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National Mahatma Gandhi Award

Why in News

- On September 30, 2021, Shivshekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary (Culture and Tourism), Madhya Pradesh informed that **All World Gayatri Pariwar for the year 2019** and **Bhatke Vimukt Vikas Pratishthan for the year 2020** have been selected for 'National Mahatma Gandhi Award'.

Key Points

- These awards will be presented to both the organizations at the **National Mahatma Gandhi Award** ceremony to be held at **Rabindra Bhavan on October 2, 2021**, the birth anniversary of the **Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi**.
- In the ceremony, **all World Gayatri Parivar located in Haridwar** and **Bhatke Vimukta Vikas Pratishthan located in Yamgarwadi (Osmanabad)** will be given income tax free Samman Rashi, Samman Patika, Shawl and Shripal worth Rs.10 lakh.
- It is noteworthy that in the **memory of Mahatma Gandhi**, the Government of Madhya Pradesh established this honor in the year 1995 with the **aim of encouraging constructive initiative, communal harmony and social harmony in the society in line with Gandhi's philosophy of thought**.
- The **National Mahatma Gandhi Award** is the **biggest honor of Madhya Pradesh** given to any institution.

Bhoj (Open) University Center

Why in News

- On September 30, 2021, the Vice Chancellor of Madhya Pradesh **Bhoj (Open) University, Professor Jayant Sonwalkar** informed that the student facilitation centers of **Bhoj (Open) University will now open in all government colleges of the state**.

Key Points

- Vice Chancellor Sonwalkar said that with **11 regional centers located at Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Rewa, Satna, Sagar, Ujjain, Chhindwara, Hoshangabad and Barwani**, the university has set a target of admitting 2 lakh students this year.

- He said that **Diploma in Social Development has been started from Ramcharitmanas** to make students aware of scientific approach towards Indian culture and values. Audio-Video lectures **Sewa Bhoj Vani** and **Bhoj Darshan** are also being organized for the students.
- The university's e-content and self-learning materials are also available on the website, which are also available in open source for distance learning college and traditional university students.

Bhoomi Pujan of Science Center in Planetarium Complex in Ujjain

Why in News

- On 30 September 2021, the **Governor of Karnataka, Thaawar Chand Gehlot** performed the Bhumi Pujan of the **Science Center at the Planetarium Complex in Ujjain** and also released the brochure of the exhibition.

Key Points

- This science center is being established under the scheme of **National Council of Science Museums, Kolkata** and the **Ministry of Culture, Government of India**. This center will be set up in an area of five acres at a cost of about **Rs.16.70 crore**.
- With the establishment of this center, people associated with education will be benefited and the interest of the public in science will increase. Students will be able to know about the unsolved mysteries of science. Modern equipment will be installed in the science center. It will also be developed as a major centre for time duration calculators in the future. The **main features of this science center** are as follows-
 - It will be made an innovation hub and will have many **hi-tech equipment and gadgets**.
 - Students will be able to **research the tools in the Innovation Hub**.
 - Students will also be taught to **test soil, water and food samples in the lab**.
 - A **3D studio** will also be built in the **science center for 14 crores**, in which the most advanced equipment from the point of view of science will be installed.
 - The state government will give **Rs 8.65 crore** for the **establishment of this center** and the

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remaining amount of Rs 6.55 crore will be given by the **National Council of Science Museums, Kolkata** and the **Ministry of Culture, Government of India**.

3rd Edition of Marathon in Pachmarhi

Why in News

- On October 3, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board organized the **third edition of the 'Pachmarhi Marathon'** with the aim of attracting more and more tourists for tourism and to introduce tourists to the scenic beauty and natural environment of Pachmarhi, the beautiful hill station of Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- On this occasion the Managing Director of State Tourism Development Corporation S. Viswanathan said that a meaningful effort is being made to promote **health tourism** and active holidays concept in the state by organizing the marathon.
- Pachmarhi is the top tourism spot of the state. Here in all seasons, whether it is winter or rainy, tourists from all corners of the country come here and enjoy the natural beauty.
- Viswanathan said that an action plan is being prepared to organize a professional marathon in Pachmarhi.
- This marathon was held in three categories: 5 km, 10 km. and 21 km. These categories were named **Family Fun Run, Endurance Run and Dhupgarh Pahari Run**.
- The Tourism Board provided T-shirts, RFID timing chips, route support, finishers medals and e-certificates to all the runners who participated in the marathon. In addition, the top three runners-up of the competition were given trophies and free stay vouchers for two nights and three days by the guests.
- It is worth mentioning that **the first edition of the marathon was held on July 22, 2018**, in which around 800 tourists participated. After the immense success of the first edition, it was decided to organize this marathon every year by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board as an annual event.
- Its **second edition was held in the year 2019 on 21st July**, in which around 800-1000 tourists participated.

In view of the Covid-19 epidemic, this marathon could not be organized in the year 2020.

- During the third edition of the marathon, it was organized with limited participants following all the safety and security instructions keeping in mind the Covid-19. It was mandatory for all participating tourists to be fully COVID vaccinated and to submit a negative report of the COVID test.

NBA Accreditation

Why in News

- On October 01, 2021, two engineering colleges of Madhya Pradesh got accreditation from **National Board of Accreditation**, New Delhi for four courses till the year 2022-23.

Key Points

- In the government engineering colleges of Rewa and Ujjain, the students of Madhya Pradesh have got the authenticity of getting technical education of high quality.
- It is worth mentioning that recently the Mechanical course of Ujjain Engineering College and three Civil, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering courses of Rewa Engineering College have received accreditation from the National Board of Accreditation.
- Technical Education Minister Mrs. Yashodhara Raje Scindia informed that the education of these courses in Rewa and Ujjain engineering colleges will now be considered at par with national level institutions like IITs/NITs.
- An eight-member team of National Board of Accreditation has visited these colleges offline and online, thoroughly checking the entire resources of the institution, laboratories, quality of professors, academic quality of former and current students, and feedback has been provided to these institutions.
- Scindia said that with this, the chances of getting placement in reputed companies of the country have increased for the students who have passed these courses. With this accreditation, grants and facilities will be increased to both the colleges from **University Grants Commission** and **All India Council for Technical Education**, New Delhi.

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Hindi Sewa Samman

Why in News

- Recently, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel, Executive Director of BHEL and Chairman of Official Language Implementation Committee, C. Ananda was awarded the **Non-Hindi language experts Hindi Seva Samman-2021**.

Key Points

- The prestigious award of Madhya Pradesh Rashtrabhasha Prachar Samiti, the non-hindi language experts Hindi Seva Samman-2021 was organized in the **Hindi Bhawan complex Shyamala Hills**.
- It is noteworthy that C. Ananda, despite being associated with Kannada speaking and technical fields, has achieved special achievement in the field of Hindi.
- He has made **invaluable contributions in the field of official language** implementation. Also, the use of Hindi in the technical field, special emphasis has been laid on the **use of Hindi in digital form**.

Inter-State Short Film Festival

Why in News

- The two-day **Inter-State Short Film Festival** organized under the aegis of **Bhartiya Chitra Sadhna** at Gwalior on October 4, 2021 concluded with the screening of several acclaimed short films.

Key Points

- The closing ceremony was held at the **Indian Institute of Tourism Management** located in the city center of Gwalior.
- The themes of the two-day celebration included- India's Freedom Struggle, 75 Years of Independence, Unlock, Vocal for India's Local, Culture and Values, Innovation, Family, Environment and Energy and Education.
- The short film '**Dhuk Tara**' on the theme of female foeticide was selected as the **best film in the festival**.
- Speaking on the occasion, **Pahlaj Nihalini, former Chairman, Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC)** said that prevention of gender-based selective eradication is paramount. He said that selective eradication of unborn girls is still rampant in rural areas.

- It is noteworthy that **Bhartiya Chitra Sadhna encourages films that promote the progress of Indian society** with timeless philosophy, Indian values and modern development. For the convenience and promotion of such films and filmmakers, it has been organizing **Chitra Bhartiya Film Festival** since 2016 in various cities of India.

Aishwarya Pratap

Why in News

- **Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar** of **Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy** has won a **gold medal** for the country by performing brilliantly in the 50m Rifle Three Position (Men) section of the **ISSF Junior World Championships held in Lima (Peru)**. He achieved this feat with 463.4 points in the final.

Key Points

- Along with this, **Aishwarya also set a new world record at the junior level**. Earlier this world record was held by Filip Napejschal of Czech Republic, which he set on November 19, 2019 in China with 462.9 points.
- France's Lucas Bernard Denis Kries was second with 456.5 points, while America's Gavin Raymond Le Barnick was third with 446.6 points.
- Aishwarya, who represented the country at the Tokyo Olympics, equaled the world record in the qualification round to finish at the top with 1185 points.
- Aishwarya equaled the world record with a total of 1185 points with 397 marks in kneeling, 398 in prone and 390 in standing.
- He has set a world record for the second time in this event of the World Championships. Earlier, he had set a new world record by securing 459.3 points in the 50m rifle 3 position at the 2019 ISSF Junior World Cup in Suhl, Germany.
- It is noteworthy that Aishwarya Pratap Singh, born in a farmer family on February 3, 2001 in village Ratanpur of Jhirnia tehsil of Khargone district, is training in Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy since 2015. He has so far brought three gold, one silver and one bronze medals to the country in international competitions. Aishwarya Pratap has earned 11 gold, 4 silver and 3 bronze medals in national competitions.

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'Dedication for Children' Program by NCPCR

Why in News

- Recently, the **National Commission for Protection of Children** has started the program 'Bachchon ke liye Samarpan' (Dedication for Children) in **three districts of Madhya Pradesh - Vidisha, Raisen and Sehore**.

Key Points

- In this, **financial assistance will be given to such children, who have lost one or both of their parents due to the corona epidemic**.
- Chairman of the Commission Priyank Kanungo said that the program of 'Dedication for Children' will be expanded in future.
- The first installment of 1 lakh 66 thousand rupees was transferred to the accounts of children and their guardians at the rate of two thousand rupees per child per month under private sponsorship to 83 children identified by the commission of three districts of the state by **Vedantu Innovation Limited**.
- The Commission has collected data of all children directly or indirectly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, who have become vulnerable, who need care and protection and who have given their single parent or both parents to COVID- Lost for any other reason after 19 or March 2020. **Non-governmental organizations have also been added** to benefit them.

Swamitva Scheme

Why in News

- On October 6, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed virtually all land rights records to 1 lakh 71 thousand villagers of 3 thousand villages in 19 districts of Madhya Pradesh under the '**Swamitva Yojana**'.

Key Points

- It is to be noted that this central scheme of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj was launched at the national level by the **Hon'ble Prime Minister on National Panchayati Raj Day**, April 24, 2021, after the successful completion of the pilot phase (2020-2021) of the scheme in **9 states**.
- The goal of this scheme is to give ownership rights of residential land to the people in the villages of the

country. This scheme will help towards making the villagers self-reliant. The scheme will pave the way for the villagers to use property as a financial resource for availing loans and other financial benefits, as in urban areas.

- It aims to demarcate residential areas in rural areas through latest **survey drone-technology**.

Sub-public Service Centers

Why in News

- On October 7, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced to set up **sub-public service centers in Gram Panchayats** having a population of more than five thousand in the coming one year **to expand the Public Service Centers from Tehsil to Gram Panchayat level**.

Key Points

- Through these sub-public service centers, services will be provided to the citizens at their doorsteps. A copy of Khasra will be provided to the citizens at just Rs 10 per page. The facility of sending this service to the registered WhatsApp number on 181 Jansewa will also be started.
- It is noteworthy that the Chief Minister made this announcement on the concluding day of Jan Kalyan and Suraj Abhiyan, which lasted from 17 September to 7 October. On this occasion, the Chief Minister started 7 new portals and 8 Lok Seva Kendras.
- In these, new portals of General Administration, Urban Development, Planning and Statistics, Home and Energy Departments were started. These portals will increase the public facilities available to the citizens and their work will be easier. Now e-FIR can be done on the portal of the Department of Home.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also made some other important announcements:
 - In Madhya Pradesh, the system of '**e-rupee**' will be implemented in the form of e-voucher. For the payment of treatment amount and scholarship of patients under **Ayushman Bharat**, cash benefit transfer can be done directly to the beneficiaries through 'e-rupee' for specific purposes.
 - The **parents of the newborn will be provided with the birth certificate at the time of the birth of the child along with the caste certificate in case of SC/ST classes**.

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- Some specific civic services like fitness of vehicles, renewal of driving license, vehicle registration, certified copy of documents, septic tank, sewage cleaning and water tank services will also be provided through private service providers.
- Applications regarding citizen services like income certificate, residence certificate, khasra/land records, scholarship, pension etc. will be received on social media platforms such as WhatsApp/Telegram/Ku App. Online service will be provided to citizens through chatbot and they can get these services without reaching the government office.
- In all government recruitments, appointment and joining will be given only on the basis of an affidavit, simplifying the current prevailing process regarding character verification of selected candidates.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister also released a booklet related to the usefulness of the health promotion program by the Department of Women and Child Development and integrated nutrition of severely malnourished children and the importance of coarse cereals and the dishes prepared from them.

Lump sum Settlement Scheme

Why in News

- On October 7, 2021, the Madhya Pradesh State Co-operative Housing Federation implemented a '**Lump sum settlement scheme**' for recovery of outstanding loans to primary housing institutions and their members. A provision has been made in the scheme to give **100% rebate in penal interest**.

Key Points

- Under the lump sum settlement scheme loans worth **Rs. 421 crore 54 lakh** can be recovered in loan cases of more **than 15 years**.
- At present, the rate of interest on the amount given by the union, including penal-interest, becomes excessive in the present circumstances. This is increasing the burden on the account holders. At the same time, recovery is also not easy and there is a situation of legal complications.
- Under the lump sum settlement scheme the defaulters will become eligible for settlement by depositing **25 percent** of the total demand within a period of

30 days from the date of application. After this, the defaulter will have to deposit the **entire loan amount in the next six months**.

- To take advantage of this scheme, the institution can get the application in the prescribed format from the loanee members and the regional office housing association. On the application of the institution to the loanee members, the Regional Manager will be informed about the recovery of the entire outstanding amount in the scheme and the remaining balance after giving the benefit of the scheme.
- Recommendation on the application will be sent to the housing union headquarters. The matter will be resolved within 30 days from the date of receipt of the application in the housing union headquarters. The entire process of lump sum settlement has been kept transparent.

Job Oriented Course for MP Police Children

Why in News

- Recently a **MoU was signed between ITI Bhopal Police and ITM University Gwalior** for providing **job oriented courses to the children of Madhya Pradesh Police family**.

Key Points

- **Special Director General of Police (Training) Aruna Mohan Rao** and University Vice-Chancellor S.S. Bhaker signed this MoU.
- Additional Superintendent of Police, ITI Bhopal, Suman Gurjar said that these new training courses would be helpful in providing employment opportunities to the children of the police family in addition to the traditional courses.
- Six months of job oriented training like fashion designing, communication skills, digital photography, basic programming language, digital communication and journalism and mass communication has been started for the children of police families in collaboration with ITM University. The allotted space for all these will be 30-30.
- Hostel, library, playground, gym, hospital/OPD, mess and scholarship facilities are available in this ITI campus, as per government rules.

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Country's First Plastic Free Sanitary Napkin

Why in News

- Recently, Dr. Yogendra Kumar Saxena, scientist and environmental scientist of Central Pollution Control Board, Bhopal has prepared the **country's first single-use plastic free sanitary napkin**.

Key Points

- This napkin is **made with the help of biodegradable starch sheet, nonwoven fabric, wood pulp sheet, sap sheet and back side release paper tape**. Virag Bohare of Raag Innovation Pad Factory Mainpura District Bhind helped him in this innovation.
- After use, this sanitary napkin will have to be destroyed in the incinerator like bio medical waste. Throwing it in the open, burying or burning it will not be as harmful to the environment as existing napkins are. Many other sanitary napkins use 90% single-use plastic.
- It is noteworthy that 70% of urban and 48% of rural women in the country use sanitary napkins. Of this, only 24 percent of napkins go to the incinerator for scientific execution, in remaining 76 percent only 28 percent reach the general waste, 33 percent are buried in the ground and 15% are burnt in the open.
- It takes **500-800 years for a napkin to decompose**. Some people in the country have made biodegradable sanitary napkins, but even 20-25% plastic is being used in them.
- It is noteworthy that Dr. Saxena has already done innovations like making manure by immersing cow dung lamps and POP idols in ammonium bicarbonate.

Atal Bihari Vajpayee Memorial Trust

Why in News

- On October 12, 2021, in a virtual meeting of the Council of Ministers under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, approval was given for the construction of the **memorial of former Prime Minister Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee in Gwalior** and the formation of an **autonomous 'Atal Bihari Vajpayee Memorial Trust'** under the Department of Culture.

Key Points

- Necessary efforts will be made to spread awareness and sensitivity towards nation building and nation development among the youth through the memorial trust.
- A **grand statue of Vajpayee ji and his life character will be promoted through audio-visual media**. Well-organized public facilities will be developed around the statue site. Along with this, workshops, seminars, research, seminars, lectures etc. will be organized for conducting activities related to his philosophy of life.
- In the memorial complex, **publication of literature related to Vajpayee ji** and his philosophy of life will be done, and **library/e-library of books, study centre for good governance and policy making** will be established and for tourism development, water body, canteen, park etc. will be established.
- For the fulfillment of the objectives of the Trust, **implementation will be done by establishing contact, coordination and cooperation with the Government of India, State Government**, non-governmental institutions, organizations, national and international level bodies and individuals.

MoU for Waste Management and Execution

Why in News

- On October 12, 2021, a MoU was signed between Municipal Corporation Bhopal and NTPC and Bhopal RNG Pvt Ltd for waste management and execution.

Key Points

- This MoU was signed for setting up of **200 ton per day wet waste to bio-CNG plant** and **400 ton per day dry waste torified charcoal plant**.
- It is known that, at present, around 800 tonnes of garbage is collected from Bhopal city every day. For its execution, an expenditure of Rs 333 per metric ton is being spent by the Bhopal Municipal Corporation. With the installation of this plant, Bhopal RNG Private Limited will give an amount of Rs. 83 lakh to Bhopal Municipal Corporation as royalty every year for 20 years and Bio-CNG will be provided at the rate of Rs. 5 less than the market rate.

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- The **Bio-CNG** generated from the plant **will be used in city buses**. An estimated expenditure of Rs 40 crore on setting up the plant will be fully borne by the agency itself. No processing fee will be charged by the agency for waste disposal from Municipal Corporation Bhopal.
- A **Torified Charcoal Plant will be set up in Adampur Cantonment** on an area of 15 acres of land at an estimated cost of Rs. 80 crore. This amount will be fully borne by NTPC. The torified charcoal produced will be used in NTPC's power plants.
- The construction of the torified charcoal plant with 400 tonnes per day dry waste will be based on the '**build own operate model**'. Establishment and operation-maintenance work of the plant is to be done by NTPC itself for 25 years.

Indigenous Products of Vindhyavali Launched in Bhopal Haat

Why in News

- On October 13, 2021, Smita Bhardwaj, Principal Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Cottage and Village Industries Department, launched ten indigenous products of Vindhyavali in the **Charkha Khadi festival organized at Bhopal Haat**.

Key Points

- Under the concept of '**Atmanirbhar Bharat - Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh**', Khadi Ayurveda, Gwalior's Handmade Mitti Charcoal Soap, Handmade Kewra Soap, Handmade Multani Mitti Soap, Handmade SandalWood Soap, Stevia powder from Adyati Herbs & Food Pvt. Ltd. Jabalpur, Roop Sanjuri of Azad Kutir Industries Institute, Bhopal, Immune Prash, Diabetes Powder and Khadi Ayurveda, Gwalior's Castor Oil, Gulab Jal and Body Oil have been launched.
- The Principal Secretary said that **Vindhyavali is a banner under the Madhya Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board**, which provides **assistance and guidance to small and cottage enterprises in the manufacture of indigenous products**, at present their units across the state are being operated under Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh concept.
- He informed that new products, Agarbatti, Stevia

Powder, Indigo Powder, Roop Manjari, Satritha, Immune Prash, Diabetes Powder, Handmade Soap were launched under Vindhyavali brand and sale of 98 new Ladies Designer Garments in Kabira range of readymade garments has also been started.

- It is worth mentioning that with the objective of providing continuous employment to weavers and other artisans working in the field of Khadi and Village Industries under **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav** and Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh, **Madhya Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board** has organized Charkha Khadi Utsav at **Bhopal Haat Complex** in Bhopal from October 9-20, 2021 in which about 110 Khadi Village Industries and Handicraft units from 12 states are participating.

'Gati Shakti National Master Plan'

Why in News

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan virtually attended the launch of '**Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti National Master Plan**' organized at Pragati Maidan, Delhi.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the '**PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan for multi-modal connectivity**'.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that Madhya Pradesh will prepare with full force for this great campaign of development. He decided to immediately link Madhya Pradesh with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the state level '**Conference on Multi Infrastructure Connectivity**' at Minto Hall.
- Gati Shakti is a digital platform which will bring together 16 ministries including rail and road for integrated planning and coordinated implementation of infrastructure connectivity projects. Basically Gati Shakti will have 200 types of databases, in which the physical facilities, district administration offices, rail, road and gas lines, health and police along with facilities like water bodies, reserve parks and forests will be mapped by GIS system.

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- Through this various central ministries and state governments will be able to benefit from better logistics schemes and connectivity.

Launch of 'Zayka'

Why in News

- On October 15, 2021, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Bhopal started the **traditional food program 'Zayka' of the Bhil tribe** on the demand of visitors visiting the museum.

Key Points

- In this regard, Director Dr. Praveen Kumar Mishra said that in the last two decades, all the big scientists of the world have proved through their research that adopting the natural diet of the tribes can get rid of many diseases caused by the deficiency of nutrients.
- In the canteen of the museum every Saturday and Sunday from 1 pm to 4 pm, traditional food of Bhil tribe of Madhya Pradesh, Makke ki Roti, Baingan Ka Bharta, Coriander-Garlic Chutney, Jaggery etc. is available.
- By consuming Makke ki roti, the body gets fibre, which helps in getting relief from digestive problems. It also helps in controlling the cholesterol level in the body. Also, a diet rich in fibre does not cause hunger for a long time.

Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court

Why in News

- On October 14, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel administered the oath of office and secrecy to the newly appointed Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court **Ravi Vijaykumar Malimath** at Sandipani Auditorium, Raj Bhavan.

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- On September 16, 2021, the Supreme Court Collegium had recommended the transfer of several other judges, including the Chief Justice of eight states of the country. These included the recommendation to transfer the then Madhya Pradesh Justice Mohammad Rafiq to Himachal Pradesh and the Acting Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh Ravi Malimath to Madhya Pradesh.

- Born on May 25, 1962, Justice Malimath started his practice in the Karnataka High Court on January 28, 1987. He specialized in constitutional, civil, criminal, labour and service matters as an advocate. He was appointed as an additional judge of the Karnataka High Court on February 18, 2008, and as a permanent judge on February 17, 2010.
- He assumed the post of Judge of the High Court of Uttarakhand on March 5, 2020. On July 28, 2020, he was appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court. After this, he took charge as the Judge of Himachal Pradesh High Court on January 7, 2021, and on June 28, 2021, he took an oath as the Chief Justice of Himachal Pradesh.

Ladli Laxmi Utsav

Why in News

- On October 14, 2021, the state-level **'Ladli Laxmi Utsav'** was organized virtually in every Anganwadi and Panchayat Bhawan in Madhya Pradesh.

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- Around 40 lakh Ladli Laxmi daughters were virtually added to this program. In this program, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan transferred a scholarship of Rs 5.99 crore to the accounts of 21,550 Ladliyon of the state during the 'Ladli Laxmi Utsav' through a single click.
- The Government of Madhya Pradesh had implemented **'Ladli Laxmi Yojana'** on 1 April 2007 with the objective of creating positive thinking among the public towards girl child birth, improving sex ratio, improving the educational status and health status of girls and laying the foundation for their good future.
- Since the inception of the scheme, 39.81 lakh girls across the state are getting benefited by getting registered under Ladli Laxmi Yojana.
- Along with this, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh announced the launch of **Ladli Laxmi Yojana 2.0 'Atmanirbhar Ladli'**, so that every daughter of the state would be socially and financially empowered.
- Under this scheme, the state government will provide an amount of 20 thousand rupees to the girl students pursuing graduation and vocational courses after completing two years of education. An amount of Rs 25,000 will be given to Ladli Laxmi daughters who take

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admission to the college. Also, **Ladli Laxmi Friendly Gram Panchayat/Village will be declared on the basis of the number of birth of daughters.**

- Digital and Financial Literacy Center will be set up in every government school (including all girls hostels). Every Ladli Laxmi will be given training regarding Learning Driving License on attaining the age of 18 years.
- Ladli Laxmi Yojana 2.0 To improve the self-reliant Ladli, changes will also be made in the scheme by taking suggestions from the general public. **Ladli Laxmi Utsav will also be organized once a year in every district of the state.**

Youth National Sailing Championship-2021

Why in News

- In the **Youth National Sailing Championship-2021 organized by Yachting Association of India at Malad (Mumbai)** from October 11 to 16, 2021, the players of National Sailing School, Bhopal won a total of 8 medals including 3 Gold, 4 Silver and 1 Bronze.

Key Points

- This event is the second round of the selection trials for the Asian Games.
- In this championship, Ritika Dangi won the gold medal in the Laser 4.7 event while Neha Thakur won the silver medal.
- Eklavya Batham won the gold medal in Optimist Overall. In the same event, in the girls' category, Divyanshi Mishra won the silver medal for Madhya Pradesh by finishing third overall.
- Madhya Pradesh also won gold, silver and bronze medals in the 420 mixed class event. In this event, the pair of Nancy Rai and Ani Raj Sendhav won gold, the pair of Vidyanshi Mishra and Manish Sharma won silver and the pair of Pushkar Bamre and Vanshika Singh Parihar won bronze.
- Shagun Jha won a silver medal for Madhya Pradesh in U-12 Optimist class.
- All these players are getting training from Arjun Awardee coach G.L. Yadav at National Sailing School located at Badi Lake in the capital Bhopal.

New Policy of MSME

Why in News

- Recently, the Department of Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises, Government of Madhya Pradesh has formulated a new MSME Development Policy to make Madhya Pradesh self-reliant and revive industries.

Key Points

- In this policy, apart from increasing investment in the state, all possible provisions have been made to provide employment to the local youth. Madhya Pradesh is very ahead in the country in agricultural products and in the policy made for processing these products in the state itself, it has been announced to give concessions along with many facilities to these units.
- Under the policy, many types of assistance facilities will be provided to the new food processing unit, in which investment of more than Rs 10 crore and up to Rs 50 crore has been made in the machinery plant.
- According to the policy, a rebate of Re 1 per unit or 20 percent, whichever is less, will be provided to high-pressure consumers on getting a new connection in the prevailing electricity tariff under electricity consumption assistance. This exemption will be admissible for food processing units for a period of up to 05 years from the date of production, commercial operation.
- In the off-season, 10% of the contract demand or the actual recorded demand, whichever is higher, will be billed at normal tariff, rebate will be payable to the respective category of food processing units.
- Similarly, the provision of exemption from the market fees is also in the policy. All such eligible food processing units will be exempted from the market fees for a maximum period of 50 per cent of the investment in plant and machinery or for a period of five years, whichever is less. This facility of exemption from duty will be available only to those units, which will purchase agricultural produce of this state.

Hybrid Switchgear Module Technology

Why in News

- Recently, Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has used Hybrid Switchgear Module System

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for the first time in the state in the expansion of transmission system in Indore. MD Palande and Manish Khare, Executive Engineers posted at Shakti Bhawan, Jabalpur Headquarters, have developed and implemented this module system according to the system of Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company.

Key Points

- This technology has been used by the transmission company in a newly installed transformer of 50 MVA capacity at 220 KV sub station Bicholi located in Indore East.
- In this, the system receiving the supply from the transformer is connected using underground insulated cable at 33 kV voltage level. For the first time in Madhya Pradesh, such high capacity insulated cable has been used for a 33 kV main system.
- Due to lack of space in the already established ultra high pressure sub-stations in densely populated cities including **Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Ujjain**, there were some problems in expansion, to overcome them and to meet the increasing demand of electricity, Madhya Pradesh Power The transmission company has decided to adopt this new option in the transmission system of the state in the form of **Hybrid SwitchGear Module technology**.
- Managing Director Sunil Tiwari said that this is such a modular and compact design system used in power substations, whose model includes many different functions.
- This model is based on flexibility and adaptability for construction and expansion of substations. The hybrid model can be used for expansion or replacement of any conventional substation.
- It uses air-insulated switchgear and technology of sulfur hexafluoride based gas switchgear with high electrical resistance in a single model.
- This hybrid technology reduces the space used in substations by up to 50% and is a reliable and cost-effective solution for new installations or expansions.

National Merit Award 2018

Why in News

- On October 18, 2021, in the list of various categories of national awards released by the Union Ministry

of Textiles, **Rashida-B Abdul Kader Khatri, a female craftsman from Madhya Pradesh has been selected for the National Merit Award for the year 2018.**

Key Points

- **This award will be given to craftsman Rashida-B Khatri for the fine workmanship of 'tiger print' on the sheet.** They have provided an attractive look by using natural colors in tiger printing.
- It is known that Rashida-B Khatri has mastered the art of tiger print stamp printing done in village Bagh of Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh. **She is the only woman craftsman, who was also honored with two state level awards in the year 2012 and 2014.**
- Rashida-B Khatri is the **wife of national and international UNESCO award winner Late Abdul Kader Khatri, a world-renowned master craftsman for tiger prints.** After the death of her husband in the year 2019, she along with her sons Arif Mohammad, Hameed and Mo Ali took up the task of promoting tiger print craft.

Subsidy in Electricity Rates

Why in News

- In the virtual meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on October 19, 2021, it was decided to give subsidy of more than Rs 20 thousand crore in electricity rates to domestic and agricultural consumers for the financial year 2021-22.

Key Points

- Along with this, a subsidy of Rs 4981.69 crore has been approved under the **Grih Jyoti Yojana**.
- A flat rate of Rs 1500 per horsepower per year will be payable from the consumer of meterless permanent agricultural pump with a capacity of more than 10 horsepower. The remaining amount will be payable by the state government to the distribution companies as a subsidy. For this a subsidy of Rs 644 crore will be provided. This will benefit about 50,000 agricultural pump consumers of the state.
- Energy charges, fuel charges and fixed charges will be waived on metered permanent and temporary agricultural pump connections. The exemption amount will be paid by the state government to the companies in the form of subsidy. An amount of Rs 350 crore will

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be payable for this and about 2 lakh temporary and 20 thousand meter permanent agricultural pump consumers will be benefitted.

- Free electricity will be provided to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe agricultural consumers up to 5 horsepower having land up to one hectare. The entire amount of the bill will be payable by the state government as subsidy and about 9 lakh 25 thousand agricultural pump consumers will be benefitted. For this, an amount of Rs 4,733 crore will be given by the state government as subsidy to the distribution companies.
- Energy charges and annual minimum charges will be waived off for high pressure lift/group irrigation consumers. The exemption amount will be borne by the state government as subsidy. For this, an amount of Rs 90 crore will be payable as subsidy.
- With the decision taken by the cabinet, the consumers of agriculture sector of the state will get annual relief of Rs 15,722.87 crore in electricity bill.

'Mukhyamantri Ration Aapke Dwar' scheme

Why in News

- On October 19, 2021, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the cabinet decided to implement 'Mukhyamantri Ration Aapke Dwar' for the convenience of poor tribal families.

Key Points

- This scheme will be implemented from November, 2021 in the tribal development blocks of the remaining districts except the districts of the election code of conduct. Under the scheme, tribal families of 7,511 villages will be benefitted in 74 development blocks of 16 districts.
- Except the village located at the headquarters, the distribution of ration material will be done through the vehicle in other villages attached to the shop.
- The days of each month will be fixed by the District Collector for distribution in the village. On an average, 220 to 440 quintals of food items will be distributed by a vehicle for 22 to 25 days (excluding holidays) in a month.
- An estimated 472 vehicles will be used for food transportation. The annual expenditure of Rs.24

thousand per month on one metric ton vehicle and Rs.31 thousand per month on 2 metric ton vehicle is estimated at Rs.14 crore 7 lakh.

- While loading the food grains in the vehicle, its quality will be tested. There will be all arrangements for keeping electronic weighing fork, mic, speaker, POS machine, seating and keeping food grains safe for weighing the material in the vehicle. For the arrangement of vehicles, a contract will be signed with the transporters at the district level.
- The transporters will be residents of the villages of the same area. Their age will be between 21 to 45 years and they will be from the Scheduled Tribes category. The fixed expenses will be paid to the transporters every month.
- Margin money will be provided to the transporter on the loan amount for the purchase of the vehicle. Margin money of Rs.2 lakh will be paid for vehicles of 1 metric ton capacity and Rs.3 lakh for vehicles of 2 metric ton or more capacity. A lump sum amount of Rs 9 crore 69 lakh of margin money will be paid by the Tribal Affairs Department.
- Under the Public Distribution System, there is a provision to operate a fair price shop at the Gram Panchayat level, except the headquarter village of the shop, due to lack of easy means of transport to the eligible families of the remaining dependent villages, covering a distance of about 5 km per month from 23 to 37 The material weighing kg has to be carried on the head.
- Divyang, old and physically challenged people face difficulty in getting ration material from the shop and poor families also suffer loss of wages. Keeping these facts in view, this decision has been taken by the Council of Ministers.
- The scheme will save the wages and labor of the beneficiary, supply of ration material to the eligible families in the village of residence and distribution of ration material on time.

'Khadi Show'

Why in News

- On October 19, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board organized 'Khadi Show', a live display of designer garments of Khadi textiles at Charkha Khadi Utsav at Haat Complex, Bhopal.

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- A 'Khadi Show' was organized with the aim of increasing the trend towards Khadi clothing among the youth and to create awareness about Khadi. In this, the models presented various apparels of **Kabira Khadi brand**.
- The show was also organized to encourage the use of Khadi fabrics in daily life as envisioned by the Father of the **Nation Gandhiji on the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', the 75th anniversary of Indian Independence**.
- Garments of all age groups and different types of designer dresses were displayed in the Khadi Garment Show. These dresses are designed by the designers affiliated to the board in the latest designs in line with the attractive and current trends.
- Khadi Kurtas, Pajamas, Jackets, Shirts, Sherwanis, Coats, Ladies Kurtas, Trousers, Palazzos, Pants, Jackets, Sarees and Anarkali Kurtas etc. were displayed by various models.
- These designer khadi garments included printed garments of traditional, block, bagh, dabu, boutique and currently in vogue digital prints, flowers and forest based prints of Madhya Pradesh.

'Jeeva Daya Award'

Why in News

- On October 20, 2021, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, under the **Acharya Vidyasagar Jeevdaya Goseva Samman Yojna** established by the Madhya Pradesh government in Jabalpur, has done excellent work in the field of cow protection and cow service in the year 2018-19 and in the year 2019-20. **The 'Jeev Daya Puraskar' was given to the Gaushalas.**

Key Points

- In this ceremony, the first prize of the Institutional Category for the year 2018-19 was awarded to Acharya Vidyasagar Go-Vardhan Kendra, Leharda District Sagar, third prize to Dayodaya Animal Service Center, Ashok Nagar for excellent work in the field of cow protection and cow service.
- Consolation prizes were given to Gopal Gaushala Kachnariya (Dist. Ujjain), Raj Rajeshwari Goshala Gotegaon (Dist. Narsinghpur), Govansh Rakshak Samiti Varasivani (Dist. Balaghat) and Triveni Goshala Jhagadia (Dist. Betul).

- For doing excellent work in the field of Goseva, in the year 2018-19, first prize in the individual category was given to Suraj Soni (Goputra) of Sagar, second prize to SK Upadhyay of Rewa and third prize to Gyanchand Jain of Panna.
- In the year 2019-20, among the awards given for excellent work in the field of cow protection and cow service, the first prize in the institutional category was given to Bahubali Jeev Raksha Sansthan Meghasivani (District Chhindwara) and second prize to Shri Ram Go Samvardhan Goshala Birkuniya (District Singrauli).
- Sheetla Mata Goseva Samiti (Dist. Ujjain), Shri Ganesh Goshala (Dist. Agarmalwa) and Shrimad Bhagwat Goshala Kanadia (Dist. Indore) were given consolation prizes in this category.
- For doing excellent work in the field of cow protection and cow service, Swami Rishabh Devanand ji of Gwalior was given first prize, Pawan Rajput Hatta of Damoh second and Dr Shweta Singh Maravi of Mandla third in the individual category awards for the year 2019-20.

Son Chiriya Aajeevika Utsav, 2021 launched

Why in News

- On October 22, 2021, Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh launched the **state-level 'Son Chiriya Aajeevika Utsav, 2021'** at Mahila Haat-Bazaar in Shivaji Nagar, Bhopal. This Aajeevika Utsav will continue till October 31, 2021.

Key Points

- Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh said that the products manufactured by self-help groups formed under **Deen Dayal Antyodaya National Urban Livelihood Mission** will now be known as Son Chiriya brand. The products of self-help groups will get a new identity in the state and country under the name of Son Chiriya brand.
- In this state level festival, products made by women of self-help groups of 24 urban bodies of the state, such as decorative items, zardozi items, organic products, jute products, jewellery, gift items, incense sticks, pickles, big-papad, spices And toys etc. are being displayed and sold.
- The Urban Development and Housing Minister said that Haat-Bazaars would be set up in all the cities to

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provide space for the sale of products manufactured by Self-Help Groups.

- At present there are 35 thousand self-help groups in the urban bodies of Madhya Pradesh, in which 3 lakh 50 thousand women are involved.

Distribution Reforms Committee

Why in News

- On October 22, 2021, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh constituted the **Distribution Reforms Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains** for the result based distribution area plan related to reforms by the Ministry of Power, Government of India.

Key Points

- Managing Director M.P. Power Management Company Limited has been made the convener of the committee. Additional Chief Secretary Environment, Principal Secretary Finance, Forest, Energy, Revenue, Panchayat and Urban Development and Housing have been made members in the committee.
- This committee will review the progress of the scheme at the state level. In addition, it will recommend action plans for the approval of the Council of Ministers.
- Will submit recommendations on the detailed project report for approval to the Monitoring Committee constituted by the Ministry of Power, Government of India. The committee will also review the physical and financial progress of the projects as well as the quality.

Center of Excellence in Logistics

Why in News

- On October 22, 2021, two 'Memorandum of Agreement' have been signed between Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya, Indore and the Logistics Center Council, an autonomous organization of the Government of India, for the establishment of the **first Center of Excellence in Logistics in Madhya Pradesh**.

Key Points

- **This center will be established in Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya.** The Logistics Sector Skill Council has a plan to provide one center in each state.

- Higher Education Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that new employment opportunities would be available to the youth of the state with the introduction of logistics courses in Madhya Pradesh.
- Being geographically located in the center of Madhya Pradesh, this effort will also be successful in connecting industries from an industrial point of view. He said that **this center is going to be opened for the first time in the country.**

1st Hockey India Junior Boys Inter Academy National Hockey Championship, 2021

Why in News

- On October 27, 2021, **Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy won the title of 1st Hockey India Junior Boys Inter Academy National Hockey Championship, 2021** by performing brilliantly.

Key Points

- Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy won the second successive title by defeating Raja Karan Hockey Academy 3-1 in the final match. Earlier, Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy had won the title of the first Hockey India Sub-Junior Boys Inter Academy National Hockey Championship.
- In the third place match of the championship, Namdhari XI defeated Roundglass Punjab Hockey Academy 6-4.
- Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia and Panshree Pullela Gopichand distributed prizes to the winners. Sports Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia presented checks of Rs 15,000 and Rs 20 thousand to each member of both the teams to encourage the sub-junior and junior players of Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy.
- Organized under the joint aegis of Hockey India and Department of Sports and Youth Welfare, the matches were played on the newly constructed turf of Major Dhyan Chand Stadium.

Standing Committee

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- On October 27, 2021, Secretary, State Election Commission BS Jamod informed that a **standing**

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committee has been constituted by the **State Election Commission** at the district level for transparency and fairness in the general election 2021-22 of three-tier panchayats.

Key Points

- The Chairman of the Standing Committee will be the Collector and the District Election Officer. The Superintendent of Police, Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat and election officials as the District Election Officer may consider necessary shall be its members.
- The meeting of the committee constituted at the district level will be held before the notification of the election (before the publication of the list of polling stations).
- Apart from this, the Collector and the District Election Officer can organize a meeting of the Standing Committee whenever he wants to discuss any important point related to the election process.

Annual Awards by Dushyant Kumar Memorial Manuscript Museum

Why in News

- The annual decorations were announced by the Dushyant Kumar Smriti Manuscript Museum on October 27, 2021. The museum's patrons Manoj Singh Meek and Ashok Nirmal announced these memorial awards.

Key Points

- The director of the museum, Rajurkar Raj said that the famous lyricist of Moradabad Maheshwar Tiwari will be honored with the National Dushyant Award.
- Rajurkar Raj informed that the memorial ceremony will be held in the last week of November and the national award ceremony '**Pranam-2021**' will be held on 30 December 2021, the foundation day of the museum.
- The names of the persons announced for the award are-
 - Sudeergh Sadhana Samman (Yatindranath Rahi, Bhopal)
 - Regional Language Award (PC Lal Yadav, Chhattisgarh)

- Kamleshwar Samman (Senior Litterateur Laxminarayan Payodhi)
- Kanhaiyalal Nandan Samman (Children's writer Usha Jaiswal)
- Balkavi Bairagi Samman (Senior Poet Manohar Pateria Madhur)
- Vitthal Bhai Patel Samman (Journalist and Philanthropist Rajesh Gaba Prince)
- R S. Tiwari Samman [Shahdol Commissioner Rajeev Sharma (IAS)]
- Rajendra Joshi Samman (Sanjeev Gupta of Makhnallal Chaturvedi University)
- Dr. Sushma Tiwari Award (Poetess Dr. Meenu Pandey 'Nayan')
- Dr. Baburao Gujre Samman (Kanta Rai of the Short Story Center)
- Akhilesh Jain Samman (Sanjay Lamba of Central Bank)
- Vijay Shirdonkar Samman (editor of 'Samagam' magazine Manoj Kumar)
- Brij Bhushan Sharma Samman (writer and social activist Jaya Arya)

MoU Signed between AIIMS Bhopal and IISER

Why in News

- On October 28, 2021, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal and **Indian Institute of Education and Research (IISER)**, Bhopal collaborated in the fields of public health, metagenomics, cancer, epidemiology and treatment by sharing clinical samples and technology for sample analysis. Signed a Memorandum of Understanding for five years to conduct cooperative research.

Key Points

- This MoU will pave the way for creating a translation research cluster with other research institutes in Madhya Pradesh.
- Interdisciplinary research between the two institutions will lead to significant discoveries. Both the institutes will jointly organize seminars, workshops, conferences, faculty and student exchanges.

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National Senior Canoe Sprint Kayaking-Canoeing Championships, 2021

Why in News

- In the 31st National Senior Canoe Sprint Kayaking-Canoeing Championship, 2021 held at Bilaspur, Himachal Pradesh from October 24 to 27, 2021, the players of Madhya Pradesh State Water Sports Academy won 12 Gold, 12 Silver and 5 Bronze medals by performing brilliantly.

Key Points

- In the championship, the Madhya Pradesh women's team won the overall championship, while the men's team was the overall runner-up.
- Kaveri Dhimar of Madhya Pradesh State Water Sports Academy, performing brilliantly in this championship, won a total of 7 medals.
- Kaveri Dhimar, a resident of village Mandi in Sehore district, is a national champion for the last three years.

Mukhyamantri Jan Kalyan Sambal Yojana

Why in News

- On October 29, 2021, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan transferred Rs 170 crore to the bank accounts of 7700 Sambal beneficiaries under the 'Mukhyamantri Jan Kalyan Sambal Yojana' through a virtual program.

Key Points

- Mukhyamantri Jan Kalyan Sambal Yojana is an important scheme of the state government started in the year 2018, which provides help for ease of living and livelihood to the people of the state in every situation.

- Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided for accidental death, normal death and funeral.
- 4 lakh rupees in case of accidental death
- Rs 2 lakh in case of normal death
- 5 thousand rupees for funeral

Neemghan Adventure Tour

Why in News

- For the tourists and adventure lovers, the Tourism Department in collaboration with the Forest Department has started 'Neemghan Adventure Tour' as an innovation in Pachmarhi.

Key Points

- Neemghan Adventure Tour will operate in the **Satpura Tiger Reserve** area. In this, tourists will be able to enjoy the delicacies made of Kodo-Kutki, Jowar and Bajra in lunch along with seeing wildlife, rock painting, Butterfly Park, Coffee Garden during the adventure tour.
- A **contract** has been signed between **State Tourism Development Corporation and Satpura Tiger Reserve** for Neemghan Adventure Tour.
- Neemghan Adventure Tour will start daily at 9:30 am and run till 6:00 pm from Corporation's Pachmarhi units Hotel Glen View and Champak Bungalow. In addition to the jungle trail in the tour, a tour will also be done by gypsy. A gypsy can seat up to 6 people.
- In a day-long adventure tour of about 30 km, a **forest trail of 500 meters** will also be provided to the tourists. The corporation has made some special arrangements for the tourists, which include roti made on the stove for lunch, cots for rest in the afternoon and arrangement of swings on trees.



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