

Crisis deepens for MP's big cat family

Balaghat: The crisis facing Madhya Pradesh's big cat population has intensified following the death of a tigress in the Katangi area of Balaghat district. This latest tragedy marks the third major cat fatality—after a cheetah and a leopard—reported within a single week in the state. The carcass of the tigress, estimated to be two days old, was discovered by locals near the Ghoddev Baba temple in Compartment No. 562 after they noticed a strong stench.

▶ Tigress found dead in Balaghat



cluding the SDO, immediately rushed to the scene and sealed the

area to preserve crucial evidence. Authorities from Balaghat and Kanha National Park have deployed a dog squad and forensic teams to investigate the cause of death.

No immediate signs of poaching

While the exact cause of death will be determined by the post-mortem, officials have noted that all the tigress's paws, claws, and vital organs were found intact.

This preliminary observation reduces the suspicion of poaching or illegal trade. Forest staff were deployed overnight to guard the site. The incident underscores the continuous threats—ranging from territorial conflicts to road accidents and diseases—that are currently endangering the state's prized tiger reserve population.

Warehouse Manager busted: Caught taking Rs 15,000 bribe



Seoni: The Lokayukta police have successfully executed a sting operation, arresting Mukesh Parmar, the Warehouse Manager (Assistant Quality Controller) at the MP Warehousing & Logistics Corporation office in Dhanora, Seoni, for accepting a bribe of 15,000. The action followed a complaint filed by applicant Surendra

Jain, who alleged that Parmar demanded Rs 25,000 to refrain from reporting his Jain Warehouse for lacking adequate storage facilities for paddy and other grain procurement. After negotiation, the bribe amount was settled at Rs 15,000.

Lokayukta SP Anjulata Patle confirmed that a trap was set up at the Dhanora office on Friday. As soon as the applicant handed over the agreed-upon amount, the Lokayukta team, including Inspectors Shashi Marskole, Rahul Gajbihiye, and Brijmohan Singh Narwariya, immediately surrounded and detained the accused, recovering the bribe money from his possession. Parmar has been booked under the Prevention of Corruption Act.

Husband arrested within 24 hours of wife's murder



Gwalior: Police have swiftly arrested Dharmendra Maurya within 24 hours of allegedly murdering his wife, Renu Maurya, in Khatik Mohalla, Indarganj police station area. The motive for the brutal crime was the husband's suspicion of an illicit affair. The fatal incident occurred late Wednesday night during a heated argument. Dharmendra, suspecting his wife's character after allegedly seeing her with a young man on a bike, attacked Renu with a ladle, causing her death on the

spot before fleeing the scene.

Upon arrival, police sent the body for post-mortem, and registered a murder case against Dharmendra. Due to the prompt efforts of the Indarganj police, the accused was apprehended within a day. During interrogation, Dharmendra confessed that his persistent suspicion and Renu's refusal to name the young man she was allegedly with led to the fatal confrontation.

Family members confirmed the couple had been married for several years, and Renu worked at a private school due to financial constraints. The police are currently conducting a thorough investigation into all aspects of the case.

Batteries recovered from battery thieves

Morena: Police from the Sabalgarh police station in Morena district have arrested two notorious thieves who stole batteries from e-rickshaws.

According to police sources, an e-rickshaw driver filed a report stating that unknown thieves had stolen two batteries from his rickshaw. Police scanned footage from several CCTV cameras in the town to identify the thieves, but were unable to identify them. Police later activated their informant network. An informant informed police that two young men were seen with batteries in the Agricultural Produce Market Committee premises. Following this, police surrounded them on Friday and arrested them on the spot.

During interrogation, the young men revealed their names as Rajkumar Rawat and Sonu Tyagi. Police recovered half a dozen stolen batteries hidden in the bushes. Police are interrogating both the thieves about the batteries stolen from other vehicles.

Quick arrest in temple desecration incident in Balaghat

- Police act swiftly and prevented communal situation to deteriorate
- Arrested Yogesh Nagvanshi

Balaghat: Balaghat police have successfully arrested an individual following a shameful incident where non-vegetarian gravy was poured into the vessel of a Shiva Temple near the Garra Botanical Garden cremation ground. The swift action by the police, involving intensive investigation and CCTV footage analysis, led to the apprehension of the accused.

The arrested individual, Yogesh Nagvanshi (40) of Sneha Nagar, Balaghat, confessed to the act. He admitted to collecting gravy while cleaning dishes at a nearby birthday party, drinking alcohol near the cremation ground, and then



deliberately pouring the gravy over the temple's water pot (kalash).

He has been taken into custody, and a case has been registered against him under the relevant sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

Maintain harmony and reject division: This shocking act had caused significant tension and

outrage among local residents, who viewed it as a deliberate attempt to hurt religious sentiments and violate the sanctity of the place of worship.

Police authorities are rigorously interrogating the accused and have assured the community that strict action will be taken to deter future occurrences.

Madhya Pradesh duo selected for India vs. Nepal Disabled Cricket Series

Gwalior: Two exceptional cricketers from Madhya Pradesh—Suraj Mankele of Gwalior and Shyam Chakwa from Bhand—have been selected to represent the Indian Disabled Cricket Team in an upcoming T20 series against Nepal in Ranchi, Jharkhand.



The series, organized by the Disabled Cricket Control Board of India, will run from December 13 to 15, where the two players will showcase their talent on the international stage.

Suraj Mankele, an international veteran, has previously represented

India against formidable opponents including Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh, Afghanistan, and teams in Dubai, Thailand, and Malaysia. Mankele is currently employed with the Education Department.

For Shyam Chakwa, this selection marks his debut on the Indian squad, a recognition of his consistent and outstanding performance in domestic circuits.

The inclusion of both Mankele and Chakwa highlights the growing talent pool from Madhya Pradesh in disabled cricket.

Suspected poacher nabbed in Satpura Tiger Reserve

▶ Caught on camera during tiger census surveillance

Narmadapuram: Camera traps deployed in the Tawa Buffer Range of the Satpura Tiger Reserve (STR) have led to the arrest of a suspected poacher. The incident came to light during routine surveillance for India's 2026 tiger census.

The footage captured 22-year-old Kalyan, a resident of Kukarpani in Chhindwara district, deep inside the forest carrying an old gun locally known as "Bharmaar." Satpura officials used this video evidence to apprehend him. Upon questioning, Kalyan failed to provide a license for the weapon or a credible explanation for possessing it within the reserve. Authorities have registered a case against him for illegal entry and possessing illegal firearms.

Four cameras also missing

This incident has heightened concerns, as



it occurred just days after four other camera traps, also installed for the tiger census, were stolen from the sensitive Sulai and Khamda beats in the same area. This specific location

recently saw a tiger poaching incident where a paw was removed. Officials are investigating the missing cameras and assert that the culprits will face strict action.

Tiger smuggler to undergo narco test

Meanwhile, tiger smuggler Yangchen Lachungpa, arrested from Manipur a few days ago, is also not cooperating with the police investigation. Preparations are underway to conduct a narco test to uncover her smuggling network.

Collared tiger traced by camera traps

A tiger in the Madhav Tiger Reserve, Shivpuri, whose movement was untraceable for months due to a damaged collar ID, has been successfully located by camera traps. This sighting confirms the animal's presence. Sources report the reserve currently hosts seven tigers: five adults and two cubs, maintaining its healthy population.

Chhindwara to host film memorial event

Chhindwara: The Madhya Pradesh Culture Department, in collaboration with the District Administration, will organize a two-day memorial event for renowned film analysts Shriram Tamrakar and Sunil Mishra from December 13 to 14, at the Government Medical College Auditorium in Chhindwara.

The event features film screenings, lectures, and theatrical performances. On December 13, the film "Karwaan" will be shown, followed by lectures on RK Studios' musical journey and Nasir Hussain's music by Dr. Rajiv Srivastava and Pankaj Raag, respectively. The day concludes with the play "Gajmoksha."

December 14th includes a screening of the film "Satyakam." Lectures will cover "AI and the Future of Cinema" by Samay Tamrakar and "Dharmendra - From Struggles to Superstar" by Arun Thackeray. The memorial concludes with the play "Aise Raho Ki Dharti."

Rail workers celebrate anniversary with "Gratitude Week" across WCR



Jabalpur: The West Central Railway Mazdoor Sangh (WCRMS) has launched a week-long "Employee Gratitude Week" to mark the first anniversary of its landslide victory in the

recognition elections on December 12. This win established the WCRMS as the sole recognized union for the West Central Railway (WCR) zone. Under the leadership of Presi-

dent C.M. Upadhyay and General Secretary Ashok Sharma, the union is organizing a massive outreach campaign from December 12 to 18. This spans all WCR divisions—Jabalpur, Bhopal, and Kota—including workshops, depots, and the zonal headquarters.

The campaign features various events, including employee appreciation visits, problem-solving camps, blood donation drives, and 'door meetings' (Dwar Sabhas).

In Jabalpur, the union's Youth and Women Brigades personally thanked staff at the General Manager's office and Railway Hospital. During a meeting, Division Secretary D.P. Agrawal affirmed the union's commitment: "The trust placed in us by the railway workers is our driving force."

We have resolved hundreds of employee issues this year and shoulder the responsibility for all WCR personnel."

Girl dies of suicide with lover hours before wedding

Morena: A nineteen-year-old woman in Morena district hanged herself along with her lover just hours before her wedding.

According to Devgarh police sources, Bharti, the nineteen-year-old daughter of Chandrapal Kushwaha, a resident of Tilua village, was to marry on Wednesday. She performed all the wedding rituals as directed by her family, but just twelve hours before the wedding, she died of suicide by hanging herself from a tree near the village with her lover, Ravi Kushwaha (22), who was her cousin.

According to villagers, the deceased had been in a long-standing love affair with a young man named Ravi, but her family had no clue about it.

The deceased's father had arranged Bharti's marriage a year ago in Morena. Her wedding was scheduled for Thursday, but before the wedding procession arrived, she hanged herself along with her lover, Ravi Kushwaha, from a tree.

MP Power Utility wins National AI/ML Award for innovation



Jabalpur: Madhya Pradesh Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Titaran Company (MPPKVCL) has achieved a significant national milestone, securing the second position

at the First National AI/ML (Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning) based Power Distribution Conference, held in New Delhi.

The company's team, led by Additional Chief General Manager Dr. Vivek Chandra, successfully presented their innovative system: "AI/ML & Driven Consumer Indexing for Distribution Utilities System." The achievement was lauded by national experts and serves as a testament to the company's technical proficiency and commitment to innovation.

To honor the success, a ceremony was held today at the company headquarters in Jabalpur. Managing Director Anay Dwivedi presented silver medals and commendation certificates to the officials responsible for the achievement.

Dwivedi credited the success to the hard work, dedication, and innovative spirit of the employees, even when faced with challenging circumstances. The winning team dedicated the award to all company officials and staff, acknowledging Dwivedi's leadership.

Slain Raja Raghuvanshi's family opens 'Raja Bhoj Dhaba'

▶ A dream reborn



Indore: The family of the late Raja Raghuvanshi,

whose murder in Meghalaya sparked widespread attention, has opened the 'Raja Bhoj Dhaba' on Ket Road. The initiative is a poignant tribute to Raja's unfulfilled dream of owning his own eatery.

Raja's brother, Vipin Raghuvanshi, shared that the family was devastated by the tragedy but has now resolved to fulfill his dream. More significantly, the dhaba serves a dual purpose: raising funds to restart the production of the film about Raja's life, titled 'Shilong.'

Vipin stated that the previous work on the film was halted, but they plan to engage a new director and utilize the dhaba's income to finance the project.

Regarding the ongoing murder case in Shillong, Vipin expressed concern over witnesses recanting their statements, which could potentially weaken the prosecution and lead to the prime accused, Sonam Raghuvanshi, securing bail. The family affirmed they are fighting the case with full strength, focused on securing the death penalty for Sonam.