

# MP Police records historic achievements



**By Special Correspondent**  
Bhopal: Under the dynamic leadership, strategic vision and firm direction of Director General of Police Kailash Makwana, the Madhya Pradesh Police achieved landmark successes in 2025, strengthening internal security, crime control and public trust across the state. The year marked a historic milestone as Madhya Pradesh was declared com-

pletely free from Naxal influence after more than three decades. Well-planned operations by Hawk Force, district police and special armed units led to the neutralisation and arrest of several hardcore Naxals carrying rewards worth crores. A major boost came with the surrender of 10 armed Naxals in December, reflecting the effectiveness of the state's surrender and rehabilitation policy.

Law and order remained a priority, with decisive action against terror modules, organised crime and mafias. The arrest of a key absconding accused in the Jaipur serial blast case further highlighted the force's efficiency. Simultaneously, the state-wide "Nasha Se Doori Hai Zaroori" campaign emerged as a mass movement, combining enforcement with public participation, resulting in record seizures of narcotics and illicit liquor.

Significant progress was also made in women and child safety through Operation Muskaan, cyber crime control with rapid recovery of defrauded funds, and technology-driven policing initiatives such as e-Zero FIR, ICJS, e-Office and CEIR. Recruitment drives, mental health initiatives and public safety innovations like Dial-112 and CPR training further strengthened policing capacity. These achievements earned national recognition, positioning Madhya Pradesh Police as a model force committed to security, innovation and citizen-centric policing.

# Bhopal steps up vigil on drinking water safety

**Mayor orders citywide inspections after Indore tragedy**

Bhopal: In the wake of nine deaths reported from Bhagirathpura in Indore due to contaminated drinking water, the Bhopal Municipal Corporation (BMC) has gone on high alert to prevent any similar incident in the state capital. Mayor Malti Rai has issued strict instructions to all engineering officials to immediately inspect water supply systems across the city and ensure that no contaminated water is being supplied to residents. The Mayor has directed all sub-engineers, assistant engineers, and supervisors to carry out thorough field inspections. She has also instructed the Superintending Engineer and Executive Engineer to closely monitor the situation. All officials have been asked to submit detailed inspection reports after completing the checks.

**Water testing in Awadhपुरi:** As part of this preventive exercise, a Municipal Corporation team inspected Awadhपुरi on Wednesday and collected water samples from several houses for testing. This step was taken in view of an incident eight months ago, when the piped natural gas (PNG) supply in Awadhपुरi was disrupted due to damage to an underground pipeline during drain-related excavation work by a private contractor. Authorities are now checking whether similar excavation activities could have affected drinking water pipelines. The BMC receives daily complaints related to sewer lines, raising concerns that sewage may be mixing with drinking water in some areas. Special teams have been deployed to investigate such possibilities.

# Man arrested for stealing and wearing women's undergarments

**Bizarre theft in Bhopal**

Bhopal: In a strange and unsettling incident, police in the Kolar locality have arrested a man for allegedly stealing women's undergarments from residential rooftops. The suspect, identified as Dipesh, was caught following a late-night chase in the Amarnath Colony on Tuesday. The matter came to light when a homeowner spotted Dipesh fleeing his terrace after snatching clothes left out to dry. Although the suspect initially managed to escape, he inadvertently dropped his labor identification card at the scene. Acting swiftly on the victim's complaint, police used the address on the card to track him down. Upon reaching his residence, officers were shocked to find the suspect actually wearing the stolen apparel. Investigations revealed a disturbing pattern where the accused would steal these items to wear them while sleeping. Dipesh has been taken into custody, and police are currently interrogating him to determine if he is linked to similar complaints in the area. This bizarre case has left local residents stunned, highlighting the need for increased vigilance even in private residential spaces.

# Separate mishaps claim two lives in city

Bhopal: In a tragic reminder of growing road safety concerns, two lives were lost in separate accidents in the city, plunging their families into grief. Both incidents occurred late at night, and police have registered cases and launched investigations. In the first incident, Anil Rathore (45), manager of an e-rickshaw showroom, died while undergoing treatment on Wednesday. A resident of Bafna Colony, Kajicamp, Anil worked at a showroom in Bhanpur. On Monday night around 10 pm, while returning home from work, he was hit by a truck that was reversing in the Timber Market area under the Chhola Mandir police station limits. He suffered serious injuries and was rushed to a private hospital by his family. Despite treatment, he succumbed to his injuries on Wednesday morning. His body has been sent to the Gandhi Medical College mortuary for post-mortem examination.

**Motorcyclist hit by unknown vehicle:** In another incident, a 21-year-old motorcyclist, Sundar Singh, died after being hit by an unknown vehicle in the Berasia police station area. Sundar, originally from Lalariya village, worked as a laborer and lived near Navjeevan Colony Mandi Gate in Bhopal. He was returning late Tuesday night after visiting his family when the accident occurred. He later died during treatment. Police are trying to trace the unidentified vehicle involved.

# DGP bids farewell to retiring officers



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Bhopal: Four employees who retired in December from various branches of the Police Headquarters were accorded a warm and dignified farewell by Director General of Police Kailash Makwana on Wednesday. During the ceremony, the DGP presented plants and mementoes to the retirees and conveyed his best wishes for a healthy and fulfilling post-retirement life. Orders related to the settlement of their pending service claims were also formally handed over. The farewell ceremony was organised at the conference hall of the new Police Headquarters building. Special Director General of Police Anil Kumar, Inspector General

of Police Anshuman Singh, other senior officers, staff members and family members of the retirees were present on the occasion.

Those honoured included Honorary Deputy Superintendent of Police (Special Branch) Bhagwandas Vidhani, Acting Deputy Superintendent of Police (CID) Kalpana Sharma Mishra, Subedar (M), Special Branch Om Narayan Dwivedi, and Head Constable (M), Special Branch Swarajwati Verma.

Assistant Inspector General Irmine Shah highlighted the service careers of the retiring personnel, while senior officers praised their dedication, sincerity and valuable contribution to the police force.

# Soybean model rate declared at Rs 4,345

**State guarantees MSP payout via Bhavantar Yojana**

Bhopal: In a major year-end update for the farming community, the Madhya Pradesh government has declared the soybean model rate at Rs 4,345 per quintal for Wednesday under the Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana 2025. This rate serves as the benchmark for calculating the price-deficit compensation for farmers who sold their produce across various Agricultural Produce Market Committees (Mandis). The state government remains committed to its guarantee of a Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs 5,328 per quintal. Under this welfare scheme, the difference between the guaranteed MSP and the declared model rate is deposited directly into the bank ac-

counts of registered farmers, ensuring they do not suffer financial losses due to market fluctuations.

This latest rate of Rs 4,345 marks a significant recovery and the highest peak of the season. The journey began on November 7 with a modest model rate of Rs 4,020, followed by several weeks of volatility. However, the closing week of December saw a steady upward trend—rising from Rs 4,296 on December 30 to the current high. This surge is expected to optimize the "Bhavantar" (price difference) benefits for soybean growers. Officials have assured that all eligible farmers will receive their payments promptly, bolstering rural economic stability.

# Bhopal Railway Division announces revised train timetables

**New Year, new schedule**

Bhopal: Starting January 1, 2026, the Railway Administration will implement a new timetable across the Bhopal Division. The update aims to optimize operations, with Senior DCM Saurabh Kataria noting that increased average speeds across the network will result in significant time savings for passengers.

**Revised departure timings from Bhopal:** Several key trains departing from Bhopal and Rani Kamalapati stations will see minor adjustments. Notably, the Bhopal-Rewa

Express (22145) will now depart earlier at 23:00, while the Bhopal-Jodhpur Express (14814) shifts to 16:40. Conversely, the Bhopal-Dr. Ambedkar Nagar Express (19324) will depart slightly later at 17:10. Other services, including the Gwalior Express and Pune Express, have also seen 5-20 minute shifts in their schedules.

**Changes at intermediate and destination stations:** Arrival times at major junctions have been recalibrated. The Bilaspur-Bhopal Express (18236) is now set to arrive

earlier at 17:00. At Itarsi Station, arrival/departure slots for several long-distance trains, including the Darbhanga-Mysore and Patna-Bengaluru expresses, have been advanced to 12:20/12:30. Travelers using the Sant Hirdaram Nagar interchange should also note timing shifts for the Dahod-Bhopal and Bilaspur-Indore services.

**Travel advisory for passengers:** To ensure a smooth journey, Railway officials have urged passengers to verify their schedules before heading to the station. Updated timings are available via the Rail Madad 139 helpline, authorized railway websites, and official mobile apps.

# Vishwas Sarang Academy storms to big win

Bhopal: Vishwas Sarang Cricket Academy registered a commanding victory over Akira Cricket Academy in the eighth match of the Bhopal Under-12 First Nikhil Kushwah Memorial Cricket Tournament at Railway Ground, Bhopal. Batting first, Vishwas Sarang Academy scored 181 runs, with Vinamra hitting 77. Akira were restricted to 94 runs.

Vinamra was chosen as the Man of the Match for his outstanding batting performance. The award was presented by senior former player Iqbal Siddiqui of Bhopal. The final match will be played between the top teams of both pools, Railway Youth Cricket Academy and Vishwas Sarang Cricket Academy, on January 3, 2026.

# Forest Dept warns tourists to book safaris only through MPOnline

Bhopal: As the New Year holiday season approaches, tourist footfall at tiger reserves and national parks across Madhya Pradesh is rising. Taking advantage of this rush, fraudsters are targeting visitors through fake websites and unauthorized digital platforms offering safari bookings. In response, the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department has issued a clear advisory urging tourists to remain vigilant and avoid falling prey to such scams.

The department has categorically stated that safari ticket bookings for all tiger reserves in the state are authorized only through the MPOnline platform. Tickets booked via any private website, mobile application, or other digital medium are illegal and will not be considered valid. Tourists have

been advised to verify the booking portal carefully before making any payment.

Forest officials have also appealed to tourists who may have already booked safaris through unauthorized platforms and suffered financial loss or fraud to immediately report the matter to the concerned forest office. Such complaints will be forwarded to the State Cyber Police Cell for appropriate legal action.

The department has assured that it is actively working to curb these illegal activities. Several misleading websites using similar names are falsely claiming to provide safari booking services. The Forest Department has warned that engaging with such platforms could lead to monetary loss.

# Wrong eye drops nearly cost teen her vision

**Timely transplant at GMC saves sight**

Bhopal: A tragic case involving a 15-year-old girl from Bhopal has highlighted the serious risks of using eye drops without a doctor's prescription. Suffering from itchy eyes, the girl used steroid-based eye drops purchased from a medical store. Instead of relief, the medication caused severe damage, burning her cornea and critically impairing her vision. Her condition worsened to the point where the cornea was close to rupturing. Doctors at Gandhi Medical College (GMC) intervened in time and successfully saved her eyesight through a corneal transplant using a donated cornea. The case has drawn attention to the dangers of self-

medication, especially with steroid-based eye medicines, which should only be used under medical supervision.

**GMC has performed five corneal transplants:** In a significant achievement, GMC has performed five corneal transplants in the last seven days. This follows the donation of six corneas between December 23 and December 30. According to cornea specialist Dr. Bharati Ahuja of Hamidia Hospital, five corneas were transplanted into patients at Hamidia Hospital, while one was provided to another hospital in Bhopal. She credited rising public awareness about eye donation for this rare and encouraging milestone.

# MP Women and Child Development Department announces 4,767 Anganwadi Vacancies

Bhopal: In a major employment push for the New Year, the Madhya Pradesh Women and Child Development Department has initiated the recruitment process for 4,767 positions under Phase-2 of the 2025 recruitment cycle. The drive aims to fill 1,573 Anganwadi workers and 3,194 Anganwadi assistant posts across various child development projects in the state.

**Key application details:** The online application window was opened on Wednesday, December 31, 2025, and will remain active until January 10, 2026. Eligible female candidates can apply via the MP Online 'Chayan Portal'. A brief correction window will be available until January 12. The recruitment covers current vacancies

through December 2025 and anticipated openings up to June 2026.

**Eligibility & requirements**

- **Residency:** Applicants must be residents of the specific village or urban ward where the vacancy exists.
- **Education & Age:** Candidates must have completed Class 12 and be aged between 18 and 35 years as of January 1, 2025.
- **Fees:** An application fee of Rs 100 plus 18% GST is applicable.

This honorarium-based recruitment seeks to strengthen grassroots nutrition and childcare services. For technical assistance, candidates can contact the MP Online helpline at 0755-6720208.

# Bhopal's Shivansh Kanoji clinches silver at National Ice Skating Championship



Bhopal: In a breathtaking display of grit and speed, Bhopal's rising star Shivansh Kanoji has secured a Silver Medal at the India Short Track Speed Skating Open

2025. The national championship, held under the aegis of the Ice Skating Association of India, concluded in Dehradun on December 29, 2025.

Shivansh, a student of Christ Senior Secondary School, outpaced seasoned competitors from across India to land on the podium.

What makes his victory truly extraordinary is the fact that Madhya Pradesh lacks a single ice skating rink. Despite the absence of local infrastructure, Shivansh bridged the gap through sheer determination and rigorous training.

His journey to silver was paved by a unique dual-training regimen. He hones his speed at the Amar Roller Skating Organization under coach Amar Bhatkar, while mastering the ice at the Himadri Ice Skating Rink under the mentorship of Vaibhav Agrawal. This triumph has sparked celebrations across the sporting community in Bhopal.

Shivansh's success is a testament to the fact that resource constraints are no match for disciplined talent, serving as a powerful inspiration for aspiring athletes across the state.

# Principals held accountable for ghost teachers in MP Ayush Colleges

Bhopal: In a decisive move to sanitize medical education, the National Commission for Indian System of Medicine (NCISM) has launched a massive crackdown on "fake faculty" across Ayurveda and Unani colleges in Madhya Pradesh. Under the new mandate, college Principals will now be held directly responsible if academic staff are found present only on paper but absent in classrooms.

The Commission's Medical Assessment and Rating Board issued these directives following persistent complaints that thousands of students were being deprived of clinical training due to absentee teachers. To eliminate loopholes, attendance will now be strictly monitored through Aadhaar-enabled Biometric and Iris scan systems (AEBAS), linked directly to the national commission for real-time surveillance.

Currently, Madhya Pradesh operates 39 Ayurveda and 4 Unani colleges. These institutions must now publicly display their full academic staff lists on official notice boards to ensure transparency. Dr. Rakesh Pandey, National Spokesperson for the Ayush Medical Association, welcomed the move, stating, "While Prin-

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cipals are accountable, the Commission's direct link to biometric data ensures systemic reform. This rigor will finally deliver the quality education and clinical expertise that Ayush students deserve."