

# Medical College to Open Soon in Katni: CM

## Farmers to Receive Electricity in Daytime for Irrigation



**Bhopal:** Chief Minister Mohan Yadav reaffirmed the government's commitment to the prosperity of farmers while addressing the Kisan Mahotsav in Barhi on Saturday. He announced development projects worth Rs 1,000 crore for Katni district during Krishak Kalyan Varsh 2026, along with the inauguration and foundation-laying of 97 works

worth Rs 243 crore in Vijayraghavgarh. Dr. Yadav said the government is working for the welfare of all sections of society, including farmers and beneficiaries of the Ladli Behna Yojana. He added that irrigation facilities will be expanded to every village and farmers will soon receive

electricity for irrigation during daytime. To strengthen education, Sandipani schools are being established across the state, while a new medical college will soon be opened in Katni. **Irrigation expansion and farmer support** CM said irrigation coverage in

### Key announcements

- Sports stadium to be built for youth
- Indoor volleyball stadium to be built in Barhi
- Reservoirs and canals to be renovated

the state has grown to 55 lakh hectares in the last two years and will be expanded to 100 lakh hectares. Wheat is being procured this year at Rs 2,625 per quintal with bonus support, and farmers continue to receive Rs 12,000 annually under the PM Kisan Samman Nidhi.

He also announced the renovation of reservoirs and canals, new roads and culverts, and the construction of an indoor volleyball stadium in Barhi. An irrigation project at the confluence of the Mahanadi and Umdar rivers will also be developed.

Dr. Yadav highlighted that industrial investments worth Rs 9 lakh crore are being set up in the state, creating employment opportunities for youth. The CM also inaugurated the beautification of Bada Talab under the Jal Ganga Samvardhan Campaign and offered prayers at the historic Vijaynath Dham Temple during his visit.

# AI now being used for crop monitoring and production assessment: CM Dr.Yadav

## Govt leveraging modern technology to make crop management more effective

**Administrative Correspondent Bhopal:** Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has said that the integration of modern technology in agriculture is making crop management in Madhya Pradesh more precise, transparent and effective. Through the state government's SARA and Unnati Agri-GIS platforms, satellite imagery, drone surveys and real field photographs are being analyzed using Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML). This technological initiative has provided a scientific basis for crop monitoring and production assessment, helping ensure that farmers receive the benefits of government schemes in a transparent and time-bound manner.

### 'SARA' and 'Unnati' systems bring transparency and accuracy

The Chief Minister explained that the SARA application and the Unnati platform have modernized crop mapping and Girdawari (crop inspection) processes. Using deep-learning technology, the SARA app analyzes millions of images to verify

the crops sown at the individual field level. Satellite imagery combined with Random Forest models is also being used to identify crops at the Khasra (land parcel) level, while yield forecasts for notified crops are generated at the Patwari Halka (revenue circle) level.

This technological approach is strengthening agricultural planning, food grain procurement systems and crop insurance mechanisms. The accuracy of crop identification has significantly improved—from about 66 percent in 2022 to nearly 85 percent by 2025. During recent Rabi and Kharif seasons, the system analyzed images from over 53.7 million fields and enabled digital mapping across more than 30 million land parcels. Since 2023, crop production assessments have also been carried out in around 22,000 Patwari Halka areas.

Dr. Yadav said the AI-driven geospatial system will help assess crop damage quickly during natural disasters and climate-related events, ensuring timely compensation for farmers.

# CM to gift development projects to Burhanpur today

**Administrative Correspondent Bhopal:** Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav is set to gift various development projects to the Burhanpur district on Sunday, in Napanagar. CM will inaugurate and lay the foundation stones for 127 development projects worth a total of Rs 363.82 crore.

A workshop under the 'Dharti Aaba Janatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan' (Tribal Village Upliftment Campaign) will also be organized alongside the Tribal Conference and the inauguration/foundation-laying ceremony for the various development projects in Napanagar. In this tribal-dominated region of Napanagar, information regarding various public welfare schemes for the tribal community will be disseminated.

Additionally, CM will engage in an interactive dialogue with the attendees. The Tribal Conference will also feature development exhibitions presented by the departments of Agriculture, Horticulture, Veterinary Services, the Livelihood Mission, and the Forest Department. During the conference, Chief Minister Dr. Yadav will also distribute benefits to eligible beneficiaries under various government schemes.

# 'One Nation, One Helpline' boosts safety net for women and children

## Integration of helplines with ERSS-112 ensures wider protection

**Bhopal:** The Madhya Pradesh government has strengthened its technology-based safety system for women and children under the leadership of CM Mohan Yadav. Aligning with the Government of India's "One Nation, One Helpline" initiative, the state has integrated the Women's Helpline (181) and Child Helpline (1098) with the Emergency Response Support System (112), ensuring round-the-clock assistance across the state.

Dr. Yadav said the progress of society depends on the safety, dignity and equal opportunities provided to women and daughters. The government is therefore strengthening schemes, awareness programmes and technology-driven services aimed at women's empowerment, safety and self-reliance.

The integrated control room for the Department of Women and Child Development was established on August 31, 2023. Through the system, any woman, child under 18, or a concerned citizen can dial 181, 1098 or 112 for immediate help. 24x7.

The Women's Helpline 181 is connected with One Stop Centres and provides access to police, hospitals, ambulances, legal assistance and counseling services. During the 2025-26 financial year (up to January 29, 2026), around 1.28 lakh women received assistance through the helpline.

Similarly, Child Helpline 1098 offers protection, counseling and rehabilitation services for children in distress. In the same period, 26,974 children across the state were provided various forms of support through the helpline network.

# Call to halt early school sessions amid rising heat in MP

**By Special Correspondent Bhopal:** Former Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee spokesperson Vivek Tripathi has urged the state government to immediately halt the academic session scheduled to begin in April in view of the rising heat



school in such conditions, he warned, could seriously endanger their health.

He also alleged that several private schools start sessions early to collect fees, forcing children to attend classes during extremely hot months. Many schools, particularly in rural areas, lack basic facilities such as drinking water, fans and proper ventilation.

across the state. In a letter sent to the School Education Minister, the Chief Secretary and the School Education Department, he expressed concern over the safety of schoolchildren.

Tripathi said temperatures have risen unusually since early March and are expected to intensify during April and May, increasing the risk of heatwaves. Sending young children to

Tripathi demanded postponing the session, introducing morning school hours if necessary, and ensuring strict monitoring by district authorities.

# Women police officers honoured at seminar on investigation excellence



**By Special Correspondent Bhopal:** The Women Safety Branch of MP Police Headquarters organised a seminar titled "Presentation and Felicitation of Achievements of Women Police Officers" at the new Police Headquarters auditorium. The event witnessed participation from 95 women police officers from across the state, ranging from the rank of ASP to Head Constable.

Officers presented their experiences, challenges and achievements related to significant cases investigated by

them. The presentations highlighted various aspects of criminal investigation, including the time taken for inquiries, difficulties faced during the investigative process and the methods adopted to overcome them. Participants also elaborated on scientific and legal procedures followed in evidence collection, important observations made by courts and the effective strategies used during investigations.

Based on these presentations, the investigations conducted by the participants were

evaluated according to predefined criteria. On the concluding day, Special Director General of Police (Women Safety) Anil Kumar honoured selected officers for their outstanding investigative work.

In his address, Kumar emphasised the need for women police officers to carefully study the cases they investigate and analyse court verdicts to identify important lessons. Incorporating such insights, he said, would further strengthen the quality and effectiveness of future investigations.

### S-I Lakshmi Bagri of Maihar received the first prize

Following the evaluation, Sub-Inspector Lakshmi Bagri of Maihar district received the first prize for outstanding investigation, while S-I Monika Gaur of Narmadapuram district secured the second prize. The third prize went to S-I Anjali Srivastava from urban police in Indore. For exemplary service, the first prize was awarded to S-I Veena Vishwakarma of Tikamgarh district.

# Nothing but work; no respite anywhere

For one particular department, this period has turned into a perpetual "peak hour" in terms of workload. While all government departments typically operate at their usual bureaucratic pace, a new and unwelcome situation has significantly ratcheted up the pressure on this specific department. On one hand, there are concerns regarding rice milling; on the other, the immense pressure of wheat procurement. Just as preparations for these tasks were underway, the department now finds itself compelled to worry about gas and petroleum supplies—morning, noon, and night.

The entire staff—from the very top to the bottom—is engaged in the frantic effort to manage the situation. Despite numerous assurances and claims to the contrary, the atmosphere remains one of constant panic. Consequently, the department itself is under immense stress. This strain is clearly visible on the faces of the senior officials. Meeting hours are becoming progressively longer. It now remains to be seen when—and if—the people of the state, along with the department itself, will find relief from this panic-stricken situation.

### Now, Only Mother Narmada Offers Solace

The demeanor of a senior minister in the state government appears to have undergone a noticeable change these days. The Honorable Minister seems to

### From the corridors of Mantalaya Kanhaiya Lodhi

be devoting less attention to the machinery of government and significantly more to religious activities. This is the very same minister about whom rumors are currently circulating—speculating that if a reshuffle occurs within the cabinet, he too might find himself either sidelined or shifted to a different portfolio. Naturally, he is likely well aware of the potential consequences awaiting him.

When one finds oneself in a situation where control has slipped entirely out of one's hands, the only recourse left is to seek the protection of the Divine. Consequently, the Minister is being spotted more frequently these days along the banks of the River Narmada. It is, of course, a well-known fact that he harbors deep and unwavering faith in Mother Narmada; thus, it appears that she is now his sole source of solace and support.

### Mobile Phones: A Source of Pain for Politicians

Whenever a political event takes place, listening to the leaders' tedious and exhausting speeches is a reality—nay, a destiny—that party workers are compelled to endure. However, it appears that during such dreary gatherings, the workers have begun to prioritize passing the time on their mobile

phones over actually listening to the leaders' addresses. In recent days, even some of the state's most prominent political figures have fallen victim to this trend.

The politician was presenting his views with great fervor; yet, to his dismay, the heads of most listeners were bowed—the majority of them engrossed in their mobile phones. When the politician's patience finally snapped, he felt compelled to interrupt them right from the podium. Amusingly, however, even after that intervention, the impact remained only partial—signaling that mobile phones have now begun to become a source of frustration for politicians as well.

### What Will This Display of Camaraderie Yield?

Recently, an event was held in the Gwalior region where a Union Minister—a political heavyweight—spared no effort in demonstrating his allegiance to the government. While delivering his speech from the podium, he heaped such lavish praise upon the administration—and orchestrated such enthusiastic applause—that the audience appeared completely spellbound by his performance. It now remains to be seen what impact this political duet—and this newfound camaraderie—will have on the state's politics in the days to come.

# Sehore and Raisen collectors should also constitute inquiry committees like Bhopal

## Investigation of 'Enemy Property' of erstwhile Bhopal State; Amitabh Agnihotri submits memo

**Administrative Correspondent Bhopal:** Just as the Collector of Bhopal has constituted an inquiry committee to investigate the 'Enemy Properties' of the erstwhile Bhopal State, the Collectors of Sehore and Raisen districts should likewise constitute similar inquiry committees.

In this regard, social activist Amitabh Agnihotri has submitted a memorandum to the Principal Secretary (Revenue) and the Commissioner of the Bhopal Division, putting forth this demand.

The memo states that the jurisdiction of the erstwhile Bhopal State encompassed not only Bhopal but also the districts of Sehore and Raisen. The Collector of Bhopal has already constituted a seven-member inquiry committee

to investigate the enemy properties located within the Bhopal district.

Similarly, there is a need for the Collectors of Sehore and Raisen districts to constitute committees to investigate the enemy properties situated within their respective jurisdictions. The memorandum further notes that the northern boundary of the erstwhile Bhopal State falls under the jurisdiction of the present-day Bhopal district, whereas the eastern, western, and southern boundaries of the erstwhile Bhopal State fall under the jurisdiction of the present-day Sehore and Raisen districts. **Bhopal State comprised about 2,500 villages:** The erstwhile Bhopal State comprised approximately 2,500 villages. The eastern

sector of the Bhopal State consisted of 10 tehsils; the western sector, 7 tehsils; the southern sector, 8 tehsils; and the northern sector, 7 tehsils—bringing the total number of tehsils in the Bhopal State to 32.

The memorandum points out that the Department of the Custodian—operating under the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India—recognized Abida Sultan as the successor to the Nawab of Bhopal via an order dated February 24, 2015. However, as Abida Sultan was a Pakistani national, the Department of the Custodian (under the Ministry of Home Affairs) subsequently declared all movable and immovable assets belonging to the Nawab of Bhopal as 'Enemy Property' on February 24, 2015. In furtherance of this process, the Collector of Bhopal constituted a seven-member inquiry committee to investigate these enemy properties.

# B Tech student dies of suicide

**Live-streamed act to girlfriend Bhopal:** A 21-year-old first-year B.Tech student, originally from Bihar, tragically ended his life by suicide in the Ashoka Garden area. The deceased, identified as Mohammad Iftikhar, was residing in a rented accommodation in Bank Colony while attending a local private college.

According to local authorities, the incident occurred after Iftikhar reportedly live-streamed the act to his girlfriend via a video call. Police discovered his mobile phone mounted to the wall of his room. While roommates confirmed the nature of the final call, the device remains locked and has been sent for Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) examination to recover further evidence. Police recovered the body early Saturday morning and moved it to the mortuary. The post-mortem examination is scheduled for Sunday, pending the arrival of his family from Bihar. Investigations are ongoing, and official statements from the family and roommates will dictate the next steps in the case.

# Police bust cyber fraud

**By Special Correspondent Bhopal:** The Madhya Pradesh Police have uncovered a network of cyber crimes operated through mule bank accounts in Narsinghpur District, exposing illegal financial transactions worth nearly Rs 15 crore. During the investigation, police identified around 180 bank accounts being used as mule accounts to channel money obtained through cyber fraud.



Officials said that 35 such accounts have so far been frozen, while 17 accused persons have been arrested and sent to jail. During the operation, police also seized nine passbooks, four ATM cards and nine mobile phones.

According to investigators, the accused lured ordinary citizens with small financial incentives and obtained access to their bank accounts, passbooks and ATM cards. These accounts were then used for illegal transactions related to online gaming

platforms, cyber fraud and sextortion cases operated from within and outside the state.

Acting on complaints, Superintendent of Police Rishikesh Meena constituted a special team to conduct a detailed investigation using technical analysis and banking data. The team examined online transactions and account linkages to identify the network.

Police said the accused transferred money obtained through cyber fraud into various accounts and later withdrew or redirected it through gaming platforms to conceal the source. Cases have been registered against the accused in Stationganj, Gadawara and Kareli police station areas. Police added that investigations are ongoing and further action will follow as more details emerge.