Overheard

Honey Trap Part II

Honey Trap Part II has stoked a political storm, and the name of a much-talked-about woman has figured in the case again. She possesses documents related to many important people. Thus, her arrest has upset a senior IAS officer who is trying to join an important department. He is hopeful of getting the position he is vying for in the coming days, but after her arrest, the stories about the woman and the officer are in discussion. The relationship between the officer and the woman is old, and when Sahib was the collector of a district, people used to talk about their closeness. During his posting, Sahib assigned work relating to her NGO, so after her arrest, his fear is writ large on his face.

Fierce fight

Two IAS officers in a department are fighting. The conflict has started since the duo joined the department. Now, the conflict has reached its climax. It was recently revealed that an IAS officer leaked information about the senior officer. Similarly, on an earlier occasion, someone from the department revealed information about the senior IAS officer regarding a much-discussed case. The officer wants to run the department on his own, and the senior officer wants the department to function according to his wishes. For this reason, the tension between them has turned into a major conflict. The officer has wooed everyone. This is the reason that nobody can harm him, despite his open challenges to his boss. But a few employees, who stir up conflict between the two officers, are taking advantage of the quarrel.

Searching for businessman

An IAS officer with an important position is searching for a businessman to invest his money that he made through underhand dealings during his posting in an important position. Because the officer was in want of a loyal person, he kept the money somewhere outside the state capital. Now, he wants to invest the money. He recently held a meeting with a businessman, which continued for a long time. At the meeting, Sahib indicated he wanted to invest a hefty sum. The officer and the businessman, however, could not make a decision at the meeting. The information about the officer's intention was out because even after the meeting with the businessman, his search for a businessman for investing his money did not end. The problem with the officer is that he cannot discuss the issue with anyone. Now, Sahib is talking to another businessman, who has invested the money of other officers.

Foreign tours

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's appeal to avoid spending holidays abroad has worried a few bureaucrats in the state. A senior IAS officer has finalised a plan to go abroad. People in the corridors of power say the officer is going abroad to meet his daughter. After the PM's appeal, he is trying to remove hurdles from the way of his foreign travel. A female IAS officer is also encountering the same problems. She wants to go abroad for work related to her son. Because of cacophony over foreign tours, she fears lest the government should cancel her application. The same is the condition of another officer who has also submitted an application seeking permission for a foreign tour. Because of the prime minister's appeal to avoid foreign tours, the officers fear that the head of state might cancel their applications. This is the reason why the officer is requesting the higher-ups to approve his application for a foreign tour.

Collector's attitude

A collector is displaying authority after his transfer from one district to another. The officer initially picked a fight with the employees, with whom he became strict soon after his posting there. The employees of the district are considered politically powerful. The confrontation with the staffers began because of the collector's attitude. As a result, employees created an uproar, which, though calmed down, Sahib is not on good terms with the other officers. Some kind of conflict takes place daily. The collector wants to run the district on his own, which is not possible because of the political importance of the place. For this reason, the officer is confronting everyone. The collector enjoys the patronage of the head of state and that of the party organisation. So, he wants to keep everyone under his control in the district. People say the collector's attitude may cause a major problem in the district any day.

Attempt to return

An IPS officer wants to return to the mainstream administration. Though after the government formation the IPS officer held a powerful position, he could not manage it for a long time. He was away from the mainstream administration after an incident, which also ended his relationship with the higher-ups in the government. He is not interested in the work he is doing and wishes to get back his power. He is vying for a position from which a senior officer is going to retire. As the time for the retirement of the senior officer is nearing, people in the corridors of power are speculating about his appointment to the position. For the IPS officer, the position is important. There are, however, speculations about whether the government will depend on him or not. In this situation, the IPS officer is trying to win back the government's confidence. Because he has many detractors in the police department, it may not be easy for him to return to the mainstream administration.

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GROWING UP BEHIND BARS | Data shows children growing up inside jails with limited family interaction despite welfare provisions

Nearly 110 kids living with moms in MP jails

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Nearly 110 children below six years of age are currently living inside Madhya Pradesh jails with their imprisoned mothers, spending their early years within prison premises. Legal experts said that many women prisoners are unable to approach higher courts for bail due to financial and legal constraints, unlike suspended SDOP Pooja Pandey, who recently secured bail from the Supreme Court.

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Children below six are permitted to stay with imprisoned mothers under jail rules

The court while granting bail stated, "the petitioner being a single mother with a child of 2-3 years old and there being no likelihood of absconding from the trial proceedings, the instant petition is disposed of and the petitioner is directed to be released on bail subject to her furnishing bail bonds to the satisfaction of the jurisdictional Court."

Madhya Pradesh has around 1,600 women prisoners and nearly 42,000 male prisoners. In Bhopal Central Jail, there are currently 191 women prisoners. Among them, 102 have been convicted, while 88, including four foreign nationals, are undertrials.

These women prisoners have 12 children below six years of age living with them inside the jail premises. Under jail manual provisions, children below six years are permitted to stay with their mothers. Within the high walls of prisons, these children live, play and study at play schools set up by the jail administration. However, they remain deprived of regular interaction with their fathers and other family members.

Responsibility versus motherly care

Every prisoner inside the jail is assigned work, including technical training or other responsibilities. Jail officials said mothers often find it difficult to balance assigned work with childcare responsibilities. Officials said the challenge is not conflict with jail staff, but the emotional and practical difficulty of balancing prison duties with motherhood.

Sunday reunions and special diet

Sunday is a day of joy for the children and parents lodged in jail. The jail administration has fixed Sunday for family meetings, when fathers who are also imprisoned are allowed to meet their wives and children. During the meeting, they can bring sweets or fruits from the canteen and spend around half an hour together. Deputy Superintendent of Jail MS Maravi said special meals are provided to children living with their mothers."They are served milk, fruits, kheer, halwa and other nutritious food items," he said.

Proposal for open jail for women prisoners

Director General of Correctional Services Varun Kapoor said a proposal is pending with the state government seeking permission to keep women prisoners in open jails along with their family members.

SWACHH SURVEKSHAN

Teams finish surveys in 8 zones in 4 days, key areas covered

Our Staff Reporter
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Swachh Survekshan survey teams continued inspection in the city on Sunday despite the scorching heat, visiting several prominent locations including the airport, Boat Club, Kamla Park, Shyamla Hills and Professor Colony. The teams also inspected the sewage treatment plant as part of the ongoing cleanliness assessment. According to officials, surveys in wards under eight municipal zones have been completed within the first four days.

The teams are expected to move in Kolar on Monday while an inspection of Adampur Chhawani garbage trench is likely to take place in next two days. In view of the expected visit, Bhopal Municipal Corporation has intensified preparations at the landfill site. The Swachh Survekshan teams have been conducting inspections in the state capital since Thursday. By Sunday, the six-member teams had completed surveys in most wards under zone number 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11 and 12. On Sunday, inspections were also carried out in select wards of zone number 20 and 21, which include the airport area, Boat Club and Shyamla Hills. Surveys in the remaining wards including New Market are scheduled for Monday.

Preparations at Adampur garbage trench

BMC officials visited Adampur Chhawani landfill site on Sunday and directed Saurashtra Company employees to speed up legacy waste processing operations. Officials also instructed that all trommel machines remain operational to ensure uninterrupted waste treatment. Senior officials and Swachh Bharat Mission staff visited the site on Sunday to review arrangements and hold discussions with the agency handling legacy waste disposal.

Survey begins in Kolar region

Survey teams have also started inspection in wards under zone number 18 and 19 covering Kolar. Civic staff have been deployed in double shifts on roads connecting Arera Colony, Char Imli, Mata Mandir Square and Chunabhatti to ensure cleanliness and prevent garbage accumulation during the survey period.

Intense heat wave scorches MP, Khajuraho and Nowgong record 45.8°C

Men cover themselves for protection from heat wave in Bhopal on Sunday

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An intense heatwave continued to lash Madhya Pradesh on Sunday, with Khajuraho and Nowgong recording the highest temperature in the state at 45.8°C.

According to Meteorological Department officials, uninterrupted hot and dry winds blowing from the desert regions of Rajasthan and Pakistan are sweeping into central parts of the country, including Madhya Pradesh. Officials warned that there would be no relief from the scorching heat and heat wave conditions for the next four days.

A red alert for severe heat wave has been issued for Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh, Niwari, Satna and Panna districts.

A yellow alert for severe heat wave has been issued for Rajgarh, Agar, Datia, Bhind, Singrauli, Sidhi, Rewa, Mauganj, Umaria, Katni, Jabalpur, Narsinghpur, Mandla, Balaghat, Damoh, Sagar, Maihar, Bhopal, Vidisha, Raisen, Sehore, Narmadapuram, Burhanpur, Khandwa, Khargone, Ratlam, Ujjain, Shajapur, Mandsaur, Neemuch, Guna, Ashoknagar, Shivpuri, Gwalior, Morena, Sheopur, Anuppur, Shahdol and Dindori. Bhopal recorded a maximum temperature of 42.7°C and a night temperature of 29.2°C, while Indore recorded 40.9°C and a night temperature of 28.2°C.

According to the Meteorological Department, high-pressure systems and anticyclones in the mid-atmosphere compress and heat the lower atmosphere while preventing cloud formation. This results in prolonged direct solar radiation.

The lack of pre-monsoon showers and moisture means incoming solar energy is entirely heating the air instead of evaporating moisture, creating a persistent heat trap.

Red alert for severe heatwave in several districts; Bhopal records 42.7°C

Day temp on May 24

Place	Deg/cel
Khajuraho	45.8
Nowgong	45.8
Datia	45.0
Tikamgarh	44.8
Sagar	44.2
Satna	44.2
Gwalior	44.1
Rajgarh	44.0
Sheopur	44.0
Guna	44.0
Rewa	43.9
Narsinghpur	43.8
Mandla	43.5
Umaria	43.4
Jabalpur	43.3
Malajhkhand	43.1
Raisen	43.0
Bhopal	42.7
Chhindwara	42.5
Seoni	42.2
Khargone	42.2
Ratlam	42.2

Traffic chaos on Ayodhya Bypass amid massive tree-felling drive

Traffic jam like condition due to tree cutting for constructions of 10-lane road on Ayodhya Bypass on Sunday

Our Staff Reporter
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Traffic movement on the Ayodhya Bypass remained severely disrupted on Sunday due to the ongoing tree-felling drive for the road-widening project between Ratnagiri Tiraha and Asharam Chowk. Following approval from the National Green Tribunal (NGT), authorities have intensified the cutting of roadside trees over the past two days, resulting in massive congestion across the stretch.

Barricading at multiple locations and the closure of one lane for the cutting operation forced vehicles from both directions to move through a single lane. The sudden increase in traffic pressure triggered long queues and frequent jams throughout the day. The situation worsened on Sunday as thousands of commuters remained stuck for hours. More than 2,000 two-wheelers and four-wheelers reportedly pass through the bypass every hour, but the absence of an alternative traffic management plan aggravated the chaos. Several motorists claimed it took them more than half an hour to cross a mere 100-metre stretch.

Vehicles crawl as 100-metre stretch takes over 30 minutes

7,871 trees to be cut, 80,000 saplings planned

The NGT's Principal Bench recently approved the 16.5-kilometre Ayodhya Bypass widening project, permitting the felling of 7,871 trees. In return, authorities have been directed to plant around 80,000 saplings and ensure their monitoring and maintenance for the next 15 years. Under the project, the bypass road will be expanded into a six-lane corridor along with service roads on both sides.

Cut timber left unattended, theft reported

Even after two days of tree cutting, a large quantity of felled timber has not been shifted to designated depots by the municipal corporation. Taking advantage of the situation, nearby residents have reportedly been carrying away usable portions of the wood from the roadside. Locals alleged that no officials or security personnel were present at several locations to monitor or prevent the theft of the cut trees.

Brain-dead Ayurvedic doctor's organs donated in Bhopal

Our Staff Reporter
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The family of a 42-year-old Ayurvedic doctor from Kerala donated her organs after she was declared brain-stem dead at a private hospital in Bhopal following a brain haemorrhage. She had been working in the city for the past six months.

Police accorded her a farewell with full state honours.

The doctor was admitted to a private hospital in Bhopal after suffering a brain haemorrhage, where doctors later declared her brain-stem dead. Following counselling by the hospital team, the family consented to organ donation.

According to doctors, the entire process was carried out in accordance with guidelines laid down by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO).

The doctor's liver and one kidney were transplanted into patients admitted to the same hospital, while the other kidney was allocated to a patient at another private hospital in Bhopal. Dr Rakesh Bharagav, a member of the MP State Advisory Committee for Organ Donation and the MP State Authorization Committee for Organ Donations, said, "The Kerala-based Ayurvedic doctor donated her liver and two kidneys in Bhopal. The liver and one kidney were transplanted at the same hospital where she was admitted, while the other kidney was allocated to another hospital in Bhopal."

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