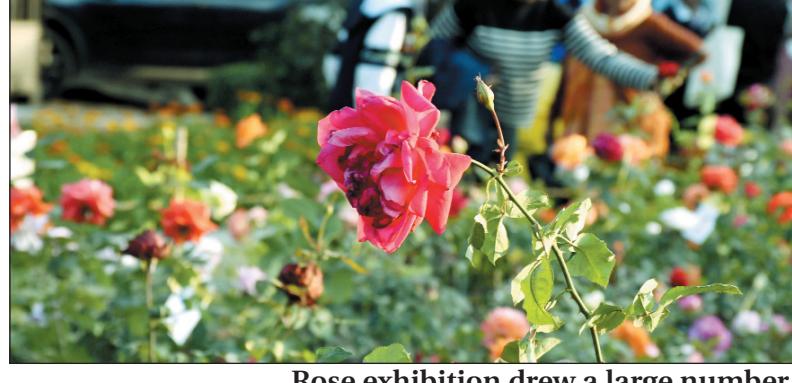


# Fragrance and colours pull huge crowds to Rose Exhibition

► Formal inauguration by Rameshwar Sharma today



Rose exhibition drew a large number of visitors on Friday. Photos by Ashraf Ali.



**Bhopal:** The city will witness a vibrant celebration of flowers with the formal inauguration of the 45th All India Rose Exhibition on January 10 at the Rose Garden complex. The exhibition is jointly organised by the MP Rose Society and the Department of Horticulture and Food Processing. The inaugural ceremony will be attended by MLA from Huzur constituency

Rameshwar Sharma as the chief guest, while Sushil Prakash, President of the World Federation of Rose Societies, will attend as the special guest.

The exhibition showcases a wide range of rose varieties grown in gardens across Bhopal city and nearby areas within a radius of nearly 40 kilometres. Renowned rose growers producing large

quantities of roses were invited to participate in the competition by submitting online or offline applications by January 6.

**Rare hybrid varieties on display:** Although the formal inauguration took place on January 10, the exhibition opened for the public on January 9 and drew a large number of visitors. People were mesmerized by the breathtaking display of

roses in vivid colours and unique forms. Rare hybrid varieties, perfectly bloomed roses, and artistic floral arrangements captivated visitors, who were seen clicking photographs and admiring the fragrance and beauty of the flowers. Families, students, and nature lovers spent hours exploring the garden, making the opening day a memorable experience.

## Speeding bus kills young teacher in Bhanpur

**Bhopal:** A 26-year-old woman lost her life on the spot after being hit by a speeding bus in the Bhanpur area on Wednesday morning. The deceased has been identified as Mahima, a resident of Ayodhya Nagar, who worked as a teacher at a private school.

According to Chhola Police Station in-charge Saraswati Tiwari, the accident occurred between 8 and 9 am when Mahima had left her home for school, as part of her daily routine. As she reached near Bhanpur, a bus moving at high speed struck her, leading to a fatal impact. The collision was so severe that she died instantly at the scene. Police were informed about the incident around 9 am, following which a team rushed to the spot. The body was sent for post-mortem examination. Officials said the bus involved in the accident has been identified and seized. The driver of the bus fled the scene after the accident and is currently absconding.

## RBI employee duped of Rs 2.5 lakh in fake Traffic Challan scam

**Bhopal:** Cyber fraudsters in the capital have evolved a chilling new tactic, using fake traffic police notices to siphon funds. The M Nagar police recently registered a case involving Gaurav Tripathi, a 33-year-old Reserve Bank of India employee, who was swindled of approximately Rs 2.5 lakh.

The ordeal began on January 6, when Tripathi received a sophisticated text message regarding a pending traffic violation. The message, purportedly from the traffic police, directed him to pay a fine via an embedded link for a supposed rules violation.

Trusting the official-looking

notification, Tripathi clicked the link to settle the penalty. However, instead of a legitimate payment gateway, the link triggered a series of fraudulent transactions.

By using the link to gain unauthorized access, the scammers managed to drain his account within minutes. Following the incident, the Shahpura resident lodged a formal complaint with the M Nagar police.

This scam highlights a dangerous trend where criminals exploit the fear of legal penalties, and authorities have now issued a high alert to residents against clicking unsolicited links regarding vehicle fines.

**Bhopal Gears Up for 'Fit India Sunday on Cycle' at MANIT**

**Bhopal:** Bhopal is all set to turn the pedals for health as the Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT) hosts the 56th edition of 'Fit India Sunday on Cycle' tomorrow. Over 1,200 participants, including students, fitness influencers, and citizens, will gather for this high-octane event. The rally will see a star-studded lineup featuring MP Sports Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang, Bollywood actress Payal Rohatgi, and Olympian judoka Garima Chaudhary, alongside a host of international athletes like cricketer Aniket Verma and kayaker Jaspreet Singh. Beyond the cycling track, the event promises a holistic fitness carnival with Yoga, Zumba, tug-of-war, and rope skipping sessions. Launched as a national movement to combat obesity and reduce carbon footprints, the campaign has already mobilized over 2.2 million people across India.

The vibrant sound of wedding clarions will be notably absent this January. Due to the celestial positioning of Venus (Shukra Tara) in an "invisible" or "set" phase, Hindu calendars show zero auspicious dates (Lagna Muhurtas) for the first month of 2026. The wedding season is now set to officially kick off on February 4.

**Basant Panchami without weddings:** In a rare astronomical shift, Basant Panchami—the festival dedicated to Goddess Saraswati—will be

celebrated early on January 23. While this day is traditionally considered an "Abujha Muhurta" (a day so

## No relief for gangster Yasin 'Machhli' as High Court rejects bail

**Jabalpur:** The Madhya Pradesh High Court has dealt a significant blow to notorious Bhopal gangster Yasin Ahmed, alias "Machhli," by dismissing his bail application in a case involving a forged State Assembly entry pass. Justice Pramod Kumar Agrawal's single bench ruled that the gravity of the offense, coupled with the applicant's extensive criminal history, made him ineligible for judicial relief. The case surfaced when it was discovered that Yasin was using a counterfeit "Journalist" parking pass—originally issued to a media professional for a different vehicle—on his own car to evade security checks.

While the defense argued that the gangster had never actually entered the Assembly premises with the pass and had been acquitted in past cases, the State vehemently opposed the plea. Government Advocate C.M. Tiwari highlighted that Yasin is a listed history-sheeter who used the fake credentials for illicit activities.



The Court observed that forging high-security documents constitutes a severe threat to the safety of Ministers and MLAs. Emphasizing that such a breach of security cannot be overlooked, the High Court maintained that the illicit use of state-level entry permits warrants strict custody, thereby keeping the gangster behind bars.

## CM's pet dog mauled staff at residence

► Trainer and cook hospitalized

**Bhopal:** In a startling incident at the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister's official residence in Bhopal, a resident pet dog turned aggressive, severely injuring two staff members on Thursday morning. The attack has sent shockwaves through the high-security premises, occurring at a time when the Supreme Court is actively deliberating on the rising menace of dog bites across the country.

The incident unfolded during a routine care session when the pet's trainer, Ranjit, was suddenly attacked. The dog reportedly clamped its jaws onto Ranjit's limbs, refusing to let go. Witnessing the struggle, Kripashankar Mishra, a

cook at the residence, rushed to intervene. However, the animal turned its fury toward him as well, biting him multiple times on his hands and legs. Both victims were immediately rushed to the nearby JP Hospital, where they received emergency treatment and anti-rabies vaccinations. While the victims are now stable, the incident has sparked an internal review of the safety protocols regarding pets within the CM House. This high-profile case highlights the unpredictable nature of animal behavior, proving that even well-trained pets can pose a risk, leaving the staff at the state's most prominent address in a state of unease.

## TT Nagar Police bust theft case

Two history-sheeters arrested

**Bhopal:** The TT Nagar Police have successfully solved a recent burglary at a Malviya Nagar eatery with the arrest of two habitual offenders. The incident came to light on New Year's Day when Vinay Haswani, owner of Sai Dham Bhojnalaya, discovered his shop's shutter broken, with cash and a 39-inch MI LCD TV missing. Following directives from senior officials to curb property-related crimes, a dedicated team led by Inspector Gaurav Singh Dohar acted on a tip-off regarding two suspicious men attempting to sell a television near Arjun Nagar Multi. The suspects, identified as 18-year-old Shiv Singh Yadav and 21-year-old Raj Mehra, alias Vidhata, both residents of Bhim Nagar, were intercepted while trying to flee.

During rigorous interrogation, the duo confessed to the New Year's Eve heist. Both accused have prior criminal records at Arera Hills station. Police have recovered the stolen TV and cash, subsequently presenting the offenders before the court.

## Silent Januaries: Venus phase delays wedding bells until February



"Since Jupiter governs marital harmony and Venus governs luxury and union, weddings cannot proceed if either planet is dormant."

auspicious that no consultation is needed for weddings), the current planetary positions have overruled tradition. Because Venus remains set, no marriages will take place even on this highly coveted date.

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