

PRAGATI NAGAR | 60-foot road project begins

Western Indore seeing Vijay Nagar-like transformation: Mayor

Our Staff Reporter
INDORE

While performing bhoomi puja for the construction of a new 60-foot-wide road in Pragati Nagar, Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargav said that western Indore is now witnessing the same transformation once seen in the Vijay Nagar area.

“With modern and visually appealing intersections being developed across localities, especially Pragati Nagar and Rajendra Nagar, western parts of the city are seeing the type of infrastructure development once witnessed in the Vijay

Penalty if your dog poops in public place

The Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) will start imposing fines on people if their pets poop in public places. The fine amount ranges from Rs 500 to Rs 5,000. The Mayor warned pet owners against allowing dogs to dirty public places, stating that the IMC would impose penalties on violators. “Indore’s cleanliness is our collective responsibility. We cannot compromise on it,” he asserted.

Nagar area,” Bhargav said while addressing a gathering at the bhoomi puja ceremony. The event was attended by MLA Madhu Verma, BJP representatives, municipal officials, and enthusiastic residents.

Calling the road a “devel-

opment lifeline” for the area, Bhargav said the project would ease congestion and make daily commuting far more convenient for residents of Pragati Nagar and nearby colonies. He also praised corporator Prashant Badwe for his consistent efforts in trans-

forming the ward into a model locality.

“Development works worth nearly Rs30 crore have already been completed in this ward, bringing visible changes in civic facilities and public infrastructure,” the Mayor said.

‘Har Ghar Solar’ push for a greener Indore

Focusing on sustainability, Bhargav urged residents to embrace rooftop solar energy under the Har Ghar Solar campaign. He said the initiative would help families cut electricity bills while contributing to environmental conservation

and energy independence.

Mayor’s green pledge

In a move aimed at promoting eco-friendly habits, Bhargav announced that he would travel only by two-wheeler every Friday as part of a No Car Day initiative inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s call for environmental protection.

Appealing to citizens to adopt small but meaningful changes in their daily lives, he said reducing fuel consumption and pollution starts with individual responsibility.

City topper Arnav Sisodia cracks CBSE boards with 98.4%



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INDORE

Indore’s Arnav Sisodia has secured 98.4% in PCM in the CBSE Class 12 board examination while simultaneously preparing for JEE Advanced, and his secret is strikingly simple. For the past six months, he has not touched his mobile phone. He has no social media account, no dis-

tractions, and no shortcuts.

A state-level football player, Sisodia voluntarily stepped away from the sport he loves to stay focused on his goal: a seat in Computer Science at IIT Bombay. When mental stress builds up, he does not scroll—he spends quiet time with his family. In a generation defined by screens, Sisodia chose silence. And silence, it turns out, scored 98.4%.

Sanwer to get 12 new anganwadi buildings

Indore: In a boost to child welfare and women-centric development, the Sanwer assembly constituency is set to receive 12 new anganwadi buildings at a cost of Rs 1.35 crore. The project aims to strengthen nutrition, healthcare, and early education facilities for children, adolescent girls, pregnant women, and infants across urban and rural areas of the constituency. Speaking about the importance of anganwadi centres, water resources minister Tulsi Silawat said these centres play a crucial role in child nutrition, healthcare, and pre-primary education, while also supporting adolescent girls, pregnant women, and newborns through various welfare schemes. He said the construction of modern anganwadi buildings in gram panchayats and urban wards would significantly improve the delivery of government services and provide better facilities to beneficiaries. “With the construction of these centres, children’s nutritional and educational needs can be addressed more effectively, while women and infants will also receive improved access to government welfare schemes,” Silawat said.

Forest Dept seals sawmill over regulatory violations



Our Staff Reporter
INDORE

The Forest Department sealed a sawmill in Tigriya Badshah on Thursday following an investigation into unauthorised structural modifications at the facility.

The action, conducted under the authority of divisional forest officer Lal Sudhakar Singh, targeted a sawmill owned by Sangeeta Nigam in the Sanwer subrange. A task force led by forest range officer Sangeeta Thakur inspected the site after receiving a complaint that the sawmill’s processing pit had been relocated without mandatory government approval.

Investigators confirmed the license holder altered the unit’s infrastructure in violation of the MP Wood Chopping (Regulation) Rules, 1984.

Under state law, any modification to a licensed sawmill requires prior written consent from the Forest Department to ensure regulatory compliance.

Officials registered POR case number 904/1 and immediately moved to shutter the plant. In addition to the closure, the department imposed a fine on Nigam for the regulatory breach.

The enforcement team included acting sub-divisional forest officers Anita Bhandol, Mahesh Songara, and Shyam Gohe, as well as forest officer Suryanarayan Yadav. They were supported by forest guards Vishnu Kale and Aman Malviya, vehicle driver Prakash Boke, and employee Totaram Chauhan.

The facility remains under official seal pending further legal proceedings.

JALKUNDS SAVE WILDLIFE

Water projects ensure animals stay in forests

Tina Khatri
INDORE

As scorching heat grips the Malwa plateau, the Indore forest division has successfully deployed a tactical “water-wall” to protect both residents and wildlife. By constructing and filling a network of temporary ponds—locally known as jalkunds—well before the onset of the peak summer, the department has managed to anchor animals deep within forest ranges, effectively ending the dangerous seasonal tradition of wildlife straying into city streets.

Pre-summer hydration halts human-wildlife friction

Forest ranger Sangeeta Thakur, the lead officer behind this preemptive strike against drought, emphasised that timing was the department’s strongest weapon. She explained that by activating these water points while natural pits were only starting to dip, the division ensured that animals established a routine around safe, forest-based sources before thirst turned into desperation.

The initiative comes as a direct response to a harrowing summer last year. In 2025, Indore witnessed a spike in wildlife distress, with unofficial reports suggesting as many as 35 peacocks perished due to heatstroke and dehydration across the district. At least 20 of those deaths were recorded in the Ralamandal area alone, where the mercury touched a blistering 40.3°C. By acting early this year, the department has turned potential conflict zones into peaceful forest corridors, keeping leopards and nilgai away from urban backyards.



Peacock protection prioritised as avian distress drops

The project has proven to be a vital safety net for the city’s national bird population. Historically, peacocks bear the brunt of the dry season; unlike larger species, they often perish from heatstroke or stray dog encounters when they fly into residential gardens or public parks like Meghdoot Garden seeking a drink.

“Last year, we saw a crisis where birds were found unconscious in urban areas,” Thakur noted during a field inspection. “This year, we mapped high-density peacock zones specifically for these saucer-shaped ponds. By starting before the heat peaked, we have essentially anchored the birds to their natural habitats, ensuring they have no reason to risk a flight into the urban jungle.”

“We identified that resource scarcity was the primary engine driving animals toward human settlements,” stated Thakur. “By providing these facilities before the onset of

summer, we have stabilised the ecosystem early on. Our team now operates a relentless tanker-refill cycle to ensure these jalkunds never run dry. A well-watered forest is the best way to save lives and prevent the panic that ensues when a wild animal enters the city.”

Tanker-fed lifelines bridge conservation gap

The success of this early-action model is visible in the silence of the department’s emergency helplines. While last year required emergency interventions at over 50 locations following a surge in animal casualties, this year’s proactive logistics—using a dedicated fleet to replenish reservoirs every 48 hours—has created a sustainable lifeline. This strategy demonstrates that with smart planning and early intervention, the Indore forest division is successfully balancing the scales between a growing city and its wild neighbours.

No cheers for beer as summer peaks

Our Staff Reporter
INDORE

Liquor contractors on Thursday met assistant excise commissioner Abhishek Tiwari, demanding the resumption of beer supply in the city to deal with the ongoing shortage during the summer season.

Contractor Mohan Thakur said that contractors reported a sharp increase in demand for beer in summer, but due to insufficient stock, they are facing major financial losses. According to the contractors, many liquor shops are not receiving enough beer, and some popular brands are also unavailable. They said the shortage is affecting business, and customers are returning without making purchases due to limited stock.

The contractors also pointed out that Indore is



known as the commercial capital of Madhya Pradesh and generates one of the highest liquor revenues for the state government. Despite this, they claimed that an adequate supply of beer and several other liquor brands is still not being provided to the city. The contractors requested that the Excise Department ensure a regular and sufficient supply so that the shortage can be controlled during the peak summer season. Tiwari assured them that the department would supply an adequate quantity of beer and other brands.

Cong workers to stage demo at all 22 zonal offices today

Indore: Claiming that the BJP-led Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) has completely failed to ensure the supply of drinking water to the people of Indore, Congress city president and Leader of the Opposition in the IMC Chintu Choukse said that his party workers, along with residents of the city, are going to stage demonstrations over the water shortage on Friday. “Demonstrations will be staged at all 22 zonal offices of the IMC,” Choukse told reporters. Choukse claimed that the water management system of the IMC has collapsed, owing to which residents of the city have to face an acute shortage of water. He said that the party workers will mobilise the crowd and build pressure on the civic administration to find a solution to supply an adequate amount of water to the people. Choukse said that the demonstrators have planned to smash empty earthen pots on the roads.

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NSA invoked against history-sheeter Bhat

Our Staff Reporter
INDORE

Collector and district magistrate Shivam Verma ordered the invocation of the National Security Act (NSA) against Gaurav Bhat on Thursday. Bhat, a resident of the Moti Tabela area, has allegedly been involved in criminal activities continuously since 2006.

According to officials, several serious criminal cases have

been registered against him at different police stations. These include attempts to murder, assault, illegal possession of weapons, extortion, cheating, trespassing, and illegal liquor trade. Police said preventive actions, such as proceedings under Section 110 and externalment, had also been taken against Bhat in the past, but there was no improvement in his behaviour, and he allegedly continued committing crimes.

Man arrested with brown sugar worth Rs 1.8 lakh

Indore: A man was arrested with 18 grams of brown sugar worth more than Rs 1.8 lakh in the international market, police said on Thursday. According to the police, the suspect was identified as Rohan Rathore, a resident of Adarsh Indira Nagar in the city. The action was taken under the direction of senior police officials to control illegal narcotics activities in the city. The Dwarakapuri police station team had earlier caught some drug users, and during the investigation, they traced the supply chain to Rathore. Acting on a tip-off, the police team arrested him and recovered the illegal drugs from his possession.

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1.	Mr. Narottam Kantode S/o Hagraju Kantode (Borrower) Address :13/19 Scheme No 54 near D C memorial School vijay Nagar, Indore M.P -452010	Rs. 25,70,263.00 + uncharged intt. + other charges as applicable	Flat No 402 4th floor "Ras Town " Block-E Talawali Chanda Indore MP- 453771 Total area measuring 68.93 square Meter, standing in the name of Mr. Narottam Kantode s/o HagrajuKantode., Bounded as under: East: Common Lobby, West: Colony Roadmtr wide Road, North: Open To Sky, South: Flat no 401	30.05.2026 14:00 Hrs. to 18:00 Hrs	20,25,000/- 2,02,500/- 10,000/-	Physical	27.05.2026 11:00 AM to 13:00 PM
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1-	Mr. Rajkumar Sorout S/o Amarchand Sorout (Borrower)	Rs. 27,34,375/- + uncharged intt. + other charges as applicable	Flat No. 506, 5th Floor, A-08, Spring Apartment Shankheshwar city, Village Jakhya District Indore Madhya Pradesh total area measuring 687.67 square feet, standing in the name of 1.Mr. Rajkumar Sorout s/o Amarchand Sorout 2. Mrs. Niharika Sorout w/o Rajkumar Sorout, Bounded as under: East: MOS Boundary Wall than road, West: FlatNo: 505, North: Jakhya MP Indore-453771	17.06.2026 14:00 Hrs. to 18:00 Hrs	30,00,000/- 3,00,000/- 10,000/-	Physical	15.06.2026 11:00 AM to 13:00 PM
2-	Mrs. Niharika Sorout W/o Rajkumar Sorout (Co-Borrower) All Address: Flat no 506 , 5th Floor A-08 Spring Apartment Shankheshwar City Village Jakhya MP Indore-453771						
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