

# Congress Slams BJP over Financial Starvation and Dalit Atrocities

## ▶ Jeetu Patwari Unleashes Double Attack on State Government

Bhopal: In a scathing critique that highlights major concerns over governance, Madhya Pradesh Congress President Jeetu Patwari has launched a dual attack on the ruling BJP, holding the 'double-engine' government responsible for two acute crises: a crippling financial shortfall due to central fund blockades and a severe breakdown of law and order evidenced by escalating atrocities against Dalits.

### Central Fund Blockade Alleged

Patwari severely criticized the 'double-engine' BJP government, claiming it has pushed the state toward a financial disaster. In an open letter to CM Mohan Yadav, Patwari highlighted that the Centre has released only Rs 8,027.12 crore—a mere 18.07%—of the Rs 44,355.95 crore allocated for central schemes this fiscal year. He alleged that this withholding of funds has stalled crucial projects, including the PM Awas Yojana and Jal Jeevan Mission, primarily harming the poor and marginalized.

### BJP Leaders Blamed for Failure

Patwari accused top state BJP leaders, including Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Kailash Vijayvargiya, of failing to secure the state's rightful



share of central funds due to internal party conflicts. He also cited reports suggesting that Jal Jeevan Mission funds were withheld due to alleged corruption, demanding an impartial investigation into the state government's transparency.

### Law and Order Collapse Cited

Shifting focus, Patwari condemned the brutal assault on a Dalit youth in Surpura village, Bhind, where the victim was allegedly beaten and forced to consume urine. Patwari called the incident a "shameful reflection" of the government's apathy and cited the incident as proof of a complete law-and-order collapse.

### Highest Dalit Crime Rate

Patwari referenced NCRB data showing Madhya Pradesh recorded 7,732 cases of atrocities against Dalits in 2022, placing it among the highest in the nation. He emphasized that under BJP rule, the crime rate against Dalits is soaring, demanding strict action against the culprits and asserting the Congress party's commitment to fighting the 'anti-Dalit governance' and upholding B.R. Ambedkar's ideals.



## Union Minister Dr. L. Murugan Meets CM Mohan Yadav

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav received a courtesy visit from Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting and Parliamentary Affairs, Dr. L. Murugan, today at Samatva Bhawan in the Chief Minister's residence.

CM Dr. Yadav extended a warm welcome to the Union Minister with a floral bouquet. In turn, Dr. Murugan presented the Chief Minister

with a bouquet, Tirupati Balaji temple prasad, and a shawl as a gesture of respect.

During the meeting, the two leaders engaged in discussions on various subjects pertaining to the development of Madhya Pradesh. The meeting highlights the ongoing coordination between the state and central leadership on key administrative and developmental issues.

## Weather Alert: Rain Likely in Alirajpur and Western MP

### ▶ Cyclonic Circulation Triggers Post-Monsoon Change



Bhopal: The weather pattern across Madhya Pradesh has shifted dramatically, with a cyclonic circulation active over the southeast Bay of Bengal raising the possibility of unseasonal rainfall. The Meteorological

Department has issued an alert for several districts, predicting thunderstorms and light rain over the next 24 hours.

Districts under watch include Alirajpur, Dhar, Barwani, Khargone, Dewas, and Indore. Skies

across this western belt remained cloudy on Wednesday, indicating the change in weather.

While many parts of the state will experience clear weather and sunshine, the post-monsoon climate has established a distinct seasonal shift. Residents in Bhopal and other areas are feeling a noticeable difference: warm conditions during the day are giving way to a distinct chill in the air at night, marking the transition into the cooler months.

## MP Police Tightens Net on Illegal Gambling During Diwali

### ▶ Massive Crackdown Nets Rs 65.31 Lakh Cash, Crores in Assets

Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh Police has launched a comprehensive, state-wide operation against illegal gambling and betting networks, aiming to ensure a safe and disciplined social environment during the Diwali festivities. This aggressive campaign has resulted in the arrest of hundreds of suspects and the seizure of cash and property worth crores.

### High-Value Seizures across Multiple Districts

Police teams have successfully confiscated Rs 60,78,925 in cash, along with mobile phones, four-wheelers, two-wheelers, and other gambling paraphernalia. Key actions include:

**Vidisha:** Police seized Rs 22.22 lakh worth of illicit goods, including cash, a car, and a scooter.  
**Chhindwara (Navegaon):** A raid on



a gambling den in a forest area recovered assets worth Rs 9.67 lakh.  
**Anuppur (Bijuri):** Rs 6.10 lakh in

cash was recovered, curbing the illegal activities.  
**Sehore (Bhairunda):** Rs 5.25 lakh was seized, and 17 gamblers

were arrested. Joint operations in Chhatarpur, Rajgarh, Mandsaur, and Gwalior also yielded seizures exceeding Rs 12 lakh. Numerous arrests were additionally made in Jabalpur, Narsinghpur, Tikamgarh, and other districts.

### Zero Tolerance for Illegal Activities

Director General of Police Kailash Makwana affirmed the police's resolve to maintain peace and order, stating that no perpetrators of illegal gambling would be spared. He instructed all district superintendents to continue the crackdown and launch public awareness campaigns to deter citizens from such illicit activities.

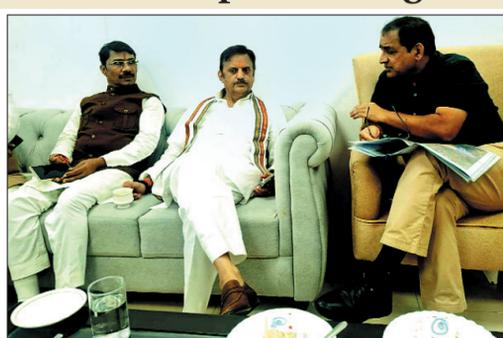
## Rewa Airport Marks First Anniversary

### ▶ Deputy CM Promises Expanded Flights

Bhopal: Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla attended the first anniversary celebration of the Rewa Airport, commending the airport staff and officials for their dedicated service. He emphasized that the airport, inaugurated by the Prime Minister one year ago, is not just infrastructure but a vital catalyst driving the development of the entire Vindhya region.

The Deputy CM announced that the airport is set to significantly boost its connectivity soon, with 72-seater aircraft operations scheduled to commence from Rewa to both Indore and New Delhi.

Mr. Shukla highlighted that the airport has already



strengthened the region's economy and tourism sector, opening new avenues for industrial and commercial growth.

During the event, he also discussed potential en-

hancements to passenger amenities and future expansion plans for the facility. Rewa Airport Director Ramji Awasthi and local dignitaries were present at the function.

## Flight delay causes chaos for passengers in Indore

### ▶ Air India flight from Mumbai to Indore arrived three hours late

Indore: A flight from Mumbai to Indore and Delhi arrived three hours late on Wednesday, causing big inconvenience to passengers, especially those traveling to Delhi or with connecting flights.

According to airport officials, Air India flight AI 2591 was scheduled to depart from Mumbai at 7:25 AM and arrive in Indore at 9:00 AM. It was then supposed to take off at 9:40 AM for Delhi, reaching the capital by 11:15 AM. However, due to a technical fault at Mumbai airport, the flight was unable to take off on time.

Initially, passengers were informed of a two-hour delay. However, the aircraft eventually departed nearly three hours late and landed in Indore at 12:20 PM. It departed for Delhi



about an hour later. Many passengers missed their connecting flights. The delay left passengers

stranded at Indore airport, many of whom missed their connecting flights. Several travelers had to cancel their tickets and bear

the associated costs. The disruption caused considerable stress, particularly for those with urgent travel commitments.

### Flights were canceled on Diwali night

Further compounding the travel chaos, several flights were canceled on Diwali night due to low passenger traffic. Indigo Airlines canceled its Mumbai-Indore-Mumbai service, while Air India canceled its evening Delhi-Indore-Mumbai flight.

As a result, Indigo's Tuesday morning flight from Mumbai was also canceled. This led to widespread inconvenience for travelers who had made plans during the festival.

## Sand Mafia Evades Administration for 8 Kms

### ▶ Officials had to retreat, Police arrest two



Sheopur: A dramatic confrontation unfolded in Sheopur's Vijaypur when administrative teams attempting to halt illegal sand mining were chased off by the mafia. The incident saw officials pursued for approximately eight kilometers, highlighting the escalating

boldness of the sand smugglers.

### Mafia Leads 8 km Chase

The enforcement team, led by SDM Abhishek Mishra and comprising police and revenue personnel, set up barricades to intercept sand-laden tractor-trolleys. How-

ever, the mafia drivers sped past the roadblock, leading the police on a lengthy chase. Despite the intense pursuit spanning about eight kilometers, the officials failed to apprehend the tractors.

### Officials Forced to Retreat

The situation turned volatile when the tractors reached their local area. Mafia supporters, including women armed with sticks and clubs, quickly gathered and attempted to surround the police party, creating a tense standoff. Facing the aggressive opposition, the authorities were ultimately forced to retreat without the seized vehicles.

### Two Arrested, Search for Third On

Following the retreat, Vijaypur Station House Officer Rakesh Sharma confirmed that police later managed to seize two tractors from the Sunwai Tira ha area. Two accused, Mukesh Rawat and Ramdeen Rawat, were arrested and an FIR was filed under relevant sections. A third key accused, Sonu Yadav, remains at large. SDM Mishra denied any "attack" but emphasized that surveillance and stricter action against the emboldened sand mafia have been ordered.

## MP Witnesses MSME Manufacturing Boom and Startup Surge

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh has recorded remarkable growth in its manufacturing sector, with the total number of registered MSME (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) units soaring to 426,230 over the last three years. This surge is attributed to the state's investment-friendly policies and CM Dr. Mohan Yadav's commitment to industrial development. The financial year 2024-25 alone saw the registration of 113,696 new manufacturing MSMEs, a significant jump from previous years.

**MSME Sector Powers State GDP:** The state's overall MSME ecosystem now comprises over 20.43 lakh units, contributing a substantial 30% to the State's Gross Domestic Product (GSDP). These units have attracted investments exceeding Rs 66,000 crore and generated employment for over one crore people. The sector is segmented into 21% manufacturing, 29% service, and 50% business-related enterprises, with Micro enterprises constituting the overwhelming majority.



## Leopard Poaching Scandal: 3 Arrested in Mandla as Hide Found Buried

### ▶ Enquiry Reveals Suspects Dug Up and Concealed Carcass

Mandla: Forest authorities in the West General Forest Division have cracked a case of alleged poaching after the carcass of a female leopard was discovered deliberately buried in the Rata Circle of Bamhni Range. Four individuals from Jhangul village have been booked, with three arrested and one currently absconding.

**Snared by Dog Squad Investigation:** The case came to light on the night of October 18 when a patrol team found a leopard carcass buried under Lantana bushes in a revenue area adjacent to Beat Jhangul. Only one hind leg and the tail were visible. The suspicion of foul play intensified after the Dog Squad investigation pointed toward Dharam Singh Udhke. During interrogation, Udhke confessed to dragging and burying the leopard's