Muslim's seek strictest punishment for Raisen rape accused

Community stands united against heinous crime

Bhopal: There was intense public outrage in the city against Salman, accused of raping a minor in Gauharganj. On Saturday afternoon, members of the Muslim community gathered at Mata Mandir Square and staged a strong demonstration, symbolically hanging an effigy of the accused to express their anger.

A large number of youth participated in the protest, raising slogans demanding justice. The demonstration was led by Mujahid Siddiqui from the Sajid Friends Club. Addressing the gathering, Siddiqui said, "There is no place in society for a criminal like Salman. We demand the death penalty for him under the Constitution. The entire Muslim community is ashamed of this act, and no lawyer or organization will support him."

He emphasized that such crimes are unacceptable in any religion and urged the government and police to ensure the strictest punishment at the earliest. Police remained deployed throughout the protest to maintain order.

Earlier, Karni Sena state president Indal Singh Rana felicitated Rizwan, who assisted police in nabbing the accused after a brief chase, with a reward of Rs 11,000.

Reiterating the community's stand, Siddiqui said that while they seek the harshest punishment as per Sharia law, as Indian citizens they are demanding the death penalty under the Constitution.

He added that Salman's actions have brought shame to the Muslim community in Bhopal and across the nation. No community leader or lawyer will extend any support to him, he affirmed, stressing their firm demand for capital punishment.

NSUI demands strict action over Ratlam school incident

By Special Correspondent

Bhopal: The National Students' Union of India (NSUI) has called for urgent and stringent action after a Class 8 student at Bodhi International School, Ratlam, allegedly jumped from the third floor following disciplinary pressure. The 13-year-old, a national-level skating player, was critically injured. The incident occurred after the student reportedly recorded an Instagram reel in the classroom, prompting the school to summon his father and initiate strict disciplinary proceedings.

NSUI National Spokesperson Viraj Yadav expressed deep concern, stating that the matter reflects "mental harassment and an unsafe school environment", rather than a mere issue of mobile use. He accused the school of failing to ensure the child's emotional and psychological safety.

The NSUI has written to the District Collector, School Education Department and the State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, demanding an FIR against the principal and management, suspension of the school's recognition, and accountability of education officials.

Two serial burglars nabbed in Garg Electronics case

Rs 12 lakh heist solved by Ayodhya Nagar Police

Bhopal: The Ayodhya Nagar Police have achieved a major breakthrough, arresting two habitual burglars and recovering nearly Rs 12 lakh in stolen goods and cash related to the recent break-in at Garg Electronics showroom. The daring theft occurred on the night of November 24-25, 2025, where the thieves broke into the showroom, stealing high-end LED TVs, mobile phones, water heaters, and cash amounting to Rs 60,000 to Rs 70,000, while also causing extensive property damage.

Under the direction of Police Commissioner Harinarayanachari Mishra, a dedicated team used CCTV footage, including images from an ATM used by the suspects, to identify the criminals. The team first detained Deepak Yadav, a 19-year-old security guard and habitual offender from Shivpuri, who confessed and implicated his partner, Tarun alias Mahendra Meena, 19, from Sehore.

Pharmacy Council chairman, others booked for assaulting youth

Bhopal: Habibganj police have registered an FIR against Pharmacy Council Chairman Sanjay Jain and several others after a video of a young man being assaulted on the council premises in Bhopal went viral. The victim, Tushar Sonare, released an emotional video stating that Jain, KK Yadav, Gopal Yadav and other officials dragged him inside the office, beat him severely, and even struck his private parts. He appealed to the Chief Minister for action, alleging that a police officer at the scene did nothing to intervene. According to Tushar, he had been visiting the council for a month to get his certificate digitally signed but was repeatedly turned away. On Friday, when he attempted to meet an officer, a guard stopped and pushed him. After freeing himself, the guard fell, leading to a confrontation where staff members allegedly attacked him. Tushar said he had recorded his grievances on video due to prolonged delays, which angered officials and triggered the assault.

FIRs filed from both sides

The Pharmacy Council claims Tushar assaulted the guard first, disrupting government work. FIRs have now been filed from both sides. Based on a complaint by Gopal Singh Yadav, Tushar faces charges of obstructing government work and issuing threats. Meanwhile, Tushar's complaint has led to cases against Sanjay Jain, Jitendra, and another unidentified individual for assault and intimidation.

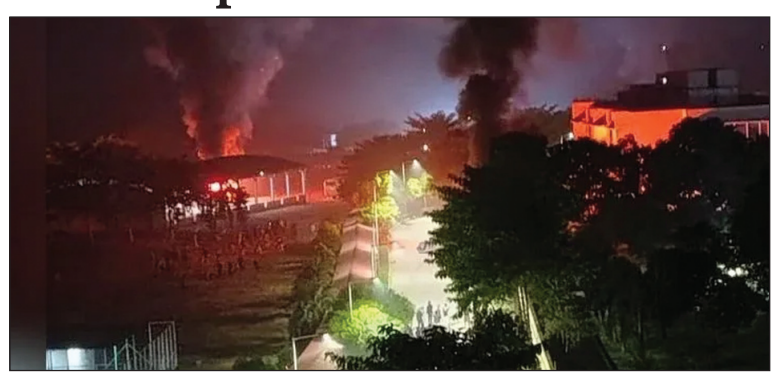
Arogya Manthan-2 charts path to "One Nation, One Health System"

Bhopal: AIIMS Bhopal, in partnership with Arogya Bharati, hosted the national health symposium "Arogya Manthan-2", focusing on the vision of a unified and equitable healthcare system across India. Held under the theme "One Nation, One Health System – Is Need of the Hour," the event brought together experts, policymakers, and medical professionals to discuss an integrated health framework rooted in preventive and holistic care.

The symposium emphasized the guiding philosophy: "Healthy Individual, Healthy Family, Healthy Village, Healthy Nation," highlighting the role of disciplined habits and early intervention. AIIMS Bhopal Executive Director Prof. (Dr.) Madhabananda Kar urged people to adopt mindful living, regular fasting, and a balanced view of modern and traditional medicine. He also recommended the book 'Love, Medicine and Miracles' for deeper insights into healing.

Chief Speaker Dr. Suresh Patankar spoke on the growing relevance of robotic surgery and the rise of lifestyle diseases, stressing timely treatment and better habits. Dr. Ashok Kumar Varshney underlined the importance of integrating modern and traditional systems for effective healthcare solutions.

Probe report reveals fear and harassment at VIT



Bhopal: A three-member committee appointed by the Madhya Pradesh Private University Regulatory Commission has submitted its report on the vandalism and arson incident at VIT University in Sehore district. The findings paint a troubling picture of intimidation, mismanagement, and rising fear among students. According to the report, students on campus are under constant pressure and harassment. Many revealed that they were scared to raise concerns due to the administration's threatening and authoritarian approach. The committee noted that the university management frequently warned students that complaining or speaking out could result in academic penalties, including being marked failed in exams. Several instances were recorded where students' ID cards were confiscated, they were stopped from appearing in examinations, or given unusually low marks in practicals as a form of punishment.

Role of police and administration also questioned: The investigation has also raised serious questions about the role of the police and district administration. Despite being aware of the tense atmosphere on campus, authorities remained passive. Shockingly, the administration claimed it received formal information from the university management only around 2:00 a.m., long after unrest had escalated into vandalism and arson.

The report further highlights students' grievances regarding food quality. Complaints about the mess were routinely dismissed, with students being told to "eat whatever is prepared," reinforcing the climate of neglect.

AI-powered 'Krishnayan' to headline International Gita Mahotsav

Bhopal: The International Gita Mahotsav, marking Gita Jayanti, is set to captivate audiences on December 1st with a day of profound cultural and spiritual performances at Ravindra Bhavan's Hansdhwani Auditorium. The main attraction will be "Krishnayan," a unique musical presentation by Bhopal storyteller Mohit Shewani. Notably, Shewani will utilize Artificial Intelligence (AI) to enhance the performance, aiming to introduce music lovers to India's cultural grandeur. Krishnayan specifically focuses on the narrative of Lord Krishna's connection with Madhya Pradesh. The event, organized by the MP Culture Department's Veer Bharat Nyas, will also feature a "Gita on Wheels" performance directed by Dr. Salauddin Pasha of Bangalore, alongside a Shrimad Bhagavad Gita dance-drama by the Vishwa Gita Pratishthanam. The day will commence at 1 PM with Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav leading a resonant recitation of the 15th Chapter of the Bhagavad Gita. The main cultural performances will begin later in the evening at 6 PM.

'Actor Left, I Just Put on Clothes and Acted', recalls TV star

- From production crew to Prahlad Cha
- Panchayat star Faisal Malik's accidental leap to acting

Bhopal: Faisal Malik, the beloved Prahlad Cha from the hit series Panchayat, shared the surprising story of his entry into acting during a session at the Vishwarang 2025 ceremony at Ravindra Bhavan on Friday evening.

Malik revealed his cinematic debut was purely accidental. While working in the production team for the movie Gangs of Wasseypur, he was suddenly thrust into a role: "The actor left, so I just put on some clothes and did the acting," he recounted.

Six years ago, Malik made the life-changing move to Mumbai, which brought immense economic, mental, and professional struggle. At one point, he decided to return home but was persuaded to stay by friends. "Mumbai is beautiful; if someone sticks it out here, they can settle," he noted.

Looking ahead, Malik teased a drastic and new twist in the upcoming Panchayat Season 5, promising a focus on the village's rustic charm alongside the development of Prahlad Cha's character and those around him.

Malik credits his grounded portrayals, like Prahlad Cha, to his commitment to authenticity, intense preparation, and discussion with co-actors. He also expressed regret over not pursuing theatre and advocated for its inclusion at the school level to aid in children's overall personality development and boost their intellectual curiosity.

SIR: Heavy administrative workload delays routine public services

Bhopal: The district has achieved 60% digitization in the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of voter lists, with 11.88 lakh forms already processed. Among the district's seven assembly constituencies, Berasia leads at 90%, while Bhopal South-West continues to lag behind.

Due to the massive workload, the Collector, ADMs, SDMs, and Tehsildars are on continuous field duty, causing significant delays in routine administrative tasks. Land-related works such as name transfers, divisions, and demarcations have been stalled.

Officials report that digitization and BLO duties are keeping teams occupied from morning until late at night, leaving little time for court hearings or office tasks.

Around 500 public applications remain pending daily

Municipal Corporation engineers, Patwaris, and Revenue Inspectors have also been deployed for SIR work, delaying services like birth and death certificates.

Daily, around 500 public applications—including caste, income, domicile, and EWS certificates—remain pending. Tehsildars and Naib Tehsildars, who typically hear nearly 300 cases a day, have postponed most hearings until after December 4.

The SIR began on November 4th and initially progressed slowly, prompting a reprimand from the Election Commission.

Since then, administrative staff have accelerated efforts, pushing digitization to 60%. Constituency progress varies: Bhopal North (61.5%), Narela (56%), Bhopal Central (51.6%), Govindpura (50.8%), and Huzur (63%).

Deputy District Election Officer Bhuvan Gupta confirmed that the work will be completed by the December 4th deadline, with the Collector monitoring updates every two hours.

Campion students shine at spectacular Annual Day

Celebration of talent, tradition, and the theme "Threads of Time Ties for Tomorrow"

Bhopal: Campion School celebrated its 57th Annual Day with grandeur and enthusiasm, transforming the campus into a vibrant stage of music, culture, and creativity. The celebration began with the school band leading the Chief Guest Pradeep Kumar Upadhyay (Alumni, 1985 batch), Guests of Honour Dr. Punit Dixit, and other dignitaries to the venue, followed by the traditional lighting of the lamp.

Over 1,000 students from KG I to Class II participated, presenting an impressive lineup of performances including prayer songs, welcome songs, English plays, Hindi skits, action songs, cultural dances, dramas, and lively Bollywood numbers.

A Theme Brought to Life

This year's theme, "Threads of Time Ties for Tomorrow" highlighted the values of Jesuit education through meaningful skits, a spiritual prayer song, a welcome dance, and a dance drama underscoring the importance of learning at Campion and across the world. Colourful dances, engaging storytelling, and an impactful Grand Finale brought the theme to life. A dynamic LED backdrop added visual richness to the performances.

Headmistress Sr. Renisha AC presented the annual report for 2024–25, while the Chief Guest and Guests of Honour addressed the audience and congratulated students on their achievements. A slideshow further showcased the year's accomplishments. Prizes were awarded to meritorious students, followed by the presentation of mementoes to the special guests.

Gen-Z protest erupts at BU over IAS Verma's remarks

Protesters demand FIR and suspension

Bhopal: Protests have intensified across Bhopal after controversial remarks made by AJAKS State President and senior IAS officer Santosh Verma regarding Brahmin daughters. On Saturday, hundreds of Gen-Z members, led by Pandit Ashish Sharma, staged a massive demonstration outside Barkatullah University. Sharma said the issue concerns the dignity of all women in the state and insisted that an FIR be lodged immediately along with Verma's suspension. During the protest, Congress spokesperson Vivek Tripathi criticized the silence of BJP's Brahmin leaders, accusing them of ignoring a grave insult to their community. He said such "indecent mentality" cannot be tolerated in Madhya Pradesh. Tensions escalated: Tensions escalated when protesters placed Verma's effigy on a donkey and beat it. Ashish Sharma warned that if the government does not act, Gen-Z will take out a state-wide procession with Verma himself seated on a donkey.

Protesters, including Abhishek Dwivedi, said the officer's remarks could incite social unrest and vowed to continue the agitation until action is taken. A large number of youth from upper-caste communities participated, expressing strong anger over the statement.

Rewa MP writes to Union Minister: Meanwhile, Rewa MP Janardan Mishra has written to Union Minister Jitendra Singh, demanding a probe into Verma's remarks, criminal background, and alleged caste-change for promotion. Mishra condemned the officer's comment as insulting, sexually inappropriate, and caste-divisive.