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# Shahdol becomes haven for illegal sand mining

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SHAHDOL

The district has turned into a haven for illegal mining because of negligence of the police and administration.

Illegal mining worth crores of rupees take place at Sone Ghat in the Nawalpur area, nearly 15 kilometers away from the district headquarters.

A police officer, requesting not to be named, said as long as the illegal miners continued to get political patronage it would be difficult to end unauthorised mining.

According to the officer, during a raid at Byohari and its surrounding areas, he saw there was no fear of law among the illegal miners.

Dumpers loaded with illegally mined sand run throughout the day. The miners have put a huge quantity of sand on roads.

The miners have also deployed gunmen to guard the sand. Although most of the contracts have been stopped, the miners are digging up sand in Bhursi, Gohparu, Byohari, Jarwahi, Masira, and Nawalpur villages. The illegal miners have built roads up to the Son River so that only the dumpers can reach there.

Whenever anyone goes to the place where the illegally mined sand has been dumped, the miners attack the person.

When the issue was put up before the town inspector of Sohagpur, he said the mining department should take action.

When the issue was put up before the mining officer, he said the department took action whenever they received complaints.



## Two held, 10 kg ganja worth Rs 60k confiscated

The police claimed to have confiscated 10kg ganja worth Rs 60,000 from two bikers in an area under Byohari police station on Monday evening. According to reports, the consignment of ganja was being taken to Sidhi district. According to the police, two youths were trafficking ganja to Sidhi district. On getting information, a police team reached the Banas Dham Road and stopped two youths, who were riding a bike. When the police searched the bike, they found a bag containing ganja. The youths identified themselves as Bihari Charmarakar and Vinod Chamar.

## Chinese kite string accidents spark political row

Narmadapuram: A series of accidents caused by banned Chinese kite string during Makar Sankranti has triggered sharp criticism from the Congress, which accused the BJP-led state government and local administration of negligence and failure to enforce the ban. District Congress President Shivkant Gudde Pandey said the open sale of Chinese manja despite a state-wide prohibition reflects administrative insensitivity. He cited the recent serious injury of Shubham Sharma, an Itarsi resident preparing for Railway and SSC examinations, who suffered deep throat injuries after coming into contact with the deadly string. Pandey termed the incident a "systemic failure" that could have been prevented with timely and strict action. He alleged that the government issues bans only on paper while illegal sales continue unchecked in markets. The Congress demanded immediate FIRs against sellers, cancellation of their licences, and strict punitive action, including jail terms. The party also sought better medical treatment and financial assistance for the injured youth. Pandey appealed to citizens to avoid nylon and Chinese manja and warned that the Congress would launch protests if inaction continues. District Congress spokesperson Anil Raikwar said only one action, by Sohagpur police, has been taken so far.

## Youth sustains injuries due to Chinese manja

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SATNA

A 27-year-old youth sustained severe injuries because of Chinese manja in the Kripalpur area of the city under the Kolgawani police station on Wednesday.

The throat of the youth identified as Durgesh Kewat would have been slit had he not used his presence of mind to free himself from the string of a broken kite.

When he was walking to his house, a broken kite came flying to him, and its string stuck around his neck.

When the youth tried to free himself from the string, it cut his throat, severely injuring him.

His family members took him to the district hospital, from where he was discharged after first aid.

Soon after getting information, a team led by city superintendent of police DP Singh Chouhan raided several shops in the main market. According to reports, the banned Chinese manja was found in a shop near the station road.

## Encroachers building wall on drain



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A wall is reportedly coming up on a drain in the Chanakyapuri area near A-1 City Colony.

According to reports, the wall is being built for commercial purposes. Residents of Chanakyapuri Colony and its nearby areas are opposed to the construction.

The water released from different houses in the area passes through a kutchi nullah constructed near Chanakyapuri. The wall will stop the

flow of water through the nullah, the residents said, adding that drain water will enter the houses in the rainy season.

The contractor, Umesh Rathore, said as soil was dumped on the side of the nullah, it looked like a wall. The construction is going on a few meters away from the nullah, he said.

Sehore tehsildar Amit Singh said a team would probe the case. If the construction is found on the nullah, the administration will act against the guilty, he said.

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## Physically challenged couple wants motorised tricycle, gets assurance

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SATNA

A physically challenged man and his wife have been moving from pillar to post for a motorised tricycle for over four years.

The officials of the district administration assured them of providing a motorised tricycle, but they have yet to get it. Both Kamta Prasad Verma and his wife Mamta Verma are physically challenged.

They said they required a motorised tricycle to do the work of daily needs, including going to doctor and for livelihoods. They said they were unable to make a long journey on mechanical tricycle. They gave applications, demanding a motorised tricycle, at public hearings, but they did not get anything other than assurances, the couple said. Although they demanded a motorised tricycle, they were given a mechanical one.

## Plots laid on agricultural land, FIRs registered

**Bhopal:** Parwala police on Wednesday registered FIRs against six realtors for allegedly carving out plots on agricultural land in Kurana village without taking permission.

According to reports, following a complaint, patwari Saima Khan conducted an inquiry and found that four agricultural land parcels were laid as plots while violating the land use laws and panchayat regulations.

Based on the findings, the patwari submitted a written complaint at Parwala police station. Sub inspector Komal Verma said that after verification, four cases were registered under the Swaraj Panchayat Act. The accused named in the cases include Ahmad Anees, Amjad Anees, Aiman Anees, Asif Khan, Anees Ahmad, and Swaleh Anees. Further investigation is underway.

## Online betting racket busted, 2 held

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