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## India bans high-dose oral pills of painkiller Nimesulide, citing safety risks

New Delhi (UNI) A year after banning Nimesulide for use in animals, the Health Ministry on Monday prohibited the controversial drug for humans in doses above 100 mg, citing safety concerns. Nimesulide is a commonly prescribed painkiller and fever-relieving medicine in India, which may pose health risks when consumed in higher doses, said the health officials. In an official order dated December 29, the government placed strict curbs on the manufacture, sale, and distribution of the higher doses of the contested medicine with immediate effect. Expanding on the type and strength of medicines that comes under the ban the Ministry on Wednesday clarified that "only Oral formulations above 100 mg in immediate release form are banned." While noting that medication of strength below 100 mg or above 100 mg in other types of release, including sustained and extended release, are not covered under this order. The order does not comprise non-oral formulations like topical gels/creams or suppositories, added the health officials. The advisory follows the concerns raised by health experts over the possibility of liver damage in some patients, which in certain cases might even turn fatal. The Centre's decision was also supported by the Indian drug regulator, Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO). Earlier this year, in January, following advice from the CDSCO panel over the health risks of the drug in animals, the Centre banned Nimesulide from all veterinary formulations.

## Death toll hits 10 as contamination outbreak sickens hundreds in Indore



### CM visits ailing residents, orders top-tier care for victims

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### High Court Demands Urgent Status Report on Indore Water Tragedy

Taking a stern view of the fatal water contamination in Bhagirathpura, the Indore Bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court has demanded a detailed status report from the state government by January 2. The court's intervention follows two Public Interest Litigations (PILs) describing the incident as a "gross act of negligence" against public life. Advocates appearing for the petitioners—including former councilors and social activists—urged for an urgent hearing, arguing that responsible officials must face criminal

charges for the deaths and widespread illness. In response, the winter division bench directed the state to outline its disciplinary actions and future preventive strategies. Crucially, the High Court issued an immediate mandate ensuring free and comprehensive medical treatment for all victims affected by the contaminated supply. As the death toll rises, the court's firm stance places the administration under intense scrutiny, reinforcing that accountability for this civic failure must be established without delay.

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While the streets of Bhagirathpura remain eerily silent, the atmosphere is charged with resentment. Cabinet Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya, Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava, and top administrative officials remained stationed in the area throughout the day, but their presence did little to soothe the local fury. The Madhya Pradesh High Court has taken a stern view of

the negligence, demanding a comprehensive report from the administration within 48 hours. Although the Municipal Corporation has finally begun corrective measures, residents are demanding more than just repairs; they are calling for a transparent investigation and criminal accountability for those responsible. For now, the heavy silence in Bhagirathpura tells a story of broken trust that no amount of official visits can easily mend.

- CM Dr. Mohan Yadav visits hospital to check on victims' well-being
- High Court takes a tough stand; demands report within 2 days.
- Grief and Silence in Bhagirathpura

Indore: A wave of mourning and palpable anger has gripped Bhagirathpura after a deadly water contamination outbreak claimed ten lives and left over 300 residents battling for survival in various hospitals. The crisis in India's "cleanest city" escalated on Wednesday, prompting an emergency visit from Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, who met with grieving families and patients at Verma Nursing Home.

The tragedy took a heart-wrenching turn with the death of five-month-old Aryan Sahu. His mother revealed that after ten years of prayers, they were blessed with Aryan, only for him to fall victim to the very water used to prepare his milk. This devastating loss has become a symbol of the systemic failure that allowed toxins to seep into

## DRDO successfully fires double 'Pralay' Missiles

### India ends year with a bang



New Delhi: In a thunderous display of indigenous defense prowess, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted a historic "salvo"

launch of two Pralay missiles on the final day of the year. Launched from a single mobile platform off the coast of Odisha, both missiles followed their designated trajectories with pinpoint accuracy, validating India's rapid-response tactical capabilities.

## Digvijaya Singh's RSS remarks trigger Congress debate

By Ashish Kurl

Bhopal: Senior Congress leader and former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Digvijaya Singh has ignited a fresh political debate within the Congress after making remarks acknowledging the organisational strength of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), while firmly reiterating his opposition to their ideology and to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.



Singh's comments were made in reference to a photograph showing Prime Minister Narendra Modi seated on the floor be-

side senior BJP leader L.K. Advani. Citing the image, Singh observed that the RSS-BJP organisational framework possesses the capacity to nurture grassroots workers and elevate them to the highest levels of power.

Clarifying his position, Digvijaya Singh stated, "I appreciate the organisation, but I have always been a vocal opponent of the ideology of the RSS and Mr Modi." (Continued on page 12)



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