

# Maksi to emerge as green manufacturing hub: CM

► Rs 8,174 crore investment, major road projects, and development push announced

**Bhopal:** Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav announced that Maksi in Shajapur district will now be recognized as a green manufacturing hub, with major green energy equipment to be manufactured along the Ujjain–Shajapur belt. Speaking at the groundbreaking and inauguration ceremony of multiple industrial units in Maksi, he stated that the Malwa region—rich in culture and agriculture—is entering a new era of industrial and green energy growth.

Dr. Yadav laid the foundation for six industrial units worth ₹8,174 crore and inaugurated two of them. He also performed the bhumi puja for a 38.95 km four-lane Ujjain–Maksi road, costing over Rs 384 crore.

## Massive boost to industry, jobs, and infra

The CM mentioned that the new investments would generate over 15,000 direct and indirect jobs, making Maksi, Ujjain, and Dewas a major industrial circuit in MP. A



multipurpose industrial zone spread over 88 hectares in Maksi already hosts more than 60 industries employing 9,000 people. He highlighted that an MSME park in the Bhadouni–Bamniakhedi–Kherkhe-

di area is attracting Rs 2,500 crore in investments and will generate 4,000 jobs. CM also announced 20 development projects worth Rs 487 crore, including new school infrastructure, rural roads, and irriga-

tion projects. Relief funds of Rs 39.50 crore were distributed to over 60,000 farmers in Shajapur district.

## Major industrial units

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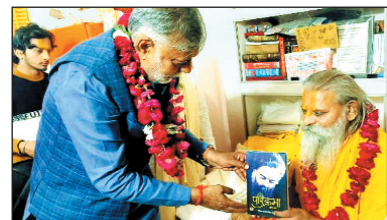
tion was laid include Jackson Integrated Solar Limited (₹7,104.89 crore) and Rukmani & Sons (Rs10 crore).

The event concluded with the distribution of benefits to citizens and recognition of achievers, reinforcing Maksi's rise as a powerful industrial and green energy destination in Madhya Pradesh.

## Welfare initiatives and new announcements

Dr. Yadav reiterated the government's commitment to women's welfare, farmers' income growth, and tribal upliftment. He announced an additional Rs 5,000 monthly incentive for working women employed in industries, in addition to the ₹1,500 provided under the Ladli Behna Yojana.

The CM also approved the Lakhundar Irrigation Project, multiple road upgrades, a youth skill development lab, a grid station, and development grants of ₹10 crore each for Shajapur Municipality and Maksi Council.



## Panchayat Minister Prahlad Patel seeks blessings at Dandroua Dham

**Gwalior:** Minister of Panchayat, Rural Development, and Labour, Prahlad Singh Patel, visited the renowned religious site of Dandroua Dham in Bhind district today. Accompanied by BJP District President Devendra Singh Narwaria, Minister Patel paid homage to Dr. Hanuman Ji and performed vidhi-vidhan worship.

Temple priests conducted the rituals with Vedic chanting, during which the Minister prayed for the progress, happiness, and prosperity of the citizens and the state. Following the puja, Minister Patel met with Shri Shri 1008 Mahamandaleshwar Mahant Ramdas Maharaj and Acharya Awadheshanand Giri Maharaj. He sought their blessings for the continued economic and social development and well-being of all residents of Madhya Pradesh, affirming his commitment to public service and regional prosperity.

# High-level ASEAN delegation in city from 18–20 November

► Members to participate in investment symposium and cultural events

**Bhopal:** A delegation of senior diplomats from ASEAN countries will visit Bhopal from 18 to 20 November for a three-day tour, during which they will participate in several events. The objective of the visit is to strengthen economic, industrial, investment, and cultural co-operation between Madhya Pradesh and ASEAN countries.

**Will meet CM and Governor:** The delegation will call on Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav on 18 November. The meeting will focus on the state government's investment-friendly environment, industrial policies and partnership opportunities with ASEAN countries. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav will discuss Madhya Pradesh's rapidly evolving industrial landscape and highlight investment opportunities in the IT, manufacturing, agro-processing, tourism, and renewable energy sectors. The delegation will also attend a state-hosted dinner, where both sides will discuss ways to

enhance mutual cooperation and strengthen economic relations. The delegation will pay a courtesy call on Governor Mangubhai Patel on 19 November. **Showcasing Madhya Pradesh's cultural heritage:** On the second day of the visit, 19 November, the delegation will tour UNESCO Heritage sites—Sanchi and Bhimbetka. This will provide them an opportunity to experience Madhya Pradesh's ancient cultural traditions, Buddhist art and historical heritage. On the third day, 20 November, the delegation will also visit the Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (Indira Gandhi National Museum of Mankind) and the Tribal Museum in Bhopal.

This visit is expected to serve as a concrete step toward long-term cooperation between Madhya Pradesh and ASEAN nations, giving fresh momentum to industrial, commercial, and cultural partnerships between the two sides.

# Bhopal to host National Children's Science Exhibition

► 900 students and teachers to showcase science models

**Bhopal:** The 52nd National Children's Science Exhibition will be held in Bhopal from 18 to 23 November at the Regional Institute of Education, Shyamla Hills, Bhopal, organised by the National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT). The School Education Department is also participating in the event.

Around 900 students and teachers from 35 states and union territories will showcase science projects and models on diverse scientific themes.

The exhibition seeks to inspire a passion for science and cultivate scientific acumen among the youth. Students aged 14 to 18 from across the country will partici-

pate. Every day from 9 AM, scientists from institutions such as the Regional Science Centre, IISER, MANIT, ISECT, and Global Skill Park will deliver special lectures and engage in scientific discussions with the participating students, followed by a 30-minute Q&A session. In the evenings, students from various states will present cultural events showcasing their cultural heritage. Visitors from various states will also be taken on tours of historical sites, museums, science centres, and craft centres around Bhopal. The six-day exhibition will conclude on 23 November at 3:30 PM.

# NSUI flays minister for remarks on Raja Ram Mohan Roy

**By Special Correspondent Bhopal:** The National Students' Union of India (NSUI) has sharply criticised MP Higher Education Minister Inder Singh Parmar for describing Raja Ram Mohan Roy as a "British agent," calling the remark an alarming display of historical ignorance. NSUI National Spokesperson Viraj Yadav said such a statement from a minister responsible for shaping higher education in the state was "deeply unfortunate and entirely unbecoming of his office." Yadav emphasised that Raja Ram Mohan Roy is celebrated as the Father of the Indian Renaissance for his pioneering efforts in abolish-



ing Sati, advancing women's rights, and introducing modern education reforms that laid the foundation for a progressive India. "To question his patriotism reflects a shocking lack of understanding of India's reformist histo-

ry," he said. Expressing concern over what he described as ideologically motivated attempts by BJP and RSS leaders to distort historical facts, Yadav warned that students and young citizens would strongly resist such efforts. He urged the minister to study the contributions of towering national figures before making "reckless and irresponsible" statements in public. NSUI reaffirmed its commitment to defending the legacy of Raja Ram Mohan Roy and vowed to hold those in power accountable for statements that undermine India's reformist heritage for political gain.

# Ayurveda integration vital for nation's health: Nirmala Bhuria

**Bhopal:** Women and Child Development Minister Nirmala Bhuria on Sunday said that Ayurveda is not merely a medical practice but an integrated embodiment of India's cultural, scientific, and traditional wisdom. She stressed that aligning Ayurveda with the modern healthcare system is the need of the hour to ensure the health and holistic development of future generations. She was speaking at the "Good Progeny 2.0" symposium held at SAM Global University, Bhopal.

## Ayurveda: A Strong Tool against Malnutrition

Minister Bhuria highlighted the relevance of ancient knowledge in modern health challenges, particularly malnutrition. She stated that

► Minister addresses symposium at SAM Global University



weak and anemic mothers often give birth to malnourished children, trapping families in a cycle of poor health and limiting national progress. Referring to Garbhasan-skar, she said that a balanced

lifestyle, nutritious diet, and positive thoughts significantly influence fetal development.

## 'Moti Aai' Campaign

Sharing her personal initiative,

the minister said her faith in Ayurveda led to the launch of the "Moti Aai" campaign to combat malnutrition. Through Ayurvedic treatments, massages, and nutritious diets, more than 1,800 of the 1,950 identified children recovered. She noted that the district collector received the Prime Minister's Excellence Award for the innovation.

Emphasizing scientific validation, Bhuria said rigorous research, clinical trials, and evidence-based results are essential to elevate Ayurveda globally. Bhuria also appreciated SAM Global University Chancellor Preeti Saluja, Chairman Dr. Harpreet Singh, and Vice Chairman Abhiraj Singh for promoting Ayurveda.



# Sports inspire competition and cooperation: Shukla

**Bhopal:** Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla concluded the Late Bhaiyalal Shukla Tennis Ball Cricket Tournament held at the University Stadium. On this occasion, he said that many major sports events have been held in Rewa.

Many players from here have showcased their athletic talent at the national and international levels. Sports keep both the body and mind healthy. Sports inspire competition and cooperation. Participating in sports is also a great pleasure, as is watching a good sports competition.

The Rashtriya Ekta Manch organized a wonderful cricket tournament from November 10th to 16th. What we could not do for the late Bhaiyalal Shukla, the organizing committee accomplished.

The Deputy CM said that he feels proud to be the son of the late Bhaiyalal Shukla. If I had not been his son, I would probably not be where I am today.

My father's social work and public service made him famous. Being associated with his name also brought me great prestige and recognition.

He announced that sports facilities will be developed at the University Stadium. Floodlights will soon be installed, allowing nighttime competitions.

The final match of the competition was played between Odisha and Noida. The Odisha team won the thrilling match. The Deputy Chief Minister and MLA Gudha presented the winning team with Rs. 10 lakh and a trophy.

# BJP faces questions over alleged poll irregularities

**By Special Correspondent, Bhopal** Madhya Pradesh Congress senior spokesperson Swadesh Sharma has levelled serious allegations against the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Election Commission of India (ECI), claiming that a series of irregularities have raised grave concerns about the credibility of the electoral process.

A video featuring BJP leader B.D. Sharma recently went viral, showing him speaking via video call to a party worker deployed in Bihar. The worker was heard saying that the situation on the ground was "very tight", although he remained engaged in his tasks. Congress leaders assert that



this exchange reflects the type of activities allegedly undertaken by BJP workers that may have influenced the final results. Congress has further alleged that Rs 10,000 was deposited into the bank accounts of women voters after the election was announced—an action they say violates election laws that strictly prohibit financial inducements. The party criticised the ECI for allowing such transfers, noting that even private individuals are barred from providing voters with transport, money or any form of incentive.

Additional allegations include claims that the BJP financed free train travel, accommodation and food for large numbers of people who were alleged-

ly transported across states to cast fraudulent votes. Congress leaders say that "lakhs of people" were mobilised for this purpose with the party's support.

The party has also questioned inconsistencies in voter figures announced by Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar. According to Congress, Kumar initially stated that Bihar had 7.42 crore voters, but after the final phase of polling, the number inexplicably rose to 7.45 crore.

The party is demanding clarification on the sudden addition of three lakh voters. Moreover, Congress has criticised the ECI for failing to release the complete list of nearly 65 lakh voters whose names were reportedly removed from the rolls, as well as more than 20 lakh newly added voters.