



No bail for accused who pointed revolver at advocate in dist court

Indore: The court on Thursday refused to grant bail to the accused who had pointed a revolver at an advocate in the Indore District Court. The accused had threatened to kill the lawyer, who was appearing on his behalf, by pointing a revolver at him. The Indore Advocates Association had objected to the bail application submitted by the accused. After hearing all the parties, the court rejected the bail application. The accused Vishal Jaiswal had allegedly threatened and pointed a revolver at advocate Vinayak Balchandani. A case was registered at MG Road police station against the accused.

Nattily dressed women swipe bag containing valuables at wedding function, flee in a car

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Two well-dressed unidentified women who came in a car, gate-crashed into a Punjabi wedding going on at Jalsa Garden, Kanadia area, on Wednesday night,

and made away with a bag containing cash and jewellery worth lakhs.

Manjit Singh Saluja in his complaint to the police said that the two women wore Punjabi attires to blend into the wedding party, but they had not

been invited. None from the groom or the bride's side could identify them.

Police said that Manjit's wife had kept some expensive wedding gifts and envelopes containing cash in a black bag that she had kept in a chair near her.

But due to the excitement of the wedding and associated work, she was distracted for some time, and suddenly she could not find the bag. She asked her relatives sitting nearby, but none of them had seen the bag. They searched the

various rooms in the garden, but when they could not find the bag, they informed the police.

The police checked all the available CCTV footage and saw the two women carrying something that looked like a

black bag hurriedly leave the function and go towards the parking lot.

Another camera showed them driving away in a car from the parking lot. Their faces were caught in the CCTV cameras, but neither could be identified.

Rs 3.5 cr Omkareshwar temple development plan drawn up



AMENITIES FOR DEVOTEES TO BE BUILT

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The state government has drawn up an action plan worth Rs 3.5 crore for the development of the famous Omkareshwar temple, located in Khandwa district of Indore division. From this amount, many facilities will be arranged for devotees at the temple and the surrounding areas.

Divisional commissioner Pawan Kumar Sharma reviewed the preparations of the proposed project by holding a virtual meeting on Thursday. I-G Rakesh Gupta, Khandwa collector Anoop Singh and SP Vivek Singh were linked up.

Sharma said the collec-

tor and SP should visit the temple within a day or two and the construction of the proposed project would be started soon. According to the action plan prepared for the development of the temple, many facilities will be expanded for devotees. The temple complex will be given a grand look.

A grand gate will be built and there will be arrangements to make the movement of devotees easy, besides beautification of the other parts. Toilet blocks will also be built. Sharma instructed officials that there should be arrangements for separate entry and exit routes for devotees. For this, better use of the five-storey building on the temple premises should also be ensured. Sharma also gave instructions for beautification of the ghats and installation of railings.

Rs 143 cr subsidy to consumers who availed power at Re 1 per unit

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As part of the Grah Jyoti Yojana of the state government, a subsidy of Rs 143.5 crore was provided to 32 lakh eligible consumers who availed power at Re 1 per unit in the past month.

In the Indore district, about Rs 19 crore subsidy was given to about 4.7 lakh consumers.

According to the government scheme, consumers whose consumption of electricity is up to 150 units per month are charged Re 1 per unit for the first 100 units and the remaining 50 units of electricity are charged according to the prescribed rates.

The number of people availing of the benefit of this

government scheme has been increasing in the Malwa-Nimar region.

West Discom managing director Amit Tomar said the maximum number of 4.7 lakh consumers have benefited in the Indore district. They got a subsidy of about Rs 19 crore.

Besides, around 3.1 lakh consumers in Dhar district availed benefit of the government scheme followed by around 3 lakh consumers in Ujjain district, 2.81 lakhs consumers in Khargone and 2.3 lakh consumers in Mand-saur; 2.24 lakh consumers in Ratlam district, 2.14 lakh in Dewas district, 2.04 lakh in Barwani, 2.01 lakh in Khandwa and 1.90 lakh in Jabua.

"A subsidy of up to Rs 554 was provided to each eligible consumer," Tomar said.

LUCKY ESCAPE...

Gun attack on dry fruits trader goes awry, fails to fire bullet

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A dry fruits trader of Siyaganj had a miraculous escape from a gun attack while going back home from his shop on Wednesday night. The attacker twice pressed the trigger of the gun, which failed to fire a bullet.

The police said Manoj, a trader in the Siyaganj area, and his son were going back home from their shop around 10 o'clock in the night. When the two were walking down a street behind the shop, an unidentified person who had been stalking them waylaid them and tried to snatch a bag



which they were carrying. Manoj told the police he was carrying in the bag cash which he had collected on Wednesday through his dry fruits business.

The police said they gathered CCTV footage of the incident in which the

accused was seen carrying a gun with him. When Manoj did not release his grip on the bag during the snatching attempt, the attacker took out a gun and pointed it at him.

He tried to fire two rounds, but gun malfunctioned and no bullet was fired from it.

When the gun failed to fire a shot, the victim's son hit the attacker to protect his dad, but the attacker released the bag and fled from the place. Local people also gathered around and helped father and son reach home safely. The police are trying to identify the accused on the basis of CCTV footage and are looking for him.

Workshop on welfare and protection of children

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A workshop was organised for the officers of Special Police Juvenile Unit and Child Welfare Officers on Wednesday in which they were informed about handling of cases and such other things.

Additional commissioner of police (Crime and Headquarters), Indore, Rajesh Hingankar explained in details about the subject and outline of the workshop. Introductory information was given about the organisations working for the welfare of children and about various legal provisions.

Nidhi Dubey of the Arpan Sanstha said children were the future of any country and society. In



the present scenario, society is facing many distortions for various reasons which have a direct impact on children.

They discussed about sexual exploitation of children and the laws made for their protection and the role of the police

and administration in their implementation. Along with this, the necessary steps to be taken to prevent child crime and efforts to rehabilitate children belonging to the weaker sections, child begging and child labour were also discussed.

Working of ZP made paperless by e-vividha reporting system

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The working of the Zilla Panchayat (ZP) of the district has been made paperless with the introduction of e-vividha reporting system on Thursday.

Now the reports of various cases including CM Helpline, RTI, Time Limit (TL) and court cases will be available with a single

click. CEO Zilla panchayat Vandana Sharma unveiled the e-vividha reporting system evividhazpind.org. This is one more step taken by the Zilla panchayat towards making government work paperless and transparent. In this sequence, the e-vividha portal was developed by the District E-Governance Society. Cases related to CM



Helpline, RTI, TL and court can be easily monitored through this portal and all the reports will be available with a single click.

Atul Kumar Pandey, senior instructor of the District E-Governance Society has developed this portal. Earlier also, software engineer Pandey had developed software to ease the current working.

Liquor worth Rs 85 lakh destroyed with bulldozer



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Excise department staff carried out a major action of destroying country-made and foreign liquor worth Rs 85 lakh on Thursday. The destroyed liquor had been seized by the department's staff in various actions.

The action of destroying the liquor was carried out in front of the chairman of the committee, SDM Akshay Singh Markam. The district administration had constituted a committee for the destruction of the seized liquor. The items-1,400 cases of beer; 1,069 cas-

es of country-made liquor and 712 cases of foreign liquor-were destroyed on the premises of MP Beer Products Ltd, located in the Sanwer Road Industrial Area.

The bottles were spread out on the concrete road of unit and a road-roller-cum-bulldozer was run over them. The value of the destroyed liquor is estimated to be about Rs 85 lakh.

During the destruction of the liquor, SDM Markam, assistant commissioner of the excise department Manish Khare and assistant district excise officer BK Verma were present.

46TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF AOMSI DUE TO ROAD ACCIDENTS... 'Over 5 lakh people suffer pain of facial deformities'

Experts say road accidents, followed by cancer, are the major reason for deformities and cause of maxillofacial surgeries

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"Every year, more than 500,000 people go through the pain of facial deformities due to road accidents in our country. Maxillofacial surgeons have the maximum number of road accident cases, followed by deformities due to cancer as 100,000 maxillofacial surgeries are done for oral cancer patients every year," Dr Girish Rao, national secretary of the Association of Oral and Maxillofacial Surgeons of India (AOMSI), said.

Addressing a session during the annual conference on Thursday, Dr Rao said the damage caused after an accident could be reduced to a great extent if the patient reaches hospital in the 'golden hour' or in the initial stages of cancer.

The association's national president, Dr Manjunath Rai, said they ran a 'Face It Campaign' every year to spread awareness among people and motivate them to follow traffic rules to avoid such irre-

versible damages. Meanwhile, Spain's Dr Gregorio Sanchez said that increasing cases of mouth cancer was a challenge for them in Spain, as well. Commenting of the health facilities in India, he said, "India is at par with the rest of the world in every way and we depend on India for cancer medicines. Due to the large population here, there are more patients and, hence, more expertise."

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MANDAL PUJA 60-day celebrations in city begin with gaiety

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A 60-day Mandal Puja celebration by Malayalees started at the Ayyappa Temple located in Mahalaxmi Nagar on Thursday. According to the Malayalam calendar, Mandal Puja is performed on the first day of the Vrishchika month. The Mandal Puja will end with Sanskriti Puja on the day of Makar Sankranti, that is January 14 next year.

Visitors from across the state visit the temple in the city to worship Lord Ayyappa with devotion. The festival starts with a strict 41-day fast which began on Thursday. After 41 days of rigorous fasting, devotees are expected to take part in a procession where they will cross a



dense forest to reach Sabarimala Temple located on the Nilamala mountain situated in Pathanamthitta district of Kerala on the day of Makar Sankranti to get a glimpse of Lord Ayyappa. The worship on these 60 days is called Mandal Puja. In the evening hours, Deeparadhana Puja was held at Ayyappa Temple, Mahalaxmi Nagar, where Malayalees in traditional attire participated in the worship of Lord Ayyappa.

Prasadi will be distributed daily after bhajan kirtan till as long as the festival continues and devotees will also donate a part of the prasadi.

ROUTINE AND RITUALS

Mandal Puja is celebrated by Malayalees in the Ayyappa Temple of Indore

Started on: November 17, 2022

Ends on: January 14, 2023

Pujan performed daily: Deeparadhana Puja

Fasting period: 41 days, starting on November 17