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Bollywood superstar Anand Kumar with son Adarsh Kumar, daughter Aradhya, and granddaughters Ananya, Arushi in Bhopal on Thursday



Pioneer photo

MPCA to take decision on BDCA on Feb 19

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AGM, poll is constitutional, says Aqueel

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Aarif Aqueel told *The Pioneer* that the AGM was called by the executive committee of the BDCA and not by him as alleged by Singh. Moreover, all the norms of the MPCA were followed for convening the meeting. The executive committee of the BDCA informed the MPCA about 15 days in advance about the AGM and had there been any violation, the MPCA would not have deputed observers for the meet, he added. He said that the AGM and elections held

other irregularities were committed. The audited accounts and budget of BDCA were presented at the AGM. There was no auditor at the meeting. All this is against the rules of Madhya Pradesh Cricket Association (MPCA). In fact, the MPCA has been misgoverned and several of its rules have been violated, alleged Dhruv. Pointing out that except Jawad Ansari, nobody is a cricketer player in the executive body that was elected at the AGM called by Aqueel, he said "none of the new members have represented even a college or university team. How can we expect them to do any good for the sport?"

"The same kind of dirty politics destroyed hockey in Bhopal. Can we forget the murder of well-known hockey coach Shafeeq Pathan?"

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The State government invoked the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) on Thursday to deal with the proposed strike by the contractual employees of the Health department. They have been asked to withdraw the strike or face strict action under ESMA provisions.

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Meanwhile, the Health department has issued orders for increment of contractual employees on Wednesday.

Madhya Pradesh Health Department Contractual Employees Union president Rahul Jain said they would not be deterred by ESMA and would go on strike and face arrest. Jain further said ASHA workers had to work over 100 hours per week which was a breach of labour laws. They are also demanding that the policy of appointing doctors on the post of district

assistant officers be stopped. The employees should be placed on these posts, he said. He said that employees had submitted memoranda to Chief Minister Shivraj

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Shabana asks people to combat gender violence



Veena Bai, women across and social activist, Sagarika Singh, and other women, in Bhopal on Thursday

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Noted film actress Shabana Azmi stressed the need for changes in several areas, including education, health, food, employment, opportunities and legal framework to create better and secure conditions for women. "Women have come for

and persons like Asaram Bapu were unnecessarily moralistic and anti-women in approach. About the one billion rise campaign, Sarika Singh of Jan Palak said the campaign was launched 14 years ago by