

Children among 150 blinded by carbide gun explosions in MP

Festival of lights turns to shadows: 150 lose vision, warn doctors



Bhopal: So far, 300 people in Madhya Pradesh have suffered eye injuries from homemade carbide guns used as an alternative to firecrackers during Diwali. According to ophthalmologists, approximately 50% of the patients have lost their vision. Attempts are being made to save their eyes through procedures such as amniotic membrane implants and



tissue grafting. Cornea transplants are the last resort, but obtaining the corneas needed for such a large number of transplants is difficult. In Bhopal, 162 such patients have been admitted to various hospitals. Children aged 7 to 14 have been affected in similar incidents in several other places, including Gwalior, Indore, and Vidisha. After the large



number of casualties, the administration woke up and imposed a ban on the sale, purchase, and stockpiling of carbide guns on Thursday night. Two people found selling guns in Bhopal and Gwalior were arrested. In Indore, the collector also banned the sale, purchase, and stockpiling of carbide guns. The ophthalmology department at Gandhi Medical Col-

lege (GMC) in Bhopal is treating 36 patients. So far, 15 have undergone surgery. Doctors have implanted amniotic membranes in the eyes of two children. This is the same membrane that comes out of the womb during childbirth.

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ICMR had warned two years ago. Amidst the incidents, it has also come to light that this carbide gun was circulated on social media as a home-made device to scare away monkeys. ICMR (Indian Council of Medical Research), Bhopal, had warned about this improvised system in 2023. In their research, scientists at the ICMR had stated that the gas 'acetylene', produced by the chemical reaction of calcium carbide and water, not only causes an explosion but also causes loss of eyesight. This study was also published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology. Despite this, appropriate action was not taken in time.

Congress to hold 10-day training camp in Pachmarhi from Nov 2



By Special Correspondent Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee will organise a ten-day training programme in the scenic hill town of Pachmarhi from 2 to 11 November. The event aims to strengthen organisational skills and digital awareness among party workers.

According to party sources, the training camp will be attended by newly elected district presidents along with a large number of Congress cadres from across the state. The All India Congress Committee (AICC) is reportedly keeping a close watch on the proceedings, underscoring the importance attached to the exercise. Senior Congress leaders from the national level are expected to participate and

guide the sessions. At least five expert trainers have been deputed to conduct modules on artificial intelligence (AI), digital communication, and the effective use of social media platforms for political outreach. In addition to digital training, the programme will include lessons on the party's culture, history, and values, aimed at fostering ideological commitment among participants. To promote physical fitness and mental discipline, the schedule also features martial arts sessions. Party insiders view the Pachmarhi camp as part of a broader strategy to prepare the Congress organisation for upcoming political challenges and to modernise its approach to communication and campaign management.

Day-Light Terror in Capital City's Roshanpura Square

Gunman Fires Two Rounds at Shopkeeper



Bhopal: Panic gripped the heavily crowded Roshanpura Square on Friday evening after a man, who arrived in a car, opened fire in a shocking daylight incident before



fleeing the scene. The target, Shyam (22), the proprietor of an MP Online shop, miraculously escaped the attack unscathed. The dramatic confrontation, which occurred around

5:30 PM, stemmed from a dispute over payment. According to police, the accused had transferred Rs 30,000 from the shopkeeper's account to another. When Shyam demanded the transferred money and his service charges back, the enraged suspect drew a revolver. Two Shots, Narrow Escape: Witnesses reported hearing two shots. The first round narrowly missed the shopkeeper, while the second struck the glass window of a nearby jeweler, leaving a gaping hole. T.T. Nagar Police immediately rushed to the site, seized two empty cartridges, and launched a massive manhunt.

Police have identified the accused and traced the car, registered under the name Lokendra Singh Gurjar from Bhand district. "The accused has been identified and will be arrested soon," police stated.

Hanumanganj Police Crack Blind Murder

- Friend Kills Friend Over Rs 2 Lakh Debt
- Police found Dead Dody in Nullah in Ashoka Garden 2 days back

Bhopal: Hanumanganj Police have achieved a rapid and successful breakthrough, solving a brutal "blind murder" just hours after launching a high-priority investigation. The victim, identified as Saeed, who had been missing since October 18, was found mutilated and stuffed inside a sack with his throat slit in a Nullah near the 80-Foot Road in the Ashoka Garden area on October 21. Acting on immediate directives from Police Commissioner Harinarayan Chari Mishra, a dedicated team quickly developed intelligence and technical evidence from over 300 CCTV footage clips.

Debt and Desperation Uncovered

Within hours, the police apprehended the accused, Aamir Qureshi (26). During interrogation, Qureshi made a chilling confession: he murdered Saeed over a persistent debt. Qureshi, who owed Saeed Rs 2 Lakh, was



reportedly harassed and threatened by the victim for the money. Driven by desperation, Qureshi lured Saeed who was his friend to his home on October 17. Following a heated argument and physical scuffle, Qureshi brutally attacked Saeed with a pair of scissors before using a knife to slit his throat. The killer then wrapped the body in a plastic sack and, under the cover of night, used his blue battery-operated rickshaw to dispose of the body in the drain. Police have seized the murder weapons and the rickshaw used in the crime, bringing a swift end to the disturbing case and the killer's freedom.

Night Raid Shakes Khajuri Sadak rea Resorts

Police Crack Down on Illegal Liquor Service

Bhopal: In a continuing aggressive drive against illicit activities, Khajuri Sadak police conducted a series of targeted raids on Thursday, cracking down on four prominent resorts accused of illegally serving and consuming liquor. This swift action is part of a sustained campaign against establishments operating outside government guidelines. The operation spearheaded by Station In-charge Neeraj Verma, targeted resorts where alcohol was reportedly being served without the necessary licenses. Authorities descended upon The Arc Resort, Club Cabana Resort, Water Ville Resort, and Curve Resort. When management at all four locations

failed to produce valid licenses, police immediately initiated legal proceedings. Four Resorts, Eight Arrests: In total, police registered four cases under Sections 36-A and 36-B of the Excise Act, naming four resort owners/managers and four customers as accused. Police issued a stern warning to all hospitality operators to strictly adhere to state guidelines, emphasizing that any future illegal activities, including unauthorized liquor sale or consumption, will result in immediate and harsh legal consequences. The Khajuri Sadak police team has been lauded for their continuous vigilance in curbing such violations.

BHEL bids warm farewell to retiring employees



Bhopal: A modest ceremony was held at the administrative building of BHEL, Bhopal, where Pradeep Kumar Upadhyay, General Manager and Head of BHEL, Bhopal, extended a warm farewell to retiring employees — Dr (Mrs) Alpana Tiwari, Head of Medical Services, Dr Ranjan Sinha, CMS, Orthopaedics; Ra-

mavatar Sahu, Engineer, and eight supervisors. In his address, Upadhyay lauded their dedicated service and wished them a fulfilling and healthy retired life, encouraging them to make their "second innings" meaningful and joyful. TU Singh, General Manager (Human Resources), also graced the occasion.

Female teacher hangs self in Shahpura

Bhopal: A female teacher hanged herself in the hall of her home in the Shahpura area on Friday morning. Her brother was the first to see her hanging from a noose. He informed the police. Police arrived, took custody of the body, and sent it for postmortem examination. Police in the case According to police, Monika Chaupal, daughter of Prem Narayan Bahadur Chaupal (29), a resident of Trilanga Colony, was a teacher in a private school. Her father is posted in the Legislative Assembly. Her elder sister is married, and her younger brother works in a private job. On Friday morning, her brother woke up and saw her sister's body in the hall. He raised an alarm and, with the help of family members, took the body down from the noose. He then informed the police. Police arrived at the scene upon receiving news of the incident and sent the deceased's body for postmortem examination. Upon searching, police found a suicide note in which she wrote that she was committing suicide of her own free will and that no one in her family should be disturbed. The police have seized the suicide note and begun further investigation. They are currently investigating the case.

'Dhamma Yatra' to Ignite Movement for Mahabodhi Mahavihar

Bhopal: A massive demonstration is set to sweep through the city this Sunday as the Bahujan Mahapurushon Ka Sanyukt Jayanti Manch prepares to launch a powerful Dhamma Yatra - Jan Akrosh Sabha (Public Outrage Assembly) on October 26. The move aims to inject fresh momentum into the ongoing campaign for the Mahabodhi Mahavihar Mukti Andolan (Liberation Movement). Following a consensus decision reached at a meeting in Chaitiya Buddha Vihar, the protest will commence at 12:00 PM. The Dhamma Yatra will start from Dr. Ambedkar Chowk at the Board Office and proceed to the Ambedkar Jayanti Ground in Tulsī Nagar, where the main public rally will be held. The event is set to draw national attention with key figures, including Babasaheb Ambedkar's grandson, Bhimrao Yashwant Ambedkar, and several distinguished Bhadants and spiritual leaders, confirmed to address the gathering. The organizers are mobilizing massive support for the

Aryika Mataji leads Soham Yoga event at Boat Club



Bhopal: A large-scale Soham Yoga program promoting spiritual awareness, health, and environmental protection was organized at the Boat Club under the joint aegis of the Mangalwara Temple Committee and the Digambar Jain Mahasabha. The event was led by Aryika Ratna Srishti

Bhushan Mataji under the guidance of Vishwayashmati Mataji, emphasizing the message of "Swadeshi, environmental protection, and a clean Bhopal." Soham Yoga, described as a simple path to inner peace and harmony, seeks to connect human consciousness with universal spirituality

while relieving stress and promoting balance in daily life.

Members of various communities, including women, children, and youth groups such as Bahu Mandal, Mahila Mandal, and Jinvani Samiti, participated enthusiastically.

Bhopal MP Alok Sharma lauded the initiative, pledging his support for conserving the Bada Talab, while Southwest MLA Bhagwan Das Sabnani praised the Jain community's contribution to national welfare and cleanliness drives.

The yoga session was conducted by Yogacharya Ashok Jain and Rajiv Jain Trilok. Aditya Maniya, President of the Mangalwara Temple Committee, and Sanjay Jain Mungawali, President of the Digambar Jain Mahasabha, expressed gratitude for the widespread community participation.

RNTU Mallakhamb teams reach Tamil Nadu



Bhopal: The men's and women's Mallakhamb teams of Rabindranath Tagore University, Bhopal, have reached Arivannur, Tamil Nadu, to participate in the All India Inter-University Tournament scheduled from October 25 to 31. The men's team includes Aditya Gehlot, Pankaj Gargma, Yas Mamodia, Rajguru Nandeda, Hemant Dhadoria, and Sagar Singh Chauhan, while the women's team

comprises Payal Mandwalia, Sonu Mandwalia, Chhaya Bhatia, Mehak Sen, Sanjana Prajapati, and Jessica Prajapati. The teams are guided by manager Satish Ahirwar, men's coach Ayush Bamoria, and women's coach Neha Sisodiya. University leaders and Raisen's District Sports Officer Jalaj Chaturvedi congratulated the participants and extended best wishes for their success.

2-Day state-level art festival showcases state's rich traditions

Celebrating creativity and culture at WALMI



Bhopal: A vibrant two-day state-level art festival, organized by the School Education Department, kicked off with spectacular energy at WALMI today, showcasing the rich cultural tapestry of Madhya Pradesh. The event, which fulfills the vision of the National

Education Policy 2020, brings together over 250 students from nine divisions for a grand celebration of India's living arts and traditions. A Fusion of Folk and Fine Arts: The campus was alive with competitions spanning 12 categories. The highlight

of the first day was a mesmerizing series of folk dances, including the vigorous Badhaai Dance of Bundelkhand, the rhythmic Baredi Dance from Jabalpur, and the vibrant Bhagoria Dance of the Bhil tribe, offering a dazzling reflection of the state's heritage. Students also excelled in classical arts, presenting polished performances of Kathak, Bharatanatyam, and Odissi. Meanwhile, the visual arts section demanded creativity, with participants painting the theme "Developed India 2047" and crafting sculptures from Lalpur clay, reviving ancient folk crafts and toy-making.

Additional Project Director Manisha Setia emphasized that the festival is a vital platform connecting students with the arts and values of India. Winners of this state-level event, which concludes tomorrow, will go on to represent Madhya Pradesh at the National Art Festival in Pune starting November 15.

Divine City Rises: Nirankari Sant Samagam Preparations Nearing Climax

"Hundreds of devotees from Bhopal Zone will participate in Samagam

Bhopal: The spiritual landscape of Samalkha, Haryana, is transforming into a city of devotion as preparations for the 78th Annual Nirankari Sant Samagam race towards completion. Set to be held under the divine umbrella of Satguru Mata Sudiksha Ji Maharaj and Nirankari Rajpita Ramit Ji from October 31 to November 3, 2025, this event is far more than a gathering—it is a sacred celebration of introspection and unity.



A Call for 'Self-Introspection': The Samagam is a powerful confluence of knowledge, love, and devotion, acting as a profound medium for spiritual awakening. Hundreds of devotees from Bhopal Zone 24 A, along with countless others globally, are converging on the grounds. Driven by faith and surrender, thousands have been working tire-

lessly day and night to transform the site into a meticulously organized "Divine City," complete with sprawling, beautifully adorned marquees. This gathering is essentially a divine space for 'Aatm Manthan' (Self-Introspection), inspiring every seeker to look inward, awaken their spiritual consciousness, and embrace the values of humanity and world brotherhood. As stated by Sant Nirankari Mandal Secretary, Mr. Joginder Sukheja, the commitment of the

volunteers has elevated a simple ground into an attractive, spiritually charged environment. Advanced LED screens are being installed across the four major sectors to ensure every visitor benefits from the Satguru's inspirational discourses and soulful bhajans, making this a truly immersive spiritual experience.