urination—the same symptoms reported in the earlier three child deaths. Despite treatment in private hospitals and later in Nagpur, his condition deteriorated rapidly. **ICMR and Health Teams Investigating:** In response to the growing

concern, a team from the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Delhi, has arrived in Chhindwara to investigate the cause.

Alongside, the Madhya Pradesh Health Department is conducting door-to-door surveys and water testing in affected areas.

Samples have been sent to Pune for advanced testing, but no official cause has been identified yet. The delay in lab reports has further increased anxiety among locals.

This unexplained health crisis has sparked fears in the region, with authorities under pressure to find the root cause and prevent further tragedies.

Cyclothon concludes in Vidisha with anti-drug message



Vidisha: As part of the Seva Pakhwada campaign, a cyclothon competition was held to raise awareness about drug de-addiction. Organized under the direction of Collector Anshul Gupta, the event was flagged off by distinguished guests at the District Transport Officer's

office in Vidisha. A total of 391 participants registered online for the competition, with 188 taking part on the day of the event. The cyclothon was inaugurated by MLA Mukesh Tandon, Collector Anshul Gupta, Additional Collector Anil Kumar Damor, and District Pan-

chayat CEO Omprakash Sanodia. Participants were categorized by age groups, with the top three winners receiving prizes of ten thousand, five thousand, and three thousand rupees, along with a trophy and certificate. In the 18 to 60 age group, Narendra Raikwar claimed first place, followed by Jatin Raikwar in second and Vishal Kushwah in third. In the women's category, Muskan Kushwah took first place, with Utsavi Kirar and Kirti Shakya securing second and third, respectively. For the men's under-18 category, Aditya Verma won first place, followed by Piyush Dangi and Tanishq Sen. Rakesh Sharma was awarded five thousand rupees, a trophy, and a certificate in the over-60 age group. The chief guest, MLA Mukesh Tandon, presented the prizes to the winners from the stage. All participants who completed the 30 km cyclothon received a cheque of Rs 500 and a participation certificate from SBI.