

Three held with leopard skin and paws in Narsinghpur

► Probe underway to trace source and possible wildlife trafficking network

Narsinghpur: Police have arrested three individuals and seized a leopard skin along with two leopard paws in a major wildlife crime case near Lokipar village. Acting on specific information, the police intercepted the accused while they were traveling on a motorcycle and recovered the illegal wildlife items from their possession.

According to police officials, the main accused has been identified as Kancheedi Lal, a resident of Barpani, who was found carrying the leopard skin and paws. He was allegedly attempting to sell the prohibited items with the help of Lakshmi Prasad Mehra and Deepak Mehra, both residents of Narsinghpur district. The trio was ap-



prehended during a routine checking operation, following which the contraband and the motorcycle used for transportation were

seized.

Accused were involved in illegal trade of wildlife body parts

A case has been registered against all three accused under relevant sections of the Wildlife Protection Act. Preliminary investigation suggests that the accused were involved in illegal trade of wildlife body parts, which is a serious and punishable offense.

Police have begun detailed interrogation to ascertain the source of the leopard skin and paws and to determine whether the accused are part of a larger wildlife trafficking racket. Further investigation is ongoing, and officials have not ruled out more arrests in the case.

Security lockdown for Amit Shah's Gwalior visit on Dec 25th



Gwalior: The district administration and police have implemented a comprehensive security and traffic plan for Union Home Minister Amit Shah's visit to Gwalior on December 25th. The city is preparing for a complete security lockdown, with significant traffic diversions ex-

pected on major routes. Although the formal itinerary from the Central Home Ministry is pending, local preparations are already in full swing. The Home Minister is scheduled to arrive at the Gwalior airport via a special Indian Air Force (IAF) aircraft and will proceed directly to

the function at the Mela Ground.

Security along the entire VIP route—from the airport to the venue—will be under strict surveillance, covering ground level up to high-rise buildings. Heavy vehicles will be barred from entering the city prior to the Home Minister's arrival. The designated VIP route includes Airport Tiraaha, Deen Dayal Nagar, Pinto Park, Gola ka Mandir, Dudh Dairy, and Bhausaheb Potnis Enclave before reaching the Mela Ground. Commuters are advised to plan alternative routes to avoid congestion and delays on the day.

Absconding accused held in Indore counterfeit currency racket

► Crime Branch recovers fake notes, printer and chemicals

Indore: Crime Branch has arrested another absconding accused involved in a gang dealing in counterfeit currency through social media platforms. The accused, Ankit Borasi, a resident of Banganga, was apprehended by a team led by Additional DCP Crime Branch Rajesh Dandotiya. During the operation, police recovered 45 counterfeit notes, a printer, and chemicals used for printing fake currency from his possession.

Earlier, the Crime Branch had arrested Rishikesh Tonde, Vansh Kethwas, Ritesh Nagar, and Ankush Yadav in the same case. During interrogation, these ac-



cused revealed Ankit Borasi's role in the racket. Police also confirmed that Ankit has a previous criminal record. Preliminary investigation revealed that Ankit had contacted a young man from Gu-

jarat through Instagram. A deal was struck in which Rs 50,000 worth of counterfeit notes was to be supplied in exchange for Rs 20,000. The Gujarat-based contact also guided the accused on printing techniques and the chemicals required. Police said the gang had ordered counterfeit notes worth nearly Rs 2 lakh, which were delivered near Jhabua. Plans were underway to circulate them in the market when the Crime Branch acted on a tip-off and busted the gang. Efforts are ongoing to trace and arrest the Gujarat-based accused, whose capture is expected to expose the entire network.

2 held in Rs 76 lakh cyber fraud case linked to fake human trafficking threat

► MP Cyber Cell nabs suspects from Lucknow after elderly man duped with forged documents



Jabalpur: A case of fraud involving Rs 76 lakh has come to light in Jabalpur, where the victim was promised protection from a human trafficking case. The MP Cyber Cell has arrested two accused from Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, in connection with the case. The arrested individuals

have been taken into custody on remand, and the cyber police are interrogating them.

Fake Supreme Court and Crime Branch documents sent: The incident took place in the Sanjeevani Nagar police station area. The fraudsters called the elderly victim, posing as Crime Branch officers. They instructed him to transfer the money to an account they claimed belonged to the Supreme Court. The fraudsters also sent the victim fake documents from the Supreme Court and the Crime Branch.

Efforts underway to reach the gang leader: The fraudsters falsely claimed that the elderly man was involved with human traffickers. Frightened by their claims, the victim transferred the money. The victim transferred the entire amount in a single transaction on November 24. Following a complaint, the cyber police arrested two suspects from Lucknow. The cyber police are now working to trace the gang leader by following the leads.

Driver leaps to safety as truck catches fire on NH-46 in Shivpuri



Shivpuri: High drama unfolded on Tuesday afternoon on NH-46 near the Kolaras police station area when a moving truck's cabin suddenly caught fire. The quick-think-

ing driver narrowly escaped death by instantly stopping the vehicle and leaping out. The incident occurred near the Kamala Agro Warehouse. The truck dri-

ver, Rambhajan from Motihari, Bihar, was transporting rice (paddy) from Bihar to Ahmedabad, Gujarat. Smoke began filling the cabin, quickly escalating into a fierce blaze.

Timely intervention by the Fire Brigade contained the flames, successfully preventing the fire from spreading to the cargo. The rice consignment remained safe, while authorities are investigating the cause of the electrical fire.

Energy conservation week: MP East Power launches awareness 'Urja Rath'



Jabalpur: Madhya Pradesh Poorv Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company (MPPKVVCL) has inaugurated a spe-

cial 'Urja Rath' (Energy Chariot) to promote energy conservation among the public during the Energy Conservation Week (December 14-20).

The initiative was flagged off by Chief General Manager (HR & Admin) Smt. Sampada Saraf Gurjar from the main gate of Shakti Bhawan.

The custom-designed 'Urja Rath' is equipped with banners, audio jingles, and pamphlets to educate citizens on electricity saving methods. It also provides information on the benefits of Solar Panels, the Samadhan Yojana (settlement scheme), and the V-Mitra app.

On Monday, the 'Urja Rath' visited prominent areas like Rampur Chowk and Gwarighat, and will continue its journey throughout Jabalpur region over the week.

The company is actively utilizing social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram, and WhatsApp with engaging audio jingles and graphic images to ensure the energy conservation message reaches every consumer's mobile phone, reinforcing the message of power saving.

SP seeks suggestions from public to strengthen law and order

Shivpuri: The Superintendent of Police in Shivpuri district has launched a new initiative to further strengthen the law and order situation.

SP Aman Singh Rathore walked through the markets last night, seeking suggestions from common people and shopkeepers, and held a public meeting. Police sources said that to further strengthen the police system in Shivpuri city and to make it more responsive to the needs of the public, Superintendent of Police Mr. Rathore visited the market on foot last night and sought opinions from the general public. He listened to the suggestions of the shopkeepers. During this time, he instructed mobile SIM card vendors not to sell SIM cards without the necessary documents and also gathered information from students. He also instructed the concerned police station in-charge to ensure that there is no presence of anti-social elements in the city's parks.

Young woman consumes pesticide, succumbs during treatment

Betul: A case of the suspicious death of a 22-year-old woman has come to light in Deshawadi village under Ghodadongri block of Betul district. According to information, Sonali Chaure consumed pesticide kept at her home on December 13.

Upon learning of the incident, her family members admitted the young woman in a critical condition to the missionary hospital in Padhar, where she was undergoing treatment. However, her condition did not improve, and she died during treatment on Monday.

Upon receiving information about the incident, the police initiated necessary action and registered a case. The deceased's post-mortem was conducted at the district hospital. The police say that the actual cause of death will be revealed only after the post-mortem report is received. Currently, the reasons for the suspected suicide are being investigated, and statements from the family members are being recorded.

Dewas Police uncovers multi crore online gaming fraud ring

► Cyber scam busted



Dewas: In a major crackdown under "Operation Cyber" Dewas Police have exposed and dismantled a highly organized racket that lured and swindled youths out of crores via fraudulent online gaming and betting applications. Police Superintendent Puneet Gehlod announced the signifi-

cant arrests on Tuesday, stating that the gang preyed on local youth with the promise of quick, high profits.

The 24/7 deception network: The investigation revealed that the syndicate operated a round-the-clock betting network using illegal online websites. Victims were instructed to deposit money into various bank accounts before being issued gaming IDs and passwords. The ill-gotten gains were systematically channeled through UPI and other digital platforms by the accused, 11 of whom have been arrested from the Hatpipliya, Dhar, and Khandwa regions. Police seized recovery worth Rs 50,000 from the suspects.

Ruined lives and suicide link: The financial devastation caused by this fraud network is severe, with many young victims suffering economic ruin. Authorities also disclosed a tragic case of suicide in Hatpipliya involving a young man who had incurred massive losses through the very same online gaming apps, underscoring the lethal gravity of the scam. Police are currently tracing associated bank accounts, digital transactions, and searching for other members of the ring. Police have urged the public, especially youth, to remain vigilant and report any suspicious online activity immediately.

Ratlam Panchayat officials accused in govt land scam

► EOW files case

Indore: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) has registered a case against seven individuals, including former Panchayat officials, for allegedly conspiring to sell government land as private property in Ratlam district. The organized fraud, centered in Riyaon village, Piplda tehsil, has led to charges of corruption and cheating.

The scam involved systematically grabbing prime government land designated for village habitation. EOW investigation revealed that the 2011-12 property tax register was forged, and based on these fabricated en-

tries, three fraudulent land ownership certificates were created and used.

Despite the land being officially recorded as government property, approximately 2,700 sq. ft. was split into three plots, falsely claimed as private, and subsequently sold through e-registries between 2019 and 2020.

The probe confirmed that the former Sarpanch and Panchayat secretary misused their positions as public servants in a criminal conspiracy to tamper with and destroy official records, causing significant financial loss to the state for personal illegal gain. The EOW has registered the case for full investigation.

MP Growth Summit to showcase state development in Gwalior

► Industrialists will come on Dec 25th

Gwalior: The Madhya Pradesh government is set to showcase the state's industrial and sectoral progress under Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav's two-year tenure at the "Abhyuday MP Growth Summit 2025" on December 25th. The summit coincides with the 101st birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna and former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah and CM Dr. Mohan Yadav are scheduled to attend the event at the Mela Ground, highlighting the state's economic achievements. The summit will focus on attracting investment to the

Gwalior region in promising sectors, including Manufacturing, Tourism, Food Processing, Green Energy, Logistics, Warehousing, Textiles, and IT.

However, the event comes amid concerns regarding follow-through on past promises. Investment proposals worth over Rs 8,000 crore generated during last August's Regional Industries Conclave—involving major groups like Ambani and Adani—have reportedly stalled.

The summit is expected to reignite interest and move these crucial projects from files to the ground.

Cultural luminaries honoured at Majestic Tansen Samaroh

Gwalior: The world-renowned Tansen Samaroh, a beacon of classical music, commenced with grandeur in Gwalior with Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav participating virtually as the Chief Guest. The solemn ceremony was held at the magnificent Tansen Tomb complex, featuring a stage themed after the Chaturbhuj Temple at Gwalior Fort, which introduced the concept of zero to the world.

During the event, two stalwarts of Indian Classical Music were conferred with the prestigious Tansen Alankaran: Pandit Raja Kale (Mumbai), an eminent classical vocalist, was honoured for the year 2024. Pandit Tarun Bhat-tacharya (Kolkata), a globally celebrated Santoor player, received the award for the year 2025. Additionally, the Raja Mansingh Tomar



Samman was awarded to two esteemed cultural organisations: Mandleshwar's Sadhna Parmarthik Sansthan Samiti (2024)

and Gwalior's Ragayan Sangeet Samiti (2025). **CM highlights cultural heritage and development:** In his virtual

address, Chief Minister Dr. Yadav congratulated the awardees and stated that the Madhya Pradesh government is committed to advancing on the path of development while actively preserving art and culture. He noted that under the guidance of the Prime Minister, the state is witnessing a cultural resurgence.

The CM highlighted the historical significance of the festival, calling Tansen, a "shikhar purush" (peak man) of Indian Classical Music, whose legacy has given Gwalior a unique global identity. He concluded by affirming that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, India is creating an indelible mark globally, recognizing that classical music, as evidenced by the Samaveda, has been an integral part of Indian culture since the Vedic age.