

# Rewa Airport to link with Ring Road via New Highway

**Deputy CM Shukla reviews road widening work**

**Rewa:** In a major move to solidify Rewa's position on the aviation map, Deputy Chief Minister Rajendra Shukla has fast-tracked the widening of the critical arterial road connecting Gurukul Vidyalyaya to Khaira. This project is set to provide seamless, high-speed connectivity between Rewa Airport and the Silpara-Bela Ring Road, transforming the region's logistics and travel infrastructure.

During a high-level review at the Collectorate, Shukla lauded the farmers of Chorghata, Raghunathpur, and Khaira for voluntarily consenting to land acquisition—a gesture he noted would significantly appreciate the value of their remaining holdings. "This road is the missing link for the airport's success," Shukla stated, directing officials to ensure fair compensation is disbursed without delay.



With the Silpara-Bela Ring Road slated for a grand inauguration in April 2026, the administration is working on a war footing to complete this widening project simultaneously. Collector Pratibha Pal

has scheduled special camps on February 9 and 10 to formalize land agreements, ensuring that Rewa's newest "gateway to the skies" is backed by world-class road access.



**Drones mark shift to modern agriculture in Rajgarh**

**Ankuram Farmer Producer Company pioneers large-scale drone spraying**

**Rajgarh:** Under the guidance of Collector Dr. Girish Kumar Mishra, farmers in Rajgarh district are embracing modern agricultural practices, moving beyond traditional methods. Setting a district milestone, Ankuram Farmer Producer Company, Mau, has successfully deployed drone technology to spray crops across 2,500 acres for the first time.

Company director Shyam Rajput said agricultural drones offer practical solutions to long-standing farming challenges. Drone spraying saves significant time, completing tasks in minutes that earlier took hours. Sensor-based technology ensures uniform and precise spraying, reducing pesticide wastage. Drones also enable access to large and dense fields where manual spraying is difficult, while enhancing farmer safety by minimizing exposure to pesticides and hazards such as snakes and scorpions.

# Rewa Lokayukta traps Medical Officer in bribery sting

**BMO caught red-handed**



**Sidhi:** In a stinging blow to institutional corruption, the Rewa Lokayukta Police apprehended Dr. Swatantra Patel, the Block Medical Officer (BMO) of Sihawal, while he was accepting a bribe on Saturday morning. The high-ranking health official was caught red-handed accepting Rs 5,000 to manipulate a legal medical report.

The trap was laid following a complaint by Ankit Shukla, a resident of Mauganj, who had been brutally assaulted a month ago. Seeking justice, Shukla required an accurate medico-legal certificate. However, Dr. Patel allegedly demanded Rs 10,000 to officially categorize the victim's injuries as a "deep wound"—a crucial detail for strengthening the criminal case against the assailants. After desperate negotiations, the bribe was scaled down to Rs 5,000.

Acting on the tip-off, the Lokayukta team orchestrated a clinical trap operation in the Sihawal area, intercepting the doctor the moment the marked currency changed hands. This arrest underscores a disturbing trend of graft within the state's healthcare administration, where even the documentation of physical trauma is being put up for sale. Dr. Patel now faces rigorous prosecution under the Prevention of Corruption Act, marking another successful strike in the ongoing crusade against systemic bribery.

# Indore Forest Division to deploy high-tech 'Drone Squad'

**Sky-high security**

**Indore:** In a major technological leap to protect the "green lungs" of the region, the Indore Forest Division is set to launch a dedicated Drone Squad for round-the-clock aerial surveillance. Spearheaded by DFO Lal Sudhakar Singh, this high-tech initiative aims to eliminate timber smuggling, land encroachment, and poaching across the dense terrains of Indore, Mhow, Manpur, and Choral.



where manual patrolling is challenging. To ensure seamless operations, forest officials and ground staff are undergoing specialized training by expert engineers to master drone maneuvering and real-time data analysis. This "eye-in-the-sky" strategy will provide instant alerts on suspicious activities, allowing rapid response teams to intercept offenders before they can damage forest wealth. By integrating modern aviation with traditional conservation, Indore is setting a new national benchmark for tech-driven wildlife and forest protection.

The squadron will utilize advanced drones capable of navigating inaccessible forest pockets

# MP's daughter scales new heights of Africa's highest peak

**Akanksha Kutumbale conquers Kilimanjaro**

**Indore:** In a stellar display of grit and cultural pride, Indore's Akanksha Kutumbale has etched her name in history by successfully scaling Mount Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak. Standing at 19,341 feet, the summit witnessed the Indian Tricolour fluttering alongside a unique tribute to Indian heritage.

**Defying the elements**

The ascent was a grueling test of endurance. Facing a bone-chilling -12°C and winds whipping at 20 km/h, the civil engineer battled severe oxygen depletion near the summit. Kilimanjaro, the world's



tallest free-standing mountain and a dormant volcano, presents unique geographical challenges



due to its proximity to the equator. Despite breathing difficulties, Akanksha's resolve remained un-

shaken as she reached the "Roof of Africa."

**A cultural milestone**

Upon reaching the peak, Akanksha chose a symbolic gesture to celebrate her victory—donning a traditional Kashmiri Kani saree. This tribute stems from her deep affinity for Jammu & Kashmir, where she completed her mountaineering training.

**A rising star**

This victory follows her successful conquest of Europe's Mount Elbrus last year. With this feat, Akanksha joins an elite group of Indian mountaineers, proving that with technical skill and raw courage, no peak is too high for the daughters of Madhya Pradesh.

# Minister Krishna Gaur reviews arrangements

**Rudraksha Festival at Kubereshwar Dham**

**Sehore:** Minister for Backward Classes and district in-charge Krishna Gaur reviewed preparations for the Rudraksha Festival and Shiv Mahapurana Katha to be held at Kubereshwar Dham. Inspecting the Katha venue, she assessed arrangements point by point and issued necessary instructions to officials, employees, and the organizing committee.



Gaur said that lakhs of devotees are expected to attend the event and stressed that all preparations must be completed within the stipulated time to avoid any inconvenience, disorder, or security issues. She directed the committee to maintain close coordination with the district administration. Officials and representatives of the Kubereshwar Dham committee

apprised her of the arrangements made so far. Reviewing traffic and parking plans, she instructed that congestion must be avoided through proper marking of parking areas, separate zones, smooth vehicle movement, and effective diversion plans with adequate signage. She also emphasized continuous pub-

lic announcements, fire safety measures, and emergency preparedness.

The minister directed officials to ensure adequate drinking water, sanitation, electricity, communication systems, medical facilities, and a fully functional control room, giving top priority to law and order and devotee safety.

# Teen ends life by hanging in Pithampur

**Pithampur:** In Agarwal Colony, Pithampur, 18-year-old Yash Ninama died of suicide by hanging himself in his room. The incident occurred around 9 AM on Saturday morning. His family members found him hanging from a fan and immediately rushed him to the hospital, but he was already dead.

According to the police, Yash, son of Gajar Singh Ninama, was a resident of Manpur. He was currently living with his parents in Agarwal Colony, Dhannad.

After taking him down from the noose, his family members took him to the community health center, where doctors pronounced him dead. The B Sector 1 police station was then informed. The police have registered a case of unnatural death and started investigation.

No suicide note was recovered from the scene, so the reasons for the suicide are not yet known.

# Ujjain Administration clears Dargah encroachments

**Ujjain:** Upholding its stringent policy against unauthorized land occupation, the Ujjain Municipal Corporation conducted a massive demolition drive on Saturday at the 150-year-old Gaib Shah Baba Dargah in the Nazarli Mill Compound. Backed by three JCB machines and a heavy police contingent of 50 personnel, authorities dismantled illegal sheds and boundary walls that had persisted for years despite multiple eviction notices.

The operation, led by senior municipal officials, aimed to restore public land and streamline traffic in the sensitive locality. While the Dargah Committee claimed the fencing was originally provided by the corporation, officials clarified that the structures had expanded beyond legal limits.



The drive received support from the Hindu Jagran Manch, which has voiced concerns over the structure's legitimacy. By prioritizing the rule of law over long-standing encroachments, the administration has sent a clear message: illegal expansions will not be spared, regardless of religious or historical sensitivities. This decisive action ensures the city's infrastructure remains unhindered ahead of the upcoming festival season.

# Air Force Band makes debut at Gwalior Fair

**From stirring patriotic anthems to soulful film melodies, band leaves the audience spellbound**



The Indian Air Force Band created history by performing for the first time at the Gwalior Trade Fair, turning the evening into a powerful blend of patriotism, music, and visual spectacle. The program began with the

ceremonial lighting of the lamp by senior Air Force officers, setting a dignified tone for the event.

Opening with the melodious tune of "Fun Fair," the band soon ignited patriotic fervour with

iconic songs like "Maa Tujhe Salaam" and "Vande Mataram." The atmosphere grew even more charged as "Bharat Humko Jaan Se Pyara Hai" echoed across the fairground, drawing thunderous applause from the crowd.

**Band showcased a softer side**

Adding a pleasant surprise, the band showcased a softer side by performing romantic film songs on the violin, including "Neela Neela Ambar Par," "Raja Jaaneman," and "Ek Pyar Ka Nagma Hai," leaving the audience mesmerised.

# Overloaded School Auto overturns in Damoh

**Half a dozen children, including driver injured**

**Damoh:** A routine school commute nearly turned fatal on Saturday afternoon when an e-rickshaw ferrying students from Guru Nanak Higher Secondary School overturned near the Navjagriti School in the City Kotwali area. The vehicle, reportedly carrying over half a dozen children, lost control and flipped as classes were dismissed for the day, leaving six students and the driver with significant injuries.

Panicked bystanders and school staff, including Principal Mrs. Harsha Hazari and senior teacher Aadesh Pandey, rushed to the scene to rescue



the trapped children. Among those seriously injured are Sajal Jain (Class 5) and Rashi Shilpkar (Class 9), who sustained deep lacerations to their heads and limbs. The victims were immediately rushed to a nearby private hospital, where they are currently undergoing treatment.

The driver, who also sustained serious injuries, allegedly fled the scene before police arrived. This incident has reignited the debate over student safety in Damoh, following a recent ban on e-rickshaws for school transport in other parts of Madhya Pradesh due to their lack of stability. Local authorities have registered a case and are investigating whether the vehicle was dangerously overloaded at the time of the crash.

# 80 dumpers carrying illegally mined boulders seized in Bilaua

**Gwalior:** Acting on the instructions of Collector Ruchika Chauhan, a joint team of the district administration and the mining department carried out a raid in the Bilaua area and seized 80 dumpers carrying illegally mined boulders from various locations.



The inspection was led by Deputy Collector Anil Raghav, who was deputed to probe complaints of illegal mining. During the inspection, large quantities of boulders were found stored without authorization, following which the mining department seized the material.

A dispute arose at one of

the inspection sites, prompting the administration to take immediate action. Deputy Collector Raghav ordered a halt to mining activities at the site and initiated an inquiry into the matter. The mine operator has been directed to keep all operations sus-

pending until the inquiry is completed.

Revenue officer Mastram Gurjar, the concerned revenue inspector, local patwari, mining officials Ghanshyam Singh Yadav and Prashant, along with police personnel, were present during the operation.

# Gwalior's Hazira flyover revised to protect historic tomb

**Heritage meets progress**

**Gwalior:** In a landmark decision balancing urban modernization with heritage preservation, the National Monuments Authority (NMA) has greenlit the construction of the Hazira Flyover. The project, which will span from Hazira Bridge to Manoranjanalaya Ground, underwent a significant design overhaul to protect the visual integrity of the iconic Mughal-era Tomb of Mohammad Ghaus.

To address archaeological concerns, the flyover's height has been reduced from the proposed 10 meters to 8 meters. The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) will strictly oversee the construction, with the Regional Director (Central) ensuring that the historic site



remains unharmed. While the project promises to decongest one of Gwalior's busiest corridors, it faces a tough administrative challenge: an estimated 70 to 75 shops and houses must be cleared to make way for the structure. Local traders, whose livelihoods depend on

this bustling sub-city market, have expressed deep concern over the displacement. However, officials maintain that the revised plan is the only way to modernize Gwalior's infrastructure while honoring its status as a city of deep historical significance.

# Teacher booked for showing obscene video to minor

**Narmadapuram:** A government school teacher allegedly showed obscene films to a minor student on his mobile phone in Kathi village of Piplariya, Narmadapuram district. The police have registered a case against the teacher under the POCSO Act and launched an investigation.

The government primary school teacher Tikaram Prajapati is accused of showing obscene videos to a 13-year-old girl on his mobile phone. This action was taken at the Mangalwara police station in Piplariya.

The mother of the minor girl has alleged in her complaint that the teacher committed indecent acts with her daughter.