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## **Cabinet & Minister of State Status to the Presidents and Vice-presidents of Corporations, Boards, Authorities, Commissions, Committees and Boards**

### **Why in News?**

- On 31 March 2023 the Madhya Pradesh General Administration Department issued an order for the status of a cabinet minister and minister of state for the Presidents and Vice-presidents of Corporations, Boards, Authorities, Commissions, Committees and Boards.

### **Key Points**

- According to the order issued by the General Administration Department, the chairpersons of the following Corporation/Mandal/Authority/Commission/Committee/Board have been accorded the status of Cabinet Minister-
  - Krishna Mohan Soni - Chairman, Bhopal Development Authority
  - Ved Prakash Sharma - Chairman, Yoga Commission
  - Ramdayal Prajapati - Chairman, Mati Kala Board
  - Bhagchand Uikey - Chairman, State Migrant Commission
  - Bhagwandas Gondane - President, Labour Welfare Board
  - Ghanshyam Pironia - Chairman, Bamboo Development Authority
  - Ramlal Rotele - Chairman, Coal Development Authority
  - Rafat Warsi - Chairman, Haj Committee
- The chairpersons of the following Corporation/Board/Authority/Commission/Committee have been accorded the status of the Minister of the State-
  - Nandram Kushwaha - Vice President, State Livestock and Poultry Development Corporation
  - Sunil Pandey - Vice President, Bhopal Development Authority
  - Anil Agarwal 'Lily' - Vice President, Bhopal Development Authority
  - Rakesh Golu Shukla - Vice President, Indore Development Authority

## **Establishment Ratification of 730 PM Shri Schools in the state**

### **Why in News?**

- On 4 April 2023, a meeting of the Council of Ministers was held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan, in which the Council of Ministers ratified the establishment of 730 PM Shri Schools.

### **Key Points**

- Maximum 02 schools in each development block of the state (626 in 313 development blocks) and 104 schools in urban bodies of 52 districts, in this way a maximum of 730 schools will be marked as PM Shri Schools.
- One of the identified schools will be run for primary education (Class I to VIII) and one school for higher secondary education. The cost of PM Shri School will be borne by the Center and the State in a ratio of 60:40.
- All 730 PM Shri Schools will incur an expenditure of Rs 277 crore 40 lakhs per year, out of which the state's share will be Rs 110 crore 96 lakhs per year.
- This project is 5 years duration and during this period the expenditure burden of Rs 554 crore 80 lakhs will fall on the state government. After 5 years of the scheme, it will be completely operated by the state government.
- It is noteworthy that PM Shri School will include quality of education, equality and access to education facilities with overall compliance with the provisions of the National Education Policy 2020. These schools will be presented as examples of other schools.

## **Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Station Birsingpur made the record for the Highest Power Generation**

### **Why in News?**

- On 4 April 2023, Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Companies Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Station

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Birsinghpur achieved 74.6 percent plant load factor (PLF) with a total power generation of 8758.8 million units in the financial year 2022-23, the highest power generation in the history of power station Birsinghpur and records highest PLF ever achieved.

### Key Points

- Earlier this powerhouse had achieved a total power generation of 8680.7 million units and 74 percent PLF in the year 2018-19.
- The total specific oil consumption of 5 units of Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Station Birsinghpur in the financial year 2022-23 was 0.55 ml per unit and auxiliary consumption was 8 percent.
- It is noteworthy that Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Station has 4 units of 210 MW capacity and one unit of 500 MW capacity. 4 units of 210 MW capacity became functional on 7 October 1993; 26 May 1994; 1 September 1999 and 1 April 2000 respectively. Unit number-5 of 500 MW was commissioned on 27 August 2008. The total installed generation capacity of this powerhouse is 1340 MW.
- The 500 MW capacity unit of Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power Station, Birsinghpur also set a record for the highest ever power generation and highest PLF by generating a total of 3927.6 million units of electricity and earning 89.7 percent PLF in the financial year 2022-23.
- The total specific oil consumption of this unit was 0.24 ml per unit. This is the lowest oil consumption ever.

## President confers Padma Shri award on 3 Personalities of Madhya Pradesh

### Why in News?

- On 5 April 2023, at the Padma Awards (2nd edition) held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, President Draupadi Murmu awarded the Padma Shri for the year 2023 to 3 personalities from Madhya Pradesh.

### Key Points

- It is known that 3 Padma Vibhushan, 5 Padma Bhushan and 47 Padma Shri awards were given for the year

2023 in the second phase of the Civil Investiture Ceremony at the Durbar Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan.

- Ramesh Parmar and Mrs Shanti Parmar in the field of arts and Dr. Munishwar Chandra Davar in the field of medicine were honoured with Padma Shri.
- Jhabua's artist couple Ramesh Parmar and Mrs Shanti Parmar are engaged in manufacturing Jhabua's well-known tribal dolls and traditional tribal wear for the last 3 decades.
- Jabalpur's Dr. Davar is serving the weaker sections of society with affordable treatment.



## Chief Minister inaugurated 'Hirwar Micro Irrigation Project'

### Why in News?

- On 5 April 2023, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the 'Hirwar Micro Irrigation Project' costing Rs 116 crore 78 lakhs in village Baheria of Shahdol district.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that the 'Hirwar Micro Irrigation Project' of Shahdol district would expand irrigation facilities to 7481 hectares of farmers' land in 37 villages, which would change the lives of the farmers by making their fields prosperous.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of the Rs 327.51 crore Bhanni Mega Micro-pressure Irrigation Project at Beohari in Shahdol district.

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- The Chief Minister said that several schemes are being run by the Central and State Governments in the interest of the farmers. Work is being done on a large scale to make water available to the farmers' fields. The area under irrigation is continuously increasing in the state.

## Along with 5 Handicraft Products of the state, Sunderja-Mango of Rewa got G.I. tag

### Why in News?

- On April 6, 2023, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Khadi Village Industries Board and Chief Executive Officer, Sant Ravidas Handicraft Development Corporation Anubha Srivastava said that the GI tag has been given to 6 products (5 Handicraft Products and One Horticulture Product) of Madhya Pradesh by Industry Promotion and Internal Trade of Union Ministry of Commerce.

### Key Points

- These 6 products include Gond Painting of Dindori, Carpet of Gwalior, Batik Print of Ujjain, Stone Craft of Jabalpur Bhedaghat, Saree of Waraseoni of Balaghat and Sunderja-Mango of Rewa.
- It is known that this is the first time that so many products of the state have been given GI tags simultaneously. Along with this, the number of GI-tagged products has increased to 19 in the state.
- Anubha Srivastava told G.I. Tag (Geographical Indications Tag) is a type of level in which a product is given a special geographical identity, which is given by the Union Ministry of Commerce.
- He said that with the cooperation of the NABARD Textile Committee and the Ministry of Textiles, the state government has achieved this success in coordination with the Cottage & Village Industries department and local producer organizations.



Gond painting of Dindori



Carpet of Gwalior

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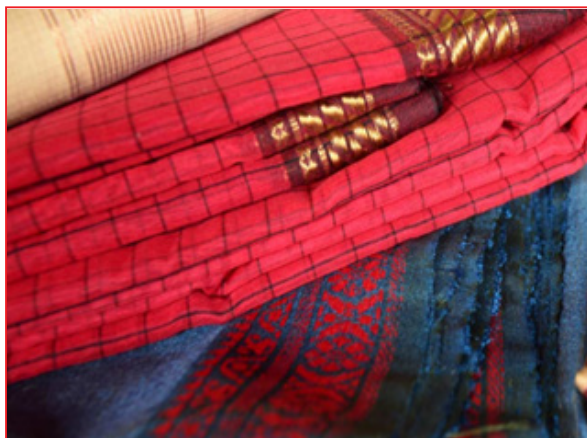




Batik print of Ujjain



Stone craft of Jabalpur Bhedaghat



Waraseoni saree of Balaghat



Sunderja-Mango of Rewa

## Comprehensive Rehabilitation Center (CRC)

### Why In News?

- On April 8, 2023, Dr. Virendra Kumar, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, inaugurated the services of the **Composite Regional Center (CRC) for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities** at Old Tehsil Bhawan, Mahalan gate, Chhatarpur (Madhya Pradesh).

### Key Points

- In the program, Dr. Virendra Kumar said that this CRC will become a **centre of innovation and education** and will meet the needs of manpower and research to make a better and quality life possible for Divyangjan so that Divyangjan could contribute to the development of the society.
- He said that by bringing together experts from various fields related to rehabilitation of persons with disabilities under one roof and ensuring prompt delivery of allied services, Chhatarpur and its surrounding areas would address some of the most pressing challenges faced by the society for persons with different disabilities. There is also a plan to deal with difficult challenges.
- Speaking at the function, Secretary, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, Rajesh Agarwal said that this new CRC will provide essential services to Divyangjan and help in developing human resources in the state of Madhya Pradesh. He said that the construction of CRC-Chhatarpur building will also

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be started soon on two hectares of land provided by Madhya Pradesh government in Chhatarpur district.

- This new CRC will provide rehabilitation services for 21 categories of disabilities besides conducting skill development training for PwDs.
- Efforts will be made to organize camps for distribution of aids and appliances and Unique Disability ID (UDID) cards for Divyangjan. This card will be valid in the whole country. A new initiative will be taken in the direction of the accessible India campaign. This campaign is going on across the country to provide universal access to Divyangjan.
- CRC-Chhatarpur will also provide financial assistance and scholarship to Divyang students to continue their education without any hindrance.
- It may be noted that apart from the **CRCs located at Bhopal, Ahmedabad and Nagpur**, the administrative control of CRC-Chhatarpur is under the Ali Yavar Jung National Institute of Speech and Hearing Disabilities (AYJNISHD), Mumbai, under the **Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**.

## In Effective Management of Tiger Reserve, Satpura Reserve is Second in the Country and Kanha Reserve is Fifth

### Why in News?

- On 9 April 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the summary report of the fifth round of Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) in Mysore, Karnataka, ranking Satpura Tiger Reserve second and Kanha Reserve fifth among the top 5 tiger reserves in the country's 51 tiger reserves. The position has been obtained.

### Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that the first place was held by the Periyar Tiger Reserve of Kerala. Its Management Effectiveness Evaluation Score stood at 94.38%. On the other hand, Satpura Tiger Reserve of Madhya Pradesh and Bandipur Tiger Reserve of Karnataka stood in third place. Both had a Management Effectiveness Evaluation score of 93.18%.

- Apart from this, the Kanha Tiger Reserve of Balaghat in Madhya Pradesh has got the fifth rank and the Pench Tiger Reserve of Seoni has got the eighth rank.
- Satpura Tiger Reserve has got this rank due to better management, work, and a better team.
- Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve (Rajasthan) and Ranipur Tiger Reserve (Uttar Pradesh) notified in the year 2022 have not been included in this report. Presently there are a total of 53 tiger reserves in the country.
- Significantly, Management Effectiveness and Evaluation is a third-party assessment, which releases its survey data once in 4 years. In the survey, the assessment team assesses the level of documentation, fieldwork, field staff and interactions with field staff & stakeholders, wildlife enhancement, protection and management systems.
- The community, streamlining tourism, good infrastructure for both the park and the animals, as well as active wildlife management, are some of the parameters on which the park is judged.

### ➤ Satpura Tiger Reserve

- Satpura Tiger Reserve located in the Narmadapuram district is spread over 2130 square kilometres. It is part of the Deccan bio-geographic region. This is the country's oldest forest wealth full of unprecedented natural beauty, which has been preserved with great effort.
- Some species of flora found in the Himalayan region and some species found in the forests of the south are also found in abundance in the forest area of Satpura Tiger Reserve. Some species like insectivorous Ghatparni, Bamboo, Hisalu, and Daruhaldi are found both in Satpura and the Himalayas.
- There are 50 rock shelters in the hill range of Satpura which are between 1500 to 10 thousand years old. Along with natural importance, they also have archaeological importance. Thus the Satpura Tiger Reserve is the soul of the ecosystem of the central region of the country.
- There are also plants like acai vat, and wild jasmine, which are not found elsewhere or very rarely. Apart from flora, there are 14 such wild animals whose life is in danger today, yet their habitat remains here, such as flying squirrels.

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- Satpura Tiger Reserve is famous for the presence of tigers and their breeding area. This reserve is one of the areas in central India with a good presence of tigers.
- 17 percent of the country's tiger population and 12 percent of the tiger habitat area comes from Satpura.
- The Satpura Tiger Reserve in a way forms a bridge of wildlife presence between the Himalayas and the Western Ghats. It is also an ideal habitat for Malabar Whistling Thrush i.e Oyster Bird, Dudhraj, Malabar Pied Hornbill i.e Dhanesh Bird.

## Japanese Encephalitis Vaccination Campaign in Raisen

### Why in News?

- On 10 April 2023, Madhya Pradesh's Public Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Prabhuram Chaudhary inaugurated the state-level Japanese Encephalitis vaccination campaign at Raisen District Hospital.

### Key Points

- In the first phase of this vaccination campaign, a 100 percent encephalitis vaccine will be given to children aged 1 to 15 years from April 10 to 30 in Raisen and Vidisha districts.
- Japanese encephalitis is caused by the bite of the Culex mosquito. Its vaccination gives protection from this deadly disease.
- The vaccination team will ensure 100 percent vaccination of children in the Japanese Encephalitis vaccination campaign.

## Madhya Pradesh State Millet Mission Scheme implemented

### Why in News?

- On 11 April 2023, the Council of Ministers under the chairmanship of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan decided to implement Madhya Pradesh State Millet Mission Scheme in the state.

### Key Points

- The implementation of this scheme will be done in all the districts through the Director, Farmers' Welfare and Agriculture Development, as well as a state-level committee will be constituted under the chairmanship of the Agriculture Production Commissioner to monitor this scheme.
- The duration of this scheme will be 2 years (2023-24 and 2024-25). In these two years, 23 crores 25 lakh rupees will be spent on the scheme.
- Under this scheme, advanced certified seeds of coarse cereals will be provided to farmers with an 80 percent subsidy from cooperative/government institutions.
- To promote the production, processing and marketing of millet crops under the Millet Mission scheme, there will be training programs for farmers and study tours outside the state. Fairs, workshops, seminars, food festivals, and road shows will be organized at the district and state levels to promote millet.
- It is notable that millet grain crops were once at the centre of the state's food and drink culture. At present, keeping in view the nutritional importance of these crops, it is necessary to promote them. These crops are often cultivated in less fertile areas.
- At present, the demand for millet crops is increasing due to increasing health awareness among consumers. Crops like Kodo, Kutki, Ragi, and Sava are very beneficial from the point of view of health. Because of the importance of these millet crops, they have been given the status of nutritious grains.
- The grains of these crops are rich in iron, calcium, fiber etc. as well as the percentage of fat in them is also less, due to which their use by heart patients and diabetes patients has been found safe. That's why it is necessary to encourage the cultivation of millet crops among the farmers and to propagate the dishes prepared from millet crops.
- There are ample possibilities for area expansion, productivity and production increase of Kodo-Kutki, Jowar & Ragi in Madhya Pradesh. Along with this, because of the increasing market of millet crops, the possibility of value addition is also very high.

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## The Jiwaji University of Gwalior got an A++ grade in the NAAC ranking

### Why in News?

- On 11 April 2023, Jiwaji University in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh was awarded an A++ grade by the NAAC committee. With this, Jiwaji University has become the only university in the state to have received this high grade.

### Key Points

- It is known that the 5-member team of the NAAC committee inspected Jiwaji University from 27 to 29 March 2023.
- On the other hand, Maharani Laxmi Bai Mahavidyalaya of Bhopal has got an A grade in the NAAC ranking. Shivpuri's PG College has taken a step ahead and secured a B+ grade in the ranking.
- The Higher Education Department provided the facilities, from infrastructure training to prioritizing the institutions and universities participating in the NAAC. An internal assessment of colleges was also done.
- Notably, NAAC grading is decided by evaluating e-library, Wi-Fi campus, teachers' training, e-content, incubation centre, hostel and performance of students, based on research work of teachers.
- It is worth mentioning that the work of the NAAC or National Assessment and Accreditation Council (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) is to test the quality of universities, higher education institutes and private institutes across the country & give them ratings.
- According to the new guidelines issued by the University Grants Commission (UGC), all educational institutions are required to be accredited by NAAC. If an institution does not take recognition from it, then it does not get the benefit of any government policy.
- College/University or any other higher education institution applies for NAAC grading after fulfilling all the criteria. After the application, the team of NAAC comes to the institute and does the inspection. During this, they check various aspects like Educational Facilities, Infrastructure, and College Atmosphere. If the NAAC team is satisfied, then the college is given CGPA based on which the grade is given later.

- Once NAAC grading is received, it is valid for 4 years. Re-rating is given after 4 years. There is also a system of temporary grading in NAAC, in which grading is given for two years. If a college or university is not happy with the grade given by NAAC, it can apply for the grade again after 6 months.

## Dungaria Micro Irrigation and Tiktoli Distribution Project got approval

### Why in News?

- On 11 April 2023, the Madhya Pradesh cabinet gave revised approval to the Dungaria Micro Irrigation Project and Tiktoli Distribution Project.

### Key Points

- With these two projects, more than 6 thousand hectares of an area can be irrigated.
- Irrigation facilities will be made available in Gwalior district from Tiktoli distributary minor irrigation project. The estimated cost of the project is Rs 44 crore 90 lacs. This project will irrigate 3 thousand 700 hectares of land.
- On the other hand, Dungaria Micro Irrigation Project is proposed on the Kshipra River in the Mahidpur development block of the Ujjain district. In this project, a 9.37 M.C.M. dam construction and pipe canal will be constructed.
- The cost of this project is Rs 104 crore 74 lakhs. With this, Rabi irrigation will be done in 3 thousand-hectare areas in 8 villages. The power consumption in this project will be 1.10 MW.

## State Level Implementation Committee constituted

### Why in News?

- On 12 April 2023, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh constituted the State Level Implementation Committee (SLEC) under the chairmanship of Agriculture Production Commissioner for natural farming as per the guidelines of the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare.

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**Key Points**

- In this newly formed committee, Additional Chief Secretary Agriculture, Commissioner Horticulture, Commissioner Panchayati Raj, Commissioner Rural Development, Director Research Services Jawaharlal Nehru Agricultural University Jabalpur, Director Research Services, Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agricultural University Gwalior, Director Indian Institute of Soil Science Bhopal and the director will be a member of the Madhya Pradesh State Organic Certification Institute.
- In this committee, progressive farmers will be expert members and Director Agriculture will be member secretary.
- The State Level Implementation Committee will approve the annual action plan prepared by the State Nodal Department.
- Along with this, this committee will monitor the implementation of the scheme components by holding regular meetings with the nodal and other concerned departments.

## **Incentive Scheme Extended till 2024**

**Why in News?**

- On 12 April 2023, the period of incentive scheme issued by the Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company for better performing line employees and meter readers in revenue collection in rural distribution centers coming under the company's jurisdiction was extended till 31 March 2024. .

**Key Points**

- In view of the good results of the incentive scheme implemented by the Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company, its duration has been extended till 31 March 2024.
- This scheme has also resulted in increase in consumer satisfaction along with expansion in electricity bill payment facilities for electricity consumers.
- It is worth noting that in this scheme, the company pays the fixed incentive amount as per the provision of the scheme on collection of revenue of more than 250 bills by the line workers and meter readers of the rural distribution centers.

- In the financial year 2022-23, revenue collection of Rs 91,42,00,000 has been done by the personnel from 5,58,365 consumers. A total of 162 eligible personnel have been given an incentive amount of approx Rs 24,60,000.

## **Panch Teerths associated with the life of Dr. Ambedkar were linked to the Mukhyamantri Teerth-Darshan Yojana**

**Why in News?**

- According to the notification issued by the Madhya Pradesh Religious Trust and Endowment Department on 14 April 2023, five pilgrimages related to the life of Babasaheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, his birthplace Mhow, Shiksha-Bhoomi London, Deeksha-Bhoomi Nagpur, Mahaparinirvan-Bhoomi Delhi And Chaitya Bhoomi Mumbai has been linked to the Mukhyamantri Teerth-Darshan Yojana.

**Key Points**

- For the convenience of the devotees coming to Mhow, the birthplace of Baba Saheb Dr. Ambedkar, a Dharamshala with all facilities will be constructed in Mhow, for which no-objection certificate has been received from the army for three and a half acres of land.
- By giving this land on lease to Dr. Baba Saheb Memorial Committee, Dharamshala and other necessary arrangements will be made for the convenience of the devotees.
- It is worth mentioning that by the notification issued by the Department of Religious Trust and Endowment, Ambedkar Birthplace Mhow, Shiksha-Bhoomi Memorial at 10 King Henry's Road in London, Deeksha-Bhoomi-Dr. Baba Saheb Ambedkar Library and Research Center Nagpur, Mahaparinirman Bhoomi- Dr. Ambedkar National Memorial New Delhi, Chaitya-Bhoomi Dr. Ambedkar Memorial Mumbai has been added to the Mukhyamantri Teerth-Darshan Yojana Rule 2012.
- It is known that in the notification Sant Ravidas Temple located in Varanasi of Uttar Pradesh has also been included in the pilgrimage scheme.

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## Madhya Pradesh Minister for Social Justice & Empowerment of Persons with Divyangjan distributed Maharishi Dadhichi Award

### Why in News?

- On 18 April 2023, Preamsingh Patel, Minister of Social Justice & Empowerment of Divyangjan of Madhya Pradesh, awarded the Dadhichi Award to people and organizations who have done excellent work for the upliftment & progress of Divyangjan.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, the Minister also gave appointment letters to 16 newly appointed Assistant Directors in the Social Justice Department.
- Minister Preamsingh Patel gave the first prize of hearing-impaired disability individual category for the year 2012-13 to Manoj Dwivedi of Pithampur district Dhar. Shri Dwivedi has provided employment to more than 150 disabled persons and connected them to the mainstream of the society in his organization named Flexituff International.
- Hearing-impaired individual category award for the year 2013-14 was given to Dr. Shirish Jamdar of Jabalpur. For the last 20 years, she has been selflessly doing the work of vocational rehabilitation of disabled people and their integration into the mainstream of the society. Jamdar is also providing free surgery and treatment facilities to the disabled in the hospital. It also contributes to distribution of assistive artificial limbs and equipment to the disabled from the camps.
- Shri Gyanendra Purohit of Indore, who composed the National Anthem in sign language, was awarded the first prize for the year 2014-15 in the hearing-impaired individual category. His symbolic national anthem has also been recognized at the national level. Shri Purohit has made a significant contribution in getting admission of hearing-impaired children in general schools and employment in various government services, especially in tribal and rural areas.
- The Dadhichi Award for the year 2015-16 was given to Shri Vivek Chaturvedi of Jabalpur for hearing-impaired Divyangta individual category. Shri Chaturvedi also provided employment-oriented skill training to the hearing-impaired youths in the Central Government's programme to connect them with the mainstream of desktop publishing, employment and livelihood. He also helped a lot with the establishment and business of 'Deafgraphics' run by the hearing-impaired.
- Ku. Rabia Khan of Indore, who established the 5th Braille Script Arabic Centre in the world and India's first, received the second prize for the year 2015-16 in the visually impaired individual category. In the year 2011, she established the Arabic Centre in Indore. Ku. Rabia Khan, who established the Madrasa Noor Research Institute for the visually impaired, has been constantly striving to bring visually impaired students into the educational and professional mainstream.
- Shri Jagdish Prasad Sharma of Ujjain, who received the second prize in the mental retardation disability individual category for the year 2015-16, ensured certificates to more than 25 thousand mentally retarded Divyangs after intelligence tests. He provided admission, scholarship and special education facilities to 3572 mentally retarded students. He made 495 Divyang people self-dependent by connecting them with business and provided legal guardianship to 2875 people with disabilities.
- Ku. Poonam Shrotri, who established Uddeep Social Welfare Society for Divyangjans despite being Divyang herself, was given the first prize in Orthopaedic Divyangta category for the year 2019-20. She is working for the education, skill development and employment of the Divyangjans.
- Shri Uday Hatwalane of Bhopal, who organized employment training camps for Divyangjans despite being visually challenged himself, was awarded the first prize for the year 2019-20 in the Visually Impaired Divyangta Individual category. Shri Hatwalane is making special efforts for the education and social adjustment of the visually challenged.
- Smt. Aarti Dutta of Narmadapuram was awarded the Mental Retardation Individual Category Award for the year 2019-20. Smt. Datta is doing an in-depth study of Autism, Cerebral Palsy, Mental Retardation and doing an important work of rehabilitating Divyang people by making them self-dependent and connecting them to the mainstream of society.

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## **Chhindwara's Goderdev temple declared as state protected monument**

### **Why in News?**

- On 18 April 2023, the Goderdev temple of Chhindwara was declared a state protected monument by the Madhya Pradesh Culture Department.

### **Key Points**

- Goderdev Temple is situated in Neelkanthi Kala Kshetra of Chand Tehsil of Chhindwara District.
- It has been declared a state protected monument by the Culture Department under the Madhya Pradesh Ancient Monuments, Archaeological Sites and Remains Act-1964.
- Significantly, the architecture of this temple is almost like the Kalchuri architecture due to the contemporary of the Kalchuris and being attached to the state border. It was built around the 13th century.
- This temple dedicated to Lord Shiva is of Bhoomitra style. There is sanctum sanctorum, antarala and mandapa in the layout. The back part of the temple till the thigh is in its original form. The sanctum sanctorum is underground, in which the Shivling is established. There are steps to reach there. The idols of Gauri and Bhairav are installed in the vessels of the gap. Seven volumes are engraved on the gate branch.
- After the demolition of the sanctum sanctorum and pavilion, it has been renovated by the local people. The pillars of the pavilion are visible in the temple premises. On one pillar there are indecipherable writings in Sanskrit language in Devanagari. There are ruins of two more temples at some distance from this temple.

## **New Gambling Act will be implemented in the state**

### **Why in News?**

- On 19 April 2023, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan told media representatives that the state government has decided to enact the 'Madhya Pradesh Gambling Act 2023' instead of the present Gambling Act.

### **Key Points**

- The Chief Minister said that online gambling is a big problem. Presently the Gambling Act, 1876 is applicable in the state. There is no provision against online gambling.
- Adequate provisions will be included in the new Act against online gambling so that criminals indulging in these activities can be punished.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that a special cell will be set up under the chairmanship of an Additional Director General of Police level officer at the police headquarters for effective action against chit-fund companies and monitoring the work of returning money to the affected people.

## **Transgender Community included in Backward Class in the state**

### **Why in News?**

- On 19 April 2023, the state government issued a notification to include the transgender community in the list of Madhya Pradesh state's Backward Classes.

### **Key Points**

- The Transgender (Kinnar) community has been added under the Madhya Pradesh State Backward Classes Commission Act-1995.
- It is known that on April 11, the cabinet headed by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan approved the proposal of the Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department to include the Kinnar (transgender) community, which is running away from the mainstream of development, in the list of backward classes.
- The decision of the state government to include Transgenders (Kinnar) in the OBC category has been taken in compliance with a Supreme Court decision. The Supreme Court had ruled that they are considered backwards in terms of education, socially and economically.
- According to the Social Justice Department, there is no certified number of Eunuchs/Transgenders in the state. While the Economic and Statistics Department has registered the number of eunuchs as about 6 thousand, in which improvement has also been done in some districts.

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- There are 1432 eunuchs registered in the records of the Election Commission in the state. A maximum of 176 eunuchs are in Bhopal, while 75 are registered in Ujjain, and 102 in Indore.
- It is worth mentioning that on 24 February 2023, the state government issued an order under the Madhya Pradesh Transgender (Protection of Rights) Rules-2021 (Transgender Protection of Rights Rules-2021) and created a separate category for the transgender community in direct recruitment in jobs. Along with this, now the option of transgender along with male and female has also become available in the application form for government jobs.

## **Union Home Minister Trophy will be given to 2 training institutes of the MP Police**

### **Why in News?**

- According to the information given by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on 19 April 2023, 2 training institutes of Madhya Pradesh Police- Police Academy Bhoari and Police Training School Pachmarhi have been selected for the year 2021-22 for the Union Home Minister Trophy, given annually to the best police training institutions.

### **Key Points**

- Along with the trophy and certificate, a cash amount of Rs 2 lakh will also be given to the training institutes awarded by the Union Home Ministry at the Union Home Minister Trophy at the investiture ceremony in New Delhi.
- Smt Nimisha Pandey on behalf of Police Training School Pachmarhi and Malay Jain on behalf of Madhya Pradesh Police Academy Bhoari, Bhopal will receive this honour.
- The best training centre for constables, Police Training School Pachmarhi and the best training academy for Deputy Superintendents of Police, Madhya Pradesh Police Academy Bhoari have been selected for West Zone.
- The Central Police Police has been a pioneer in giving benefits of training to the police participants of the country by incorporating innovation and modern technology in the training. To connect training experts,

MoUs and exchange of expertise with universities & research institutes of India and abroad have yielded excellent results.

- It is worth mentioning that the assessment of excellent training in the police training institutes of the country is done on the standards set by the Bureau of Police Research and Development.
- In this, keeping the training institutes of constables in one category and the training institutes of sub-inspectors and deputy superintendents of police in different categories, better training methods, proper maintenance of resources and the selection of the training institute, which exhibits excellent training potential throughout the year, is done by a committee constituted at the national level.

## **Tejaswi program to be started to develop Entrepreneurial Confidence & Skills in students**

### **Why in News?**

- On 20 April 2023, a multilateral MoU was signed for the implementation of the Tejaswi program prepared by the Department of School Education in the Ministry to develop entrepreneurial confidence and skills among students.

### **Key Points**

- A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed by the Commissioner of Public Instruction, the State Open School & Associate organization, the Udyam Learning Foundation and The Education Alliance.
- It is worth mentioning that under the Tejasvi program, students will be provided information about new industries and self-business from school time itself. A separate curriculum has also been developed for this.
- Based on this curriculum, special classes of 40-40 minutes will be conducted three days a week in the schools.
- Along with this, experience-based training programs and project work based on various innovative businesses will also be conducted. The necessary amount for this will also be made available by the government under the programme so that school students will be

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motivated to self-employment and the establishment of new enterprises.

- On this occasion, Rashmi Arun Shami, Principal Secretary, School Education said that the Tejaswi program is being started to develop the abilities and professional attitude of the students to face the challenges right from the school level.
- He said that this program is currently being started on an experimental basis for the students of classes IX and XI of the government schools of Bhopal and Indore, the two metropolitan cities of the state, which can be operated in the entire state among the students of class 9 to 12 in future.
- Commissioner of Public Instruction Anubha Srivastava said that the objective of this program is to inculcate entrepreneurial confidence and 21st-century skills in the students so that they are better prepared for the challenges of life.
- He told that under the 'Tejaswi MP Programme', about 44,780 students of class 9th in 301 government schools of Bhopal & Indore and 22,738 students of class 11th of 176 schools of these two cities will be benefited under 'Tejaswi MP Social and Business Innovation Challenge Programme'.

## District Burhanpur gets honoured with 'PM Excellence Award' under Jal Jeevan Mission

### Why in News?

- On 21 April 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi awarded the 'Prime Minister's Excellence Award' to the best performing Burhanpur district in the country in the implementation of the Jal Jeevan Mission at a dignified ceremony on Civil Services Day in New Delhi.

### Key Points

- Burhanpur District Collector Ms. Bhavya Mittal received the award from the hands of the Prime Minister.
- Burhanpur district has achieved an unprecedented and proud achievement of providing pure drinking water by tap to every household through the Jal Jeevan Mission. Burhanpur has got the distinction of becoming the first Har Ghar Jal-certified district in the country.

- Burhanpur has shown a new direction to the country by providing water to every village. Till now, under the Jal Jeevan Mission, tap water has been made available to more than 51 lakh 15 thousand rural families of the state. Water is being supplied to all 254 villages through the 'Har Ghar Jal' scheme.
- Jal Jeevan Mission 'Har Ghar Jal' scheme in Burhanpur district is being maintained and operated by Panchayats. A Jal Swachhata Ad-hoc Committee has been constituted in each village, which maintains and implements the scheme. All the village watermen and plumbers have been duly trained.
- For skill development in panchayats, a booklet 'Nal Jal Prabandhan' has been prepared by the administration, in which detailed information about the operation of the scheme is given.
- Under the scheme, the work of recovery of water tax is being done by the women of self-help groups. This work has given employment to women while the economic condition of their families has also improved.
- Panchayats are making the villagers aware of the benefits of conserving underground water and showing ways to save it. Burhanpur district has hoisted its flag in the country with the enthusiastic participation of common people in governance and administration.



## Third Gender social worker Sanjana Singh appointed as State Level Election Icon

### Why in News?

- On 21 April 2023, Madhya Pradesh's Chief Electoral Officer Anupam Rajan said that the Election Commission

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of India has appointed third gender social worker Sanjana Singh as the state-level icon of Madhya Pradesh elections.

### Key Points

- Social worker third gender Sanjana Singh is a resident of Pushpa Nagar Bawdi Chandbad.
- Chief Electoral Officer Anupam Rajan said that third-gender voters residing in the state should participate more & more in the voting process, for this third-gender Sanjana Singh has been made a state-level icon.
- It is notable that Sanjana Singh was earlier selected as the first Transmentor by the Madhya Pradesh State AIDS Control Committee. She was the first third gender of Swachhta Abhiyan Madhya Pradesh in Swachh Bharat Mission, who became the brand ambassador.
- Apart from this, Sanjana Singh has also been honoured by the megastar of the century, Amitabh Bachchan, in the Dettol Swachh Bharat Banega Bharat live show in the year 2017.

## Central Region Electricity Distribution Company to be the country's 1<sup>st</sup> company to collect bills through WhatsApp

### Why in News?

- On 21 April 2023, the Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh Central Region Electricity Distribution Company, Ganesh Shankar Mishra said that it is the country's 1<sup>st</sup> government electricity distribution company, which has started an innovative effort of online electricity bill payment through WhatsApp-pay.

### Key Points

- Managing Director Ganesh Shankar Mishra said that taking forward the digital innovation of payment of electricity bills, the company has provided more than a dozen bill payment options to consumers in the direction of convenient and secure payment. In this series, a new option will be available to consumers through WhatsApp-Pay. In this new way, consumers will be able to pay electricity bills from their homes using their smartphones.

- 'WhatsApp-Pay' is a digital payment feature that allows users to send money through the messaging app. It is secure and easy to use, requiring just a few simple steps to complete a transaction.
- Consumers can use their existing WhatsApp account and link it with their bank account to make payments without any hassle.
- Consumers who do not have a 'WhatsApp-Pay' facility can also pay through WhatsApp through other UPI modes like Google Pay, PhonePe or Paytm. This innovative payment method does not require any additional download or registration.
- Not only will this new mode of payment make it easier for consumers to pay their bills but it will also save time and effort.
- With WhatsApp-pay and other online payment options, consumers no longer need to visit cash collection centres to pay their electricity bills. It is a fast and efficient solution, which will simplify the payment process and improve customer satisfaction.
- It is worth mentioning that Central Region Electricity Distribution Company is the first electricity distribution company to implement a WhatsApp chatbot for its consumers, through which one can view electricity bills, pay, receive and complain, knowing the status.

## Madhya Pradesh is Among the Leading States in the Implementation of the Surrogacy Act.

### Why in News?

- In a meeting of the State Aided Reproductive Technology and Surrogacy Board held in the Ministry under the chairmanship of Public Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Prabhuram Chaudhary on April 24, 2023, it was informed that Madhya Pradesh is among the leading states in the country in the implementation of the Surrogacy (Regulation) Act-2021.

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- It was informed in the meeting that Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country to notify the State Board, District Appropriate Authority and District Appellate Officer in the Act.

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- 74 institutions have been registered under the Act in the state. These institutions include ART banks, ART Level-1 clinics, ART Level-2 clinics and surrogacy clinics.
- Madhya Pradesh is also the first state in the country to determine the process flow and various formats for the surrogacy process in the Act.

## **Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary will be the New Home of Cheetahs in Madhya Pradesh**

### **Why in News?**

- According to information received from the media recently, the Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary is now being developed for the cheetahs brought from the African country Namibia and kept in the Sheopur Kuno National Sanctuary (KNP) of Madhya Pradesh.

### **Key points**

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that the Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary is being developed for cheetahs and will be ready in the next six months.
- In a meeting with wildlife advisory board officials, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan directed forest officials to develop Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary as a new home for cheetahs in the next six months, a senior forest department official said.
- Media reports said that this step has been taken by the Shivraj Singh Chouhan government to build a new habitat for cheetahs brought from Namibia in Gandhi Sagar after the suggestion of experts. Experts have suggested to the government that the Kuno National Sanctuary is not sufficient for all cheetahs brought from Namibia.
- About Rs 20 crore will be spent in developing Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary to build a new home for cheetahs. The forest department had asked the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) to take a decision in this regard.

## **Madhya Pradesh Municipality (Business Licensing) Rules 2023 Postponed**

### **Why in News?**

- On 25 April 2023, Madhya Pradesh's Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh said that as per the instructions of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the implementation of the Madhya Pradesh Municipality (Business Licensing) Rules-2023 has been postponed with immediate effect.

### **Key Points**

- It is known that on 21 April 2023, the Madhya Pradesh Municipality (Business Licensing) Rules-2023 were notified by the Urban Development and Housing Department to regulate business within the city limits of the state.
- Before coming into force of these rules, the rules by fixing the fee for issuing trade licenses for trade regulation at the body level by the urban bodies, according to the provisions of the Madhya Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1956 or the Madhya Pradesh Municipal Corporation Act, 1961 have been implemented, will continue to be applicable as before.
- It is worth mentioning that after the declaration of the new rules, attention was drawn to the discrepancies in the rules by the local public representatives of businessmen, business groups and bodies of different cities.

## **Panna's 2 Irrigation Projects got revised approval from the Cabinet**

### **Why in News?**

- In the cabinet meeting chaired by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on 25 April 2023, revised approval was given to 2 irrigation projects of Panna district – Runjh Medium Irrigation Project and Majhgaon Medium Irrigation Project.

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**Key Points**

- The area under irrigation in Runjh Medium Irrigation Project is 14 thousand 450 hectares. Rs 513 crore 72 lakh has been approved for this project.
- 47 villages of Ajaygarh tehsil will get the benefit of irrigation facility in 14 thousand 450 hectares from the Runjh Medium Irrigation project.
- Similarly, the area under irrigation in Majhgaon Medium Irrigation Project is 1360 hectares. Rs 693 crore 64 lakh has been approved for this project.
- 38 villages of Ajaygarh tehsil of Panna district will get the benefit of irrigation in 1360 hectares from Majhgaon Medium Irrigation Project.

## National Seminar inaugurated by the Governor

**Why in News?**

- On 26 April 2023, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel inaugurated a two-day AISECT National Seminar at Kushabhau Thakre International Convention Center. The seminar was organized to discuss the topic of social entrepreneurship and skill development for Atma Nirbhar Bharat.

**Key Points**

- On this occasion, a mutual agreement was signed between AISECT and Microsoft on Social Entrepreneurship. Along with this, young entrepreneurs were also felicitated.
- Santosh Choubey, The Chancellor of Rabindranath Tagore University informed that Central India's first skill development university is being established by AISECT. This will be the sixth university of the institution.
- He informed that AISECT is running 37 thousand centres based on social entrepreneurship in 27 states. The model of the centre is based on Indian languages and social connections. Along with technology, initiatives have also been taken by the institute in the field of agriculture.
- Highlighting the framework of the seminar, Dr. Siddharth Chaturvedi, Secretary, AISECT said that the seminar is being organized in a series. 15 such conferences are to be organized by AISECT.
- It was said in the seminar that new opportunities have been created for startups in the knowledge-based

digital economy, and innovation in future technology, logistics, and defence space sector in the country.

- The Green Hydrogen Mission has received Rs 20,000 crore. Defence exports have increased by 6 times in the last years. The agriculture budget has also reached Rs 1 lakh 25 thousand crores. A new program has been launched to promote research and innovation in the field of drugs through the centres of excellence.
- The government is opening 30 Skill India International Centers, three Artificial Intelligence Centers of Excellence and 100 laboratories for 5G application development in the country for skill training under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana.



## 3 day International Wildlife Conference in Kanha National Park

**Why in News?**

- According to the information given by Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on 26 April 2023, the 'International Wildlife Conference' will be organized in Kanha National Park from April 27 to 29.

**Key Points**

- This conference will be organized in line with the completion of a century of forestry research in the state and the announcement made by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on 27 March 2022 at Narmadapuram.
- Renowned wildlife experts from South Africa and Namibia are participating in the international conference, including wildlife expert-Padmabhushan Dr. H.S. Pawar.

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- The main objective of the conference is to conclude the all-round development of the country by adopting the policy of economy and ecology in line with the Prime Minister's objectives in the Amritkal of Independence
- Specialists, researchers and professionals of the field will present a research paper and statement on four technical subjects on Forest Department and State Forest Research 'Wildlife Conservation Emerging Scenario and its Future Strategy' for wildlife management-preservation, rehabilitation and to create an ideal ecological balance in India including Madhya Pradesh.
- Along with this, future strategies and policies will be decided after intensive brainstorming on the current scenarios on important topics like wildlife management, conservation and rehabilitation.
- The conference will focus on technical topics such as wildlife population management, wildlife habitat ecology, wildlife policy issues, challenges and human-wildlife conflict and mitigation measures.

## **Madhya Pradesh High Court gets Seven New Judges, Now the Number has Increased to 37**

### **Why in News?**

- On April 27, 2023, the Law and Judicial Department of the Government of India issued orders regarding the appointment of seven new judges in the Madhya Pradesh High Court. Due to this, the number of judges in the High Court of the state has increased to 37, but still 16 of the sanctioned posts are vacant.

### **Key Points**

- Seven new judges have been posted to the Madhya Pradesh High Court. They are: Rupesh Chandra Vasharne, Anuradha Shukla, Sanjeev Sudhakar Kalgaonkar, Prem Narayan Singh, Achal Kumar Paliwal, Hridayesh and Arvind Kumar Singh.
- It is noteworthy that the sanctioned strength of judges in the Madhya Pradesh High Court is 53, out of which 30 judges including the Chief Justice are working at present.
- There was a demand for the appointment of judges in the High Court for a long time. After this, the above-mentioned names were recommended to the President. After getting the approval from the President, the Law and Judicial Department has issued orders to appoint the above names as Judges in the High Court.



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