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**'I cast Sharman and Sharman cast me'**

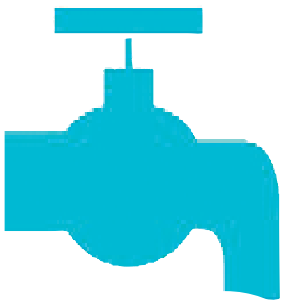
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**For next 45 days**

## Narmada Phase III shutdown for testing

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INDORE

The supply of 90 MLD water under Narmada Phase III will cease for 45 days starting from Sunday. During this period, the city would be dependent on water being supplied through Narmada Phase I and II and Yeshwant Sagar.

According to sources, The Narmada Project department is running a test phase beginning on

Sunday which would last until October 20 for its Phase III. During the test, all components of water supply would be tested thoroughly. When the corporation had commenced the supply of 90 MLD water from Phase III, it had tested working pressure of the supply line only. Since 360 MLD water is expected to be received under Phase III, the pressure test would commence from Sunday.

According to Dharmendra

Verma, executive engineer, Narmada Project, clear water, main gravity line, intake well, three pumping stations, and treatment plants would be tested. Along with the testing, water metres, electrical equipment, pumping equipment, submersible equipment, etc would also be installed and tested. Inspections of work on laying pipelines would also be held during this period of shut down.

The sources further added, the

supply of 90 MLD water would be stopped for this testing. During this period the city would depend

on Phase I and II, Yeshwant Sagar and bore wells for its requirement of water.

### Water crisis may arise

The sources also said that water crisis may occur in many areas of the city due to the shut down and water would be supplied with very low pressure in many areas. The IMC may be forced to use water tankers to keep up the water supply during this period.

**FREE PRESS salutes Teachers on the occasion of TEACHER'S DAY.**

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

*If you dedicate yourself to the world you will be given the energy and the strength to do great things.*  
— Sri Sakthi Anna

**The best teachers teach from the heart, not from the book.**



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### Short News

#### Two kidnapped teachers freed by bandits

**MORENA:** Two teachers, who were kidnapped from here last week by dacoits were freed on Saturday night, police said today. Deva Banjara gang had kidnapped two teachers Munesh and Rakesh at Paharganj tehsil while they were returning after their duty hours on August 27. Superintendent of Police Gaurav Rajput told reporters here. He claimed that after the two teachers were kidnapped, police had been after the dacoits, who owing to their pressure set free their captives at Dagarpur jungles in adjoining Sheopur district. The two teachers said the dacoits had threatened their family members and demanded a ransom of Rs 6 lakh for their safe release. They said members of Deva Banjara gang of Sheopur had often thrashed them.

#### Miss Virgin kisses 106 candles!

**LONDON:** A 106-year-old woman in Britain is not only a virgin; she has never ever



been kissed. Isa Blyth, who turned 106 on Saturday, puts her longevity to being a virgin, The Sun reported. She is of the opinion that being single has made her stay strong. "I'm not sure if anyone ever tried it on - but they never got anywhere! She says she never felt the need for romance and never had time for a man. "She did like the odd sherry though," her niece Sheena Campbell was quoted as saying. Blyth was born in 1904. She used to attend flower club and church, sang in the choir, and played golf or gardening. She always stayed in Edinburgh and worked for 35 years as a private secretary to a whisky producer.

JAMUI/PATNA

A solution to the week-long hostage crisis in Bihar appeared to be in sight tonight that the three kidnapped policemen will be freed tomorrow, just hours after Chief Minister Nitish Kumar invited the rebels for talks and appealed for their release.

Avinash, a self-proclaimed spokes-man for the Maoists, claimed that the central committee of the ultra-left wing group had decided to let off the three policemen held captive by them by 8 am tomorrow after it rejected the talks offer.

"The Maoists Central Committee met in jungles near Jamui late this evening after the all-party meeting chaired by Chief Minister Nitish Kumar offered talks with us... we are not going to get influenced by it," Avinash reportedly told some



**'SI Abhay Yadav's wife's grief has also influenced us and her emotional outbursts that she will ask her sons to take to guns and become Naxalites compelled us to reconsider our decision,' Avinash said.**

local midiamen in Jamui. He said the committee had decided to release the hostages "unconditionally on humanitarian considerations."

However, there was no official confirmation to the Maoist move to release Rupesh Kumar Sinha, Mohammad Ehsaan and Abhay Yadav. When contacted, Director General of Police Neelmani said he was not aware of any information about this.

He, however, said the search operations would continue in the districts of Jamui, Lakhisarai, Munger, Banka and Kaimur for securing safe release of the hostages.

Avinash said he would like to make it clear that the hostages will not be handed over either to police or media-men. "We will send them to their respective families safe and sound," he said.

Under intense pressure to

end the hostage crisis coming just ahead of Assembly elections in the state, Kumar even offered them safe passage for the talks after securing an all party consensus.

A day after the bullet-riddled body of Lucas Tete, one of the four abducted policemen, was found, Kumar said the all-party meeting convened by him also appealed to the Maoists to release unharmed the three remaining hostages who the rebels said were safe.

The Government offer for talks after a Maoist spokesman called for an immediate dialogue came on a day when police arrested nine Naxalites including two who were reported to be involved in the kidnapping incident in Lakhisarai district on Sunday. The arrest of the rebels came when combing operations were expanded to fresh areas in Munger district.

"I am personally ready for holding talks with the Maoists. We guarantee providing full security and safe passage to Maoist representatives irrespective of the outcome. No police action will be taken," Kumar told reporters after an all-party meeting here. "We want face-to-face talks with Naxals."

The Maoists are demanding that eight of their arrested cadres be freed in exchange for the release of the hostages. ▶▶▶ Page 2

### SEISMIC SHOCK OF 7.1!



Children play near a seismic rupture in a road in Christchurch after a powerful earthquake of 7.0 magnitude caused widespread damage in New Zealand's second largest city, with officials saying it was "extremely lucky" no one was killed - AFP

### Ahlatav's removal Section 52 challenged for the first time

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BHOVAL

Imposition of emergency section 52 of the University Act to remove the Ujjain's Vikram University vice-chancellor S P S Ahlatav was 'hasty but a calculated move' taken under certain pressure built up by BJP leaders and organizations involved there but it could now be troublesome because of some legal questions.

The State Government will have to prove legitimacy of its stand which it took for removing vice-chancellor in 'a grave emergency' in the university.

Perhaps for the first time, the State Government's privilege given by the University Act, 1973, has been challenged in the High Court, even though many vice-chancellors — including two in the recent past in Barkatullah University ▶▶▶ Page 2

LONDON/KARACHI

IN a sensational turn to the spot-fixing scam, the three Pakistani cricketers - Salman Butt, Mohammed Aamir and Mohammed Asif - today admitted that they took money from bookie Mazhar Majeed but came out with a bizarre defence that it was for some sponsorship contracts.

The suspended trio, being grilled by Scotland Yard here, claimed the money they took from Majeed was on account of sponsorship contracts they had signed with different commercial organisations.

Their admission came on a day the PCB threatened to sue the International Cricket Council (ICC) if the players are found innocent even as

the country's diplomats struck a discordant note with contradictory statements on the issue. The players insisted that they did not know that Majeed, working as an agent for them, was also



a bookmaker.

"The players also showed their written contracts for these sponsorship deals to the police," Pakistan legal advi-

sor Tafazzul Rizvi told Pakistan's Geo TV.

"The players have contested the allegation and also volunteered themselves for police investigations," he said.

According to reports, 50,000 pounds were recovered from the hotel room of Butt.

The three players were suspended by the ICC after a British tabloid claimed that they were involved in spot-fixing.

Rizvi also confirmed that the investigating authorities had found some currency from a player's room during the search of the team hotel in London last weekend.

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under control and so far we have arrested 125 persons for indulging in violence in the city," Ujjain Division Commissioner, T Dharma Rao said.

Five policemen and two journalist were injured in the violence last night, he said adding that the injuries were not of serious nature.

A meeting of the District Peace Committee was also held in which representatives of both the groups were prevailed upon to ensure normalcy in their respective areas, he said.

Besides Commissioner, the meeting was also attended by the Inspector General (IG) Pavan Jain and Superintendent of Police (SP) Dr Mayank Jain among others.

The Commissioner hoped that things would become normal by Sunday in the curfew-bound areas. After some unidentified persons defiled a religious place, groups of people set ablaze a number of vehicles, leading the police to fire several rounds in the air, fire teargas shells and cane-charge to control the situation, official sources said.

As the tension mounted, the local administration first imposed Section 144 (banning assembly of people) and later placed the affected areas under curfew. Additional forces were called from neighbouring districts for deployment in the curfew-bound areas of the city.

**BHOVAL REPORTS ADDS:** Home Minister Umashankar Gupta has dubbed the Ratlam incident as a very unfortunate one and appealed to people to maintain peace and communal harmony. He directed the administration and the police force to take stern action against any anti-social elements and to ensure the protection of people's lives and property.

He said anti-social elements indulge in this kind of activity to spread tension in the society.

**ALERT:** In the wake of Ratlam incident, DGP S K Rout has alerted all the districts of the State. He asked senior police officers of the districts not to leave any stone unturned in ensuring security arrangements.

### BIZARRE DEFENCE

**Tainted Pakistani trio admit to taking money from Majeed for some 'sponsorship contract', PCB threatens to sue ICC**

MUMBAI

YOU can now get your portraits done Bollywood style. Indian Hippy, a two-year-old online company, offers hand-painted portraits customised to suit your preferences. The venture has also revived the dying art form of Hindi film posters.

"I've always interpreted Bollywood film poster art as a larger-than-life depiction - synonymous with the stuff that our movies are made of," Hinesh Jethwani, founder and head of Mumbai-based Indian Hippy, told IANS.

"The sets, songs, costumes, etc. in our



films are so colourful and grand that when translated into poster art, the results are truly fascinating. What fascinated me most about Bollywood film posters was the amalgamation of so

**Bollywood poster:**

many different concepts - advertising, art and storyboard depiction - all rolled into one canvas."

Indian Hippy offers hand-painted

**Personalised poster:**

Even though the concept is appreciated now, it was not easy for 29-year-old Jethwani to put his plans into action.

"I received a lot of discouragement

posters for those who commissioned them and doesn't make use of photoshop or any other digital trickery. People can choose from thousands of movie posters, from the 1960s to now.

from people who thought of my concept as a ridiculous whim. For many, my sudden interest in an extinct art form seemed absurd.

"Then finding authentic Bollywood film poster artists was a task in itself. The industry had shifted to digital format in the early 1990s.

"With film poster artists being displaced by this wave for nearly two decades, it was like looking for a needle in a haystack. Most artists had sought early retirement and had returned back to their villages. A few had shifted careers entirely. "I pressed on and here we are today! Very few ▶▶▶ Page 2