

MP emerging as leader in tackling climate change: CM Dr. Yadav

► MoU Signed with Sequoia Climate Foundation for Renewable Energy Development in MP



Bhopal: In a landmark appearance at Mumbai Climate Week 2026, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav positioned Madhya Pradesh as the national vanguard in the fight against climate change. Addressing a global audience of investors and policymakers, Dr. Yadav emphasized that the state's rapid economic growth is now inextricably linked to environmental stewardship. "Sustainability is not an option; it is the founda-

tion of our future," he asserted, inviting global partners to join the state's transformative journey toward becoming India's premier renewable energy hub.

Strategic alliances and 24/7 power

The summit's highlight was the signing of a strategic MoU with the Sequoia Climate Foundation. This partnership aims to accelerate the

development of renewable infrastructure, supporting the state's ambitious goal of doubling its green energy capacity to 15,000 MW by 2026. Dr. Yadav highlighted that Madhya Pradesh is already a leader in providing 24-hour power supply, a feat now being bolstered by pioneering solar-plus-storage projects. These initiatives ensure that clean energy remains available even during non-solar hours, making green power more reliable than traditional thermal energy.

Innovation at scale: Floating solar and solar cities

Dr. Yadav showcased the state's trailblazing innovations, including the Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project—the world's largest of its kind—which generates power without land displacement while preventing water evaporation. He also noted that Sanchi has officially become India's first "Solar City," and the government is aggressively installing solar rooftops across all public buildings. With solar energy growing at 48% annually and wind at 19%, Madhya Pradesh has transitioned from an energy-deficit state to a clean energy exporter, supplying power to the Indian Railways and neighboring states. By championing EVs and green hydrogen, Dr. Yadav reaffirmed that Madhya Pradesh is not just participating in the climate conversation—it is leading it.

CM Yadav to Pitch MP as AI Powerhouse at New Delhi Summit

Bhopal: Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav is set to represent Madhya Pradesh at the prestigious India AI Impact Summit 2026, held this Friday at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The Chief Minister will join elite global panels to discuss how Artificial Intelligence can be harnessed to supercharge state economies and revolutionize digital governance.

Positioning the state as a destination for future tech, Dr. Yadav will hold exclusive one-on-one meetings with global tech giants. The agenda is ambitious, covering everything from semiconductor acceleration and sovereign AI modeling to cybersecurity and cloud ecosystems. He will also engage directly with Tier-2 city startups, highlighting that innovation is no longer restricted to metropolitan hubs.

Central to the state's presence is the Madhya Pradesh Pavilion (Hall 4), themed 'AI-Enabled Governance for an Empowered Bharat.' This exhibition features 14 pioneering AI startups alongside academic heavyweights like IIT Indore. Visitors can witness real-world AI solutions already active in the state, from streamlining public service delivery to data-driven decision-making. Managed by the Department of Science and Technology and MPSEDC, the showcase marks a decisive step in the state's goal-oriented journey toward becoming a leader in the global AI landscape.

BJP Veteran Ajay Vishnoi corners Minister Vijayvargiya in Assembly

Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh Assembly witnessed a sharp exchange on Thursday when veteran BJP legislator Ajay Vishnoi, supported by MLA Neeraj Singh Thakur, put Urban Development Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya in the hot seat over failed water schemes.

Through a Calling Attention motion, Vishnoi flagged severe irregularities in the ₹256 crore Narmada water project intended for Jabalpur's municipal bodies, including Panagar, Sihora, and Patan. He alleged that while officials issued completion certificates, the project remains half-finished on the ground, forcing municipalities to bear a staggering annual financial burden of up to ₹1 crore for electricity and redundant staff.

The debate turned heated when Minister Vijayvargiya insisted the

projects were complete, citing specific dates of inauguration. Vishnoi countered sharply, stating that 75% of old tube wells are still running because the new system fails to provide water. "We are deceiving ourselves and the public," Vishnoi remarked, demanding a suspension of loan recoveries until the water actually reaches homes. When the Minister suggested that MLAs should convince residents to shut down old connections first, a visibly miffed Vishnoi shot back, stating it is the government's guarantee—not the legislators—to ensure water supply before cutting off old sources. The tense standoff highlighted a rare moment of public discord between the treasury benches and their own senior leadership.

Jitu Patwari slams MP Budget as deceptive "Jugglery of Numbers"

► Seeks white paper on debt

Indore: Madhya Pradesh Congress Committee President Jitu Patwari launched a scathing attack on the state government's ₹4.38 lakh crore budget, dismissing it as a "jugglery of numbers" that conceals a staggering ₹78,000 crore fiscal deficit. Speaking in Indore, the Rau MLA accused the Mohan Yadav administration of pushing the state into a debt trap, allegedly borrowing an average of ₹213 crore daily while leaving nearly half of the previous year's budget unutilized. Patwari demanded a transparent white paper on the state's total debt, which he estimates has ballooned to ₹5.31 lakh crore.

Beyond fiscal concerns, Patwari highlighted a "betrayal" of the farming community, noting that despite "Modi Guarantees," crops like maize are selling at ₹1,300 against an MSP of ₹2,400. He further condemned the government's ad-



ministrative failures, citing 35 deaths from contaminated water in Indore and the tragic loss of 26 children to poisonous cough syrup.

"When water is life but poison is dissolved in it, the regime has failed," he remarked, also questioning the Chief Minister's courage to dismiss ministers facing adverse judicial remarks. As he prepares the Congress machinery for the 2028 elections with a massive organizational overhaul, Patwari emphasized that the "Samvidhan Bachao Yatra" remains a vital crusade against unconstitutional governance, asserting that the public will soon see through the current administration's "ideological facade."

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Stay within your limits: Vijayvargiya's sharp jibe at LoP

► I am within my limits as the 7.50 crores people's voice: Singharp Retorts

► High voltage drama in MP Assembly

Bhopal: The Madhya Pradesh Assembly witnessed explosive scenes during the discussion on the Governor's address as Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kailash Vijayvargiya and Leader of Opposition (LoP) Umang Singh locked horns in a bitter verbal duel. The confrontation escalated into a full-blown political storm, leading to apologies from both the Minister and the Chief Minister.

The Adani deal spark

The tension began when Singharp alleged that the state government had entered into a lopsided agree-



ment with the Adani Group, claiming it would result in a payout of over ₹1 lakh crore for electricity over the next 25 years. When Vijayvargiya demanded proof, Singharp insisted he had the evidence ready. As the debate grew heated, Vijayvargiya told the LoP to "stay within his limits" (Aukaat mein raho). This remark triggered a massive uproar, with op-

position MLAs storming the well of the house, halting proceedings.

Controversy over contaminated water

The friction extended to the Bhagirathpura tragedy in Indore, where contaminated water recently claimed several lives. Singharp demanded the resignation of respon-

sible ministers, leading to further clashes. Speaker Narendra Singh Tomar intervened, noting that since the matter is sub-judice, detailed floor discussions could lead to contempt of court. Minister Prahlad Patel and former Speaker Sitaram Sharma also cautioned against debating court-monitored issues.

Social media escalation

Following the session, Singharp took to social media, framing the "Aukaat" remark as an insult to the 7.5 crore citizens of Madhya Pradesh. He accused the government of arrogance and insensitivity toward the 35 families devastated by the water crisis. While the treasury bench attempted to restore order through apologies, the opposition has signaled that it will not let the "insult" to democratic discourse go unaddressed.

High Court dismisses petition against Minister Pratima Bagri

Jabalpur: In a significant legal victory for Madhya Pradesh Minister of State Pratima Bagri, the High Court has dismissed a petition challenging the validity of her caste certificate. The petition, filed by Congress leader Pradeep Ahirwar, alleged that Bagri—who represents the Raigaon Assembly seat reserved for Scheduled Castes (SC)—belongs to the Rajput community and had obtained an SC certificate through fraudulent means. Ahirwar argued that while the Bagri community is recognized as SC in the Malwa and Nimar regions, it is considered a Rajput sub-caste in the Satna and Gwalior-Chambal belts.

However, during the hearing before Justice Vishal Mishra's single

bench, the petitioner struggled to provide a satisfactory legal standing for the claim. Following an extensive debate, the petitioner's counsel sought permission to withdraw the plea, which the court granted while formally dismissing the case. Although the court provided the petitioner the liberty to approach an appropriate administrative forum, the dismissal offers substantial relief to the Minister. This ruling effectively halts the immediate legal challenge to her political status and reinforces the validity of her 2018 certificate.

The Commissioner reiterated that strict disciplinary standards remain paramount, yet for now, the court's decision settles a high-stakes political controversy in Bagri's favor.

Mentally ill son kills mother, father and brother with rods

► Grisly triple murder shakes Betul



Betul: In a chilling incident that has sent shockwaves through Betul's Savanya village, a 25-year-old man allegedly bludgeoned his father, mother, and younger brother to death. The accused, reported to be struggling with long-term mental health issues, reportedly used wooden

sticks and iron rods to carry out the brutal attack during the intervening night of Wednesday and Thursday. Following the massacre, the young man remained locked inside the house, spending the entire night sitting beside the lifeless bodies of his kin.

The tragedy came to

light on Thursday morning when suspicious neighbors peeked through the window and discovered the horrific scene.

Upon receiving the alert, Kotwali police and forensic experts rushed to the site, confirming that all three victims succumbed to massive blunt-force trauma to their heads. While the suspect has been taken into custody and has confessed to the crimes, he remains unable to provide a clear motive for the outburst.

Relatives confirmed the youth had been undergoing psychiatric treatment, but no one anticipated such a violent escalation. As the village mourns the wiped-out family, authorities are further investigating whether a sudden psychotic break or a specific domestic dispute triggered the carnage.

Bhopal: In a high-stakes Collector-Commissioner Conference held at Mantralaya, Madhya Pradesh Chief Secretary Shri Anurag Jain issued a stern directive to state officials: ensure 100% achievement in priority sectors through urgent, goal-oriented action. Stressing that public grievance resolution is the government's highest priority, Jain demanded that all centrally sponsored schemes and construction projects meet their stipulated deadlines without fail.

Transforming rural landscapes

A key focus of the conference was the Chief Minister Vrindavan Gram Yojana. The Chief Secretary set a March 31 deadline to finalize the vision document aimed at transforming selected villages into self-reliant 'Adarsh Grams.' These hubs will focus on dairy development, cattle rearing (Gau-

palan), and infrastructure. To bolster local governance, he also urged Panchayats to innovate and generate independent revenue sources.

Education and health: No room for error

Underlining education and health as the pillars of society, Jain called for zero dropout rates in the upcoming academic session. Notable directives included:

Infrastructure: Completion of

all government school girls' toilets by March 8 (International Women's Day). **Safety:** Immediate dismantling of dilapidated school buildings. **Early Childhood:** Enhancing Anganwadi enrollment for children aged 3-6 years to secure intellectual development.

Economic growth and innovation

From the 'One District-One

Product' scheme to the PM Krishak Mitra Surya Yojana, the Chief Secretary emphasized branding, GI tagging, and Ease of Doing Business. He lauded Panna, Balaghat, and the Jabalpur Division for their progress on Education Portal 3.0 and instructed Collectors to expedite the Jal Jeevan Mission in pending districts. By linking administrative efficiency with the CM Helpline, Jain signaled a new era of accountable governance focused on the Krishak Kalyan Year.