



Birds of different breeds spotted at the ongoing Bird Watching Camp at Van Vihar on Sunday.

MP Budget Session begins today

Staff Reporter, Bhopal

The Madhya Pradesh Assembly's 33-day Budget Session commencing tomorrow and comprising 24 sittings is all set to be stormy as the Opposition has girded up its loins to corner the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party over various issues such as corruption and the law and order situation.

This would be the last Budget Session of the state's 13th Assembly owing to year-end elections. The Session would get underway with Governor Ram Naresh Yadav's address.

As many as 4,889 questions were received of which 2,998 are starred. Similarly, 85 calling attention notices, 20 adjournment notices, 25 Zero Hour notices and 25 private members' bills are scheduled to be presented.

Finance Minister Raghavji, who would present the Budget for a record 10th successive time, is likely to present a common man's Budget keeping an eye on the polls.

The Government is also not in a mood to impose fresh taxes in this election year, sources said while adding that the Minister might also decrease Value Added Tax on diesel.

Besides the corruption issue, the main opposition Congress also plans to raise incidents of rape, recent communal disturbances at the Bhojshala in Dhar District and other burning issues.

"The Session will also witness presentation of the Third Supplementary Budget, 2012-13,"

Parliamentary Affairs Minister Narottam Mishra told. Leader of the Opposition Ajay Singh said that a reply would be sought from the Treasury benches over the issue of spiralling incidents of government officials being assaulted.

"Recently, crops were damaged by hail in several places. The Congress will demand adequate assistance to affected farmers."

The inaction against those responsible for the recent death of ten labourers in a wall collapse within Rewa District will be vociferously raised," he added.

Congress sources said that Mr Singh has convened a meeting of party legislators prior to the Session's commencement today.

Mercury drops in State

Staff Reporter, Bhopal

The effect of wintry weather and cold winds has increased in Madhya Pradesh after hail and rain at several places over the past three to four days.

"The cloud cover has cleared and northern winds are blowing in. Compared to yesterday, the minimum temperature dropped by an average six degrees Celsius."

At most places, the lows were in the range of 15 C yesterday and around 9 C today," a Regional Meteorological Centre official said.

Rainfall almost ceased in Indore and Ujjain divisions. Cold conditions are likely to prevail in the state over the next couple of days. The rain damaged the rabi crop to a considerable extent in many districts.

Full powers for vaccination to District Mother-Child Officer

Staff Reporter, Bhopal: The District Mother-Child Officers will wield full administrative and financial powers for vaccination in districts. This directive was given by Principal Secretary Health Shri Praveer Krishna at a meeting of health officers here today. Shri Praveer Krishna said that vaccination of cent

percent newborn children will be ensured by registering them. The Principal Secretary Health said that the responsibility of chalking out action plan for vaccination, publicity, formation of vaccination teams and monitoring will also rest with the District Mother-Child Officers. For this, arrangements for data entry operator,

mobility support and vaccine carriers will be made. Shri Praveer Krishna said that names of all children should be entered into computers.

Information about their vaccination should also be clubbed with their entry. He said that vaccination centres should be set up in all the wards with the co-operation of urban bodies

and for this additional vaccinators should be appointed on contract basis. Private nursing homes can also be selected for vaccination.

The Principal Secretary also instructed to administer polio drops to children of nomadic families during pulse polio campaign going to be held on February 24.

Chouhan seeks intervention of FCI for paddy milling outside state

Staff Reporter, Bhopal

The Chief Minister Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan has urged the Union Government to give necessary directives to the Food Corporation of India for accepting additional 5 lakh metric tonnes of paddy available with Madhya Pradesh in excess and move it outside the state for milling.

In a letter to the Union Minister of State for Food & Public Distribution System Affairs, Prof. K.V. Thomas, the Chief Minister said that

rice available in Madhya Pradesh is excess of the state's requirements and can be utilised in other states.

Shri Chouhan said the state procurement agencies are saddled with un-milled stocks measuring almost one lakh MT of paddy procured during the previous season. Now adding to this procurement of 13.40 lakh MTs, the total quantity requiring milling is 14.40 lakh MTs. The actual requirement of rice for PDS and OWS in Madhya

Pradesh is 6 lakh MT, for which 9 lakh MT paddy is sufficient. All efforts are being made to mill this quantity.

Shri Chouhan briefed the Union Minister about record farm output in Madhya Pradesh saying that the State has witnessed unprecedented growth in agriculture production in the recent past. The Paddy production has gone up from 14 lakh metric tonnes in 2009-10 to 25 lakh metric tonnes in 2012-13. This has also led to increase

in procurement quantity.

The procurement under support price scheme was 2.23 lakh MT during Kharif marketing Season 2009-10 and has touched 13.40 lakh MT during just concluded Kharif Season 2012-13.

He said that the rice milling capacity could not keep pace with the increased production. It is also noteworthy that many of rice mills of the erstwhile Madhya Pradesh are located now in Chhattisgarh.

Diggy targets state govt on Bhojshala

Staff Reporter, Bhopal

Former Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh and Congress General Secretary Digvijay Singh, on Saturday alleged that Madhya Pradesh Government overlooked ASI order on performing puja and namaz at the disputed site at Bhojshala and maintaining communal harmony.

In a statement issued here, Diggy stated that, the state government failed in implementing the ASI order on the issue of performing puja and namaz at Bhojshala and went back on assurance given to the Union Home Ministry in this regard.

He said that despite enforcement of section 144 in Dhar town, district administration allowed saffron forces to take out rallies during which com-

munal speeches and inflammatory slogans were raised which resulted in tension.

Though the administration claimed that namaz was offered in the Bhojshala-Kamaal Moula Ki Mosque, those who went in stated that they were not allowed to offer prayers at the designated place, the statement said.

He further stated that the State Government should admit its failure if the allegations are correct and he will also write to Union Home Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde to probe the issue.

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) had issued an order stipulating the time at which entry into the Bhojshala would be allowed to Hindus (for Basant Panchami) and Muslims (to offer Namaz) on February 14 and 15.



MLA Dhruv narayan Singh awarding the outstanding performers of Engineering Premier League 2013 at Old Campion Ground on Sunday.

Power played significant role in 18 percent agriculture growth rate: Kusmaria

Staff Reporter, Bhopal

Pious Basant Panchami festival turned out to be boon for residents of Batiyagarh in Damoh district.

This district has received gift of 132/33 KV capacity power sub-station costing Rs. 29 crore. Foundation stone of the power sub-station was laid by Agriculture Minister Dr. Ramkrishna Kusmaria and Power Minister Shri Rajendra Shukla. Following completion of the sub-station, about 14 thousand domestic and 3500 agriculture pump consumers in 130 villages will be benefited.

These villages situated in Batiyagarh and Pathriya tahsils of Damoh district and Bakaswaha tahsil of Chhatrapur district are supplied power by the Eastern Region Power Distribution Com-

pany. Energy Minister Shri Shukla said that Madhya Pradesh will become power cut-free state from the current year. He said that the promise of supplying power for 24 hours to people is being fulfilled. Its beginning has been made from Jabalpur district. The scheme will be implemented in Damoh district from May 2013.

Farmers Welfare and Agriculture Development Minister Dr. Kusmaria said that power has played a significant role in the state achieving 18.91 agriculture growth rate. It is the result of adequate power supply and increase in irrigation sources that the state has won four awards in the agriculture sector. District Land Development Bank Chairman Shri Narendra Vyas also spoke on the occasion.

Gauri Chadha's "Gawah" gets the best documentary film award directed at BIFF

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On the basis of the Mumbai blasts, the film (Gawah) got the award for the best documentary film at Bhopal International Film Festival (BIFF), which was held in Bhopal on Saturday. The film is directed by Gauri Chadha. This is her fourth movie.

"Gawah" is about the "show after the curtain falls," "the silence after the applause" and the "stapled cry of the bitter smile." Through an electrifying sensory experience we are exposed to all the screams, chases and the touches of that unforgiving moment where an afternoon lunch changed the lives of many in a split second of time, forever.

Taking us through the Partition and the 26/11



Director Gauri Chadha (right) receiving the best documentary award from P K Kutiya VC of MCU & Producer & Executive Secretary of Gyan Ganga Group Shri Mini Raj Modi on Sunday.

Mumbai terrorist attacks and the July 13th serial

blasts, "Gawah" captures the pains of time by taking you through the grieving minds of those victimized.

According to Gauri, When I came to witness the 26/11 (2008) Mumbai terror attacks on TV on a bitter cold night in London, I was immediately held hostage to what I was witnessing. It overpowered me and with a blink of an eye, I was on the streets of Mumbai.

Gauri also has many prestigious Hollywood and Bollywood productions to her credit such as "Mission Impossible: Ghost Protocol," "David of the Month," "David" and "Ishq Actually" and "Love Breakups Zindagi." Including many leading commercial films.

Vision Tech 2K13 festival held at All Saints' College



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All Saints' Group celebrated Visontech-2013 along with National Conference on Emerging Trends in Engineering Science and Technology (NCETEST-2013). It was held on 15th & 16th February 2013 in the college auditorium.

The TechFest/ National Conference was inaugurated by the Chief Guest Justice. MSA Siddiqui, Chairman, National Commission on Minority Education Institution, New Delhi, Prof. Piyush Trivedi, Vee Chancellor, RGPC, Dr Shabistan Gagar, Chairperson, Committee on Girls Education, New Delhi, Shri Waseem, Akhtar, IAS, as the Guests of Honor along with the chairperson Smt. Kaisar Zaman & Group Director, Dr Zafar Mehdi were present. The inauguration of the event started by the Lighting of the Lamp. The Chief Guest,

Justice MSA Siddiqui and other dignitaries voiced their appreciation for the organizers and urged the students to make innovation in technology their goal. The Guests of Honor Professor Piyush Trivedi and Shri Waseem Akhtar, special guest Dr Mukesh Pandey and Dr Shabistan Gaffar motivated the youth by emphasizing that the TechFest is an event of learning and sharing knowledge.