

# 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 ₹84 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 ₹2,500 crore in investments and will generate 4,000 jobs. CM also announced 20 development projects worth ₹487 crore, including new school infrastructure, rural roads, and irriga-

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

## Major industrial units

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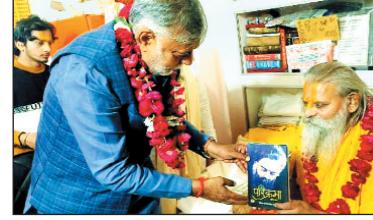
tion was laid include Jackson Integrated Solar Limited (₹7,104.89 crore) and Rukmani & Sons (₹10 crore).

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 ₹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 Dandrou Dham**

**Gwalior:** Minister of Panchayat, Rural Development, and Labour, Prahlad Singh Patel, visited the renowned religious site of Dandrou 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 cooperation 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 Sangrahalay (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.

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**Bhopal:** Unofficial reports filtering out of the Mantralay suggest a simmering cold war between highly influential top officers. The architect of this tension is reportedly a senior functionary whose influence currently dominates the power corridors. His clout amplified after successfully sidelining a rival in a power struggle several months ago. Sources indicate he has now targeted two other officers he personally dislikes. While the feud with one is understood, the animosity toward the second remains a mystery. Insiders suggest that only a decisive intervention from the government can now protect the careers of these two targeted officials.

Meanwhile, after the high-stakes Bihar Assembly elections,



where several Madhya Pradesh IAS officers served as observers, the focus is shifting to rest and recreation. Having played a crucial role in ensuring free and fair polling and counting, these officers are set to return next week.

Reports suggest at least half a dozen of them have already applied for year-end vacation leave, eager to recharge after their extensive election duties.

On the political front, a powerful state leader is basking in the glow of a successful Bihar mission. Tasked with managing a specific Assembly constituency for the BJP, the leader's political acumen and management skills helped the party candidate secure an easy win. Though the leader lost their own seat in the last general election, they are reportedly finding immense satisfaction in successfully delivering a win for the party.

Finally, the extravagant birthday celebration of a brother of one of the state's Ministers of State has become a hot topic. Although the event took place outside Madhya Pradesh, pictures of the celebratory display—including a cake being cut aggressively on a car bonnet—quickly went viral, showcasing an undeniable expression of clout. The long-term implications of this public show of exuberance on the political career of his sibling minister remain to be seen.

# 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 participate.

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 unbefitting of his office."

Yadav emphasised that Raja Ram Mohan Roy is celebrated as the Father of the Indian Renaissance for his pioneering efforts in abolishing



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 history," 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.

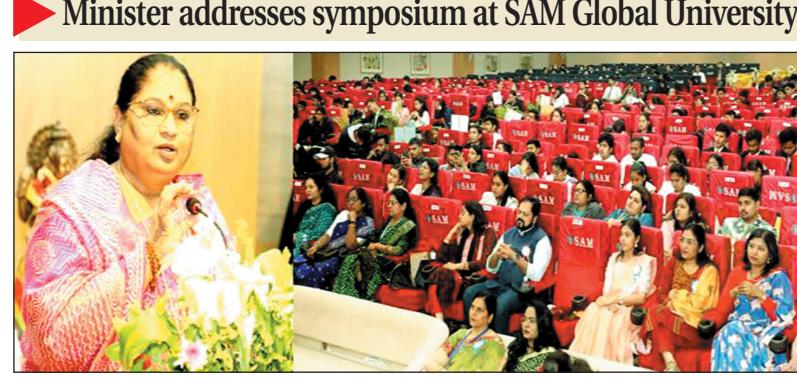
# MP emerges as India's 'Food Basket'

**Bhopal:** Once considered a 'BIMARU' state, MP has today transformed into a symbol of self-reliance, agricultural prosperity and rapid economic growth. This transformation is the outcome of CM Dr. Mohan Yadav's visionary leadership, the government's well-planned policies and the unwavering hard work of the state's farmers. Today, Madhya Pradesh not only stands among the leading states in terms of growth rate but has also carved out a new identity as a frontrunner in food grain production. It is for this reason that India's "heartland state" is now being hailed as the country's new "Food Basket." CM Dr. Yadav said that the remarkable progress achieved by Madhya Pradesh in agriculture and allied sectors is largely due to the vital contribution of its farmers. In recent years, the state has achieved outstanding success in agricultural production, irrigation expansion, and income enhancement for farmers, earning the proud title of India's new 'Food Basket.'

**Story of an Agriculturally Prosperous State:** The state's growth rate has now reached double digits, with agriculture and allied sectors contributing the most. He stated that the government is committed to making farming a profitable enterprise. Initiatives such as expansion of irrigation facilities, adequate power supply, procurement at minimum support prices, the 'Bhavantar Bhugtan' Yojana and promotion of farm mechanisation have brought prosperity to farmers' lives. By prioritising agriculture and rural development in its policy agenda, the government has transformed the state's economic landscape.

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

► 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 Garbhasanchar, 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 Rajaendra Shukla concluded the Late Bhaiyalal 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 night-time 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



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.