

# Indore tragedy: Cong demands accountability

By Special Correspondent  
Indore: The Congress party on Sunday held a high-level meeting and press interaction at the Indore Congress Committee office, Gandhi Bhavan, over the tragic deaths of 16 people and illness of thousands allegedly caused by contaminated drinking water in the city.

Several senior leaders, including former minister Sajjan Verma, former National Mahila Congress president Shobha Oja, MPCC president Jeetu Patwari, AICC secretary Usha Naidu, and district Congress chiefs, were present.

Addressing the media, Patwari said Indore's global reputation



for cleanliness was built by its citizens, but accused the BJP of giving the city "poisoned water in return".

He termed the incident not an accident but a result of administrative negligence, amounting to culpable homicide.

Patwari alleged residents had complained for months without action and claimed Congress leaders were obstructed while meeting victims.

He demanded the resignation of the in-charge minister, registration of FIRs against responsible officials, and warned of a massive Congress protest in Indore on January 11 if action was not taken.

# MP Police hold Webinar on mandatory NDPS Act provisions

By Special Correspondent  
Bhopal: The Narcotics Wing of Madhya Pradesh Police, Indore, organised a one-day online webinar here recently, focusing on the mandatory provisions of Section 50 of the NDPS Act. The training programme aimed to provide practical legal guidance to investigation officers from district police forces and specialised units.

Senior Government Pleader Abhijit Singh Rathore, Indore, served as the resource person and offered detailed insights into the compulsory requirements of Section 50, search procedures and the prevailing judicial interpretation of the law.

Nearly 1,600 police personnel,



ranging from Assistant Sub-Inspectors to Inspectors from across the State, participated in the online session. The objective was to ensure strict and precise compliance with statutory provisions during investigation of NDPS cases, thereby strengthening cases on legal grounds and reducing procedural lapses.

# CM Yadav appoints new Indore Commissioner after fatalities

Bhopal: In a decisive late-night administrative reshuffle, the Madhya Pradesh government has appointed IAS Officer Kshitij Singhal as the new Commissioner of the Indore Municipal Corporation.

Singhal, a 2014-batch officer previously serving as the Managing Director of the Central Zone Electricity Distribution Company in Bhopal, has also been given the additional charge of Additional Managing Director of the MP Metro Rail Corporation in Indore.

This rapid appointment follows a high-level emergency meeting called by Chief Minister Dr. Mohan



Yadav at his residence late Friday night. The CM took a stern view of the tragic fatalities in Indore caused by the supply of contaminated water, leading to the immediate removal of the former commissioner, Dilip Kumar Yadav. While Yadav has been reassigned as Deputy Secretary in the Panchayat and Rural Development Department, the order for Singhal's appointment was finalized in the early hours of Saturday. This swift transition underscores the state government's urgency in addressing the public health crisis and restoring administrative accountability in Indore.

# Outsourced employees announce 'halla bol' stir on February 1

By Special Correspondent  
Bhopal: A crucial meeting of office-bearers representing lakhs of outsourced and temporary employees in Madhya Pradesh was held at Shahadani Park here on Sunday, signalling a decisive phase of agitation over job security and fair wages. The meeting was chaired by Yuva Outsource president Deepak Singh in the presence of Vasudev Sharma, president of the All Department Outsource and Temporary Employees Joint Front, while proceedings were conducted by acting president Dr Amit Singh.

More than 50 representatives from different government departments participated and raised serious concerns over unstable service conditions, unequal pay structures, alleged arbitrariness of contracting agencies, administrative neglect and lack of safety standards. Speakers warned that 2026 would be a "do or die" year, alleging that the



government had already decided to discontinue services of outsourced staff by 2027, leaving employees with no option but sustained struggle. The meeting unanimously resolved to launch a historic 'Halla Bol' movement on February 1, when outsourced employees from across the State will gather in Bhopal and lay siege to the Chief

Minister's residence, demanding withdrawal of what they termed "anti-outsourcing" decisions.

Key demands include uniform service conditions, a regularisation policy, assured minimum wages, strict implementation of EPF and ESI, and abolition of the contract system with absorption into departments. Front president Va-

sudev Sharma accused the government of promoting "bonded labour-like conditions" and warned of intensified, phased protests if demands are ignored. Representatives from departments including police, health, power, PWD, education, banks and elections attended, calling the agitation a fight for dignity and survival.

# Losar Festival 2026 concludes at IGRMS

## Himalayan grandeur in Bhopal



Bhopal: The Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya (IGRMS) transformed into a vibrant Himalayan enclave as the three-day Losar Festival 2026 concluded on January 4. Under the guidance of Director Prof.

Amitabh Pandey, the festival offered a rare glimpse into the soulful traditions of Ladakh and Sikkim, bridging the gap between the plains and the high-altitude frontiers.

The highlights were the evocative folk performances, starting with Ladakh's Dekra dance, a rhythmic symbol of community labor. Sikkim's vibrant culture took center stage with the energetic Chutky dance and the nature-centric Lepcha dance. However, the undisputed crowd-favorite was the Singhi Dance, where performers dressed as mythical Snow Lions channeled spiritual bravery through powerful movements. Beyond the stage, the "Chansa" (Ladakhi kitchen) exhibit stood as a living philosophy of sustainable communal living.

Visitors also embarked on a culinary journey, savoring authentic Himalayan delicacies like Sel Roti, Khure, and Momos. Festival coordinator Shrikant and PR Officer Hemant Singh Parihar noted that the event was not merely a display of art, but a vital preservation of collective memory. By bringing the rituals of the snow-capped peaks to Bhopal, IGRMS successfully fostered a deeper understanding of India's diverse cultural fabric.

# CM Yadav and Nitin Gadkari to review 61 projects of MP in Delhi

## MP's highway revolution

economic lifeline, this strategic meeting—attended by PWD Minister Rakesh Singh and top

NHAI officials—is set to fast-track safer, world-class roads, fueling industrial growth and tourism across the heart of India.

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| 171914444           | PRAMOD AHIRWAR  | HOSHANGABAD RURAL        |
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Date: 05-01-2026 Place: MADHYA PRADESH

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# BJP corporator faces probe over caste certificate

Bhopal: BJP corporator Brijlata Sachan of Ward-31 has come under official scrutiny over the authenticity of her caste certificate used during the municipal elections. Acting on a complaint, TT Nagar SDM Archana Sharma has issued a notice to Sachan, directing her to submit a reply by January 23. The notice warns that unilateral (ex-parte) action will be taken if she fails to respond.

Brijlata Sachan, who is considered close to Bhopal Mayor Malti Rai and is frequently seen accompanying her at public events, had secured a de-

cisive victory in the elections. She defeated Congress candidate Raj Singh by a margin of 1,144 votes, polling 2,722 votes against Singh's 1,578.

The controversy stems from a complaint filed by Shailesh Sen, a resident of Priyanka Nagar, Kolar, who alleged that Sachan's caste certificate was suspicious. Based on this complaint, the SDM has summoned Sachan or her authorised advocate to appear on January 23 at 3 pm. Notably, this is the third notice issued in the matter, with earlier notices reportedly going unanswered.

# AAP leader Bharti booked for false social media post

Bhopal: The Crime Branch in Bhopal has registered an FIR against Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Somnath Bharti on charges of spreading misleading information on social media using allegedly forged documents. The case was registered following a complaint by Satish Upadhyay, co-in-charge of the Madhya Pradesh BJP.

According to the complaint, Somnath Bharti shared a post on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), claiming that a complaint against Satish Upadhyay was pending in a Bhopal court.

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