

Opposition walks out over Ladli Behna payouts and new registrations

Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh Assembly witnessed a stormy session on Monday as the opposition clashed with the government over the "Ladli Behna Yojana."

The heated debate centered on two primary demands: the immediate start of new registrations and the fulfillment of the promise to increase monthly payouts to Rs 3,000.

Deadlock over Rs 3,000 promise

The confrontation began during Question Hour when Congress MLA Mahesh Parmar sought a definitive timeline for the promised hike.

Women and Child Development Minister Nirmala Bhuria stated that while the scheme currently supports over 1.25 crore active beneficiaries, there is "no current proposal" to increase the amount to Rs 3,000 or

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open new registrations.

Intervening in the debate, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav reassured the House, stating, "We have com-

mitted to reaching the Rs 3,000 mark within our five-year tenure by 2028. Do not worry; the registrations will also happen."

Dropout crisis shadows Ladli Laxmi Scheme

Only 20% eligible for final payout

Bhopal: A startling report tabled in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly reveals a steep decline in the educational continuity of the state's flagship 'Ladli Laxmi' beneficiaries.

While over 52.2 lakh girls were registered between 2007 and 2025, systemic dropouts now threaten the scheme's core objective. According to Women and Child Development Minister Nirmala Bhuria, although 52% of registered girls reached Class 6, only a

dismal 19.97% enrolled in Class 12.

The attrition becomes even more severe at higher levels: less than 6% pursue graduation, and a negligible 0.33% reach post-graduation.

This "leaky pipeline" has direct financial consequences. Under the scheme's criteria, only those who complete Class 12 and reach 21 years of age are eligible for the final Rs 1 lakh payout.

Consequently, only

about 5,000 girls in 2027 and 40,000 in 2028 are projected to receive the full benefit.

The Indore High Court recently took suo motu cognizance of this lack of academic interest among beneficiaries, though the government has yet to file a formal response.

Critics argue that without strict administrative focus on school retention, the scheme risks becoming a political tool rather than a catalyst for the educational empowerment of women.

BPL Card mandate sparks row over CM Kanyadan Yojana eligibility

Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh Assembly witnessed a heated debate on Monday as the government confirmed that BPL cards are now mandatory for the Mukhya Mantri Kanyadan Yojana. Social Justice Minister Narayan Singh defended the move, stating it was essential to curb corruption and ensure benefits reach the intended beneficiaries.

JICA reviews MP's power transmission projects

International team expresses satisfaction over quality and impact

Bhopal: The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) conducted a detailed inspection of projects funded under its JICA-2 initiative at the Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company (MP Transco) to strengthen the state's transmission network. JICA Japan evaluator Hisae Takahashi and JICA India representative Kunal Gupta closely examined construction quality, utility, cost efficiency, and adherence to international standards.

The team inspected the 132 kV Dhimarkheda substation and the 132 kV Panagar-Dhimarkheda transmission line built under the project. Takahashi reviewed the original loan proposal, implementation process, equipment quality, maintenance systems, and overall expenditure. She expressed satisfaction, noting that the infrastructure meets global benchmarks.

To assess ground-level impact, the team interacted with local residents, especially women beneficiaries. They reported a significant improvement in power supply, with reliable and uninterrupted electricity now available for irrigation and household needs. This has contributed positively to their economic stability and social well-being.

The JICA delegation also visited MP Transco's State Load Dispatch Center (SLDC) and SCADA Control Center, developed using indigenous technology.

Major portion of NH-45 Bridge collapses in Jabalpur

Road closed, traffic diverted; construction firm blacklisted

Bhopal: A large portion of a bridge on National Highway-45 connecting Jabalpur and Bhopal collapsed around 5 p.m. on Sunday near Shahpura railway crossing in Jabalpur, prompting immediate closure of the route. The over-bridge, constructed to ease congestion at the busy crossing, caved in at a section where repair work was already underway. Authorities halted traffic and implemented diversion plans to prevent any untoward incident.

Notably, cracks had appeared in the second lane of the bridge in December last year, after which traffic was restricted to a single lane. The latest collapse occurred in the under-construction portion. Built just three years ago at a cost of Rs 400 crore, the bridge's structural failure has raised serious concerns.

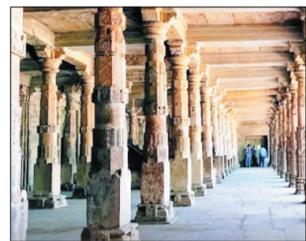
Light vehicles are being diverted through internal routes in Shahpura town, while heavy vehicles have been barred. Police have barricaded the bridge and deployed personnel to manage traffic. A railway track passes within nearly 50 meters beneath the collapsed section, and officials said a major disaster was narrowly averted as no train was passing at the time.

Bhojshala survey: High Court grants two weeks for objections

Verdict expected in March

Indore: The legal battle over the historic Bhojshala complex reached a critical juncture as the Indore Bench of the Madhya Pradesh High Court convened to discuss the Archaeological Survey of India's (ASI) scientific report. While all petitioners and respondents confirmed they have received copies of the findings, the Court chose not to open or publicly disclose the report's contents during Monday's proceedings. Instead, the Bench granted all parties a two-week window to meticulously review the 98-day scientific investigation and submit their written suggestions or objections.

Advocate Vinay Joshi, representing the Hindu Front for Justice, stated that the legal teams are now preparing their detailed responses to be tabled before the court. The next high-stakes hearing is scheduled for



March 16, 2026, where the judiciary will deliberate on the submitted arguments. This survey remains the cornerstone of the dispute, aimed at determining the original nature of the site.

With the court expected to move toward a final judgment following the mid-March session, both sides remain on high alert as the decades-old controversy nears a definitive legal resolution.

Ujjain-Jaora greenfield highway to redefine regional growth: CM Yadav

Farmers honor CM Yadav following highway project sanction

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has heralded the Rs 5,017 crore Ujjain-Jaora Greenfield Access-Controlled Highway as a transformative force for regional growth. Addressing a delegation of grateful farmers at his residence, the CM emphasized that this "non-elevated" project is a direct response to the community's needs, designed to integrate local fields with national markets and turn the region into a hub of industrial and infrastructural excellence.

Beyond infrastructure, Dr. Yadav unveiled a series of "pro-farmer" in-



centives to boost rural incomes. In a major announcement, he declared a bonus of Rs 600 per quintal for summer Urad production and the inclu-

sion of Mustard under the Bhavantar scheme.

Aligning with the "GYANII" mantra, the state aims to transition farmers from "food providers" to "energy providers" and "entrepreneurs" by distributing one lakh solar pumps over the next three years.

The vision extends to nutrition and dairy as well, with plans to increase Madhya Pradesh's share in national milk production from 9% to 20%.

Through food parks and processing units, the government is ensuring that the "Annadata" reaps the rewards of development right at their doorstep.

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