

High Court upholds Indore Collector's stance in Christian College land dispute

Admins must respond to show-cause notice before legal challenge



Indore: The decades-old land allotment to Christian College has erupted into a major controversy, with the Madhya Pradesh High Court dismissing the college's plea

against a valid notice issued by the Indore Collector. The dispute centers on allegations that the college failed to adhere to several key government

conditions tied to the land's original allotment. The district administration alleges the land's usage strayed from its intended purpose, noting several constructions and activities that violated established norms, despite repeated warnings. Based on these breaches, the Collector issued a show-cause notice demanding to know why the government land should not be repossessed.

No bypassing the legal process

The college challenged this notice in the High Court, arguing the administration had already prejudged the matter. However, the bench of Justice Vijay Kumar Shukla firmly rejected this argument, clarifying that the Collector's communication is merely a show-

cause notice, not a final eviction order.

The Court asserted that under the law, responding to the notice is mandatory, as it was validly issued under Section 182(2) of the M.P. Land Revenue Code. The bench dismissed the college's petition, directing the district administration to set a new hearing date. The court emphasized that the college must be given a full opportunity to present its defence, after which the Collector will issue a reasoned decision.

This ruling strengthens the administration's hand, confirming its right to investigate and act upon violations of conditions on government-allocated land. All eyes are now on the Christian College's response, which will determine the next chapter in this high-stakes land dispute.

Prisoner's death in Khandwa jail causes uproar

Found unconscious in the morning

Khandwa: The death of a jail inmate in Khandwa under suspicious circumstances has caused a stir. The jailer stated that the deceased was a drug addict. A judicial investigation will now be conducted.

Jitu, a resident of Harsud, was lodged in the Shaheed Jananayak Tantiya Bhil District Jail. He had a criminal case registered against him in connection with an alcohol case. He was brought to the district jail on November 20 and was lodged in barrack number 5. He was found unconscious on Saturday morning.

It is being reported that the deceased was an alcoholic and suffered from epilepsy. The jailer also stated that he was drunk when he entered the district jail, a fact recorded in the register.

Jailer Yashwant Kumar Manjhi said, "At around 6:20 a.m., information was received that a prisoner was ill in barrack number 5. Dr.



Chaudhary was immediately summoned. He examined the prisoner and referred him to the district hospital, where doctors declared him dead. The prisoner was in an inebriated state when he arrived and had also suffered a seizure. A judicial inquiry will be conducted on the instructions of the Director General of Police. After the post-mortem, the body will be handed over to the family."

Student dies after colliding with protruding angle from trolley

Betul: In a heartbreaking accident in the Sohagpur area of Betul district, a sixth-grade girl student returning home from school was killed after being hit by an overloaded tractor-trolley filled with sugarcane.

Student Avni Khatarkar (13) was returning from school late Friday evening when she was struck by a protruding angle from the trolley, causing serious injuries to her chest and jaw. She was taken to the district hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries during treatment. The deceased was her parents' only daughter.

The accident occurred near Sampna village, where Avni was returning home from school with two friends. The trolley was overloaded with sugarcane, causing the angle to protrude.

Following the incident, villagers expressed strong displeasure over the overloading of sugarcane trolleys. Villagers said the road on which the trolleys pass has a capacity of only 9 tons, but the trolleys carry up to 50 tons of sugarcane.

Third generation of Cheetahs born at Kuno

Jwala becomes 'grandmother,' and Aasha is 'great-grandmother' now

Sheopur: Kuno National Park is celebrating a major milestone for the Cheetah Project as the third generation of cheetahs has been born on Indian soil. Female cheetah Jwala has earned the title of 'Grandmother,' and Aasha is now a 'Great-Grandmother,' thanks to the latest births.

The mother of the five new, healthy cubs is Mukhi, who holds the distinction of being born in India. Mukhi's survival story is remarkable: she was one of Jwala's original four cubs, but was orphaned early. Park management provided her with intensive human care, bottle-feeding her "like a human child."

Despite her tough start and eventual rejection by her mother, Mukhi learned hunting skills by observing Jwala from an adjacent enclosure. Three months ago, Mukhi was released into the open



jungle, where she successfully mated with one of Aasha's 19-month-old male cubs. The birth of these five cubs signals a significant success in the long-term conservation of cheetahs in India.

Kuno Cheetah Kills 16 Livestock in Morena, Injured Farmer Seeks Compensation

Morena/Sheopur: Panic has gripped the Rampur area of Morena district after a cheetah, which escaped from Kuno National Park, killed 16 domesticated sheep and goats belonging to local farmers. The aggressive predation resulted in one farmer sustaining an injury while fleeing the scene.

The livestock, owned by Mahipat Baghel and Bhagirath Baghel, were kept near Jugti Pura Khirkai. Bhagirath's brother, Vasudev, discovered the cheetah actively hunting their flock. In a bid to save himself, Vasudev ran in panic, fell, and injured his knee.

Vasudev, an eyewitness, confirmed the cheetah was responsible for the devastating loss of their livestock. The two affected farmers immediately filed a complaint at the Rampur Police Station, urgently appealing for compensation to cover their financial losses. Forest department officials have confirmed they will process the compensation claim in accordance with established rules.

Two more arrested in Gujarat for Rs 60 lakh online fraud

Investment scam broken

Indore: The Crime Branch has made significant progress in a major online investment fraud case, arresting two more individuals from Surat, Gujarat, for their role in a nationwide telegram-based task scam.

The arrested suspects, Anurag and Manish Bhattar (both from Surat), facilitated the fraud by allegedly providing the criminal network with numerous fake bank accounts on a commission



basis. According to ADCP Rajesh Dandotiya, the arrests are linked to a case where complainant Mohammad Hidayatullah was defrauded of approximately Rs 60 lakh. The Crime Branch has successfully frozen millions of rupees deposited across more than 40 bank accounts linked to the scam. The latest arrests follow the earlier capture of four key network members from Haryana and Maharashtra. The investigation reveals that the sophisticated gang has defrauded hundreds of people across the country using similar methods.

BLO collapses while on duty, dies during treatment

Damoh: A BLO working under constant stress and pressure during the voter list revision work in Damoh district, Madhya Pradesh, died due to his health deteriorating. His condition suddenly deteriorated while on duty on Thursday evening.

According to District Education Officer S.K. Nema, Sitaram, son of Param Singh Gaur (50), a resident of Pathari Bandakpur, a teacher and BLO posted in village Ranjra in the Damoh assembly constituency, suddenly collapsed while filling out the counting sheet on Friday. He was immediately taken to the District Hospital, Damoh, where he was referred to Jabalpur due to his critical condition. However, he died during treatment. His body was brought to his native village, Pathari.

Six-year-old girl raped, police announce reward for accused

Raisen: A case of rape of a six-year-old girl has come to light in Raisen district, following which the police have announced a reward of 10,000 rupees for the accused, Salman.

Goharganj police sources said that the incident occurred in Panjra village around 9 pm on Friday night. The accused, Salman, lured the girl playing near her house on the pretext of giving her a toffee. Since the incident, the accused has been absconding, and police from several police stations are searching for him.

Meanwhile, the rape victim did not receive an ambulance on time, forcing her family to wait for nearly an hour. Vishwa Hindu Parishad and Ba-

jrang Dal activists took the girl to Obedullaganj Hospital, but strongly protested the absence of staff at night. The organizations allege that Block Medical Officer Amrita Jivne was not present at the headquarters, and have demanded her suspension.

Given the girl's critical condition, she has been referred to the state capital, Bhopal.

Obedullaganj SDM Chandra Shekhar Srivastava stated that the accused is still at large. The police are searching for him. They have issued a poster and announced a reward of 10,000 rupees for the accused. An investigation is also underway into the negligence of the hospital management.

Man tied to pole, beaten over theft suspicions in Jabalpur; FIR filed

Jabalpur: A shocking incident of vigilante justice has emerged from Mirga village near Chargawan, where locals tied a man to a pole, brutally beat him, and paraded him with a garland of shoes and slippers over suspicion of theft. The incident was captured on video and quickly went viral on social media, prompting police intervention.

The victim, Vinay Chakraborty of Narsinghpur, filed a report detailing the assault. Chakraborty stated that he, along with two friends, had stopped near a seemingly empty



house for a bathroom break while traveling from Goteagaon. While two of his friends remained near the motorcycle, he and another friend walked toward the house. Suddenly, villagers rushed toward them, shouting "Thieves!" While his friends managed to escape, Chakraborty was cornered. He claims two villagers beat him with their hands, fists, and shoes. The police have registered an FIR based on his report and are investigating the assault.

Worm found in children's porridge at Anganwadi center

Notice issued to supplier group

Betul: Worms were found in the porridge served to children at the Anganwadi center in Shastrri Ward, Multai, on Friday. Parents were enraged by the discovery of this error just before food distribution, and they immediately informed the Women and Child Development Department.

Upon receiving the information, CDPO Geeta Malviya arrived at the scene, inspected the porridge, and prepared a panchnama. She confirmed that worms were found in the porridge served. According to officials, the suspicious food was not served to the children. The department has issued a notice to the self-help group supplying the food, seeking an explanation.

Patwari aspirant arrested for fraud

Fake disability certificate used

Shivpuri: The Kotwali Police have arrested an accused who allegedly secured selection in the Patwari Recruitment Examination using a forged disability certificate. The fugitive accused, Hansraj Meena, was immediately sent to judicial custody.

The arrest follows a complaint filed by Deepak Khatik of Shivpuri, who alleged that Hansraj Meena, a resident of Pachipura in Sheopur district, had submitted a fraudulent disability document to gain undue advantage in the competitive selection process.

Taking the case seriously, Shivpuri Superintendent of Police Aman Singh Rathore ordered the immediate formation of a special



team. The team, led by Kotwali TI Kripal Singh Rathod, executed a raid in Pachipura village, Sheopur, and successfully apprehended the accused. Meena has been booked under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), including

420 (Cheating), 467 (Forgery of valuable security), 468 (Forgery for purpose of cheating), and 471 (Using as genuine a forged document). The investigation into the full extent of the fraudulent selection is now underway.

Mayor and Commissioner inspect late-night BRTS demolition

Indore: Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava and Municipal Commissioner Dilip Kumar Yadav conducted a late-night inspection of the ongoing demolition work of the Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) corridor. They were accompanied by Additional Commissioner Abhay Rajnangavankar and other officials.

During the inspection, the Mayor and Commissioner issued immediate directives to accelerate the pace of work and increase the resources de-



ployed. They instructed the demolition agency to focus on removing the beams, columns, and railings overnight, while prioritizing the removal of the entire station structures during the day.

Emphasis was also placed on ensuring complete safety at the work site. Officials were directed to install proper barricading, use reflective banners, and maintain adequate lighting to prevent accidents and ensure public security during the nocturnal operation.

Students showcase heritage awareness at quiz

Gwalior: As part of World Heritage Week, a quiz competition on historical heritage was organized at the Maharani Lakshmbai Samadhi complex, a state-protected monument. The event, held under the guidance of the Directorate of Archaeology, Archives and Museums, aimed to promote awareness of archaeological heritage among students and the general public.

Students from Miss Hill School, Government Women's Polytechnic, and Sevaarth Jan Kalyan Samiti participated enthusiastically, answering multiple-choice questions related to historical, archaeologi-

cal, and contemporary topics.

The competition was inaugurated by Chief Guest Dr. S.P. Singh, Principal of Miss Hill School, by lighting the ceremonial lamp. Deputy Director of Archaeology P.C. Mahobia welcomed the guests, while Sapan Sahu and Mukesh Gadge conducted the program. Nearly 200 students, teachers, and scholars attended the event.

Results will be declared on November 25 at the Central Archaeological Museum, Gujri Mahal, where winners will receive certificates and mementos.