

Bhopal Cyber Crime issues urgent advisory

Cyber slavery scam alert



Bhopal: The Cyber Crime Branch Bhopal has issued a crucial advisory warning the public about a dangerous and growing threat: the 'Cyber Slavery Scam'. This sophisticated form of modern-day human trafficking is a fusion of cyber crime and forced labor, targeting job seekers with false promises. What is Cyber Slavery? Victims are lured with attractive

job offers—often overseas or in other states—only to be forced into committing online fraud, scams, and other cybercrimes. Refusal to comply is met with severe consequences, including physical violence, threats, and confinement. This criminal scheme leverages the desperation of job seekers to build illicit online empires.

Public awareness and precautionary measures

The most effective shield against this scam is heightened vigilance and awareness. The Cyber Crime Branch urges citizens to take the following steps:

- **Verify Job Offers:** Never trust unsolicited high-paying offers on social media or unknown websites, especially those abroad. Check the company's registration and contact details thoroughly.
- **Guard Personal Data:** Do not share sensitive documents like Aadhaar, Passport, or bank details with unverified individuals or agents.
- **Report Suspicion:** Immediately report any suspicious job offers or activities to the authorities. Your safety is paramount. If you encounter suspicious activity, contact:
 - National Cyber Crime Portal:
 - National Cyber Helpline: 1930
 - Cyber Crime Bhopal Helpline: 9479990636

Khattar to flag off Metro on December 21

PM Modi to join virtually



Period	Discount	Details
First Week	100% discount	Free Travel
Second Week	70% discount	on ticket
Third Week	50% discount	on ticket
From Fourth Week to 3 Months	25% discount	on ticket

Bhopal: The Bhopal Metro's commercial run will begin on December 21st. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will join the event virtually. Union Urban Development Minister Manohar Lal Khattar will flag off the metro. He will explore Bhopal in a three-coach metro train decorated with flowers. People

will be able to travel for free during the first week. Bhopal Metro officials say that all necessary work for the Orange Line's commercial operation has been completed. Some work remains at the stations, but this will not impact commercial operations. However, necessary work is

being completed outside the station. On Thursday, road construction was completed outside the Subhash Nagar Metro Station. Similarly, the focus was on remaining work at Rani Kamlapati, MP Nagar, Kendriya Vidyalaya, DRM Tiraha, Alkapuri, and AIIMS.

Due to the metro's commercial operation and the news of PM Modi's arrival, strict security arrangements have been made at all metro stations. The Metro has deployed private security guards at the stations.

7 days free travel

The fare for Metro travel has also been finalized. A fare list has even been posted at MP Nagar station. Although the Metro Corporation has not officially disclosed the fares, it is being said that a similar model will be adopted as in Indore.

According to officials, people will be able to travel for free on the Metro for 7 days. Discounts of 75%, 50%, and 25% will be given on tickets for 3 months.

After the discounts end, Metro travel will be available for just 20 rupees. The maximum fare will be 80 rupees. This was the same model used for the Metro that was launched in Indore on May 31.

Massive fire erupts beneath Bhopal Flyover

Destroys beautification panels



Bhopal: A potential disaster was averted at Bhopal's Lalghati intersection today when a fierce fire erupted beneath the flyover. The blaze quickly consumed the decorative Aluminum Composite Panels (ACP), wood, and

lighting installed for the bridge's beautification, sending thick plumes of black smoke billowing across the city. Chaos and traffic gridlock: The incident, which occurred in the Koh-e-Fiza area, caused immediate panic as

the dense, black smoke choked the entire locality. Concerned citizens stopped their vehicles, and traffic quickly backed up, creating a massive jam at the crucial Lalghati intersection. Fire tenders from Bairagarh and Fatehgarh stations were immediately mobilized. It took three fire engines considerable effort to bring the powerful flames under control.

Millions in damage, Short circuit suspected: While no casualties were reported, the fire caused extensive damage, estimated to be in the millions, as the flammable materials, including plywood and lighting, were destroyed. Preliminary investigations suggest an electrical short circuit in the decorative lighting poles may have been the cause, with nearby trash further fueling the fire. Traffic was eventually restored after the cooling operation was completed.

Bhopal Crime Branch launches 'Clean Sweep' mega-operation

Over 285 criminals faced action

Bhopal: The Bhopal Crime Branch has concluded a massive, 15-day special drive, code-named 'Clean Sweep,' aimed at rapidly resolving long-pending cases, particularly those involving cybercrime and other complex matters.

Acting on strict directives from Police Commissioner Hari-narayanchari Mishra, the operation utilized cutting-edge data analysis and smart logistics to successfully reach and act against over 285 offenders across 20 states.

Data-driven policing: From desk-top to deep field: Under the leadership of DCP (Crime) Akhil Patel, the campaign moved beyond traditional policing.

Teams first created a detailed database analyzing the digital footprints of 380 identified suspects—including Aadhaar, bank details, and mobile location data. To maximize efficiency, 12 specialized high-power teams were dispatched, covering over 25,000 kilometers across the country, from Punjab to Kerala and West Bengal. A 24/7 Command and

Control Center provided real-time support, solving on-field issues and bridging communication gaps with 215-plus local police stations. The operation yielded remarkable results. Out of 380 notices, the teams successfully served or acted upon 285, personally delivering 55 notices and serving 105 to family members.

This decisive action is set to resolve complex crimes pending since as far back as 2016. By pursuing those using fake identities and those hiding in remote areas, the Crime Branch has not only ensured quick justice for victims but also restored confidence in the legal process.

Truck driver kidnapped and assaulted over Rs 1 lakh dispute

Online gaming fraud turns violent: Victim held hostage overnight

Bhopal: A truck driver, Sunil Malviya, was allegedly kidnapped and brutally assaulted by cyber fraudsters after a dispute over an Rs 1 lakh online gaming fund transfer. Sunil, a resident of Mandasaur, had met the accused, Hariom Vainav from Rajasthan, three months ago. Hariom told Sunil that he was involved in online betting and would use his account to transfer proceeds, promising him Rs 5,000 per deposit. Twelve days prior, Hariom transferred Rs 4 lakh to Sunil's account. However, Rs 1 lakh was immediately deducted as an overdue truck finance installment. Sunil

transferred the remaining Rs 3 lakh and explained the issue. Angry at the shortfall, the accused called Sunil and his friend, Lakhan, to a hotel in Vidisha on Wednesday night, where they were held hostage and beaten.

On Thursday morning, the accused brought them to Bhopal in an Audi car, continuously assaulting them with sticks and belts and showing weapons. They threatened to hold Sunil captive until the Rs 1 lakh was returned. Upon reaching a colony in Misrod, Sunil seized an opportunity to escape the car and raised an alarm. Local residents intervened, causing Hariom and his accomplices to flee. Sunil and Lakhan then contacted Dial 112, leading to the registration of an FIR at the Misrod Police Station. Police are now searching for the accused.

General category staff holds 'Shanknaad' protest



By Special Correspondent
Bhopal: As per the pre-announced schedule, members of the Sakal Brahmin Samaj Joint Front and employees from the general cate-

gory staged a symbolic 'Shanknaad' protest at Gate No. 6 of the Mantralaya on Friday between 1 pm and 2 pm. Demonstrators blew conch shells and recited

the Hanuman Chalisa to "awaken the administration".

The event was organised under the guidance of Joint Front convener Virendra Sharma. Mantralaya Seva Adhikari Karma-chari Sangh president, engineer Sudhir Nayak, welcomed participants and reiterated the demand for action against IAS officer Santosh Verma. Prior to the demonstration, a meeting at Ninth Masala Restaurant resolved that the agitation would continue until documents related to action against Verma are made available. Office bearers Ashish Soni, Rajkumar Patel, Harisharan Dwivedi, Satish Sharma and others were present, along with Brahmin organisation leaders and several employee representatives.

AIIMS doctor critically ill after apparent suicide bid

Revived by colleagues after injecting anesthetic at home

Bhopal: Dr. Rashmi Verma, an Assistant Professor in the Department of Trauma and Emergency Medicine at AIIMS Bhopal, is currently in critical condition following an apparent suicide attempt on Thursday evening. Dr. Verma had returned home after completing her hospital duties. Around 10:30 pm, her husband, Dr. Ratan (an orthopedic specialist), rushed her to the AIIMS emergency room unconscious, reporting that she had injected herself with an anesthetic. Her colleagues immediately administered CPR, successfully reviving her and restoring her pulse and heartbeat, though she remains critically ill and is currently on ventilator support in the main ICU. AIIMS management stated that the motive for this action is unclear, as no suicide note or concerning messages were found.

Smart meter installation sparks protests at Banganga

Residents and Congress leaders force Power Company to halt work



Bhopal: A major commotion erupted in Bhopal's Banganga area on Friday as contract workers from the electricity company attempted to install smart electricity meters. Local women protested the forced installation, ques-

tioning why meters were being replaced without their consent. The protests quickly escalated with the involvement of Congress members, who also opposed the coercive methods used by the contractors.

The protests were not limited to Banganga, workers faced similar opposition in at least five other localities, including Pratap Nagar, Hasnath Nagar, and Dussehra Maidan. Women in Banganga alleged that meters were installed even on locked houses.

Ward 24 Congress President Shoab Khan stated that contractors were using threats and that the electricity company failed to explain the necessity or function of the smart meters to the public beforehand.

Following the widespread public backlash, the meter installation work was temporarily halted, and the workers retreated. Despite the pause, workers affirmed that the city-wide installation drive would eventually continue. Former minister PC Sharma also publicly objected to the smart meter initiative. This incident is part of a larger, ongoing series of protests in Bhopal against smart meters, with groups like the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Consumers Association (MECA) demanding better consumer policies, including 200 units of free electricity.

Rapido driver booked for raping engg student

Bhopal: An engineering student has filed a rape FIR against a Rapido driver at Bhopal's Kolar police station. The accused and the victim met during a ride. In October, the accused arrived at the victim's home and, finding her alone, raped her.

The accused's girlfriend, who had come to Bhopal from Indore, also assaulted the victim. Police have launched a search for the accused. According to Sub-Inspector Pappu Katiyar, the 18-year-old girl is an engineering student.

She is originally from Seoni district and is studying in Bhopal. The accused, Tarun Lokhadde, also hails from the same district and

operates a Rapido in Bhopal. On October 24, when the student was alone at home, the accused arrived at her home and raped her.

Raped repeatedly after threatening to defame: After having sex with her for the first time, the accused raped her repeatedly, threatening to defame her. Meanwhile, the accused Tarun's girlfriend, Divya, along with her friend Rani, arrived at the victim's home in Bhopal and assaulted her. She suspected the two were having an affair. Following the assault, the victim went to the police station and filed a complaint. After an investigation, the police registered a case.

Railway boosts travel with two Special Trains via Central India

Bhopal: In response to high passenger demand and to ensure smooth holiday travel, the Indian Railways has announced the operation of two separate, single-trip special trains. These services, passing through key junctions like Itarsi and Bhopal, will connect major hubs across the country, offering crucial connectivity during the peak travel season.

First, AC Two-Tier, AC Three-Tier, Sleeper, and General coaches, offering a wide range of travel options. **Bhopal connector: Kacheguda to Madar Special:** A second special train will facilitate travel between Kacheguda and Madar (near Ajmer), operating via Bhopal and Itarsi.

Train No. 07733 will depart from Kacheguda on December 23, 2025, at 23:30, reaching Bhopal at 23:10 the following day before arriving at Madar on the third day. The return journey (Train No. 07734) will commence from Madar on December 28, 2025, at 18:10. Key halts include Nizamabad, Nanded, Akola, Khandwa, Ujjain, and Ratlam. Passengers are advised to check the official railway channels or dial 139 for detailed schedules and reservations.

Mega Lok Adalat today in Bhopal

Electricity Dept and Municipal Corporation will offer exemptions **Bhopal:** The final National Lok Adalat of 2025 will be held on December 13, as per instructions from the Madhya Pradesh State Legal Services Authority and under the guidance of Principal District Judge Manoj Kumar Srivastava. Out of 1,58,651 total pending cases in the Bhopal District courts, 18,872 eligible pending cases have been placed before the Lok Adalat. These include criminal compoundable cases, cases under the Negotiable Instruments Act (Section 138), Electricity Act violations, matrimonial disputes, and various civil cases.

Additionally, 79,737 pre-litigation cases—related to the Electricity Act, bank recovery, water tax, BSNL, and traffic e-challans—have been presented. A total of 61 benches have been constituted across the District Court, Tehsil Court Bairsia, Family Court, Labor Court, and RERA to ensure maximum resolution. The Electricity Department and Municipal Corporation will also offer exemptions as per government orders.

AIIMS Bhopal leads interdisciplinary research at ASSOPICON 2025



Bhopal: Dr. Varun Malhotra, Additional Professor at AIIMS Bhopal, chaired a key scientific session on "Autonomic Cosmetology: Decoding the Brain-Body-Beauty Axis through Neurophysiology" at the 11th Annual Conference of the Association of Physiologists of India (ASSOPICON 2025) at NIMHANS,

Bengaluru. This contribution, guided by AIIMS Bhopal's Executive Director Prof. (Dr.) Madhavananda Kar, highlighted the institute's growing impact on national scientific platforms. The session explored the profound link between autonomic neuroscience, aesthetics, and holistic well-being,

featuring presentations from national experts on the neurophysiology of aging, neuroaesthetics, and integrating lifestyle medicine with aesthetic health.

In his concluding address, Dr. Malhotra emphasized that "beauty is skin deep," explaining the close connection between skin health and autonomic function, emotional states, and hydration.

He linked modern lifestyle medicine to ancient wisdom from the Bhagavad Gita, correlating its six pillars with contemporary concepts like plant-based diets, social connectivity, and mindful nutrition.

The well-attended session positioned AIIMS Bhopal at the forefront of this innovative, interdisciplinary field.