

Tansen Samaroh concludes with a grand tribute to womanhood

● A symphony of shakti

Gwalior: The curtains fell on the 101st Tansen Samaroh in a breathtaking display of musical heritage and creative female power. In a long-standing tradition, the final session of this iconic festival was held at the historic Gujar Mahal within the Gwalior Fort, dedicated entirely to Matrushakti (Mother Power).

The evening began with the solemn resonance of Dhrupad. Faculty and students from the Tansen Music College performed a disciplined rendition of Rag Bhupali in Chautal, set to the bandish "Kete Din Gaye Lekhe," accompanied by the powerful strokes of Jagat Narayan Sharma on the Pakhawaj.

The spotlight then shifted to senior vocalist Dr. Nalini Joshi of the Kirana Gharana. A disciple of the legendary Dr. Prabha Atre, she enchanted the audience with Rag Ya-



man. Her performance moved from the meditative "Sumiran Shri Ganesh" in Vilambit Ektaal to the spirited "Jai Jai Shri Ganesh" in Drut Teentaal, culminating in a soul-stirring Bhajan. The finale reached a rhythmic crescendo with a Tabla solo by Dr. Sangeeta Agnihotri from Indore. Demonstrating the strength of

traditional training, she performed intricate peshkars, kaydas, and relas, supported by the melodic lehra of Abid Hussain Khan's Sarangi. As the echoes of the tablas faded against the ancient fort walls, the festival concluded, leaving behind an unforgettable legacy of devotion and artistry.

Dense fog triggers collision on Tal-Jaora Highway



● Three injured

Ratlam: As a severe cold wave sweeps across the Ratlam district, plunging temperatures to 9°C, a thick blanket of fog has turned the highways into hazard zones. In the early hours of Saturday, poor visibility led to a major accident on the Tal-Jaora Highway, leaving three men seriously injured.

The incident occurred between 1:30 AM and 2:00 AM near the Chambal River in the Radhanagri area. According to police reports, the victims—Dharmendra (35), Arjun Singh (45), and Munna (50)—were traveling toward Jaora when their car rear-ended a truck. The driver stated that the mist was so dense the vehicle ahead was completely invisible until the moment of impact.

Swift Action Saves Lives Upon receiving the distress call, the Di-112 emergency response team, led by Constable Lokesh Patidar and Pilot Syed Mehmood Ali, reached the site within minutes. Their rapid intervention was crucial; the team successfully extracted the victims and rushed them to the Government District Hospital in Tal, where they are currently receiving medical care.

Safety Advisory With temperatures dropping and midnight fog becoming a recurring danger, local authorities are urging motorists to:

Use fog lights and low-beam headlights.

Maintain significant distance from the vehicle ahead.

Avoid high speeds during late-night and early-morning commutes.

Chief Justice Sachdeva honors retiring Justice Paliwal

Jabalpur: "A judge is defined not by their attire, but by their impartiality, honesty, and unwavering commitment to justice." These were the words of Madhya Pradesh High Court Chief Justice Sanjeev Sachdeva during a farewell ceremony held for Justice Achal Kumar Paliwal, who is set to retire on December 25.

Chief Justice Sachdeva lauded Justice Paliwal's tenure as "unforgettable," highlighting his profound dedication and the landmark orders he delivered. The event was attended by the full bench, along with legal luminaries

Water projects to boost irrigation and tourism in Jhabua

Jhabua: Women and Child Development Minister Nirmala Bhuria has said that the Madhya Pradesh government is giving top priority to increasing farmers' income, strengthening water conservation, and ensuring balanced regional development. In this direction, the Water Resources Department has granted administrative approval for several new water resource projects in Jhabua, which will significantly accelerate overall development, especially in the Petlawad region.

Bhuria informed that water resource projects worth more than Rs 15.8 crore have been sanctioned for the Petlawad area. After completion, these projects will provide irrigation facilities to nearly 480 hectares of agricultural land, directly benefiting local farmers. The approved schemes include the Mundat Barrage, with an estimated cost of Rs 5.99 crore, which will irrigate about 360 hectares, and the Mukarampura



Pond Canal-less Scheme, costing Rs 3.53 crore, which will provide irrigation to 120 hectares.

She further stated that administrative approval of Rs 628.21 lakh has also been granted for the

construction and beautification of Shringeshwar Ghat on the Mahi River. This project will help protect the riverbanks while promoting religious tourism in the region.

Forest department reclaims 300 Bighas of encroached land

● Crackdown in Shivpuri

Shivpuri: In a massive anti-encroachment drive, the Forest Department has successfully reclaimed 300 bighas of prime forest land in the Karera Range. The operation, targeting the Bansgarh beat near Barua Nala, saw a combined force of over 100 personnel, 12 JCB machines, and 3 tractor-cultivators dismantling long-standing illegal occupations.

The land had been unlawfully cultivated for years by several individuals, including Suvelal Thakur, Rajendra Singh Gurjar, and others from surrounding villages. Despite repeated warnings and formal eviction orders, the encroachers continued their activities, prompting this high-decibel response.

The joint team, comprising Forest,



Revenue, and Police officials, razed standing crops to restore the original status of the forest. To ensure the land remains protected, authorities have initiated the digging of contour trenches, a move designed to physically prevent future plowing and

unauthorized access.

"This action sends a clear message against the illegal diversion of forest resources," officials stated. The department is now planning a massive plantation drive on the reclaimed site to restore the local ecological balance.

Revolutionizing MSE credit: The bob Digi Udyam advantage

Driving growth: Success stories from Indore

The impact of this streamlined approach is best seen through local success stories. KRS Enterprises, once hindered by liquidity constraints, utilized a

Rs 50 lakh sanction to scale operations and secure major corporate contracts. Proprietor Ms. Shweta Singh highlighted the "operational flexibility" gained through the bank's transparent and professional digital process.

Similarly, JMK Enterprises over-

came chronic cash-flow delays through the platform's seamless application and simplified documentation. By securing Rs 50 lakh overdraft limit, the firm stabilized its daily operations and improved its working capital cycle. Partner Ashish Chaurasiya noted that the facility has been a catalyst for business efficiency, allowing them to confidently take on new orders.

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BSF's horse and dog show to dazzle Trade Fair

Gwalior: The Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia Gwalior Trade Fair will witness a special attraction this year with the Border Security Force (BSF) presenting an impressive horse and dog show. The fair authority has received official confirmation from the BSF, adding to the excitement surrounding the event. Alongside this unique display, the fair will host several cultural programmes, including a grand poets' gathering on February 1, featuring renowned poets from across the country such as Vedvrat Vajpayee, Johnny Bairagi, Dr. Kirti Kale, and Dr. Ramkishore Upadhyay.

Meanwhile, preparations at the fair are progressing rapidly, with 2,290 shops already allotted through the MP Online portal. Divisional Commissioner Manoj Khatri has urged shopkeepers to complete arrangements by December 25.

Grain trader defrauded of Rs 14 lakh

● Conmen lured him with the claim of having found gold during excavation

Jabalpur: A shocking case of fraud has surfaced in Jabalpur, where conmen cheated a grain merchant of Rs 14 lakh by luring him with a fake antique gold necklace allegedly found during road excavation. The police have registered a case, but the accused are still absconding.

According to police sources, the incident occurred in the Sadar area. The victim, 61-year-old Chandmal Samtani, a grain merchant from Mandla, was approached at his shop in the agricultural produce market by two young men posing as labourers. They claimed to have discovered an antique gold necklace weighing around two kilograms during ex-

cavation work and said they wanted to sell it urgently.

= Fraudsters handed over two beads from the necklace

To win Chandmal's confidence, the fraudsters handed over two beads from the necklace, which were later tested and found to be genuine gold. Trusting their story, Chandmal paid ₹14 lakh in cash and purchased the necklace. However, when the entire necklace was examined at a bullion market, it was revealed to be completely fake.

Realising he had been duped, Chandmal lodged a complaint at the Sadar police station. A case has been registered and police teams are searching for the accused.

Prohibitory orders imposed in Ujjain for two months

Ujjain: In the interest of public safety, protection of life and property, and maintenance of peace and order, prohibitory orders have been imposed across Ujjain district for the next two months. The orders have been issued by District Magistrate and Collector Roshan Kumar Singh.

As per the order, no individual, group, institution or organization will be allowed to carry, display or misuse sharp weapons, firearms, hockey sticks, lathis, rods or similar items in public places. Organizing assemblies, dharnas, demonstrations, processions, rallies or any public programme without prior permission has also been strictly prohibited.

Operation of DJs and sound amplification systems banned

The order further bans the

operation of DJs, bands and sound amplification systems. Strict compliance with the Madhya Pradesh Noise Control Act, 1985 and the Noise Pollution (Regulation and Control) Rules, 2010 has been made mandatory.

In addition, the posting or circulation of objectionable messages, images, comments, banners or posts on social media or electronic platforms that may hurt sentiments, incite unrest or disturb communal harmony has been prohibited. Photography, videography, reels and shooting at historical buildings, railway stations, bus stands, courts, government offices, public places and parks will also require prior permission.

Violation of these orders will invite legal action. The prohibitory orders will remain in force for two months from December 19.

Allegations of religious conversion at Church in Jabalpur

● Police claim students gathered only for festive meals

Jabalpur: A tense standoff erupted on Saturday near Katanga Road in Jabalpur after right-wing activists stormed a church premises, alleging the attempted religious conversion of visually impaired students. The activists claimed that several specially-abled children were lured from their hostels to a church behind Johnson School under the guise of Christmas celebrations to undergo forced prayers and indoctrination. The confrontation quickly escalated into a heated argument and physical scuffles between the two groups, prompting a swift intervention by the Gorakhpur police to restore order.

Following the incident, the police recorded detailed statements from approximately 30 children present at the venue. According to TI Nitin Kamal, the preliminary investigation suggests that the students had gathered at the church solely for festive meals and Christmas programs. The authorities



have officially stated that no evidence of forced conversion or illegal inducements has surfaced in the testimonies provided by the children so far. While the situation remains calm but sensitive, the po-

lice are conducting a comprehensive inquiry to address the allegations of both the activists and the church management, ensuring that the festive peace of the city is maintained.

Cattle smuggling racket busted, 2 held

Betul: Police in Madhya Pradesh have arrested two accused in connection with cattle smuggling.

The accused were apprehended by Multai police in Betul district while illegally transporting four cattle (bulls) to a slaughterhouse. Police received credible information about cattle smuggling in the Biroli Jhlpala village area on Friday night around 8 pm. Based on the information, a police team led by Station House Officer Inspector Narendra Singh Parihar reached the spot.

On the spot, the police saw two men walking with four bulls towards Pattan. Seeing the police, the accused tried to flee, but they were surrounded and apprehended. During questioning, the accused claimed they were taking the cattle to Morsi, but they could not produce any valid documents. Upon further interrogation, they confessed that the cattle were being taken to a slaughterhouse in Morsi, Amravati district (Maharashtra).

Police have registered a case against the accused under Sections 4, 6, and 9 of the Madhya Pradesh Cattle Slaughter Prohibition Act and Section 11(d) of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act.