

Protest in city against SC order on removing street dogs

► Animal welfare groups say decision violates ABC rules

Bhopal: A peaceful protest was organized at Rishabhdev Park on Sunday against the Supreme Court's recent directive to remove street dogs from public places such as schools, colleges, hospitals, railway stations, and bus stands, and shift them to rehabilitation centres.

Swati Gaurav, State Coordinator and Bhopal Unit Head of People for Animals (PFA), said the Supreme Court's November 7 order is not only impractical but also directly violates the Animal Birth Control (ABC) Rules.

"Under the ABC Rules, no community dog can be removed from its territory. Relocation is completely illegal and also against scientific understanding. A dog captured from one street cannot survive in another," she said. She added that these concerns



prompted animal lovers to gather and protest the decision.

Demand to be heard on Jan 16: Swati appealed to the Supreme Court to allow animal welfare or-

ganizations to present their arguments during the next hearing on January 16. She also urged Chief Secretary Anurag Jain to ensure that the rehabilitation plan being

submitted to the court is realistic.

"Bhopal alone has over one lakh dogs. Does the government have the capacity and budget to rehabilitate them? Without a proper plan, shelters will become deathbeds," she warned.

"Decision neither Constitutional nor Scientific"

Local activists said the order contradicts the ABC policy, the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, and the principle of coexistence. They emphasized strengthening sterilization, vaccination, and responsible administration rather than removing dogs.

The protest began at 4 p.m. and concluded peacefully with demands focused on animal rights and constitutional values. Activists said removing millions of community dogs is inhumane and impractical, stressing that the ABC program remains the most effective scientific solution.

Seva Bharti conducts health camp, distributes free medicines



Bhopal: A health camp focused on service, empathy, and health awareness was organized at the Gandhi Ashram Disabled and Vanvasi Boys Hostel in Gandhi Nagar under the banner of Seva Bharti. Medical teams from LNCT, Rishi Raj Dental Hospital, ASG Group Eye Hospital, and Seva Bharti's Health Dimension conducted eye and dental checkups for 74 children and distributed free medicines, hygiene kits, nutritional protein powder, and educational materials. During the program, the Red Cross Society provided pulse

oximeters and hygiene kits to 40 ASHA workers. The kits were presented by Metropolitan President Shivmangal Singh, former judge and departmental coordinator Karan Singh Kaushik, Health Dimension Head Dr. Ram Avatar Yadav, Gandhi Ashram Secretary Manoj Soni, and Red Cross representative Satyam Baghel. Seva Bharti Metropolitan Media Incharge Bhagwan Das Dhalia stated that the organization regularly conducts health camps in various settlements to raise health awareness and will continue such initiatives.

Minor raped by brother-in-law, crime revealed when victim became pregnant

Bhopal: A 14-year-old girl living in the Bagh Sewania police station area was raped by her brother-in-law. The incident took place in the victim's home. When the girl's health deteriorated, her father took her to the hospital, where she was confirmed to be pregnant.

The doctors then informed the police. Police arrived at the hospital and registered a rape FIR based on the victim's statements. The accused has been taken into custody.

According to the police, the 14-year-old girl lives in a slum. Her father works as a laborer and her mother is mentally unstable. In October, the victim was alone at home when her brother-in-law arrived. Seeing

her alone, he threatened her and raped her.

He threatened to kill her if she told anyone. Due to fear of the accused, she did not inform anyone about the incident. On Saturday, the victim began experiencing stomach pain and vomiting, and her father took her to the hospital.

During a checkup, her pregnancy was confirmed, which was immediately reported to the police. The police counseled the victim and recorded her statement.

The teenager revealed all the misdeeds of the accused. A case of rape has been registered against the accused brother-in-law under sections of the POCSO Act.

Veer Bal Diwas observed at Gayatri Mandir School

► Students pay tributes to brave Sahibzadas



Bhopal: Veer Bal Diwas was celebrated with great reverence and enthusiasm at Shri Gayatri Mandir School, where around 140 students actively participated. The programme was jointly

organized by Sangeeta Gochara, Vice President of Narendra Modi Vichar Manch Mission Navbharat, in the presence of Kailash Tiwari Paramatma Tritiya, President of the Sports, Arts and

Cultural Cell of Madhya Pradesh. Addressing the gathering, Kailash Sharma highlighted the significance of Veer Bal Diwas. He said that while Children's Day is traditionally observed on November 14, the Prime Minister appealed to commemorate December 26 as Veer Bal Diwas in memory of the young martyrs, Sahibzada Zorawar Singh Ji and Sahibzada Fateh Singh Ji, aged just 9 and 7. The two were brutally executed for refusing to abandon their faith, a tragic incident that remains one of the darkest chapters in history. Sangeeta Gochara urged everyone to remember the sacrifices of these brave children and to remain vigilant against forces that threaten humanity.

Earlier, Principal Sandhya Namazi welcomed the dignitaries with floral bouquets and a ceremonial tilak. Paramatma spoke about the spiritual importance of the tilak and administered a pledge to students and teachers to uphold Sanatan values. Students later participated in a Rang Bharo competition, narrating the historical incident through art. Prizes were awarded to 11 winners. The event concluded with the chanting of Om Shanti.

Tribal women turn entrepreneurs

► Migration curbed through poultry units in Raisen



Raisen: In the rural areas of Silwani development block in Raisen district, tribal women have transformed their lives by joining self-help groups and starting their own enterprises. Once dependent on seasonal migration, many of them

are now successful entrepreneurs who also provide employment to others. The Siarmau cluster, located 25 to 40 km from Silwani, earlier saw 5 to 10 families migrating every year to work in poultry sheds in Gujarat, Maharashtra and other

states. During the COVID-19 pandemic, when these families returned home, a Livelihood Mission team met them and identified poultry work as a viable local alternative to reduce migration. As part of this initiative, the Siarmau cluster-level organization was made an MNREGA agency, and a Rs 69-lakh project was prepared to construct 50 poultry sheds.

Poultry feed manufacturing unit also set up: Since maize is widely cultivated in the region, a poultry feed manufacturing unit was also set up under the PM's Employment Generation Programme, supported by Madhya Pradesh Gramin Bank.

This unit purchases local maize, produces chicken feed, and now provides employment to over 20 families, significantly reducing migration from the area.

Sagarites spread virtues with 'Harmony: The Essence of Life'

Bhopal: The Sagarites of Sagar Public School, Saket Nagar, showcased a spectacular Annual Function 2025, a two-day cultural extravaganza marking 25 glorious years of excellence. The presentations marked by grandeur and enthusiasm, offered a vibrant and colourful celebration of music, dance, and drama that highlighted the Sagarites' creative expression in the Junior Annual Function, Harmony: The Essence of Life and its Senior Annual Function, The Light Within. The celebrations were graced by Professor Sanjeev Singh, School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal and Dr. Anuradha Balaram, IES (Retd.), Chief Coordinator, Vivekananda Institute of Values, Ramakrishna Mis-



sion, Gurugram who appreciated and lauded the students' performances and the school's commitment to holistic education and emphasized the importance of empathy and perseverance as guiding values in every pursuit.

The Junior Annual Function offered a vibrant and heartfelt show-

case of young talent through a graceful blend of music, dance, and dramatization, including a lively depiction of the Samudra Manthan.

The celebrations concluded on an uplifting note with a vote of thanks by Vice Principal Manavi Arora and the National Anthem.

Carmel Convent celebrates vibrant annual fest 'Mosaic of Hope'

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case their hidden talents. Principal Rev. Sr. Ramya Wako explained the theme "Mosaic of Hope," stating that every child represents a unique color that comes

together to create a future filled with unity and compassion. The fest featured captivating dance, music and theatrical performances on the theme "Yester-

day, Today and Tomorrow," beautifully depicting the passage of time. Traditional folk dances, cultural showcases and contemporary acts captivated the audience throughout the program.

The Annual School Report was confidently presented by Head Girl Rudrapriya Dandotia and Sports Captain Rashi Chauhan, highlighting academic, cultural, sports and social outreach achievements. Meritorious students were also felicitated.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Rashi Chauhan, appreciating the guests, staff and students. The celebration reflected the school's spirit of hope, creativity and collective aspiration, witnessed by parents and faculty in large numbers.

Book explores challenge of midlife crisis



Bhopal: Club Literati organized a discussion at Swami Vivekanand Library on "Lost at Forty", authored by senior obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr. Varuna Pathak. The book explores the contemporary challenge of midlife crisis and offers thoughtful ways to understand and overcome it.

Moderated by Dr. Neelkamal Kapoor, the conversation covered key themes of the book. Responding to chapter-wise questions, Dr. Pathak underlined that midlife is a transformative stage where renewed confidence can help individuals pursue long-delayed dreams.

When aligned with an understanding of time, health and circumstances, such efforts bring lasting fulfilment. She also emphasized the importance of health maintenance and financial discipline during this phase. During the Q&A, Dr. Pathak shared practical strategies for rebuilding life even after periods of discouragement. The session was smoothly anchored by Paritosh Dubey.

Aryika Srishti Bhushan Mataji inspires inmates



Bhopal: An introspection sermon was organised on Saturday in the hall of Central Jail Bhopal, where Aryika Ratna Srishti Bhushan Mataji addressed the inmates with a powerful message of repentance and transformation. She

urged the prisoners to reflect on their past, correct their mistakes, and take a pledge to never repeat any wrongdoing. "No one can escape from God. We will find many instigators in life, but rarely find true well-wishers," she said. Mataji emphasized that a jail is not merely a place of confinement but a reformatory that shapes a better future. She stressed that while the inmates are serving time for their actions, their families—parents, spouses, and children—suffer silently in their absence. Encouraging prisoners to abandon thoughts of revenge, she said, "Enmity doesn't end by eliminating the enemy, but by turning the enemy into a friend."

BSSS hosts capacity building programme on impactful leadership



Bhopal: BSSS Institute of Advance Studies (BSSS IAS), in collaboration with the Department of Higher Education, Madhya Pradesh, organized a one-day Capacity Building Programme on "Impactful Leadership for Work-Life Integration." The event brought together academic leaders from across the state, drawing participation from over 30 higher education institutions and over 80 principals, HoDs, and senior faculty members.

The programme began with an insightful introduction by Dr. Pooja Gupta, Chairperson, MDP, BSSS IAS, who outlined the goal of enhancing leadership capabilities within the higher education ecosystem. This was followed by a warm welcome by Dr. Fr. John PJ, Executive Director, BSSS IAS. Dr. Mathura Prasad, Additional Director, Department of Higher Education, graced the event as Guest of Honor and lauded the initiative for

equipping educators with modern leadership tools. Chief Guest, Prof. Suresh Kumar Jain, Vice-Chancellor, Barkatullah University, delivered an inspiring address on the importance of adaptive and collaborative leadership in today's evolving academic environment.

Thought-provoking technical sessions
The programme featured four thought-provoking technical sessions focusing on emotional intelligence, integrated leadership approaches, well-being culture, and mental resilience. During the valedictory session, Dr. Prasad distributed certificates.

MoUs signed
A key highlight was the signing of MoUs with three reputed institutions from Sehore and Itari, paving the way for future collaborative initiatives. The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Rev. Dr. Fr. John PJ, reaffirming BSSS IAS's dedication to nurturing transformational leadership in higher education.