

Ramlila artist snared in Rs 12 lakh honeytrap in Gwalior

● Police arrest family of four

Gwalior: In a disturbing case of betrayal and extortion, Gwalior's Padav Police have dismantled a sophisticated "family-run" honey-trap syndicate. The gang, consisting of a woman, her husband, daughter, and son-in-law, was arrested for allegedly swindling a Rajasthan-based businessman of gold jewelry worth Rs 12 lakh.

A stage-managed deception

The victim, Bharat Kumar Bhutani, a resident of Kota and an auto-parts businessman, is a regular cultural visitor to Gwalior, where he portrays the character of 'Kevat' in the annual Ramlila. During his eight-day stay, he befriended



ed a woman named Rita Arya. Exploiting this trust, Rita invited Bhutani to her Gandhi Nagar residence for a casual visit.

The hospitality was a front for a

sinister ambush. Once inside, Rita suddenly disrobed and began screaming, while her family members—who were hidden in the house—emerged to film the staged

encounter. Paralyzed by the threat of public shaming and a false police case, Bhutani was coerced into surrendering all his ornaments before the gang fled.

Justice for the victim

After the businessman approached the authorities, the Padav Police launched a manhunt. Although the suspects initially locked their flat and went into hiding, they were eventually tracked down and apprehended in the Kanch Mill area. The arrested quartet includes Rita Arya, her husband Rajendra Bundela, daughter Nidhi, and son-in-law Vishal. Investigators are now probing the group's history to identify other victims who may have been silenced by similar blackmail tactics.

Axe-wielding drunk torches own house

▶ Chases neighbors away in Singrauli



Singrauli: A domestic conflict took a terrifying turn in the Pedtali village of Morwa on Friday night when a man, reportedly in an inebriated state, set his own house ablaze. The incident occurred around 1:00 AM following a series of violent altercations between Ramnaresh Prajapati and his wife, Amrauti Devi. Earlier that week, Amrauti had fled to a neighbor's house with her children after a brutal assault left her with head injuries.

The situation escalated when Ramnaresh piled clothes inside the house and ignited them, before setting the southern wing of the residence on fire. As neighbors rushed to extinguish the flames, the suspect reportedly

charged at them with an axe and other sharp weapons, thwarting their rescue efforts. Panicked, Ramnaresh's son raced to the Morwa police station for help. Acting swiftly, local police and the fire brigade arrived at the scene, battling the inferno and preventing it from spreading to nearby dwellings. While the property sustained significant damage, no casualties were reported. Amrauti Devi has since detailed a history of chronic alcohol abuse and domestic violence to authorities. The Morwa police have registered a case and are currently investigating the matter to ensure legal action is taken against the perpetrator.

5 wagons jump tracks: Rail traffic paralyzed

● Coal freight derails near Katni Station

Katni: A major rail mishap disrupted the Bilaspur-Bina section on Saturday after five wagons of a coal-laden freight train jumped the tracks near Katni railway station. The derailment occurred at Babaghat, situated between New Katni Junction (NKJ) and the main station, while the train was transporting coal from Shahdol. The impact was severe enough to reportedly damage sections of the track, sending mounds of coal spilling across the line.

The incident triggered an immediate logistics crisis, halting several passenger and goods trains at various stations along the route. Railway officials rushed to the spot to initiate a massive restoration operation. Specialized teams from Jabalpur have been deployed to re-rail the derailed wagons using heavy-duty



cranes, while laborers and machinery work frantically to clear the spilled debris. To expedite the process, the affected wagons are being detached and emptied of their remaining cargo. While the Bilaspur-Shahdol-Mudwara corridor remains currently blocked, causing significant

inconvenience to stranded passengers, authorities are working on a war footing to repair the fractured rails. Senior officials confirmed that a high-level inquiry will be conducted to determine the cause of the derailment, whether due to mechanical failure or track fatigue.

Two youths die as unknown vehicle hits bike

Morena: Two young men riding a motorcycle died on the spot in a horrific road accident in Morena district, Madhya Pradesh.

According to Sabalgarh police sources, the accident occurred late Friday night. Deepak Jatav and Sanjay Kushwaha, residents of Nepri village, were returning to their village from Benipura on their bike when an unknown vehicle struck their motorcycle near Pahari Pasaun village. The impact was so severe that both youths died on the spot.

Upon receiving the information, police arrived at the scene and sent the bodies for post-mortem examination. On Saturday, the police handed over the bodies to their families. Police have registered a case and begun searching for the vehicle and driver.

Art of living concludes meditation retreat in Damoh



● Inner peace discovered

Damoh: Under the spiritual guidance of Gurudev Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, a transformative four-day Advanced Meditation Program concluded successfully at Hotel Golden Tree, Damoh. Led by senior international instructor Prashant Asati, over 36 participants from across the region embraced

three days of deep silence. Through rigorous practice of Yoga, Pranayama, and profound meditation techniques, attendees explored their inner consciousness to achieve mental clarity.

The retreat culminated in a palpable sense of joy and serenity, with participants praising the local Art of Living team for facilitating a life-altering journey toward blissful and stress-free living.

Dispute over bicycle money turns fatal, woman beaten to death

Betul: A domestic dispute over money for a bicycle ended in tragedy in Betul district, where a woman was allegedly beaten to death by her husband. Police have arrested the accused.

According to police, the incident took place late on the night of March 4 in Kheda Dhana village under the Shahpur police station area. The accused, identified as Sudhakar Darshima, reportedly demanded money from his wife Kavita to buy a bicycle for their son, Kunal. An argument broke out between the couple over the issue, which soon escalated into a heated confrontation.

Police said the accused allegedly assaulted his wife with fists and a belt in a fit of rage. Kavita sustained severe injuries on the back of her head, face, back, and legs. Due to the seriousness of the injuries, she died shortly after the assault.

Indore Head Constable under fire for birthday video with habitual offender

Indore: At a time when the city police are touting a "zero-tolerance" policy against criminals, a controversial video featuring a uniformed officer celebrating his birthday with known history-sheeters has sent the department into damage-control mode. The footage, which has gone viral on social media, shows Head Constable Jitu Sardar, posted at Parde shipura Police Station, posing for a "photoshoot" and accepting bouquets from Akrat Boyat, his twin Ayush, and their uncle Vikas Boyat—individuals with extensive criminal records.

The Boyat family is notorious in the Sanyogitaganj area; the twins' father, Dinu Boyat, is a listed history-sheeter with numerous serious offenses, while Akrat himself was recently released from jail in a high-profile case. After the video sparked public outrage,



Akrat reportedly deleted the clip from his Instagram account. However, the optics of a law enforcement officer sharing a celebratory frame with documented offenders have raised serious questions about police-criminal proximity. Taking a stern view of the lapse,

Additional DCP Amarendra Singh confirmed that an official inquiry has been initiated. "The video has been taken into cognizance, and we are gathering facts. Strict disciplinary action will follow based on the investigation report," Singh stated.

Mycem Cement transforms Jagthar Primary School through CSR Excellence

Damoh: In a stellar display of corporate social responsibility (CSR), Heidelberg Materials (Mycem Cement India Ltd.) has successfully completed the total rejuvenation of the Government Primary School in Jagthar. Under the leadership of its Narsingarh unit, the company has transformed the aging institution into a modern temple of learning, signaling a new chapter for rural education in the district.

The extensive renovation project focused on creating a safe and stimulating environment for young students. Beyond structural repairs and a vibrant new coat of paint, the company installed durable pathway tiles to ensure all-weather accessibility within the campus. These upgrades are designed to foster an inspiring atmosphere that encourages higher attendance and academic engagement.



This initiative is part of Mycem Cement's broader commitment to regional development, which spans healthcare, infrastructure, and women's empowerment. By prioritizing the strengthening of rural educational foundations, the management aims to unlock the

long-term potential of the local community. The residents of Jagthar and the school administration have expressed deep gratitude for the overhaul, noting that the enhanced sanitation and modern infrastructure have set a new benchmark for public schools in the region.

Two youths die after falling into ravine at near Mhow

Family members allege foul play
Mhow: A tragic accident early Saturday morning at Teencha Falls claimed the lives of two young men after they reportedly fell into a deep ravine.

According to police, the incident occurred between 3 and 4 a.m. when three men had gone to visit the popular tourist spot. Abhinav Pathak, a resident of Scheme No. 114 in Indore, informed police that he and his two acquaintances were sitting near the edge of the ravine and drinking alcohol when the accident happened.

Ashok (35), a trader from Ralyata village under Gautampura police station, and Sumit Parmar of Rajiv Awas Vihar in Indore allegedly lost their balance and fell into the gorge.

Old rivalry turns into high-speed hit-and-run

Damoh: In a terrifying escalation of a personal vendetta, a young man narrowly escaped a targeted assassination attempt caught on camera. The victim, Abhinav Choube, was nearly crushed to death when the accused, Amardeep Thakur, deliberately veered his high-speed vehicle toward him. CCTV footage of the incident reveals a cold-blooded sequence: Thakur is seen stopping his car to threaten Choube before making a sharp U-turn and flooring the accelerator directly at him. Fortunately, a parked motorcycle acted as a shield, absorbing the impact and preventing a fatal collision.

CCTV captures chilling attempted murder in Damoh

Despite the graphic visual evidence, the victim alleges that local Kotwali police initially ignored his pleas for help. The situation remains volatile as Choube, also known as Mitthoo, continues to receive death threats from Thakur on social media following the failed attempt. Coming on the heels of four murders in just two days, this incident has sparked outrage over the rising lawlessness and perceived police apathy in the district. Authorities are now under intense pressure to act as the footage goes viral, documenting a narrow escape from a calculated attempt at murder.

Negligence at Indore Crematorium sparks chaos over ashes

Same number token issued to three families at Muktidham

Indore: A case of serious negligence has come to light at Panchkuiya Muktidham in Indore, where the same token number was allegedly issued to three different families, leading to confusion over the collection of ashes after cremation.

According to the affected family, Madanlal Vishwakarma passed away on June 6 and his last rites were performed at the crematorium. When family members arrived on Saturday to collect the ashes, they were shocked to learn that another

family had already taken them.

It was later revealed that token number 13 had been issued to three families on the same day. Due to this mix-up, the crematorium staff are now unable to determine which family received the ashes of the deceased.

The victim's relatives have accused the crematorium management of gross negligence and are demanding answers from officials present at the site. The incident has raised serious concerns about the management system at the facility.

Authorities are yet to clarify how the error occurred and what steps will be taken to resolve the matter and ensure accountability.

Iran-Israel war halts Basmati rice exports from Narmadapuram

Narmadapuram: The ongoing conflict between Iran and Israel has begun affecting the basmati rice trade in Narmadapuram district, disrupting exports to Gulf countries and creating uncertainty for traders, workers, and farmers.

According to traders, exports of basmati rice from the district to Gulf nations have come to a complete halt for the past six days due to disruptions in sea routes. The district normally exports around 1,200 tonnes of basmati rice daily to Gulf markets. Rice mills located in Itarsi and Pipariya alone used to export about 20-25 tonnes of rice every day.

Rice worth crores stuck at ports

With shipments stalled, rice worth crores of rupees has been



stuck at ports or is stranded at sea. The sudden halt in exports has led to warehouses of rice mills filling up quickly, forcing several produc-

tion units to suspend operations. Basmati rice produced in the district is in high demand in Gulf countries such as Iran, Iraq, Jor-

dan, Kuwait and Dubai. Traders say the disruption has already started affecting the local economy. Many trucks carrying rice had to return

Rice trader Pankaj Agarwal from Itarsi said many trucks carrying rice had to return to factories as exports stopped suddenly. With warehouses already full, fresh production has been halted. The situation has also pushed down paddy prices in local markets, creating distress for farmers and uncertainty for workers dependent on the rice mills.

Traders warn that if the situation does not improve soon, the basmati rice industry in Narmadapuram district could face a serious crisis.