

# Sapna Guru Detained, Three Others Still on the Run in Indore

## Transgender Controversy Deepens After Mass Poisoning

**Indore:** The sensational controversy within the transgender community continues to simmer in Indore following Wednesday's mass suicide attempt in Nandlalpura. Police have detained Sapna Guru, a prominent figure of one faction, though her key associates—Raja Hashmi, Akshay Kumay, and Pankaj Jain—remain at large. The case has drawn political attention, with local BJP MLAs and the City President meeting with the Police Commissioner.



**Brawl Preceded Mass Poisoning:** Panic erupted when 24 transgender persons consumed phenyl amid a long-standing financial and turf dispute between two rival groups. The atmosphere remained tense near MY Hospital late into the night. Based on a complaint by Sona Mangla Gori and Nandgiri Mahamandaleswar, police registered a case against Sapna Guru and

her associates. The complainants allege the constant economic pressure and threats from the accused drove the victims to ingest the poisonous substance. **Evade Arrest:** Heera Nagar police initially questioned Sapna at her MR-10 residence before formally detaining her after the FIR was filed. While Raja Hashmi is believed to have been out of the city, Akshay and Pankaj fled before

**Investigation Widens as Associates**

they could be apprehended. The case has been complicated by a viral video allegedly showing another transgender person, Payal Haji, being beaten at the behest of Sapna and Raja to implicate her in false charges. The aggrieved group claims their previous complaints to the SIT were ignored, but the publicity has now accelerated the investigation.

### Political Leaders Seek Clarity

BJP MLAs Ramesh Mendola and Golu Shukla, along with City President Sumit Mishra, met Commissioner Santosh Singh. During the meeting, Sapna's supporters protested, demanding her release and an impartial inquiry, claiming the charges against her are false. Additional DCP Ramsnehi Mishra confirmed that the police are now conducting a fresh, comprehensive investigation into all claims and will proceed strictly based on the evidence presented.

# Car loaded with liquor seized

## Country liquor worth over Rs 10 lakh recovered, accused absconded



**Sagar:** The Kesli police in Sagar district seized a car loaded with illegal liquor on Thursday. Seventeen cases of country liquor were confiscated, while the accused managed to escape under the cover of darkness. The car, which had no license plate, was brought to the police station.

According to the police, information was received from an informant about a gray car illegally

transporting a large quantity of liquor from Raisen via Tendudabar and Sahajpur. Acting on the tip-off, a police team was formed and a blockade was set up on the Sahajpur-Tendukhedra road. After some time, the suspect vehicle was spotted. When police attempted to stop it, the driver accelerated and fled. The team chased the car towards Nandia, but near village Kanera, the accused abandoned it and escaped in the dark. Upon inspection, the police recovered 17 boxes of illegal country liquor "Lal Masala" from the car's trunk and back seat. The seized liquor is valued at ₹1.02 lakh, while the car is estimated to be worth Rs 9 lakh. Kesli police station in-charge Hariram Mankar said a case has been registered under the Excise Act. Efforts are ongoing to identify and arrest the absconding accused.

# Water Cannons Deployed as NSUI Protests at Singrauli Collectorate



**Singrauli:** Political tensions flared in Singrauli on Thursday after police used water cannons to disperse a large gathering of National Students' Union of India (NSUI) members attempting to gherao the Collectorate. The protest, led by NSUI State President Ashutosh Chouksey, involved hundreds of students and local Congress leaders demanding at-

tention to critical regional issues. The demonstrators were stopped at the main barricade as they tried to force their way into the Collectorate premises. The moment the water cannons were deployed, the political atmosphere intensified.

**Focus on Pollution, Jobs, and Student Elections:** Following the skirmish, NSUI workers submitted a 14-point memorandum addressed to the Governor and the Chief Minister through SDM Suresh Jadav. Chouksey lambasted the BJP government for allegedly ignoring students' demands, citing severe problems of pollution, displacement issues, and unemployment despite Singrauli being the 'Energy Capital.'

Chouksey further accused the government of deliberately avoiding student union elections for 20 years, stating they fear that organized students might challenge their power and expose policy failures.

He warned that if the demands are not met, the youth of the 'Energy Capital' possess the strength to "topple the government." The NSUI's concerns specifically target local companies for failing to comply with government regulations on job creation for locals.

# Man Beaten, Tied to Pole Over False Child Abduction Rumors

## Police Dismiss Claims, Say Victim is Mentally Unwell

**Singrauli:** Sensational violence erupted in Singrauli's Jayant Nehru Basti when a man, suspected of child abduction, was brutally beaten and tied to a pole by a local mob. The victim, identified as a migrant laborer from Gaya, Bihar, was looking for work but became a casualty of widespread child lifting rumors. A video of the Thursday incident, showing villagers raining blows on the bound man, quickly went viral.

**Mob Justice Strikes Migrant Worker:** Local resident Vinod Kumar claimed the individual was seen "hovering" near children, leading the crowd to corner and assault him, demanding a confession for child theft. The victim stated he had simply arrived with seven associates to find daily wage work and had no criminal



intentions. After the assault, the locals handed the man over to the Jayant Police Outpost.

**Police Reject Allegations, Urge Calm:** Jayant Police Outpost in-charge Sudhakar Singh Parihar definitively dismissed the child abduction claims as baseless. Parihar stated the victim appears to be mentally unstable and is unable to provide clear identification. "There is no evidence of child theft," he confirmed.

The police have taken the man into custody and are referring him to the Child Welfare Committee (CWC) for further assistance, while also attempting to trace his family. Authorities strongly urged the public not to act on unverified rumors, which put innocent lives at risk.

# Youth from Mumbai found hanging in Indore hotel

Had come to the city seeking employment, financial troubles suspected motive

**Indore:** A 30-year-old man from Mumbai was found hanging in a hotel room in Indore's Chhoti Gwaltoli area on Wednesday evening. The deceased, identified as Vaibhav Mulchandani, son of Pradeep Mulchandani, had been staying at the Uday Palace Hotel since October 2 while searching for a job. According to police, Vaibhav's girlfriend, concerned after his phone went unreachable, reached the hotel and informed the staff. The room was locked from inside, and when police opened it, Vaibhav was found hanging from a noose. Vaibhav had earlier

worked as a trainee at a BPO but lost his job in March. Since then, he had reportedly been depressed and struggling financially. His girlfriend, who had worked with him at the same BPO, had recently shifted to Indore from Gujarat due to her mother's ill health. Vaibhav followed her, hoping to find employment in the city. A day before the incident, Vaibhav had told his girlfriend about his financial distress, saying he lacked money even to pay the hotel bill and didn't want to burden his parents. When his phone remained switched off, his girlfriend grew worried and reached the hotel. Police have recovered his mobile phone and are examining a suspected suicide note. Vaibhav was the only son of his parents, who live in Mumbai.

# Maid and accomplices held for Rs12 lakh theft

## Police recover gold, silver, and cash, four arrested

**Indore:** The Kanada police uncovered a shocking conspiracy when a trusted maid, Divya Banne, orchestrated a theft at her employer Rashmi Juneja's house. Acting on a complaint filed after Juneja returned from a hotel on October 10 to find the door broken and valuables missing, police arrested four suspects and recovered stolen goods worth approximately Rs 12 lakh.

Investigation revealed that Divya, frustrated over an unpaid loan, plotted the robbery with her friend Rani Meena, auto driver Gautam Chauhan, and a juvenile. CCTV footage, technical evidence, and informant inputs exposed that Divya had scripted the entire plan, knowing that the complainant's husband ran a hotel and the house would be empty in the afternoons.

The accused executed the robbery in broad daylight, stealing gold and silver jewelry, cash, and silver utensils. Police arrested the accused individually and recovered gold chains, mangalsutras, rings, anklets, toe rings, coins, cash, and the auto and motorcycle



used in the crime.

Key team members involved in the operation included Sub-Inspector Vipin Palya, Savin Arya, Munendra Kushwah, Manoj Patel, Jangjeet Jat, Amit Singh Bhadoria, Neeraj Jat, Rambhajan Gurjar, lady constable Mamta Kirade, and the Cyber Cell Zone-2 team.

# Five Lakhs in Adulterated Mawa Seized from Postal Vehicle

## Diwali Crackdown Exposes Smuggling Racket

**Guna:** The Food Department in Guna executed a shocking crackdown on adulteration ahead of Diwali, seizing 20 quintals (approx. 2,000 kg) of suspected adulterated mawa (solidified milk) valued at Rs 5 lakh. The most alarming detail: the contraband was discovered being transported in an official Indian Postal Department parcel vehicle.



Food Inspector Naveen Jain confirmed that using a seemingly unimpeachable government

vehicle highlights the sophistication of the alleged smuggling ring.

### Investigation Points to Code-Named Dealers

Two individuals from the vehicle were detained for questioning. Preliminary investigations revealed that the mawa was destined for traders in Guna and Ashoknagar, whose names were found written on the sacks in code words.

Samples of the seized mawa have been sent for lab testing. The department is now issuing notices to the identified traders.

Given the severity of using a postal van for smuggling, authorities plan to write to the Postal Department and RTO, urging them to take separate, strict action. This major pre-Diwali seizure has sent shockwaves through the local sweet and mawa market.

# Expired medicines confiscated in Vidisha



**Vidisha:** As part of an ongoing campaign to ensure legal and quality healthcare services, Collector Anshul Gupta has emphasized strict action

against illegal and unregistered clinics. Citizens are advised to seek treatment only at authorized medical institutions. During an inspection

in Sihora village, Kurwai tehsil, an illegally operating clinic was examined in the presence of the Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue). The area's Tehsildar, Nagesh Pawar, reported that expired medicines were found at the clinic, which were confiscated immediately.

Due to these violations and negligence toward patient safety, the clinic was sealed on the spot. Authorities reiterated that such inspections will continue across the district to safeguard public health and ensure compliance with medical regulations.

# Counterfeit Pan Masala factory busted in Ashoknagar

## Police seize fake Rajshree products, one arrested

**Ashoknagar:** A counterfeit pan masala factory operating in Ashoknagar district has been busted by police, exposing a major fraud against Rajshree Company and its customers. Acting on a tip-off, police raided the premises and arrested one accused, identified as Lalji Sahu, from whose residence counterfeit packaging materials and other items were seized.



Rajshree-branded pan masala. A case has been registered, and police have indicated that sections under the Copyright Act will be added. Chauhan further informed that the distributor based in Bhopal will also be questioned. Preliminary investigations suggest that the illegal factory had been operational for nearly a year. Police believe more people are involved in the racket and are currently interrogating the accused to identify additional suspects. Authorities have assured strict action against all those connected with the counterfeit trade, which has caused significant financial and brand damage to Rajshree Company.

# Medical College Delay Dashes Hopes for Tribal Healthcare

**Mandla:** A vital project intended to revolutionize healthcare in Mandla's tribal heartland is critically behind schedule, raising serious concerns over regional health services. The construction of the Mandla Medical College in the Aamnala area, approved with a Rs 325 crore budget, is far from complete despite a looming deadline.

The college is slated to start by September 2026, yet with only eight months left, large sections of the buildings remain unfinished. The sluggish pace of work by the implementing agency, the Madhya Pradesh Building Development Corporation (MPBDC), continues despite inspections by local officials and the district's Guardian Minister. The 150-seat MBBS college was meant to provide relief to patients



in Mandla, Balaghat, and Dindori—areas grappling with a severe shortage of doctors and medicines. Approved in 2019 and Bhooni Pujan held in 2023, the sight of incomplete walls and an uncertain future is frustrating the community.

The delay means better medical treatment and local employment opportunities remain distant dreams. The timely completion of this essential institution is now a critical test of administrative resolve in this underserved region.