

# Game on: Indore traffic advisory for India-New Zealand ODI

**Indore:** As the city gears up for the high-octane India vs. New Zealand One Day International at Holkar Stadium on January 18, 2026, the Indore Traffic Police has issued an extensive management and diversion plan. To ensure a smooth experience for fans and commuters alike, the following regulations will be in effect from 12:00 PM until the conclusion of the match.



**Ghantaghar** to Janjirwala/Lantern Chauraha. Palasia/Ghantaghar to High Court/Lantern Chauraha.

**Public Parking:** Bal Vinay Mandir School, SGSITS Campus, and the ground at Pancham ki Fel.  
**Pass-Holder Parking:** Abhay Prashal, ITC, Basketball Complex, Vivekananda School, and Yashwant Club.

**Major traffic diversions**  
Commuters should note the following key changes to avoid congestion:

- From Vijay Nagar: Traffic heading to Marimata via Industry House will be diverted via LiG Chauraha to Patnipura and Subhash Nagar.
- From Regal Square: Commuters heading to Palasia should use White Church via A.B. Road.
- From Geeta Bhawan: Vehicles going toward Ghantaghar will be diverted via Dhakkanwala Kuan toward Madhumilan Square.
- Public Transport: City buses will drop passengers near Ghantaghar and High Court Square for easy walking access to the stadium.

## Avoid these routes

The Traffic Police strongly recommends avoiding Palasia to High Court, Malwa Mill to Lantern Square, and Industry House to Janjirwala during match hours.

**Special Request:** Parking space near the stadium is extremely limited. Citizens are urged to use City Buses or public transport to minimize congestion.

## Entry routes for spectators

Fans heading to the stadium on foot are advised to use specific entry points based on their direction:  
From Hukumchand Ghantaghar/Pancham ki Fel: Enter via Janjirwala Chauraha.  
From Lantern Chauraha: Pedestrian access is permitted directly toward the stadium.

## Restricted zones

Only emergency vehicles and those with valid parking passes will be allowed on these routes:  
Lantern Chauraha to Janjirwala Chauraha/Industry House.

## Public parking vs. general public

Parking is strictly regulated. Non-pass holders should follow the "first-come, first-served" rule at:

## Cong leader arrested in Panna land grabbing case

### Police uncover fraud involving illegal transfer of tribal woman's land

**Panna:** Police in the district have exposed a serious case of land grabbing involving a woman from a Scheduled Tribe, in which deception, fraud, and forged documents were allegedly used to illegally transfer ancestral land. Congress leader Shrikant Dixit has been arrested and sent to judicial custody, while two other accused are currently absconding.

According to Panna police, the complainant, Santosh Rani (50) of Takhauri village under Raipura police station, lodged a complaint at Kotwali police station. She stated that her father, late Jagola Gaud, passed away during her childhood and her mother, Mallanbai, is visually impaired. The disputed land—measuring 2.00 hectares in Mannaur village—is recorded in her father's name, with Santosh Rani and her sister Kusum Rani as the sole legal heirs.

### A tribal man was presented as deceased owner's son

The complaint alleges that Anupam Tripathi and Shrikant Dixit fraudulently transferred the land by falsely presenting a tribal man, Rajaram, as the deceased owner's son, using forged documents and without the consent or knowledge of the heirs. A complaint was earlier submitted to the Collector's office in 2022 and subsequently a case was registered.

The probe revealed illegal mutations without death certificates, valid family records, or heir notification. Acting under the direction of SP Nivedita Naidu, special teams arrested Shrikant alias Pappu Dixit, who was produced in court and sent to jail.

## Gwalior shines as Anirudh earns place at Gopichand Pullela Academy

### Young badminton talent's selection marks a major milestone for city's sporting future

**Gwalior:** Anirudh Chauhan, a promising and hardworking badminton player from the district, has been selected for the prestigious Gopichand Pullela Badminton Academy. His selection stands as a strong testimony to years of disciplined practice, determination, and unwavering passion for the sport. Coaches and trainers associated with Anirudh expressed immense happiness and wished him success in his journey ahead.

According to his coaches, Anirudh displayed exceptional talent from the early days of his training. Through consistent effort and growing self-confidence, he has now taken a significant step toward competing at the national level.

Municipal Commissioner Sangh Priya also congratulated Anirudh, stating that such achievements bring recognition not only to Gwalior but also to Madhya Pradesh. He expressed hope that Anirudh's success will inspire young athletes across the region.



### Training at Eklavya Sports Complex

For the past five to six years, Anirudh has been training at the Municipal Corporation's Eklavya Sports Complex, where he received constant guidance from coach Himanshu Chaudhary and the support staff. With advanced facilities,

expert coaching, and exposure at the Gopichand Pullela Academy, Anirudh aims to excel in national and international tournaments.

His achievement has infused new enthusiasm into Gwalior's sports environment, reinforcing the belief that dedication, hard work, and proper guidance can turn dreams into reality.

## Virat Kohli and Kuldeep Yadav offer prayers at Mahakaleshwar's Bhasma Aarti



**Ujjain:** Ahead of the high-stakes ODI against New Zealand in Indore, Indian cricket stars Virat Kohli and Kuldeep Yadav sought divine blessings at the Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple early Saturday morning. Arriving at 4:00 AM, the duo participated in the legendary Bhasma Aarti, spending nearly two hours immersed in spiritual devotion within the Nandi Hall. Dressed in traditional attire with Tripund markings on their foreheads, the cricketers were seen chanting "Om Namah Shivaya" as they witnessed the sacred rituals.

The temple management, led by Administrator Pratham Kaushik, honored the players with a memento and

Prasad following their visit to the sanctum sanctorum. Speaking to the media after the prayers, Kuldeep Yadav expressed his gratitude, stating that visiting Baba Mahakal provides immense peace and that he prayed for the well-being of the team and success in life. The spiritual detour has created a buzz among fans in Ujjain and Indore, as the "Men in Blue" look to channel this positive energy into the upcoming match on January 18. With the series on the line, the visit highlights the players' deep-rooted faith before returning to the high-pressure environment of the cricket pitch.

## Ujjain to host first Vindhya Herbal Forest Fair during Mahashivratri

### Five-day event to celebrate Ayurveda, forests, and tribal heritage

**Ujjain:** The sacred city of Mahakal, is set to witness a unique blend of tradition, wellness, and environmental awareness with the organization of the first Vindhya Herbal Forest Fair. The Forest Department will organize this five-day fair from February 12 to 16 at Dussehra Maidan, Ujjain, coinciding with the auspicious Mahashivratri festival. The fair is proposed to be inaugurated by the Chief Minister on February 12.

The primary objective of the fair is to connect the general public with forests, environmental conservation, wildlife, Ayurveda, traditional knowledge systems, and tribal culture. Visitors will get an opportunity to explore herbal products, Ayurvedic medicines, forest-product-based handicrafts, and regional delicacies from Madhya Pradesh and other states.

### A Confluence of Heritage, Health, and Herbal Innovation

Ujjain, the historic capital of Emperor Vikramaditya and a global center of timekeeping and astrology, provides a fitting backdrop for this culturally rich event. The fair aims to further enhance the city's cultural identity while promoting sustainable livelihoods.

Over 140 Vindhya Herbal products will be showcased, including Mahua-based body lotion, anti-aging cream, Growvit for children, Mahua Chyawanprash, lab-tested forest honey, and Shilajit. These government-branded products carry special credibility due to Ayurvedic processing and laboratory certification.

The fair will also feature an international herbal workshop, a buyer-seller conference, and free daily consultations by more than 200 Ayurvedic doctors.

## Driver jumps to safety as scrap truck catches fire in Damoh

**Damoh:** A major disaster was averted near Jalhari village in the Jabera police station area on Saturday afternoon when a truck laden with scrap metal suddenly erupted in flames. The vehicle was en route from Chhattisgarh to Delhi when the fire broke out, quickly engulfing the cargo. Upon spotting the smoke and rising flames, the alert driver steered the truck to the side of the road and leaped to safety alongside the conductor just moments before the cabin was consumed.



rescue operation was launched using a JCB to dump the burning scrap onto the roadside, preventing the truck's fuel tank from exploding. While the incident caused brief panic and threatened to stall traffic on the busy route, prompt in-

tervention by the police ensured the road remained clear. Thanks to the combined courage of the local residents and the Jabera police force, the fire was extinguished within an hour, resulting in no casualties and minimal property damage.

## Complete construction works of Simhastha expeditiously: CS

**Ujjain:** Chief Secretary Anurag Jain, reviewed in detail the progress of the PM Pragati development projects and the Simhastha development works projects through video conferencing. Divisional Commissioner Ujjain, Ashish Singh, and Collector Himanshu Chandra were also present in the NIC room in Neemuch during this video conference.

The review spanned numerous developments, including the Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor, several greenfield 4-lane roads, including Indore-Ujjain and essential sewerage works. The Chief Secretary urged district collectors to prioritize land acquisition compensation to prevent delays. Emphasizing speed and coordination, he instructed officials to ensure all projects, particularly those supporting Simhastha, are completed expeditiously and without hurdles.

## Mother arrested for strangling 2-yr-old daughter in fit of rage

**Chhindwara:** A horrific incident has emerged from Parasgaon village, where a mother's momentary loss of control resulted in the death of her two-and-a-half-year-old daughter. The accused, Sangeeta Chauria, was arrested after confessing to the murder of her child, Manjita.

The matter came to light on January 10, when the child's father, Ramdas Chauria, reported the suspicious death to the Chand police. While the case initially seemed routine, a post-mortem examination delivered a shocking revelation: the toddler had been strangled.



Under police interrogation, Sangeeta broke down and admitted to the crime. She claimed she was under immense mental stress caused by the child's persistent crying and tantrums. In

a fit of rage, she used a handkerchief to strangle the girl before suffocating her by hand. The police have registered a case and the accused has been remanded to Chhindwara District Jail.

## Occult rituals and vile retribution: shocker grips Datia



death of Moolchand Kushwaha, when a rival identified as Balli allegedly desecrated Moolchand's funeral pyre. Balli is accused of smearing human ash on his body and stealing a skull bone for tantric rituals. While police swiftly arrested Balli and sent him to jail, the situation took an even darker turn outside the legal system.

Enraged by the desecration, members of the Kushwaha community reportedly took the law into their own hands. Allegations have surfaced that the rival group abducted Balli, tied him up, and subjected him to a brutal assault before forcing him to consume human excreta as a "punishment." Simultaneously, a community "Khap-style" panchayat imposed Rs 5,100 fine and a total social boycott on Balli's family. While Balli claims his actions were a desperate protest against extortion for temple funds, the local community remains tense. Police are now investigating the allegations of dehumanizing torture alongside the initial case of tomb desecration, as this cycle of occultism and mob justice leaves the town in shock.

## Midnight blaze turns fatal: Youth burnt alive in Shahdol

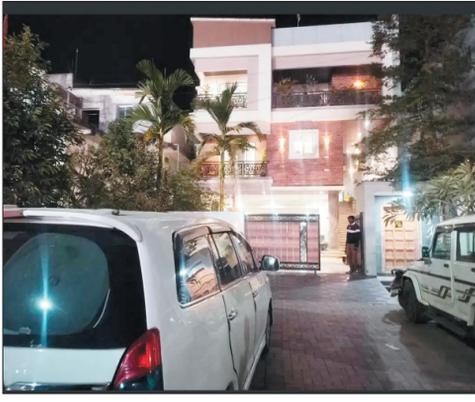
**Shahdol:** A tragic fire at a mud house in Kathautia village claimed the life of a 19-year-old youth, Amit Patel, in the early hours of Sunday. The victim was sleeping in a separate room of the ancestral home when a massive fire broke out, trapping him inside. While his mother, sleeping in an adjacent room, managed a narrow escape and raised an alarm, the flames spread too rapidly for neighbors to rescue the teenager.

By the time villagers could douse the fire, Amit had succumbed to the blaze, and the household belongings were reduced to ashes. Preliminary police investigations suggest that the fire might have been ignited by a coal brazier (angeethi), a candle, or a bidi, as the family was using alternative light and heat sources. Kotwali In-charge Raghendra Tiwari ruled out a short circuit, noting that the house's electricity connection had been disconnected two days prior. A case of accidental fire has been registered, and authorities are examining all angles to determine the exact cause of this heart-wrenching incident that has left the entire village in mourning.

## GST crackdown: Anti-evasion bureau raids construction firms in Balaghat

**Balaghat:** In a high-stakes operation, the Jabalpur Anti-Evasion Bureau conducted late-night raids on two prominent construction firms in Balaghat, sparking intense political speculation. The targeted entities, Harsh Construction and Wainganga Construction, are under scrutiny for alleged large-scale GST evasion. Notably, Harsh Construction is reportedly associated with former minister and current BJP District President Ramkishore Kavre, while Wainganga Construction operates as a partnership firm.

Led by tax officers Ravindra Sanodia and Bajant Sind, a dozen-strong team of officials spent hours combing through financial logs and digital records. While the bureau has maintained a guarded stance, unofficially confirming only the verification of



GST compliance, the scale of the raid suggests substantial discrepancies in tax filings. Given the high-profile political links involved, the operation has sent ripples through the state's political circles. Local experts note that the Anti-Evasion Bureau typically in-

tervenes only when there is credible evidence of significant revenue loss. As the investigation continues, authorities remain tight-lipped, stating that a detailed report on the extent of the suspected tax evasion will be released only after the final audit of the seized documents.

## Villager dies after being electrocuted in field; accused arrested

**Betul:** The Kotwali police have arrested a man in connection with the tragic death of a villager caused by an illegal electric fence. The incident dates back to September 4, 2025, when Sadan Pandram of Jhade village was electrocuted while grazing cattle. He reportedly came into contact with a live wire laid around a field and died instantly.

Following a complaint by the victim's brother, an investigation identified Shivcharan Upase as the culprit. Upase had allegedly installed a bare, electrified wire around his field in Bhogiteda village. After months of searching, police apprehended Upase near Kosmi Dam on January 17, 2026.

The accused, charged under Section 105 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), confessed to the crime during interrogation.