

“Don bolte darling sheher mein”: Rise of ‘Lady Gangs’

- Women involved in drug trafficking, kidnapping, and murder
- Women escalating into organized offending in Jabalpur

Jabalpur: Jabalpur is witnessing a disturbing shift in its crime landscape, where women and young girls are increasingly becoming central players in organized criminal activities, moving beyond traditional reports of domestic violence and exploitation. Recent police records show a rapid rise in cases involving drug trafficking, kidnapping, extortion, and assault perpetrated by “Lady Gangs.” This surge in female criminality is adding to an already high crime rate plagued by murders, robberies, and violent attacks. Women, once considered the backbone of soci-



ety, are now filling police records as history-sheeters and listed criminals. **From homicides to sex rackets:** The scope of involvement: The extent of female participation in serious crime is alarmingly wide. Cases registered in the past year include: a wife who murdered her husband in Adhartal (June 17), and a woman, along with her husband, who committed a double mur-



der in Ghamapur (October 24). Furthermore, women have been found operating human trafficking rings and managing sex rackets under the guise of spa centres. **Drivers behind the deadly trend:** The factors pushing women into this dangerous lifestyle are complex, ranging from economic distress and unemployment to addiction and domestic

strife. Other significant causes cited are the lure of a quick, wealthy lifestyle, family problems, and the negative influence of social media promoting a “gangster” image. Early exposure to abuse and domestic violence also contributes to this path. **The ‘Killer Queen Gang’ and social media showmanship:** The brazenness of these gangs is exemplified by the ‘Killer Queen Gang,’ whose members were recently arrested after kidnapping and severely assaulting a young woman (November 21), a video of which they proudly shared online. Their Instagram bio reads, “Don bolte darling sheher mein” (The Don speaks in the city), and they posted videos showcasing knives. Other recent arrests include women caught supplying Ganja (November 20 and 27) and two women who assaulted a nursing student, destroyed her phone, and demanded money for alcohol (November 26).

Vehicles in Scindia’s convoy pile up near Guna

▶ SDOP and Tehsildar injured



Gwalior: A motorcade accompanying Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia was involved in a startling pile-up near the Guna barrier, leaving two key local officials injured and several vehicles damaged. The accident occurred shortly after the Minister left Guna, following the inauguration of the Chanderi Festival.

The incident was triggered when a vehicle in the large convoy—reportedly a Fortuner—braked suddenly, possibly due to a roadside stop for greetings. Ashoknagar SDOP Vivek Sharma’s car collided with the vehicle in front, and the Tehsildar’s car, driven by Bhartendu Yadav, subsequently crashed into the SDOP’s vehicle. The crash sent a brief moment of panic through the entourage. Both the SDOP and the Tehsildar sustained injuries and were immediately attended to. Kotwali Police In-Charge Ravi Pratap Singh Chauhan confirmed the accident, noting that the sudden halt of the convoy was the cause of the rear-end collision. While the police are investigating the precise circumstances, the event serves as a sharp reminder of the safety risks inherent in large, quickly moving VIP entourages.

BLO Supervisor wins air trip for flawless digitisation

▶ Sky-high reward

Jabalpur: In a unique initiative to incentivize electoral diligence, the Jabalpur District Election Office has awarded BLO Supervisor Snehlata Patel with a complimentary air trip to the famous Kanha and Bandhavgarh National Parks. Snehlata Patel, a Supervisor with the Women and Child Development Department, earned the coveted prize for being the first BLO supervisor to complete the digitisation of enumeration forms for all booths under her charge during the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of the voter list. Under the direction of Collector Raghavendra Singh, the election office launched this innovative reward scheme to encourage hard work among Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and their collaborators. Patel was responsible for digitising the forms for 7,706 voters across 10 booths in the Panagar Assembly segment



(Booths 52-61). Expressing her delight, Patel thanked the Collector and urged her colleagues to approach their duties with similar dedication. This initiative highlights the administration’s push for timely, accurate, and digital-sound electoral preparation.

Brother identifies accused Sonam in Raja Raghuvanshi murder trial

▶ Shillong Courtroom drama: No fear, no repentance on accused faces

Indore: The mysterious death case of Indore resident Raja Raghuvanshi saw a significant development on Friday as his brother, Vipin Raghuvanshi, completed four days of continuous testimony via video conferencing in the Shillong court. Vipin Raghuvanshi confirmed he unequivocally identified two of the accused during the hearing. Crucially, he told the court that the demeanor of the accused showed neither fear nor a trace of remorse for the serious crime. “I had expected to see some guilt after their time in jail, but they were dressed in new clothes, behaving as if they were pre-



pared for a routine matter,” Vipin stated. This firm identification and observation by the key witness marks a decisive turn in the murder trial. Vipin reaffirmed his commitment to the fight for justice, stating that the distance and difficulty of attending continuous hearings—thousands of kilometres from Indore—would not deter him. Securing justice for his brother remains his paramount duty. The court has concluded the cross-examination of the key witness and will now proceed with further testimonies and case diary analysis in the next phase of the trial.

Fake IPS, CBI officers booked for Rs 76 lakh ‘Extortion Scam’

Jabalpur: The Crime Branch has filed a First Information Report (FIR) against two individuals impersonating senior law enforcement officers for allegedly extorting a massive Rs 76 lakh by threatening to implicate an elderly resident in false legal cases. The victim, 72-year-old Anil Kumar Nanhoriya of Sanjivani Nagar, reported the shocking fraud to the police. The accused have been identified as a purported IPS officer named Vijay Kumar and a claimed CBI official named Kirti Sanyal. According to the complaint, the two suspects con-

tacted Nanhoriya via WhatsApp, using sophisticated intimidation tactics. They allegedly threatened him with imminent arrest and the seizure of his assets, leveraging the fear of getting entangled in fabricated cases. This coercion led Nanhoriya to transfer Rs 76 lakh to the fraudsters. The FIR has been lodged under sections related to cheating and fraud. Police are now investigating the sophisticated digital operation to trace and apprehend the impersonators who preyed on the victim’s fear of the law.

1,759 cases in two weeks: Jabalpur cracks down on stubble burning

Jabalpur: As farmers in Jabalpur race to sow Rabi crops like wheat and peas, an alarming parallel rise in stubble burning incidents has prompted the administration to take stringent action. Satellite monitoring recorded a staggering 1,759 cases of post-harvest residue burning in the district over the last two weeks, severely impacting soil health and escalating environmental pollution. Citing the critical damage caused to soil fertility, beneficial insects, and the surrounding environment, Collector Raghavendra Singh has issued prohibitory orders against the practice. Violators now face escalating financial penalties: ● Up to 2 acres: Rs 2,500 ● 2 to 5 acres: Rs 5,000 ● Over 5 acres: Rs 15,000 To enforce the ban, a three-tier monitoring committee has been established. The Agriculture Department is urging farmers to adopt alternative residue management techniques and utilize equipment like Happy Seeders for



direct sowing, which saves both time and cost while protecting the land. The administration is determined to curb this destructive practice that threatens the region’s green cover and increases local temperatures.

Woman runs off by train while seeing off brother

Indore: In a heartbreaking incident in the Lasudia police station area of Singapore Township, a woman tragically lost her life after being struck by a train. The victim identified as Pappi, 28, was reportedly dropping off her brother, Ravi Yadav, when the accident occurred. Ravi had visited Pappi with his 7-year-old daughter, Anshu, and parked his motorcycle due to heavy traffic before crossing the railway tracks to reach her home. After spending some time together, Pappi accompanied her brother to the tracks while holding Anshu. Shortly after they parted ways, Ravi received a distressing call informing him of the accident. Upon returning, he discovered Pappi’s body lying a short distance from the tracks. The police were notified, and a post-mortem examination was conducted at MY Hospital on Saturday. Pappy was a laborer, and her husband worked as a helper in a local company.

CEO Damoh conducts surprise inspection of School meals, cleanliness

Damoh: District Panchayat CEO Praveen Fullpagare conducted unannounced inspections of three schools—Government Primary School Jamunia, Middle School Jamunia, and Integrated Middle School Bhillampur—focusing sharply on the Mid-Day Meal (MDM) scheme. During his visit, Fullpagare thoroughly checked the kitchen sheds and reviewed the food being served. He instructed staff to strictly adhere to the prescribed menu and maintain high standards of food quality. At the time of the inspection, the schools were serving Pakora curry with vegetable pulao/rice, matching the scheduled menu. The CEO also emphasized the paramount importance of cleanliness across the school premises. Following the inspection, Fullpagare held a virtual meeting with block-level officials, instructing all self-help groups (SHGs) to complete the purchase of new utensils for schools by the government-mandated deadline of November 30.

African Cheetah roams into Rajasthan

▶ Kuno escapee spotted near Baran



Sheopur/Baran: An African cheetah from Kuno National Park has sparked both excitement and alarm after it strayed over 50 kilometers and was sighted near Ramgarh in Rajasthan’s Baran district.

The presence of the large predator sent shivers through locals and pilgrims visiting the Ramgarh Mataji temple. Initially suspected to be a native leopard, the animal was confirmed

as an African cheetah, identified as KP-2, by a team from Kuno National Park. The same cheetah recently hunted a nilgai in the region. District Forest Officer Vivekananda Manikrao confirmed that the cheetah is safe but stressed that joint teams from Kuno and the Baran Forest Division are actively working to capture it. The cheetah was last spotted near the Ramgarh Crater hills and a river, a sight that thrilled local villagers. “The cheetah is completely safe,” Manikrao stated. “Teams from both states are continuously monitoring and tracking the animal. We plan to tranquilize it soon and safely transport it back to Kuno National Park.” This latest incident underscores the complex challenges of monitoring the newly introduced cheetah population.

Wedding joy ends in tragedy: Mother and son crushed by dumper

Gwalior: A joyous trip turned into a devastating tragedy on the Rairu Highway near Purani Chhawani, where a mother and her son were instantly killed after their motorcycle was struck by a speeding dumper truck. Dharmendra Singh Baghel, 27, and his mother, Chameli Devi, 45, residents of Krishna Nagar Pahari, were returning from a relative’s wedding in Morena. They were riding their motorcycle, followed by Dharmendra’s younger brother and brother-in-law on a separate bike. The horrifying accident occurred near Nirawali when a dumper (RJ11GC 2087), driven

carelessly from the Jhansi bypass collided with Dharmendra’s motorcycle as he crossed the road. The impact flung the mother and son into the air before the dumper’s wheels tragically ran over them, causing immediate fatalities. The reckless driver attempted to flee the scene but was quickly apprehended by alert passersby and handed over to the police. Authorities at the Purani Chhawani police station have registered a case, seized the accused truck, and sent the bodies for post-mortem, casting a pall of grief over the family’s recent celebration.

New employment doors opening in Satpura Tiger Reserve

▶ Golden opportunity for youth in tourism in Churna area

Betul: Tourism is rapidly growing in the Churna area of the Satpura Tiger Reserve located in Betul district, and along with it, a significant treasure of employment is set to open for local youth. The natural beauty, diversity of wildlife, and improving accessibility are all contributing to making Churna an emerging tourism hub in Madhya Pradesh. Former advisor to the State Policy Commission, P.C. Barskar, claimed that in the coming years, this area is going to become a strong center for employment. The upgrading of railway stations, highway connectivity, and new tourism trends present a big opportunity for youth. According to Barskar, there are hundreds of employment opportunities available in tourism for the



youth of the Churna-Satpura area, including small hotels and lodges, homestays and family-based accommodations, jungle safaris and guiding services, camping sites, adventure tourism (trekking, bird watching, cycling tours), local food and cultural tourism, as well as jeep rentals, tour package creation, and photography-videography services. Several railway station upgrades in this area are set to begin. Once completed, the influx of tourists will increase significantly. Tourists visiting Satpura prefer nature, tranquility, and local culture, which is why the future of homestay options is also being claimed to be bright. He urged the youth to get involved in tourism, receive training, and start small-scale businesses.

Govardhan biogas plant empowers farmers, benefits cow shelters

Vidisha: The Govardhan Scheme biogas plant is making a significant impact by benefiting 20 households and promoting sustainable agricultural practices. Located at the Dayodaya Cow Shelter in the Sunpura village panchayat, this biogas plant utilizes cow dung from approximately 1,100 cattle, producing 85 cubic meters of biogas daily. This renewable energy source is being harnessed for cooking and heating in the beneficiaries’ homes and cow shelters. The biogas plant not only generates gas but also produces 600 kilograms of organic fertilizer daily, branded as “Gauri Ratna.” This fertilizer is made from the slurry produced during the biogas process and is provided to local farmers, enhancing soil fertility for crop and vegetable production. The liquid waste, in the form of



slurry, is transported to farmers using tankers, generating additional income. Future plans for the biogas plant include commercializing the organic fertilizer and offering training on its nutrient composition to farmers. With a focus on sustainability, the Govardhan

Scheme is transforming agricultural practices in the region, while also providing a reliable energy source for cooking and farming activities. The initiative is regularly inspected to ensure its effective implementation and ongoing benefits to the community.