Political Punch

Political Yatra

A former chief minister of the state has recently launched a yatra. But regardless of whatever way he may try to portray it as a religious event, it has become clear that the yatra contains political undertones. Regarding the first phase of the Yatra, politicians in the state believe the former chief minister has embarked on a journey to serve twin purposes. In the first phase, his Yatra passes by the routes where a large number of his supporters live. Through the yatra, he wants to bolster the position of his son and to weaken a politician considered strong in the area. The politician has defected from the Congress to the BJP and become a union minister. Through the yatra, the former CM sidelined by the Congress has hogged the limelight. The support that the yatra has drummed up has forced the MPCC president, too, to participate in it. The former chief minister plans to unite his supporters again through the march.

Growing bitterness

Stories about the fuss between the head of state and a senior minister in the state cabinet have stirred up discussions in the corridors of power. Two recent incidents again exposed the chasm between the two. This time, the head of state visited the financial capital of Madhya Pradesh to perform Shashtra Pujan (worshipping weapons) on the occasion of Dussehra. The purpose of his visit to the state s financial capital was that he remained opposed to the senior minister performing the Shashtra Pujan. On Independence Day, he let another minister hoist the national flag in the city instead of the senior minister. Similarly, to prevent the senior minister from performing the weapon worship, the head of state reached the financial capital again on the occasion of Dussehra to participate in the programme. He did so even after taking part in several functions there a day before. The dispute between the head of state and the senior minister over attending functions in the city continued on previous occasions, too. The minister could not reach the functions, chaired by the head of state, on time. On the other hand, the way the head of state held meetings with the minister s adversaries during his night halt in the city sparked conversations in political circles.

Plan upsets masters!

Several leaders of the BJP look unhappy with the master plan. But they have little to do about it. Such leaders expressed their anger to the head of state. Yet, it had no impact. Similarly, the master plan upsets a minister. She suggested some changes in it. Nobody knows whether the higher-ups accept her suggestions or not. A former legislator vented his spleen at the master plan at a meeting with the office-bearers of the BJP s district core committee. He also complained about it at different places. He wants the government to cancel the Master Plan. The Member of Parliament, too, frowns upon it, but he knows the higher-ups will remain deaf to him. So, he maintains a silence over the issue. Despite the anger among these leaders, the government barely weighs their opinions. The state s indifference to their feelings has made these leaders unhappy.

Total surrender

A senior minister of the state cabinet has totally surrendered to the head of state. The boss has saved the minister s chair. So, he has surrendered to the head. A function recently took place in the minister s home district. The function went on together with the head of state s road show, and the sun continued to beat down on the road. The minister picked up an umbrella and stood, shielding his boss from the extreme heat. He stood protecting the head of state from the torridness until the show continued. At every function, he took the mike and heaped praises on his boss. The minister remains senior in the cabinet. But after he courted controversy, he stood to lose his cabinet berth. The head of state came to his rescue, and now, he has completely brought the minister out of the mess. So, the minister has submitted to his saviour. However confident the minister may appear, he fears lest the cabinet reshuffle should cost his chair. Thus, he has resorted to pleasing his boss.

Plough or gun?

The nights, stormy, wintry, or rainy, force farmers to sleep in their fields with sticks to protect crops from wild animals in rural areas. However painful the farmers' experience may be, the story remains hackneyed. A former member of parliament gingered it up, voicing concern over farmers' security. Their nightly plight moved the politician so much that he said instead of sticks, the farmers should carry guns to protect themselves and crops. It was, however, a little na ve of the former MP to think that the farmers would easily get guns. Because of the cost and the difficulties in obtaining a licence, guns remain inaccessible to them. The MP then appealed to the government to provide guns to farmers. Younger brother of a former chief minister of the Congress, the politician remained an elected representative from the BJP as well as from the Congress. Yet, his callow attitude often stirs up troubles for him as well as for the political outfit he represents.

In a huff

A major housing project in the state capital has been in a bind for two years. A BJP leader's attempt to hand over the project to a relative caused the jam. The leader spared no effort to create hurdles in the way of the project, but his efforts fell through. A company from another state has been dealing with all projects in the state capital for over a decade. As the firm pulls a lot of weight, the state party unit advised the leader to stay away from the deal. The leader, who held up the project for two years, decided to stand down. Thus. the firm from the other state walked away with the project, leaving the leader in a huff.

EXCESS SUPPLY | Prices expected to remain under pressure for the next one-and-a-half to two months

Bumper harvest: Wholesale tomato price plunges to Rs 3/kg

Our Staff Reporter
INDORE

A bumper tomato harvest across Madhya Pradesh and North India has pushed prices to as low as Rs 3 per kg at Choithram Mandi, offering consumers relief but making it hard for farmers to recover production and transportation costs.

Tomatoes are currently selling at Rs 3 to Rs 8 per kg in the wholesale market, while daily arrivals have reached nearly 10,000 crates against consumption of around 7,000 crates. Each crate contains approximately 25 kg of tomatoes. The excess supply is expected to keep prices under pressure for the next one-and-a-half to two months.

Farmers from Neemuch, Rajgarh, Shajapur, Shivpuri and Guna have cultivated tomatoes on a large scale this season. However, increased production has affected their earnings. Last year, tomatoes fetched Rs 25 to Rs 35 per kg during the same period.

Farmers spend approximately Rs 100 per crate to transport tomatoes from fields to the market. This includes around Rs 50 for harvesting and packing and another Rs 50 for transportation. With prices falling sharply, recovering these expenses has become difficult.

According to Yogesh Bairagi of Saikrupa Trading, prices may remain weak until market arrivals decline.

Traders have also demanded additional storage sheds, saying the mandi lacks sufficient space to accommodate 30,000-35,000 crates during peak arrivals. Improved storage and processing facilities could reduce wastage, while juice, sauce and puree manufacturers may benefit from cheaper raw material.

Court dismisses BDA eviction plea against National Herald

Alleged land misuse & sale of bldg portions

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BHOPAL

The District and Sessions Court, Bhopal, on Saturday dismissed a petition filed by the Bhopal Development Authority (BDA) seeking eviction of National Herald from land allotted to its publishing company, Associated Journals Limited (AJL), in the state capital.

The BDA had filed a civil suit seeking cancellation of the allotment and eviction over alleged mi-suse of the land. The court delivered its ruling after concluding the hearing.<In 1981, 1.14 acres of land was allotted to AJL in the Press Complex in MP Nagar. The BDA issued a notice to the company in 2014 over alleged misuse of the land.

AJL submitted its response, but the authority found it unsatisfactory, cancelled the allotment and approached the court for eviction.

Following the BDA's action, people who had purchased portions of the building submitted their respective claims. Some buyers also obtained stay orders from the High Court, prolonging the dispute.

Car overturns thrice after collision near LIG Square

Our Staff Reporter
INDORE



A car overturned three times after being hit by another vehicle near LIG Square in the early hours of Saturday. No one was injured in the accident.

According to information, the incident occurred around 3 am on the stretch between Industry House and LIG Square. People present at the spot told police that a white car carrying four youths was moving at high speed. The driver allegedly applied the brakes suddenly, following which a car travelling behind lost control and collided with it.

Bystanders and passers-by helped pull the occupants out of the vehicle. Witnesses claimed that the youths appeared to be under the influence of alcohol, though this has not been officially confirmed. Officials said no complaint had initially been lodged by either side.

Later on Saturday evening, occupants of the other car approached the police station and claimed that their vehicle had been damaged due to the actions of the youths in the white car. Police had not registered their complaint at the time and said further action could be taken after hearing the other side.

Mayor sets 30-day deadline for Manish Puri road work

INDORE: Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargav conducted a surprise inspection of Manish Puri on Saturday and expressed displeasure over the slow pace of road construction, delayed asphalting, poor-quality patchwork and inadequate sanitation. He directed officials to complete the remaining roadwork within 30 days, warning that he would move a censure motion if the deadline was missed. He also instructed officials to prepare for the road's inauguration after Diwali.

During the inspection, the mayor asked officials to monitor construction on-site instead of relying solely on office reviews. He stressed that quality standards must not be compromised and directed teams to ensure that ramps on connecting roads do not obstruct water drainage or inconvenience residents.

Bhargav also expressed concern over slow asphalting across the city and ordered priority repairs of potholes and damaged roads. Engineers and monitoring officials were instructed to conduct regular quality checks on patchwork.

Experts raise alarm over rising myopia among urban kids

Our Staff Reporter
INDORE

Experts raised concern over rising myopia among children at the 49th annual conference of the Madhya Pradesh State Ophthalmological Society, which began at Brilliant Convention Centre on Saturday.

More than 700 ophthalmologists from across the country are attending the three-day conference. Specialists said the proportion of urban children requiring spectacles is reaching nearly 70%.

Delhi-based Dr Sanjay Chaudhary said increased use of mobile phones, online classes and computers has raised screen time among children. Prolonged near work, less outdoor play and reduced exposure to natural light are linked to a higher risk of myopia, while genetic factors and lifestyle also play a role.

He said severe myopia can increase the risk of retinal complications. Parents should get children examined if they have difficulty seeing distant objects, sit too close to the television or frequently squint. Regular check-ups are also necessary after spectacles are prescribed. Dr Chaudhary said laser surgery is not suitable for every patient and depends on age, stability of refractive error and the condition of the cornea.

Drunk truck driver caught, vehicle seized at Bapat Square

INDORE: The traffic police seized a truck after the driver was found driving under the influence of alcohol during a checking drive at Bapat Square on Saturday. Traffic beat in-charge inspector Rajendra Singh Chauhan and Zone-2 traffic police station in-charge Yogesh Mishra checked heavy vehicles coming from the Dewas Naka side at Bapat Square. During the drive, the driver of a truck bearing a Rajasthan registration number was found to be under the influence of alcohol. The traffic police issued a challan against the driver and seized the vehicle.

IMC commissioner orders salary cuts for staff over poor sanitation

INDORE: Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) commissioner Kshitij Singhal on Saturday ordered salary cuts for sanitation officials and staff after inspections revealed inadequate cleaning in several parts of the city. Show-cause notices were also ordered against officials responsible for monitoring sanitation.

8 officials face show-cause notices for negligence: Collector Shivam Verma directed officials to issue show-cause notices to eight tehsildars and naib tehsildars for negligence in duty and ordered the withholding of salary increments of two tehsildars over poor performance in resolving CM Helpline complaints.

Thieves steal 36 phones

INDORE: Thieves broke into a mobile phone shop in Pawanputra Nagar under Rajendra Nagar police station limits and stole 36 expensive smartphones worth around Rs 9 lakh. The intruders entered the shop by lifting a sheet of the tin shed on the roof and fled with phones kept on the counter and display units.

National bike rally leaves Indore

Indore: A national motorcycle rally carrying the message of national unity, social harmony and a drug-free society left Indore for Gujarat's Ekta Nagar on Saturday. The rally is scheduled to participate in the National Unity Day celebrations on Oct 31, marking the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Commissioner of police Santosh Kumar Singh flagged off the rally and wished the participants well. He also honoured riders from different states by presenting them with medals. Organised in coordination with the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF), the nationwide campaign involves 146 motorcycle riders from 14 states, including Madhya Pradesh. The team has covered more than 2,600 kilometres before reaching the city. A seven-member motorcycle team from the Madhya Pradesh Police is also participating in the rally.

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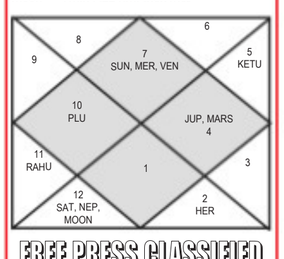
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