

DAVV all set to go green

PLAN Varsity students, staff to use bicycles on Takshila campus; other eco-friendly procedures will also be adopted

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INDORE: Remember Professor Viru 'Virus' Sahastrabudhhe of '3 Idiots' fame pedalling his way to the institute building? Get ready for similar scenes at Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya (DAVV), where teachers and students would be pedalling their way from one faculty to another in months to come. Taking a cue from IIT Kanpur and Banaras Hindu University (BHU), the DAVV management has initiated steps to make its campus pollution-free and eco-friendly. "It is a futuristic plan. Taking cue from the BHU, where students and faculty were requested to use bicycles on the campus, we are also working on a green university policy," said



DAVV vice chancellor, DP Singh. As part of the plan, the university is mulling over the idea of converting its Khandwa road-based Takshila complex vehicle-free. "Many European countries have a tradition of parking their vehicles at the main gate and

travel by bicycles or battery operated cars. We are also trying to do something similar and will try to discourage the use of diesel and petrol-operated vehicles," said the VC. To achieve the aim, the university officials are working on a green environ-

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ment policy and environment calendar, the VC added. Dean students' welfare of the DAVV, Rajeev Dixit said the students would be requested to use bicycles. "We will also request the faculty to use bicycles on the campus," said Dixit. "For this,

we are constructing a parking lot at the main gate and arranging bicycles too," he added.

Some of the DAVV buildings, which are located in different parts of the city are 100-year-old. According to a conservative estimate, nearly 1,000 vehicles belonging to day scholars and teaching faculty enter the campus every day. The university has 32 departments and each department has an average of 200 students.

The VC said the university has already initiated a plantation drive. "Plantation is an ongoing process and we sincerely want to make the university green. Making the university green also comprises adopting other eco-friendly procedures like use of solar energy, water harvesting, etc," he said.

14-YEAR-OLD BOY DROWNS IN MILL POND



Victim Sooraj

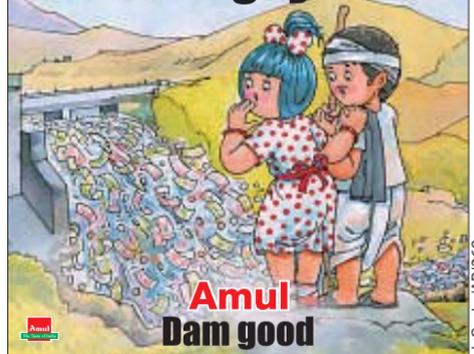
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INDORE: A 14-year-old boy drowned in the Malwa Mill pond on Monday afternoon while trying to catch some pigeons. He was fished out of the pond on Tuesday afternoon.

Pardeshipura police said that Sooraj (14), son of Sunil Khatik, slipped into the pond and drowned while trying to catch some pigeons. His elder brother Aakash was with him at that time, but he did not tell his parents and even asked two eyewitnesses to keep shut. The family members searched Sooraj throughout the night and lodged a missing report in the morning.

However, Rohit could not keep the secret for long and told someone who then informed the family about it. The police were informed and the body was fished out with the help of the fire brigade personnel.

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IIT-B holds workshop on entrepreneurship

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INDORE: Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay (IIT-B) organised a workshop on entrepreneurship at Medi-caps Group of Institutions on Tuesday. The workshop was a part of the national event 'Illuminate for Eureka' of the institute. The speaker at the event was Shantanu Bhagwat, an international venture capitalist and entrepreneur.

Medi-caps Group of Institutions director SK Somani told the media that workshops like these are highly beneficial for students,

especially as Indore is a business hub of the state."

Organisers said over 150 students took part in the workshop. Each student was given certificates from IIT-B. This workshop will also help the students to present their B-Plan at the in IIT-B's annual event Eureka, to be held in February, the organisers added.

'Illuminate' is a series of workshops in collaboration with IIT-B that will be conducted in different cities all over India. The workshops include insights into entrepreneurship, challenges in starting a business, and key requirements for starting up.

Traffic drive



Policemen removing a dark film from a vehicle at Regal Crossing in Indore on Tuesday as part of the ongoing traffic drive. SHANKAR MOURYA/HT

Ujjain police arrest 'dead' drug peddler

LAW CATCHES UP Misdled police by putting his identity papers in a dead person's pocket

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UJJAIN: Ujjain police have nabbed a notorious drug peddler Ghanshyam Dhakar who had tried to mislead police by putting his identity documents in a dead person's pocket.

Giving details, Ujjain zone inspector general of police Upendra Jain said Dhakar was active in smuggling of opium in Neemuch, Chittorgarh and nearby areas. He was caught with 50 kg of opium in Jodhpur in 2008 and presented before the court there. After getting bail, he did not return and indulged in the illegal trafficking of opium in Nimbakhera in Rajasthan.

On March 10, 2011, a body was found lying on the highway along with a motorcycle. During investigation, a voter identity card in the name of Ghanshyam Dhakar was found in the pocket of the body. Ghanshyam's family members, including his wife, mother and uncle, 'identified' the body as that of Ghanshyam.

Few months after, the police received a tip off that Ghanshyam had not died but he actually 'plotted' his killing

to hoodwink the police. The IGP constituted a special team to minutely investigate the case and reward of Rs 15,000 was announced. Following the investigation, the police succeeded in nabbing Ghanshyam on Tuesday morning from Jawad in Neemuch district.

Jain told Hindustan times that three cops, including the then police station in-charge Ravindra Boyat, investigating officer MR Garg and constable Umesh Chouhan, have been suspended for dereliction in duty in investigating the fake death of Ghanshyam. The IGP did not rule out the possibility of connivance of the cops in it and added that departmental inquiry would be initiated.

Jain said the person whose body was shown as Ghanshyam's was still to be identified but it is clear that Ghanshyam had killed that fellow. Family members of Ghanshyam are also likely to be booked for conspiring in the crime. The team includes SI Yogendra Sisodia, Basant Shrivastava, ASI Davendra Kushwah, head constable Chandrabhan, constables Shailendra Mishra, Bhupendra, Rampal and others.

Govt green signal to transport hub, residential project

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INDORE: Breathing fresh life into the two projects, the government has given the green signal to Scheme No 174 (transport hub) and Scheme No 175, a residential project on Bypass Road.

The two schemes, which, together, cover around 1500 acres had lapsed after Indore Development Authority (IDA) officials failed to publish the final plan within the mandated period of one year. The IDA board of directors then voted to re-launch the schemes, albeit with new numbers, and sent the draft scheme to Bhopal for approval.

"The two schemes have been approved. We will now publish public notices in newspapers after which the scheme will be notified under (Section) 50 (7) of the MP Nagar Tatha Gram Nivesh Adhiniyam," said an IDA official.

While Scheme No 174 (transport hub) is proposed at Lasudia Mori, Scheme No 175 (earlier Scheme No 168) will straddle Tigaria Rao, Nepania and Bicholi Hapsi villages, said officials.

Cops plan tech edge to nab rule violators

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INDORE: In a major initiative to give a technological edge to the Indore police, authorities are planning to purchase a traffic interceptor vehicle (TIV) and to equip the field staff with GPS mobile phones equipped with cameras and voice-recorders. These phones would be directly linked to a server and senior officials would be able to see and hear things in real time.

Senior officials sat through a two-and-half-hour presentation by various companies, including one from Korea, who explained to the officials all that they had to offer.

The Indore police have received around Rs 70 lakh for the improvement of traffic in the city and they intend to

utilise the funds purchase the equipment.

Officials said the TIV will be equipped with an array of gadgets like breath analysers, speed gun and loudspeakers etc. The GPS equipped mobile phones would be able to take photographs of traffic violators, automatically sent to the server which senior officials can see in their monitors. Also, the phones could be used to record and show the scene of crime in detail. They could also be used for recording dying declarations of victims.

The phones would be given to police on patrolling duty and since all the data would upload automatically, the chances of lying about the places they went during their patrolling duty would be impossible, officials said.

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Tech bids opened for 24x7 project

PILOT SCHEME 40,000 residents may get uninterrupted water supply

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INDORE: After a lengthy hiatus, the proposal for supplying water around-the-clock through a private vendor at Rajendra Nagar has again swum into focus.

Technical bids for the fully metered water supply pilot project were opened on Tuesday. "Only one firm (Gurgaon-based SPML Infra Limited) has bid for the project. Financial bids will be opened in around 15-20 days once the technical scrutiny is complete," said deputy project manager, Narmada-III phase project, Sanjiv Shrivastava.

He, however, stressed that this was the second round of bidding and there would be no re-tendering only because a solitary bidder is in the fray.

The project aims at uninterrupted water supply to some 35-40,000 residents living in localities fed by the Rajendra Nagar overhead tank. It will, however, be sometime before residents start getting

SMPL Infra may prove second time lucky

IT MAY prove to be second time lucky for SMPL Infra Ltd. The firm had moved court after it was disqualified during the first round of bidding for the 24x7 project. "Since only a single bidder was left, we decided to go for re-tendering," said Shrivastava.

Narmada water on a 24 x 7 basis.

Officials said that if SMPL's fiscal bid were cleared it would take around 18 months to repair and overhaul the existing supply network so that the contractor can meet required parameters. Even if the firm works at a fast pace around-the-clock water supply will take one year," said an IMC official.

Under the pilot project, water would be supplied through pipelines connected to the Rajendra Nagar over-

head tank, which would first be divorced from the regular distribution network.

This would be followed by installation of meters at all households in the wards and residents would be billed according to a fixed tariff.

The contractor will collect the money and hand it over to the Corporation, which would then pay the company. IMC has set service-level benchmarks for water pressure, pipeline repair response time and bill collection efficiency (fixed at an ambitious 95 per cent). "Fifty percent payment of the contract amount would be payable subject to delivery of the mandated benchmarks," said a Narmada project engineer.

The PPP proposal has generated protests from a section of activists who claim that it is an attempt to privatise water supply. Shrivastava, however, rebuts this. "The PPP vendor will only supply water, the ownership of the system will remain with the Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC)," he stressed

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AN IDA OFFICIAL

BRTS CONTRACT EXTENSION

IDA board of directors are likely to take up a proposal for granting a three-month extension to Neeraj Pratibha, the joint venture firm that has been awarded the contract for the Bus Rapid Transit System (BRTS) pilot corridor on AB Road.

The board may also take up proposals for a supervision quality control (SQC) contract for a railway overbridge and approval of bids for plots in various schemes.

"Most of the work is done but work still remains to be done near the LIG gurdwara and other portions," said an IDA official.

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