

# “Tailored support for every investor”

► CM Dr. Mohan Yadav invites Global Tycoons to transform Madhya Pradesh



Mumbai/Bhopal: Addressing a global audience of economists and business titans at the World Hindu Economic Forum Conference

2025, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav declared that Madhya Pradesh is no longer just a participant in India's growth story—it is the engine driving it. “We recognize that every investor has unique needs,” Dr. Yadav stated. “Whether it is policy flexibility, land allocation, or market linkage, our government will provide tailored assistance. We have moved beyond ‘Ease of Doing Business’ on paper to ‘Speed, Scale, and Skill of Doing’ on the ground.”

**The Chief Minister highlighted the state's massive industrial momentum:**

Infrastructure Boom: On December 25, Union Home

Minister Amit Shah will inaugurate projects worth ₹2.5 lakh crore in Gwalior.

Textile Revolution: MP is home to India's largest PM MITRA Textile Park, actualizing the “Farm-to-Foreign” vision.

MSME Powerhouse: Over 4.26 lakh new manufacturing units have been established in the last three years, generating over one crore jobs.

With 18 new industrial policies serving as game-changers, the state offers a robust ecosystem of skilled youth, abundant water banks, and ready-to-move land. Inviting delegates to the upcoming Abhyudaya Madhya Pradesh Growth Summit in Gwalior, Dr. Yadav urged global leaders to invest fearlessly in a state that promises full government backing and high growth rates.

# Narcotics worth Rs 47 lakh seized, 104 arrested

● Ujjain's zero- tolerance drive

**Ujjain:** In a major offensive against drug trafficking, Ujjain authorities have registered 71 cases under the NDPS Act this year, leading to the arrest of 104 individuals. The progress was reviewed during the monthly NCORD (Narco Coordination Centre) meeting chaired by Collector Roshan Kumar Singh.

The enforcement drive has yielded a massive haul of illicit substances. Police recovered nearly 142 kg of cannabis products (Ganja and Doda Chura), 820 opium plants, and significant quantities of high-end synthetic drugs including MD, MDA, and Mephedrone. The total market value of the seized

narcotics is estimated at Rs 46.97 lakh.

Additional SP Abhishek Ranjan noted that two cases were so severe they warranted action under the stringent PIT-NDPS Act, allowing for preventive detention. Collector Singh has now ordered a dual-track strategy: intensifying mandatory inspections of medical stores by the Drug Inspector and launching widespread public awareness campaigns to educate citizens on the perils of substance abuse. This coordinated effort signals the administration's commitment to making Ujjain a drug-free district.

# Digital hearings transform election oversight in MP

● Video conferencing saves time, ensures transparency for local body candidates

**Bhopal:** State Election Commissioner Manoj Srivastava has introduced an innovative and citizen-friendly system by conducting hearings through video conferencing for candidates contesting the posts of Mayor, Chairperson, and Councillor regarding their election expenditure accounts.

Under this arrangement, candidates are no longer required to travel to the State Election Commission headquarters in Bhopal, as hearings are now held online every Thursday, saving both time and money.

Since February 2025, a total of 411 candidates from districts



including Bhopal, Gwalior, Satna, Dhar, Chhindwara, Neemuch, Sagar, and Dindori have appeared before the Commission through video conferencing. After

examining documentary evidence, the expenditure accounts of 97 candidates were approved. At the same time, 226 candidates were disqualified for failing.

# Keeping the Narmada pure: Minister Prahlad Patel sets two-year goal



**Bhopal:** In a transparent assessment of developmental goals, Madhya Pradesh's Minister for Panchayat and Rural Development, Prahlad Singh Patel, announced a strategic two-year timeline to ensure zero sewage discharge from villages into the Narmada River. Addressing a press conference regarding the department's two-year achievements, Patel emphasized a commitment to realistic planning over hasty promises.

**A pragmatic approach to river conservation**

While other departments have suggested a one-year window for ending river pollution, Minister Patel clarified that rural infrastructure requires at least two years for full implementation. “I do not want to make any promise without complete planning,” he stated, highlighting that inter-coordination efforts are already underway to protect the holy river.

**Transforming rural infrastructure and greenery**

The department has achieved a historic milestone with Rs 2,500 crore allocated specifically for institutional development. New District and Janpad buildings will now be constructed up to three stories high. To promote environmental sustainability, new departmental buildings must be situated on two-acre plots, with 1.5 acres dedicated strictly to afforestation. Furthermore, the plantation policy now mandates fencing and water facilities before any saplings are planted to ensure high survival rates.

**Dignity in death: Universal access to crematoriums**

Addressing a sensitive social issue, the Minister pledged that by December 2026, every single Panchayat in the state will have a designated crematorium. To resolve recurring land disputes, these sites will be equipped with all-weather road connectivity and

proper fencing.

**Revolutionizing rural connectivity and housing**

The definition of a “settlement” has been broadened to include clusters of at least 20 houses or a population of 100 within 6,000 square meters. Within two years, all villages with a population of 500 (and tribal villages with 250) will be linked by perennial asphalt roads. Critically, the criteria for “all-weather roads” have been tightened; roads will only earn this title if traffic remains uninterrupted regardless of weather conditions.

**Empowering the workforce**

Shifting to the Labor Department's successes, Patel announced the lifting of restrictions on women working night shifts. Except for 14 high-risk hazardous processes—and specific protections for pregnant or breastfeeding workers—women now have the legal freedom to work across all factory shifts.

# Power Play or Protocol?

● Passengers stranded as MLA's son clashes with bus conductor

**Dewas:** A routine commute turned into a public ordeal when a bus traveling from Indore to Ratanpur was forcibly detained at the Bagli Police Station following an altercation involving Uttam Bhawra, son of Bagli MLA Murli Bhawra.

The trouble began when a heated argument erupted between Uttam and the bus conductor. Shortly after, the bus was intercepted and brought to the station, allegedly on the MLA's instructions. The real victims were the innocent passengers, who were left stranded and forced to trek to their destinations on foot.

As social media footage of the incident went viral, the political climate heated up. Manish Chaudhary, Congress District Rural President, slammed the move, questioning why no alternative transport was provided for the commuters.

In a curious turn of events, bus owner Rakesh Sahu later released a



video claiming the seizure was merely due to “incomplete documentation.” However, skeptics are questioning why “routine paperwork checks” only targeted this specific vehicle immediately after a personal dispute. While official statements from the police are still awaited, the incident has sparked a fierce debate over the misuse of authority at the cost of public convenience.

# State MSMEs shine on national stage at Annapurna Anufood

**Bhopal:** Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) from Madhya Pradesh brought laurels to the state by making a strong impression at Annapurna Anufood India-2025, a prestigious international exhibition on food processing and agriculture held in Mumbai. Eight MSME units from the state participated in the event, including three enterprises led by women entrepreneurs, reflecting the growing strength of inclusive entrepreneurship in Madhya Pradesh.

The participating units were selected by the Department of Industries on the basis of product quality, innovation, and market potential. To ensure their



effective participation, the department provided free exhibition stalls along with complete logistical and financial support. During the exhibition, the entrepreneurs showcased their products confidently and established valuable business

linkages with buyers and trade representatives from across India and abroad.

This initiative is a significant step toward connecting local MSMEs with national and global markets, boosting export opportunities, and promoting women-led enterprises. It also highlights the proactive role played by women officers of the department in implementing the programme. Overall, the initiative is contributing meaningfully to entrepreneurship, employment generation, and economic growth in Madhya Pradesh.

# Bhopal to Host Strategic Urban Summit

● Five states to chart future infrastructure

**Bhopal:** The Kushabhau Thakre International Convention Centre is set to become the epicenter of urban planning as Bhopal hosts the Regional Meeting of Urban Development Ministers for Northern and Central states this Saturday.

Under the aegis of the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, the summit will see Chief

Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav, Union Minister Manohar Lal, and MP's Urban Development Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya join counterparts from Chhattisgarh, Delhi, Rajasthan, and Uttar Pradesh.

A major highlight will be the unveiling of the



Swachh Survekshan 2025-26 Manual, designed to redefine citizen-centric urban governance. Commissioner Sanket Bhondve noted that the five-session agenda will tackle critical bottlenecks in three flagship schemes:

AMRUT: Accelerating water and sewage infrastructure with time-bound quality checks.

Swachh Bharat Mission: Strategies for scientific landfill management and solid waste disposal.

PMAY (Urban): Solving logistical hurdles to ensure timely delivery of housing to beneficiaries.

By facilitating a direct exchange of “Best Practices” between the Centre and states, the summit aims to transform policy guidance into visible ground-level results.

CM Dr. Mohan Yadav meets Consul General Kobbi Shoshani

**MP-Israel partnership**

**Mumbai/Bhopal:** Strengthening international ties, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav met with Israeli Consul General Yaniv Revach on Friday. The high-level dialogue focused on leveraging Israel's world-class expertise in agriculture, water management, and tourism to boost MP's growth.

The Chief Minister highlighted that several Israeli firms are keen to invest in the state. To facilitate this, the MP government has pledged single-window clearances, land allocation, and



robust incentives. This collaboration aims to transform MP's infrastructure through advanced capacity building and sustainable industrial practices.