

Crackdown on LPG Misuse to Ensure Smooth Supply in Madhya Pradesh

Datia/ Guna/ Khandwa: Amid concerns over LPG availability, district administrations across Madhya Pradesh have intensified monitoring to ensure an uninterrupted

supply of domestic cooking gas. Authorities in Datia, Guna, and Khandwa have launched strict inspections and enforcement drives against black marketing and com-

mercial misuse of domestic cylinders. Officials say the crackdown aims to protect household consumers and maintain a transparent, smooth distribution system.

Action against Illegal LPG Use in Guna

• Domestic cylinders seized from shops; FIR filed for obstructing officials during inspection

Guna: Acting on the directives of Collector Kishore Kumar Kanyal, the district administration carried out a strict drive against the commercial misuse of domestic LPG cylinders in Guna. The action was undertaken by Junior Supply Officers Ashish Chaturvedi, Varsha Badonia, and Shivram Singh Kushwah under the guidance of District Supply Officer Awadhesh Pandey.

During the inspection, two domestic gas cylinders being used for commercial purposes were seized from Agarwal Sweets in Jagdish Colony. At Rohit Provision Store in Aron, officials confiscated eight domestic cylinders, one commercial cylinder, a half-horsepower refilling pump, and six refiller nozzles used for illegal gas refilling operations.



In the Chachoda area, one cylinder each was seized from Muskan M Merchant, Balaji Kirana Store, and Baba Mahalak Tea & Coffee House. Cases have been registered

under the Essential Commodities Act, 1955. Additionally, an FIR was lodged against two individuals for obstructing officials during the inspection drive.

Collector chairs review with gas agencies in Datia



Datia: A review meeting of gas agency operators and managers was held under the chairmanship of Datia Collector Swapnil Wankhede to assess the availability and distribution of LPG in the district. The meeting took place at the office located within the Collector's residence, where the Collector emphasized that the interests of domestic gas consumers

must be given top priority as per the directives of the Government of Madhya Pradesh.

He stated that there is no shortage of domestic LPG in the district but instructed officials to ensure that black marketing, illegal storage, and distribution irregularities are strictly prevented. Revenue officials were directed to remain vigilant and conduct immediate raids

upon receiving complaints.

Collector Wankhede also ordered surprise inspections, strict monitoring of online and physical stock records, and prompt action on CM Helpline complaints. Agencies were further directed to install GPS trackers in LPG transport vehicles and ensure domestic cylinders are used strictly for household purposes.

18 domestic cylinders seized from hotels in Khandwa

Khandwa: In a drive to prevent the commercial misuse of domestic LPG cylinders, the district administration in Khandwa conducted surprise inspections across local markets. Acting on the directions of Collector Rishav Gupta, joint teams from the Police, Revenue, and Food Departments carried out the operation.

During the inspections, officials seized 18 domestic gas cylinders from 12 hotels where they were be-

ing used for commercial purposes. District Supply Officer Dinesh Savle stated that the district currently has sufficient LPG supply and there is no shortage of cylinders.

He advised consumers to book cylinders via telephone, after which gas agencies will ensure home delivery. The administration has warned that strict action will continue against establishments misusing domestic LPG cylinders.

Worker's suspicious death sparks violence at power plant

• Angry workers vandalise offices and vehicles; heavy police force deployed

Singrauli: Tension gripped the premises of the Adani Power Plant in Singrauli—known as the energy capital of Madhya Pradesh—after the suspicious death of a worker triggered violent protests on the campus. The incident led to widespread outrage among labourers, who alleged that attempts were made to conceal the body, intensifying anger at the site.

Windows of several vehicles smashed

According to reports, agitated workers stormed the offices of Power Mech Projects and indulged in large-scale vandalism. Windows of several vehicles parked outside the plant were smashed and some vehicles were overturned during the unrest. There were also reports of scuffles and physical confrontations involving officials and police personnel present at the



As the situation escalated, authorities rushed a heavy police force to the plant and cordoned off the entire area. Senior officers, including the Superintendent of Police, reached the spot to

monitor the situation. While tension continues to prevail in and around the plant premises, police say the situation is now under control and efforts are underway to restore calm through dialogue with the protesting workers.

Khargone to host 'Surya Upasana' and 'Samrat Vikramaditya' play

Khargone: On the occasion of Srishiti Arambh Divas, Varsh Pratipada, and the beginning of Vikram Samvat 2083, a special Surya Upasana program will be organized on March 19, 2026, at the PG College Auditorium in Khargone. The highlight of the event will be a theatrical performance titled "Samrat Vikramaditya," inspired by the rich traditions of Ujjain.

The program is being organized under the guidance of Collector Bhavya Mittal, with extensive preparations already underway. The event will begin at 10:00 AM and aims to celebrate cultural heritage and historical traditions associated with Vikram Samvat.

To ensure smooth arrangements, responsibilities have been assigned to various departments. The Sub-Divisional Officer (Revenue) will coordinate the event, while the police will manage security and traffic.

Only son of family dies in tragic road accident

Vidisha: A tragic road accident claimed the life of a youth in the Shamshabad area of Vidisha district late Friday night, leaving his family and local residents in deep shock. Sanidhya Choukse, the only son of the Choukse family, sustained critical injuries when his motorcycle met with an accident near a sharp bend close to Bamori on the Vidisha Road.



According to reports, Sanidhya had gone out on a personal errand and was returning when the accident occurred. The impact left him severely injured. Passersby and locals rushed him to a nearby hospital for urgent treatment, but despite doctors' efforts, he succumbed to his injuries during treatment.

Sanidhya's untimely death has

devastated his family, as he was their only son and the centre of their hopes and aspirations. Grief has gripped the household, with relatives and neighbours gathering to console the bereaved family. The tragic incident has also cast a pall of gloom over the locality, with residents expressing deep sorrow over the young man's sudden and heartbreaking demise.

Forest Dept tightens grip on timber smugglers in Dhar

15 quintals of illegal Babool wood seized; vehicle confiscated

Dhar: The Forest Department in Dhar carried out a major crackdown on illegal timber transportation, seizing around 15 quintals of Babool wood during a late-night operation on March 12. Acting on a tip-off, the operation was conducted under the direction of Divisional Forest Officer Vijayanandan T. R..



A special team intercepted a suspicious pickup truck on the Bijur-Pithampur route and discovered it was loaded with illegally cut timber. The driver, identified as Rahul Gaud, failed to produce any

valid documents authorizing the felling or transport of the wood. The vehicle owner was identified as Sanjay Rathore.

Forest officials immediately seized the pickup truck and transported it to the Mandav Road Rest

House for further investigation. The recovered timber is estimated to be worth around Rs.10,000, while the vehicle's value is about Rs. 4 lakh. A case has been registered, and legal proceedings are underway.

Rs 50 lakh burglary at retired subedar's house in Gwalior

Family away for wedding as thieves loot gold, silver and cash

Gwalior: A major burglary worth over Rs 50 lakh was reported from the Shatabdi Puram locality of Gwalior, where thieves broke into the house of retired Army veteran Subedar Omkar Tomar. The incident occurred under the jurisdiction of Maharajpura Police Station while the family had travelled to their native village in Morena district to attend a wedding.

According to reports, the burglars spent nearly 45 minutes inside the house, stealing valuables including 321 grams of gold jewellery, around one kilogram of silver ornaments and ₹3.5 lakh in cash. The accused also entered a tenant's room and stole gold earrings. When the family returned on March 11, they found locks broken and belongings scattered across the house.

The entire act was captured on CCTV cameras installed at the residence.

Melodies of heritage: Baiju Bawra Samaroh in Chanderi from today

Scindia to attend; 3-day festival celebrates classical music, dance, and art

Ashoknagar: The annual Baiju Bawra Samaroh, dedicated to the legendary musician Baiju Bawra, will be held in Chanderi from March 15 to 17, 2026 at the Mela Ground. Organized by the Ustad Alauddin Khan Sangeet Evam Kala Akademi under the Department of Culture, Government of Madhya Pradesh, the festival is being conducted in collaboration with the Ashoknagar district administration. Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia will attend the inaugural ceremony as Chief Guest, while Culture Minister Dharmendra Singh Lodhi will be the Special Guest.

The opening evening will feature the presentation of the prestigious Madhya Pradesh State Rupankar Kala Awards, honoring artists in sculpture and painting, along with an exhibition of 80 se-



lected artworks. Performances will include Bundeli devotional songs by Deepika Purohit and a special Sufi-Bhajan recital by Anup Jalota.

Over three days, audiences will

enjoy classical vocal, sitar, sarangi, and Kathak performances, alongside a "Hunar" craft exhibition, ODOP stalls, and traditional food displays celebrating regional culture.

Illegal ice-lolly unit shut down; 190 kg of food seized during inspection

• Summer food safety drive intensifies in Indore

Indore: In view of the rising summer demand for cold food items, the district administration in Indore has intensified food safety inspections. Acting on the directives of Collector Shivam Verma, the Food Safety Administration conducted surprise checks across the city.



During an inspection at M/s Krishna Pepsi in Babul Nagar on Palda Main Road, officials found an illegal ice-lolly manufacturing unit operating without a valid food license. The unit used untreated borewell water and failed to maintain hygiene standards. Offi-

cials also detected the use of artificial sweetener sacharin without proper labeling, posing potential health risks, especially for children.

A total of five food samples were collected and around 6,250 ice lollies weighing nearly 190 kg were seized. The factory's operations were im-

mediately shut down. Meanwhile, inspections using a mobile food testing laboratory were conducted at hotels, juice centers, and dairy outlets in Khatiwala Tank and Rajendra Nagar, where 34 food samples were tested and awareness programs on food hygiene were organized.

Labourer's death sparks road blockade in Ujjain

Family demands FIR against contractor and compensation after electrocution during Simhashta work

Ujjain: Tension prevailed in Ujjain on Saturday morning after the death of a labourer working on projects related to the Simhashta Kumbh Mela. Angry family members of Rakesh Suryavanshi, along with activists of Shiv Sena and Bhim Army, staged a road blockade on Agar Road outside Charak Hospital, demanding strict action against the contractor responsible for the work.



The protest followed the tragic death of Suryavanshi on Friday during road-widening work between Koyla Phatak and Nijatpura. He reportedly suffered an electric shock while operating a grinder machine to repair a pipe. Fellow workers rushed him to the hospital, where doctors declared him dead.

Preliminary inquiries indicate that labourers were working without proper safety equipment and that water had accumulated at the site, increasing the risk of electrocution. Family members alleged negligence by the contractor and supervisor.

Police from the Kotwali station tried to calm the protesters, but the blockade continued for nearly an hour before Sub-Divisional Magistrate L.N. Garg intervened and assured action.

Kabaddi fever in Jhabua: Meghnagar team clinches dist title

Minister Bhuria encourages rural youth, highlights govt's push to revive traditional sports



Jhabua: A district-level Kabaddi competition was organized at Rajgarh Naka ground in Jhabua under the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan to promote traditional sports and encourage rural talent. The event was held in the presence of Women and Child Development Minister Nirmala Bhuria, who motivated players and emphasized the importance of sports in strengthening youth both physically and mentally.

Addressing the participants, the minister said the government is committed to reviving traditional

games like Kabaddi and providing opportunities for young athletes from rural areas to shine at higher levels. She encouraged players to compete with sportsmanship and inspire others to take up sports.

Around 550 players had earlier participated in competitions across six Janpad Panchayats, with selected teams reaching the district finals. In the final results, Meghnagar secured first place, Ranapur finished second, and Jhabua block took third place. Winners received cash prizes and recognition for their performance.