

Perform or exit: CM Yadav issues strict ultimatum to District Collectors

Bhopal: In a high-stakes virtual review on Thursday, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav sent a clear message to the state's bureaucracy: results are non-negotiable. "Only those Collectors who deliver performance and results will remain in the field," the CM asserted, emphasizing that accountability applies to every official under the Madhya Pradesh government.

Smooth wheat procurement a top priority

With Madhya Pradesh observing 2026 as the 'Farmer Welfare Year,' the CM directed Collectors to ensure a hassle-free wheat procurement process.

Procurement Schedule: March 16 to May 5 for Indore, Ujjain, Bhopal, and Narmadapuram; March 23 to May 12 for remaining divisions.

Farmer Support: Registration is open until March 7. Collectors



must guarantee 100% availability of gunny bags and timely payments to farmers.

Governance, discipline, and accountability

Dr. Yadav introduced a stern

warning regarding office discipline. Following a surprise inspection at the Mantralaya, he directed Collectors to conduct similar raids at district levels to ensure staff adhere to office hours. "If punctuality doesn't improve, the state may revert to a 6-

day work week," he warned.

Key directives for district heads:

Education: Mandatory surprise inspections of schools, hostels, and universities to ensure smooth examinations.

Gulf Crisis: Maintain constant communication with the families of MP residents stranded in Gulf countries due to current Middle East tensions.

Combating Fake News: Immediate and effective rebuttal of misinformation or rumors circulating on social media at the district level.

Public Welfare: Intensive monitoring of the 'Sankalp se Samadhan' campaign, which has already resolved 40 lakh applications.

The CM concluded by encouraging innovation at the local level, particularly in promoting home-stays and honoring achievers in agriculture and animal husbandry during traditional fairs.

May colors of Holi radiate happiness and success in every household: CM Yadav

Dr. Mohan Yadav hosts Grand Holi Milan at CM House



Bhopal: The spirit of joy and brotherhood filled the air at the Chief Minister's residence on Thursday as Dr. Mohan Yadav hosted a magnificent Holi Milan ceremony. Welcoming saints, dignitaries, and citizens with open arms, the Chief Minister extended his heartfelt wishes, praying that the festival brings colors of peace, prosperity, and unity to every household in Madhya Pradesh. As flowers and gulal rained upon the guests, Dr. Yadav embraced his role as the gracious host, receiving bless-

ings from spiritual leaders and sharing festive greetings with prominent figures, including State Minister Narendra Shivaji Patel and MP Vishnu Dutt Sharma.

The atmosphere was transformed into a mini-Braj as the captivating beats of traditional folk music and the grace of the 'Mayur Dance' enthralled the audience. Dr. Yadav even joined the per- formers on stage, matching their rhythm on traditional instruments as timeless classics like "Aaj Braj Mein Holi Re Rasiya" echoed through the venue. The celebration was a perfect blend of culture and camaraderie, where senior officials, media representatives, and citizens celebrated with refined elegance. Guests were treated to a feast of traditional delicacies, including gujiya and thandai, marking a memorable afternoon of cultural immersion.

Shujalpur Municipal Council's Centenary is celebration of citizens' honor: CM Yadav

- CM marks Shujalpur's 100 years of service
- Approves Rs 5 crore for new building and development

Shujalpur: Shujalpur marked a historic milestone on Thursday as Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav virtually inaugurated the centenary celebrations of the Shujalpur Municipal Council. Commemorating a century of public service since its inception in 1926, the Chief Minister hailed the occasion as a festival of collective pride for every citizen. To catalyze the town's next phase of growth, Dr. Yadav sanctioned a ₹5 crore development package, in-

cluding ₹3 crore for a state-of-the-art municipal building and ₹2 crore for vital road infrastructure.

Reflecting on the town's heroic past, the CM invoked the legacy of Ranoji Shinde and the strategic vision of Peshwa Bajirao I, emphasizing that Shujalpur is now emerging as a modern model of development. Beyond infrastructure, the government is investing ₹21.55 crore to rejuvenate the Jamghad River and ₹12 crore for the AMRUT 2.0 water scheme. Addressing the gathering alongside Higher Education Minister Inder Singh Parmar, Dr. Yadav urged residents to embrace "Jan Bhagidari" (public participation) to propel Shujalpur toward new heights of cleanliness and urban innovation.

International wrestler Priyanshi Prajapati returns safely from Albania



Bhopal: The efforts of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav have ensured the safe return of the state's international wrestler, Ms. Priyanshi Prajapati. The Chief Minister congratulated her on winning the silver medal at the World Wrestling Championship Ranking Series held in Tirana, Albania.

The Chief Minister spoke with Priyanshi's father, Mukesh Prajapati, via video call. Prajapati expressed his gratitude to the Chief Minister for his support in his daughter's safe

return. In the competition held in Albania from the last week of February 2026 to February 28, Priyanshi won her bout on February 26, defeating wrestlers from Kazakhstan, the United States, and Albania. She performed brilliantly and earned the silver medal. Previously, she had also brought honor to the country and the state by winning the gold medal in the Asian Series.

Following the competition, Priyanshi and the athletes accompanying her were stranded in the Middle East due to the escalating war tensions in the region. In this situation, the Chief Minister provided the necessary resources for their safe return. It is noteworthy that the Chief Minister had previously provided financial assistance to him while he was the President of the Madhya Pradesh Wrestling Association.

MP establishes war-room to evacuate citizens from Middle East

Bhopal: As the shadows of war deepen over the Middle East, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has launched a high-priority rescue mission to ensure the safety of state residents caught in the crossfire. Praising Prime Minister Narendra Modi's "proven expertise in navigating global crises," Dr. Yadav announced the establishment of a dedicated 24/7 emergency control room at Madhya Pradesh Bhawan in New Delhi to coordinate with the Ministry of External Affairs.

A lifeline for stranded families: The state's response is already in full swing, with over 50 families having registered for assistance so far. A specialized team from the Home Department and the Office of the Residential Commissioner is working round-the-clock to track students, professionals, and tourists currently in the conflict zone. Beyond mere evacuation, the state is ensuring that those awaiting

repatriation have immediate access to food, shelter, and essential supplies through diplomatic channels.

How to reach the MP helpdesk: The government has urged worried families to maintain faith in the system and utilize the following official "Direct Support Channels" to register their loved ones:

Emergency Hotline: 011-26772005

WhatsApp Support: 9818963273

Official Email: mphelpdeskgulf@gmail.com

Local Assistance: Dial the CM Helpline at 181 "Our government is fully alert and sensitive to every single distress call," Dr. Yadav stated, noting that Union Home Minister Amit Shah is personally reviewing the situation. He reassured the public that, just as in past international crises, India's robust diplomatic machinery is moving swiftly to bring every citizen back to their homeland safely.

Patwari writes to PM over vacancies in MP agricultural department

By Special Correspondent

Bhopal: Madhya Pradesh Congress president Jitendra (Jeetu) Patwari has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighting the deteriorating condition of the State's agricultural administration and the large number of vacant posts in departments linked to farming. He termed the situation contradictory to the State government's declaration of 2026 as "Krishak Kalyan Varsh" (Farmers' Welfare Year).

In his letter, Patwari stated that Madhya Pradesh is often described as an agriculture-dominated state, yet the sec-



tor is struggling under administrative neglect. According to official figures, 8,468 of the 14,537 sanctioned posts in the Agriculture Depart-

ment are vacant nearly 60 per cent of the workforce.

He added that several allied departments are also facing severe shortages of staff. Hundreds of posts remain vacant in the fisheries, horticulture, animal husbandry and dairy departments, while the cooperative and food administration systems are also understaffed.

Patwari urged the Prime Minister to review the vacancies, direct the State government to begin recruitment and strengthen institutional capacity for effective implementation of agricultural schemes.

Pachmarhi: India's first hill station to win 'Green Destination' honors

Makes global history

Bhopal/Berlin: In a landmark moment for Indian tourism, Pachmarhi has been crowned with the prestigious 'Green Destinations Bronze' certificate at the ITB Berlin Travel Mart in Germany. This international distinction makes the "Queen of Satpura" the first hill station in India to be globally recognized for its commitment to sustainable and responsible tourism.

A vision for sustainable travel: The award, conferred by the Netherlands-based Green Destinations Foundation (accredited by the Global Sustainable Tourism Council), marks a golden chapter under the leadership of Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav. Ujjain Commissioner Ashish Singh (IAS) accepted the honor on behalf of the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, signaling the state's rise as a global leader in eco-conscious travel.

Excellence in conservation: Tourism Minister Dharmendra Lodhi hailed the achievement as proof that Madhya Pradesh is suc-



cessfully balancing rapid development with environmental and cultural preservation. Managing Director of the Tourism Board, Dr. Ilayaraja T, highlighted that the certification validates Pachmarhi's excellence in:
✓ Heritage Conservation & Local Culture.
✓ Waste & Energy Management.
✓ Climate Protection strategies.
The path to bronze: This global recognition was no overnight feat. Following a strategic

workshop in November 2025, the MPTB conducted rigorous fieldwork and data collection, culminating in a successful on-site audit by international experts in February 2026. By setting a gold standard for ecotourism, Pachmarhi is now positioned as a premier destination for international travelers seeking authentic, sustainable experiences, serving as a blueprint for hill stations across the country.

IAS Rajesh Rajoura appointed acting CS for 5 days as Anurag Jain takes leave

Bhopal: In a significant administrative reshuffle, the Madhya Pradesh government has handed the additional charge of Chief Secretary to Additional Chief Secretary (ACS) Rajesh Rajoura for the next five days. The official order, issued this Thursday, comes as current Chief Secretary Anurag Jain proceeds on bereavement leave following the passing of his father-in-law. Rajoura, a seasoned 1990-batch IAS officer with extensive experience as Collector in key districts like Indore and Ujjain, currently stands as the most senior official in the state hierarchy during Jain's absence.



critical departments including Home, Agriculture, and Industry, Rajoura's temporary elevation underscores his pivotal role in the state's governance framework until Jain resumes his duties early next week.

Chief Secretary Anurag Jain, a 1989-batch officer renowned for his financial expertise and tenure in central ministries, is currently serving a one-year extension granted by Chief Minister Mohan Yadav. While Rajoura had previously been a top contender for the permanent post, his current appointment ensures administrative continuity in the state's highest bureaucratic office. Having steered

52kg gold and cash seized from ex-constable to enter state treasury

Rs 100-crore takedown

Bhopal: In a major blow to illegal wealth hoarding, 52 kilograms of gold and crores in cash—together valued at approximately Rs 100 crore—are set to be officially deposited into the government treasury. The high-profile case centers on former RTO constable Saurabh Sharma and his associate, who were implicated after authorities discovered the massive haul hidden in an abandoned vehicle in Mendori nearly a year ago. The Adjudicating Authority of the Benami Prohibition Unit has recently validated the action taken by the Income Tax Department, identifying Sharma as the true owner of the assets.

The seizure, which originally took place on the night of December 18, 2024, followed coordinated raids by the



confiscation of the "proceeds of crime." This landmark decision marks the final stage in transferring these vast "benami" holdings into public coffers, underscoring a zero-tolerance policy toward administrative corruption and money laundering.

Lokayukta, ED, and Income Tax teams.

While Sharma, a former millionaire constable, remains under intense legal scrutiny, the authority's latest ruling paves the way for the immediate perma-

Cannibalistic Horror in Damoh

Damoh: A wave of terror swept through Damoh on Thursday as a 16-year-old boy, Bharat Vishwakarma, was brutally murdered in a chilling act of savagery that has stunned the nation. Bharat was traveling to his sister's home for Bhai Dooj when he was ambushed near Samanna village by Gudda Patel, a notorious convict who had previously served twenty years for beheading his own wife. In a scene described by traumatized witnesses as "beyond human comprehension," Patel allegedly crushed the teenager's skull with a hammer before drinking his blood and attempting to consume his flesh.

Local residents revealed that Patel was obsessed with black

magic, frequently raiding graveyards for bones and seeking to become a "tantric."

After the gruesome assault, the suspect fled into nearby fields, where he was eventually cornered and subdued by an angry mob and police teams led by CSP H.R. Pandey. Despite attempting to attack the officers, Patel was taken into custody after a tense standoff. Authorities have moved the suspect for psychiatric evaluation, while the village remains under heavy police presence. This horrific incident has left the local community in a state of absolute shock, raising serious questions about the mental health monitoring of violent offenders after their release from prison.

Madhya Pradesh Cops awarded Rs 15 lakh for capturing high-profile Naxalites

Chitrangi SDOP Rahul Kumar bags Rs 1 Lakh award

Singrauli: In a major recognition of bravery and strategic excellence, the Director General of Police (DGP) of Madhya Pradesh has awarded a total of Rs 15 lakh to 34 police personnel for the successful capture of dreaded members of the banned CPI (Maoist) organization. Highlighting the honors is Chitrangi SDOP Rahul Kumar Saiyam, who received a prestigious Rs 1 lakh cash prize for his outstanding role in the operation.

The awards stem from a



high-stakes intelligence-led

mission on August 21, 2023, in Jabalpur, which led to the arrest of Telangana-native Ashok Reddy—a Special Zonal Committee member and Mass Organization In-charge—and Chhattisgarh-based Area Committee member Kumar Potai. The operation, executed with clinical precision by the MP ATS and Hawk Force, neutralized a significant

threat to

regional security. By honoring these officers, the Police Headquarters has sent a clear message of appreciation for the courage and professional proficiency displayed by the force. This achievement is being hailed as a moment of immense pride for Madhya Pradesh Police, reaffirming their commitment to dismantling insurgent networks and maintaining law and order across the

MP Govt confirms ample stocks of Petrol, Diesel, and LPG

Bhopal: Amid fluctuating international scenarios, the Madhya Pradesh government has moved swiftly to reassure the public that the state maintains an abundant supply of essential petroleum products. During a high-level review meeting held at the Mantralaya on Thursday, Additional Chief Secretary (Food) Rashmi Arun Shami confirmed that petrol, diesel, and LPG stocks are well above current consumption requirements. Acting on directives from Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav and Food Minister Govind Singh Rajput, officials met with oil company representatives to audit existing inventories and distribution channels.