

Govt to provide Rs 4,000 Life-Saving

- Vaccine free of cost
- Girls aged 14 to receive vaccination to combat cervical cancer
- CM virtually launches statewide 3-month health campaign from Delhi

Bhopal: In a landmark move for women's healthcare, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav on Saturday virtually launched a statewide Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign from New Delhi. This initiative aims to protect nearly 8 lakh adolescent girls across Madhya Pradesh from cervical cancer—the second most common cancer among women in India—by providing a life-saving vaccine that costs approximately Rs 4,000 in the open market, absolutely free of charge.

Targeting a cancer-free future
The three-month-long campaign focuses on girls aged 14 to 15. Specifically, those who have completed their 14th year but have not yet turned 15 are eligible for the single-dose vaccine. The Center has



already dispatched 7.58 lakh doses to the state to meet this goal. Speaking at the launch, Deputy CM Rajendra Shukla emphasized that prevention is the most powerful tool against a disease with a prevalence rate of 156 per lakh women. "Our mission is a cervical cancer-

free Madhya Pradesh," he stated at the inaugural event held at Katju Hospital, Bhopal.

Mission Madhuhari: A lifeline for Type-1 Diabetes
Parallel to the vaccination drive,

the government also rolled out Mission Madhuhari across 16 districts. This initiative establishes dedicated weekly clinics in district hospitals to support children and youth battling Type-1 diabetes. These clinics will provide a "one-stop shop" for insulin distribution, expert consultations, and blood glucose testing.

During the launch, five girls were presented with comprehensive Type-1 diabetes kits, including glucometers and test strips, to empower them in managing their condition.

Vaccination protocols and timeline

The HPV vaccination sessions will be conducted daily from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM across 471 designated government health centers. While the government strongly encourages participation to ensure a healthy future for the next generation, the vaccination remains voluntary and requires mandatory parental consent. With this dual-pronged attack on cancer and diabetes, Madhya Pradesh is setting a high bar for preventive public health in India.

State now has 48 Cheetahs, 28 cubs born in India

- Project Cheetah' earns MP global recognition as 'Cheetah State': CM Yadav
- CM expresses gratitude to Union Forest Minister

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav expressed immense joy over the release of nine cheetahs (six females and three males) brought from Botswana at Kuno National Park in Sheopur on Saturday. He said that he wished to personally witness this proud moment but was unable to attend as he was in New Delhi due to ongoing commitments related to the State's development works and pub-

lic welfare initiatives. Chief Minister Dr. Yadav stated that 'Project Cheetah', launched under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is giving Madhya Pradesh global recognition as the 'Cheetah State'. He also conveyed his heartfelt gratitude to Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Bhupendra Patel, for successfully releasing the cheetahs at Kuno.

Chief Minister Dr. Yadav said that this achievement marks a significant milestone for both the State and the nation in the field of wildlife conservation. He extended his heartfelt congratulations and best wishes to the people of the State and the entire team involved in this significant effort.

CM Yadav extends greetings on National Science Day

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has extended his heartfelt greetings and best wishes on the occasion of National Science Day. He said that on this day in 1928, the world was introduced to the discovery of the 'Raman Effect' by the eminent scientist C. V. Raman. This groundbreaking discovery gave a new direction to the world of science, and in commemoration of this achievement, 28 February is observed as National Science Day across the country. He stated that the objective of National Science Day is to promote awareness about science in society and to develop a scientific temper. The occasion will continue to inspire talented individuals dedicated to science to work for the welfare of the world.

CM Mohan Yadav and State BJP Chief meet BJP National President



New Delhi/Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav and MP BJP President Hemant Khandelwal met National President Nitin Nabin today.

This strategic high-level huddle focused on state development and key organizational appointments.

Delhi summons Kailash Vijayvargiya

High-Stakes Huddle Sparks Reshuffle Rumors

Bhopal/New Delhi: A seismic political shift appears imminent in Madhya Pradesh as heavy-weight minister Kailash Vijayvargiya was abruptly summoned to the national capital for a late-night meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The urgency of the visit—forcing Vijayvargiya to depart Bhopal at a moment's notice—has fueled intense speculation regarding the central leadership's dissatisfaction with his recent veiled critiques of the state administration. During the recent Assembly session, Vijayvargiya's pointed remarks concerning the delay in city master plans and his unfavorable comparison of the government secretariat to the assem-



CM Yadav & State BJP Chief hold high-level talks with Amit Shah

bly staff were reportedly viewed as a direct challenge to Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Ya-

dav's authority. Simultaneously, CM Dr. Mohan Yadav and BJP State President Hemant Khandelwal held high-level deliberations with Shah and National President Nitin Nabin. The gravity of these meetings was underscored by the Chief Minister's absence from the high-profile Cheetah release in Kuno, prioritizing the Delhi parley instead. Insiders suggest the discussions centered on a looming cabinet "cleansing," where non-performing ministers or those creating internal friction may be shown the door. Beyond a potential reshuffle, the leadership is likely finalizing the long-pending list for political appointments to state corporations and boards, expected to be unveiled post-Holi. As the dust settles on the budget session, these coordinated meetings in Delhi signal a major administrative and organizational overhaul, aimed at tightening discipline and rewarding performance within the MP government.

Vaccinate daughters to make MP cervical cancer-free: Dy CM Shukla

Sagar: In a decisive move to safeguard the health of the next generation, Deputy Chief Minister and District In-charge Rajendra Shukla launched the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination campaign in Gadhakota during the grand finale of the three-day Rahas Mela. Marking the district's first immunization, ninth-grade student Gungun Dubey received the vaccine under a state-wide initiative championed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and CM Dr. Mohan Yadav. Minister Shukla issued a stirring appeal to citizens, urging them to ensure every girl aged 14 and 15 is vaccinated to realize the vision of a "Cervical Cancer-Free Madhya Pradesh."

Launches vaccination drive at Rahas Mela



Deputy CM announced that the state will soon fill all vacant posi-

tions for doctors and paramedical staff to bolster the healthcare infrastructure.

He also lauded MLA Gopal Bhargava for preserving the historic Rahas Mela, which has evolved into a powerhouse for "Antyodaya," providing employment letters, disability certificates, and welfare benefits under one roof. The event also highlighted bovine welfare, with Shukla advocating for the protection of cows as the cornerstone of India's prosperity. By integrating traditional cultural heritage with modern medical advancements and direct governance, the summit reaffirmed the government's commitment to holistic rural development and a healthier, more resilient society.

Notice issued to officers including Chief Secretary

Indore: The Indore bench of the High Court has taken suo motu cognizance of the death of 17 out of 86 children sent from Yugpurusha Ashram in Indore to Sevadham Ashram in Ujjain and directed the matter to be registered as a Public Interest Litigation (PIL). The court has issued notices to the Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary of the Women and Child Development Department, Ujjain District Women and Child Development Officer and the Superintendent of Sevadham Ashram and sought a reply by March 12.

The Sevadham Ashram, located in Ujjain's Ambodia village, houses the destitute, the elderly, and the mentally and physically disabled. Currently, there are 1,200 such peo-

ple, including women, children, and the elderly. Questions have been raised from time to time about deaths and other irregularities at this ashram. A similar case has now surfaced again. 86 children were shifted from the closed Yugpurusha Ashram in Indore to the Sevadham Ashram in Ujjain for better care after the deaths of 10 children.

Of these 86 children, 17 died. Shockingly, the cause of death for all was the same: respiratory problems. This was revealed by examining the records of the Ujjain District Hospital and the electric crematorium. Following the incident, the High Court took suo motu cognizance and issued notices to the relevant authorities.

Punctuality raids, high fashion, and political posturing

Whispers from the Ministry

By Kanhaiya Lodhi

The corridors of power in Bhopal are buzzing with more than just official business this week. From surprise disciplinary crackdowns to sartorial shifts in the Assembly, here is the latest inside scoop from the Secretariat.

The great punctuality raid

The General Administration Department (GAD) recently launched a "stealth raid" at the Ministry to catch late-comers. Caught off-guard, many officials were found trickling in well past the starting bell. While the move aimed to instill discipline, it has

sparked a heated debate among the staff. Disgruntled employees argue that while showing up on time is important, "efficiency and output" should be the real benchmarks of an ideal civil servant, not just the punch-in time.

Three outfits, one session

A certain Minister of State became the talk of the House—not for her legislative interventions, but for her rapid-fire fashion changes. As the Assembly session stretched late into the evening, the Minister was spotted in three distinct ensembles: one for the morning, another for the afternoon, and a final color-coordinated saree for the night session. In the high-stakes world of politics, her

"runway-ready" approach did not go unnoticed by eagle-eyed observers.

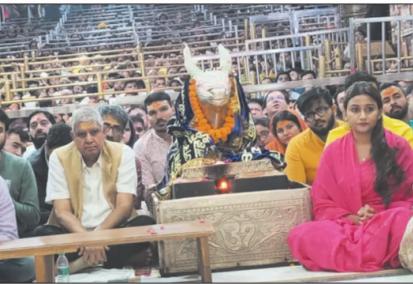
Early stakes and stage frights

Political maneuvering is peaking even without an election on the horizon. A heavyweight former minister, currently sidelined, has suddenly "thrown his hat in the ring" for a future contest. Speculation suggests this preemptive strike is a move to avoid being "shipped off" to a Delhi-based role. Meanwhile, Rahul Gandhi's recent 'Kisan Chaupal' in the capital left local leaders divided; while those who managed to squeeze onto the overcrowded stage were beaming, those left in the wings were seen wearing their disappointment quite literally on their sleeves.

Former Vice President Dhankhar participated in Bhasma Aarti of Lord Mahakaleshwar

Ujjain: Former Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar today participated in the early morning Bhasma Aarti at the Jyotirlinga Lord Mahakaleshwar Temple in Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh and performed puja and darshan as per the rituals.

On behalf of Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple Management Committee, Assistant Administrator Moolchand Junwal welcomed and felicitated Dhankhar.



After offering prayers at Lord Mahakaleshwar, former President

Dhankhar stated during a discussion that positive changes are taking place in India, reflecting our mindset from thousands of years ago. He expressed his appreciation for the religious development and maintenance of the temple on Saturday. He expressed his appreciation for the dedication, simplicity, and tolerance of the Mahakaleshwar Temple administration.

Indore to kickstart Rural Transport Revolution: Transport Minister UP Singh

200 new schools announced
Sagar: In a significant push for rural connectivity and educational reform, Madhya Pradesh School Education and Transport Minister Uday Pratap Singh announced that a robust rural transport service will debut in Indore this April. Speaking at the historic three-day Rahas Mela in Gadhakota, Singh revealed that the initiative aims to bridge the urban-rural divide, with plans to scale the model across the entire state progressively. Education also took center stage as the Minister unveiled a Rs 20 crore plan to establish 200 new "Sandipani" schools, including a flagship institution in Shahpur. "Our mission is to end the migration of students from government to private sectors by offering superior quality education that rivals any elite institution," Singh asserted.

The Rahas Mela, described by MLA and former minister Gopal Bhargava as a "multi-purpose hub," integrated governance with community service. A dedicated Divyang Training Seva Camp marked the fair's second day, resulting in the issuance of over 1,500 disability certificates and the distribution of essential assistive equipment. Bhargava noted that the Rahi assembly constituency's rapid development is a direct result of these educational and social interventions, which are now empowering local students to secure high-ranking positions nationwide.

MP swelters in February as Holi weather shift looms

Mercury rising

Bhopal: February in Madhya Pradesh has been a month of startling atmospheric mood swings. From sudden hailstorms and unseasonal rains to a blistering heatwave that feels more like late April, the state has already seen four distinct weather transitions this month. As February bows out, temperatures in many districts have breached the 34°C mark, with Khargone recording a scorching 34.8°C.

April heat in February

The abrupt cessation of rain and hail has allowed a heatwave to tighten its grip across the state. While Bhopal recorded a high of 32.4°C, other major hubs like Gwalior and Ujjain saw the mer-



cury hovering near 33°C. Night temperatures, too, offer little respite, staying between 16°C and 18°C in most areas, signaling an early and aggressive onset of summer.

Western disturbance to dampen Holi?

The Meteorological Department

warns that this dry heat might be interrupted just in time for the festival of colors. A fresh Western Disturbance is expected to become active over the Himalayan region on March 2, potentially clouding the skies over Madhya Pradesh by Holi (March 4). The Gwalior-Chambal belt is particularly at risk of strong winds, cloudy weather, and light showers. While the current cyclonic circulations have kept the state mostly clear and hot for now, the incoming system could disrupt the festive cheer. Farmers, already reeling from four bouts of hailstorms that damaged crops earlier this month, remain on edge as the volatile February weather pattern threatens to extend into March.

Rs 2.79 crore fraud unearthed as officials and millers booked

Balaghat paddy scam

Bhopal: The Economic Offences Wing (EOW) has struck a blow against corruption in Balaghat, registering a high-stakes case (Crime No. 39/2026) involving the embezzlement of government paddy worth Rs 2.79 crore. The investigation nails a collaborative nexus between officials from MARK-FED, the Civil Supplies Corporation (NAN), and the operators of Kosmi-based Sachdev Rice Mill. **The paper trail to deception:** The scam, spanning December 2023 to September 2024, began unraveling at the Rajegaon Integrated Checkpost near the Maharashtra border. Two trucks, allegedly transporting paddy from the Paraswada camp to Kosmi, were intercepted in a suspicious detour toward the state border. Probing deeper, investigators found that the mill's capacity was fraudulently inflated to 6 metric tonnes per hour in official contracts, despite its actual limit being just 4 tonnes. This "ghost milling" was further exposed by electricity bills, which showed power consumption at less than half of what was required for the reported production.