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The Chief Minister Performed Bhoomi Poojan of Handia Barrage Micro Irrigation Project

Why in News?

On July 31, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan performed Bhoomi Poojan of Handia Barrage Micro Lift Irrigation Project worth more than 1294 crores in Khategaon assembly of Dewas district.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also announced renaming of Handia Barrage Micro Lift Irrigation Project as Baba Siddhanth Project and Harangaon as Tehsil.
- In the Handia Barrage Micro Lift Irrigation Project, 12.60 cusecs of water will be lifted from village Kundgaon Khurd near Khategaon tehsil of Dewas district from Narmada river and transported to 72 villages of Dewas district and 25 MW electricity will be generated.
- With this, irrigation is proposed in a 35000 hectare area in Khategaon Tehsil from Handia Barrage Project.
- Along with this, the project will be expanded by surveying other left out villages including Harangaon.



Approval of Telecom Ease and Expansion Guidelines 2023

Why in News?

The Cabinet approved the 'Policy 2023 for Facilitating Establishment of Telecom Infrastructure in Madhya

Pradesh' and 'Guidelines for Facilitating Establishment of Telecom Infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh' and 'Guidelines for Facilitating Establishment of Telecom Infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh' prepared in alignment with the Right of Way Rules, 2022 and Indian Telegraph (Infrastructure Security) Rules, 2022 issued by the Government of India in the meeting of the Council of Ministers on August 1, 2023.

Key Points:

- With the implementation of the said policy, the telecom infrastructure (4G/5G) in Madhya Pradesh will expand quickly and smoothly and the income of the state government will increase.
- In order to ensure the planned development and expansion of telecom services and infrastructure in the state, 'Policy and Guidelines 2019 to facilitate the establishment of infrastructure for providing wireline or wireless-based voice and data access services by telecom services, internet services, infrastructure providers in Madhya Pradesh' is currently in force.
- The validity period of this policy is up to December 2023. At present, 5G telecom facilities have also been rolled out within the country.
- The Indian Right to Wire (ROW) (Amendment) Rules, 2022 have been issued by the Government of India, Ministry of Communications, Department of Telecommunications on August 17, 2022, with specific provisions for setting up telecom infrastructure and further strengthening of infrastructure related to 5G roll-out.
- The Indian Telegraph (Infrastructure Security) Rules, 2022 have been issued by the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India on January 3, 2023. These rules provide that if any person/agency undertakes excavation or mining at an existing telecom infrastructure site set up on public and private property, the general shall inform the concerned licensee through the portal. This will prevent unwanted damage to telecom infrastructure.

Art Training Fellowship to Youth - 2023

Why in News?

On August 1, 2023, in a meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Cabinet decided to give 'Art Training Fellowship-2023' to the youth.

Note:

Key Points:

- It is known that in order to promote traditional and tribal folk art, approval was given to provide an honorary fellowship of Rs 10,000 to 1,000 youth of the state for a period of 3 months through the Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum.
- In this scheme, youth will be given training in singing, playing, dancing, drama, painting and craft etc. in 3 months.

Important decisions of Madhya Pradesh Council of Ministers

Why in News?

On August 1, 2023, in the meeting of the Cabinet chaired by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, several other important decisions were taken along with the approval to implement the assured career promotion scheme for the same cadres of all the departments of the state government.

Key Points:

- With the implementation of the Career Promotion Scheme, the government employees of the state will be able to get the fourth time scale pay scale from July 01, 2023, in case of 35 years or more of service.
- The Finance Department was authorized to issue guidelines for the fourth time scale pay scale. If this pay scale is approved, the estimated expenditure burden on the government will be Rs 250 crore.
- The Cabinet approved the establishment of 04 new Government Colleges, Government Law College Dindori, Government College Narayanganj Mandla, Government College Khirkiya Harda, and Government College Khaddi Sidhi.
- The Cabinet approved the creation of the new tehsil Shivpur in the district Narmadapuram and the new tehsil Madwas in Sidhi district.
- The Cabinet decided to amend the Madhya Pradesh MSME Industrial Land and Building Allotment and Management Rules 2021 (as amended October 2022) regarding the reservation of 20% land for SC and ST category entrepreneurs in developed industrial areas and 50 percent exemption in interest and development fees to these entrepreneurs.

- The Cabinet decided to set up 6 new government ITIs in the state.
- The Cabinet decided to exempt the already existing units of Mudra Yojana, which are being renewed after September 01, 2022, from the provision of having new enterprises in the scheme to be benefited if they are eligible under the Chief Minister's Enterprise Revolution Scheme.



A 10-day Training of Youth in MP Nipun Profession

Why in News?

On August 1, 2023, Rashmi Arun Shami, Principal Secretary, School Education Department of Madhya Pradesh, inaugurated the training session of selected youth in the Madhya Pradesh Nipun Profession Program.

Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that under the National Education Policy 2020, top priority has been given to all children up to class 3 to acquire basic literacy and numeracy by the year 2026-27. To achieve this goal, the Nipun India Mission is being run across the country by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.
- 'Mission Ankur' was started by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in 2021 to achieve the goals of the mission.
- Madhya Pradesh Skilled Professionals Program has been started by the State Education Center in collaboration with the prestigious Tata Institute of Social Sciences, Mumbai, for the effective implementation and supervision of 'Mission Ankur' at the field level.

Note:

- In this programme, one youth in each district has been entrusted with the responsibility of assisting the concerned district administration in the effective implementation of Mission Ankur.
- Thousands of youth applications were received to join this program, out of which 52 young and enthusiastic professionals have been selected.
- The selected youth programs will assist the district administration in data-based decision-making in implementation and monitoring, enhancing system capabilities and continuity of work on the ground. A 10-day orientation training for all the selected youth is being organized from August 1 to 10.
- The selected youth will play a vital role as NIPUN Professionals in providing meaningful education to around 23 lakh students of classes 1 to 3 in government schools across the state.



Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 campaign in the state in 3 phases

Why in News?

On August 3, 2023, Madhya Pradesh's Additional Chief Secretary (Health) Mohammad Suleman, while reviewing the preparation of Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 campaign and U-WIN portal in all the districts of the state through video conferencing from Vallabh Bhavan said that the Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 campaign will be implemented in three phases in the state.

Key Points:

- The Intensified Mission Indradhanush 5.0 campaign will be conducted in three phases (August 7 to 12,

September 11 to 16 and October 9 to 14, 2023) in the state.

- In the intensive Mission Indradhanush 5.0 campaign, children between the age group of 0 to 5 years and pregnant women who have been left out in vaccination are to be vaccinated.
- The Additional Chief Secretary, Health instructed to get 100% vaccination done by activating all the vaccinators.
- He said that the U-WIN portal digital platform is being used for the first time in the state. All abandoned children and pregnant women of the state should be identified and vaccinated by microplanning.
- The ACS directed that all the ANM cadre identified for vaccination at the institutional delivery point should be guided for the success of IMI. ANMs as vaccinators will provide vaccination services in 6 working days of advance three phases.

Asia's Biggest International Literary Festival 'Unmesh'

Why in News?

Asia's largest International Literature Festival 'Unmesh' organized from August 3 to 6, 2023 at Rabindra Bhawan, Bhopal on the occasion of Amrit Mahotsav of Independence with a pledge to take literature to the masses, create and preserve literature.

Key Points:

- Literature festival Unmesh is Asia's largest international festival. It was organized under the joint aegis of Sahitya Akademi and Sangeet Natak Akademi, New Delhi.
- In this event, activities related to literature took place during the day and a colorful program of cultural presentation was organized in the evening.
- More than 575 writers from 100 languages participated in more than 75 programs in this literature festival. Writers from 13 other countries also participated in the event.
- It is known that this is the second edition of Unmesh. Along with the International Literature Festival, a national festival of folk and tribal performing arts titled Sangeet Natak Akademi Utkarsh was also organized in this event.

Note:



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- It included poetry, story-telling, Indian poetry, Indian devotional literature, Sagar literature, India's cultural heritage, the principle of segregation in Indian plays, unity in diversity, India's gentle strength, cinema & literature, dissemination of Indian literature in foreign languages, literature and nature of doctors, the rise of machines, authorless literature, creative education.



Country's First Power Grid under RDSS Energized at Imlikheda in Indore District

Why in News?

On August 4, 2023, Amit Tomar, Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh Paschim Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company, Indore told that under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in July last year for the Ministry of Energy, the country's first 33/11 KV The power grid has been completed and energized at Imlikheda in Sawer tehsil of Indore district.

Key Points:

- The said grid of five MVA capacity costs three crores. With this, 8000 electricity consumers and 25000 people of five villages will get 24 hours high quality electricity.
- Amit Tomar said that the ground-breaking ceremony for this grid was done in February 2023 by Water Resources Minister Tulsiram Silavat. In about five months, the said grid has been prepared and energized.

- Electrical equipment materials, power transformers, VCBs, cables, conductors etc. for construction of the grid were used only after testing at national level NABL.
- For the first time, Panther conductor has been used in the grid, which is almost double the capacity of conventional conductor. The work of 97 such grids is in various stages of operation in the Company's area.
- A total of Rs 380 crore is being spent on grids and related lines being built under RDSS. This will increase the power distribution capacity of the company area by about 500 MVA.
- Along with the grids, the work of replacing conductors with cables, underground cables at selected places of Indore, Ujjain etc., renovation and capacity addition of old grids, replacement of old conductors with new and higher capacity conductors and installation of capacitor banks etc. are also being done in a phased manner.
- The works under RDSS are reviewed every week, so that the work is done on time and with quality. Orders have been given for water harvesting near the grids, so that the boring of the grid continues even in summers and there is no water crisis for earthing in the grid.



Rampura-Manasa Micro Lift Irrigation Scheme

Why in News?

On August 7, 2023, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various construction works including the ground-breaking ceremony of Rampura Mansa Large Micro Pressure Irrigation Project worth Rs. 1208 crore at the Vikas Parv program at Manasa in Neemuch district.

Note:

Key Points:

- Under the Rs 1208.89 crore Rampura-Manasa Micro Lift Irrigation Scheme, irrigation facilities will be provided in 65 thousand 400 hectares of land in a total of 215 villages of Rampura, Manasa, Neemuch and Jawad tehsils.
- For this, a pipeline will be laid by constructing two pumping stations at Semli Antri and village Banda on the submergence of Gandhi Sagar reservoir.
- The total irrigation area will be divided into 30-30 hectares and every 30 hectares will be divided into 5-5 hectares of sub-chak and water will be made available for irrigation.
- For the convenience of farmers, automated outlet management systems will be installed at every 30-hectare chak, from where farmers will be able to get a certain amount of water for irrigation at the prescribed pressure.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the neemuch-jawad irrigation scheme costing Rs 3500 crore will also be started soon.



MoU signed between Prashanti Medical Service and Research Foundation and State Government

Why in News?

On August 8, 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Prashanti Medical Service & Research Foundation and the Public Health and Family Welfare Department on behalf of the state government in the presence of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Key Points:

- The State Government's MoU has been signed with Prashanti Medical Service and Research Foundation to enable parents to easily treat congenital heart disorders in children and to provide specialist services.
- Under this MoU, Prashanti Medical Service and Research Foundation will provide free treatment to children affected by childhood heart disease at Sri Sathya Sai Heart Hospital, Ahmedabad.
- Under this, one thousand children will be treated completely free of cost in the hospital established in Ahmedabad, the state government will bear the travel expenses.
- It is worth mentioning that out of 1000 living children, about 9 children have the problem of congenital heart disorder, the cost of treatment of which ranges from 1 lakh to 5 lakh rupees. Therefore, this treatment becomes difficult for poor and lower middle-class families. Children can lead a normal life if the disease is detected on time and proper treatment is given. Keeping this in mind, it was decided by the Chief Minister to run the Child Heart Treatment Scheme in the state.
- In this scheme, arrangements were made for the treatment of children in Narayana Hrudayalaya Mumbai, Chirayu Hospital Bhopal, Aurobindo Hospital Indore.
- It is known that in the year 2019, the state government signed a contract with Prashanti Medical Service and Research Foundation for two years and a total of 117 children were provided free treatment. Now again MO has been signed.



Note:

Country's 1st Unity Mall to be built in Ujjain

Why in News?

On August 10, 2023, Madhya Pradesh's Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh said that the country's first Unity Mall will be built in Ujjain in the state. Rs 284 crore has been approved by the Ministry of Finance, Government of India for its construction.

Key Points:

- This approval has been given under the 'Scheme of Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2023-24' of the Government of India.
- Urban Development and Housing Minister has given instructions to the concerned officials to get the construction of Unity Mall done within the time limit.
- Unity Mall will act as a one stop market place for promotion and sale of One District One Product, GI Product, Handicraft Product and other local products. There will be shops to display the products of all the districts in the state.
- Major products from other states will also be available at Unity Mall. There will also be an auditorium, food stall and garden.
- It is worth mentioning that a Unity Mall is to be constructed in each state. Madhya Pradesh has received the first approval from the Government of India.

MoU signed between State's Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises Department & NID

Why in News?

On August 9, 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises of Madhya Pradesh and the National Institute of Design (NID) to provide national and international markets to the famous furniture product of Chhatarpur district under one district one product in Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points:

- The MoU was signed by P. Narhari, Secretary-cum-Commissioner, MSME Department and Professor

Dheeraj Kumar, Director, NID, Bhopal.

- Secretary--Commissioner of MSME Department said that after this agreement, furniture design and products of Chhatarpur will get a new platform.
- It is worth mentioning that the 'One District One Product Scheme' has been started by the Prime Minister of the country Narendra Modi. This scheme comes under the National Livelihood Mission.
- The objective behind starting this scheme will be that all the states will have their own product, which will give it its own identity in the district and that state.
- The Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries has given approval for 'One District One Product' to all states and union territories.



Posting of Collector & SP of Newly Formed Mauganj district

Why is News?

On August 13, 2023, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has appointed Ajay Srivastava as the first District Magistrate (Collector) and Virendra Jain as the First Superintendent of Police (SP) of the newly formed district Mauganj.

Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that Ajay Srivastava, a 2013 batch IAS officer, who was discharging government responsibilities in the post of Additional Commissioner, Tribal Development and Managing Director, Madhya



Note:

Pradesh Scheduled Tribes Finance and Development Corporation Bhopal (Additional Charge), will now serve as the first Collector of the newly formed district.



- Earlier, the state government had issued an order to appoint Sonia Meena as district Mauganj Collector, which was later revoked.
- Similarly, Virendra Jain IPS (DD-96) has been transferred as Superintendent of Police (SP) of mauganj district. Virendra Jain is currently posted in the Senani 8th Corps Visbal in Chhindwara.
- It is known that on March 4, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced to make Mauganj a new district. Mauganj has officially become the 53rd district of Madhya Pradesh.
- Mauganj has been carved out of Rewa and its district headquarters will be located in Mauganj town. Also, the national flag will be hoisted at mauganj district headquarters on August 15.
- Mauganj district has been formed under sub-section of section 13 of the Madhya Pradesh Land Revenue Code, 1959 (No. 20 of 1959). A gazette has been published regarding this change.
- Initially, three tehsils of Rewa district - Mauganj, Naigarhi and Hanumana will be part of Mauganj district. Later, Devtalab will also be included in it.

Balaghat gets Scotch Order of Merit Award

Why is News?

On August 12, 2023, the One Stop Centre at Balaghat of the Women and Child Development Department of Madhya Pradesh has been awarded the Order of Merit-2023 of the SKOCH Award for its superior performance.

Key Points:

- Balaghat One Stop Centre has been providing integrated support and co-operation to women and girls affected by all types of violence in the district since 2018.
- Along with this, immediate emergency and non-emergency facilities are being provided to the victim woman and girl. These include psychological counseling, FIR, police medical, legal and judicial support, etc.

- With the efforts of the district administration, the second one-stop centre is being operated in Baihar tehsil of Balaghat district so that women from remote areas can also get the benefit of Sakhi Centre.
- Established since 2003, the SKOCH Prize is the country's highest civilian honour conferred by an independent organisation.
- It recognizes people, projects and institutions who go the extra mile to make the country better.
- Nominations were received from all over the country for this award. Out of this, this selection has been done after presentation and evaluation in 3 stages.
- This one-stop centre has been operated under the guidance of Collector Dr. Girish Kumar Mishra and District Program Officer Vandana Dhumketi.



P.M. laid the foundation stone of Sant Ravidas Temple

Why is News?

On August 12, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of the memorial and temple of Sant Shiromani Sri Ravidas ji on 11 acres of land in Bartuma Sagar at a cost of about Rs 100 crore.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, he also unveiled a plaque and inspected the replica of the temple.
- With this, the Samarasta Yatra started from five places of the state also concluded.
- It is worth mentioning that in February, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had announced the construction of a memorial and temple in a grand and divine form of Shri Sant Ravidas Ji, the pioneer of harmony.

Note:

- After the foundation stone laid by the Prime Minister, a grand temple will now be built here. This temple will be built in 10000 square feet in Nagar style. An interpretation museum will also be built here.
- Along with culture and creativity, a museum showcasing the personality of Sant Ravidas will also come up in this complex.
- There will be four galleries in the museum, which will also have details of Bhakti Marg, contribution to Nirgun panth, philosophy of Sant Ji and his literature, harmony.
- Apart from this, Sangat Hall, Jal Kund, Bhakta Niwas will also be built, which will be equipped with spiritual and modern facilities. Followers and scholars of Sant Ravidas from all over the country and abroad will come to the Bhakta Niwas, who will get inspiration from the life of Sant Ji.
- According to vastu and configuration, the temple of Sant Ravidas ji will also be a spiritual art museum, which will be an unprecedented place of reverence, faith and devotion. Philosophers and scholars and curious people will also come from india and abroad. The personality and philosophy of Sant Ravidas ji will be an inspiration for the whole world.
- It is noteworthy that from July 25, 2023, a yatra was taken out simultaneously from five different places (Neemuch, Mandav district Dhar, Sheopur, Balaghat and Singrauli) for the construction of sant Ravidas ji's temple in Sagar district. The journey concluded peacefully.
- Earlier, the yatra reached Sagar with soil from every village of the state and symbolic water from 313 rivers of all development blocks. Sant Ravidas Temple Construction Yatra passed through the districts of the state. Along with the main yatras, kalash yatra



was also taken out by 1661 sub-pilgrims. There were 352 public interactions during the yatra. More than 25 lakh people participated in 5 routes of the yatra.

- In Madhya Pradesh, 10 chariots focused on the personality and work of Sant Ravidas ji continued to run during the Samarasta Yatra which reached Sagar by collecting soil from 20 thousand 641 villages and symbolic water of 313 rivers.

Government servants to get the 4th Pay Scale after 35 years of service

Why is News?

On August 14, 2023, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has issued orders regarding the payment of fourth time scale pay scale to the members of 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' categories of civil services of the state on completion of 35 years of service period from the date of first appointment in the government service.

Key Points:

- According to the order of the state government, such government servants, who have received the benefit of three promotions/promotions/time scale pay scale from the date of appointment by direct recruitment in government service, will be eligible for the fourth time scale pay scale on completion of 35 years of service from 01.07.2023 or later.
- The service period for the fourth time scale pay scale of the State Government servant will be calculated from the date of taking charge of any direct recruitment post under the State Government through a competitive / selection examination.
- In order to get the benefit of a higher pay scale, the government servant will be required to fulfil the qualifications that are prescribed for promotion as per the departmental service recruitment rules.
- Such officers/employees of such cadre of the state government, who have the benefit of the timely pay scale under the specific scheme, will be required to obtain a separate order from the Council of Ministers to get the benefit of the scheme.
- If any cadre is receiving a pay scale equivalent to or higher than the fourth time scale pay scale prescribed as per the Addendum-I, then they will continue to receive the pay scale of the current level received.

Note:

- Under the fourth time scale pay scale for the members of the civil services of the state of Madhya Pradesh, the Madhya Pradesh Pay Revision Rules 2017 (as per the seventh pay scale) are Matrix Level Class-A First Class, Class-B Second Class, Class-C Third Class, Executive and Secretarial Services and Class-IV.

Narmadapuram Circle 1st in reducing Gross Technical & Commercial Losses the most

Why is News?

On August 16, 2023, The Central Region Power Distribution Company has awarded a citation and medal to the Narmadapuram circle of the company for the highest reduction in Gross Technical and Commercial Losses (AT&C) in the company's jurisdiction.

Key Points:

- The award was given to BBS Parihar, General Manager, Narmadapuram Circle, by Ganesh Shankar Mishra, Managing Director of the company, in a program held at the company headquarters.
- It is worth mentioning that every year the Central Region Power Distribution Company awards the circle/division which has reduced the gross technical and commercial losses in the LT category in the company's jurisdiction.
- In the same sequence, with the special efforts made by the Transmission Maintenance Circle, Narmadapuram, the first position has been obtained by reducing the AT&C loss by 18.65 percent in the year 2022-23 as compared to 23.18 percent in the last year 2021-22 and reducing the company area by 4.53 percent.



- Similarly, with the special efforts of the Sohagpur division, the AT&C loss has been achieved by reducing the AT&C loss by 17.77 per cent in the year 2022-23 as compared to 27.42 per cent in the last year 2021-22 and reducing the maximum reduction by about 9.64 per cent, in all the divisions of the company's jurisdiction.

4 services related to Madrassa notified in Public Service Guarantee

Why is News?

As per the information furnished by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on August 16, 2023, 4 services related to Madhya Pradesh Madrassa Board have been notified in the Public Service Guarantee Act.

Key Points:

- These services include Madrassa registration and recognition from the board for Madrassas, renewal of Madrassa recognition, registration of Madrassa steering committee and renewal service of Madrassa steering committee.
- There are 1755 Madrassas affiliated to the board in the state. There are 6 thousand 155 teachers working in them. There are 1,01,454 children (52,012 boys and 49,442 girls) studying in these Madrassas.
- Free textbooks and mid-day meals are being provided to the children studying in Madrassas.

Country's 1st Grid dedicated under RDSS

Why is News?

On August 17, 2023, under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS), the state-of-the-art 33/11 KV power grid was inaugurated at Imlikheda in Indore district, the first prepared in the country.

Key Points:

- Water Resources and Fishermen Welfare Minister of Madhya Pradesh Tulsiram Silavat and MP Shankar Lalwani inaugurated the grid.

Note:

- The said grid of five MVA capacity costs three crores. With this, 8000 electricity consumers and 25000 people of five villages will get 24 hours high-quality electricity.
- It is known that under the Revised Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS) launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the Ministry of Power in July last year, the country's first 33/11 KV power grid has recently been completed and electrified at Imlikheda in Sanwer tehsil of Indore district.
- The Groundbreaking Ceremony for the grid was done by Water Resources Minister Tulsiram Silawat in February 2023.
- Electrical equipment materials, power transformers, VCBs, cables, conductors etc. have been used only after testing in national level NABL.
- For the first time, panther conductors have been used in the grid, which is almost twice the capacity of conventional conductors. The work of 97 such grids in the company area is in various stages.



MP's 100 years old Musical Heritage Maihar Band to be revived

Why is News?

On August 17, 2023, Madhya Pradesh's Culture, Tourism and Religious Trust and Religious Affairs Minister Ms. Usha Thakur informed that the 100-year-old musical heritage Maihar Band will be revived in the state. Based on the Guru-Shishya tradition, the Maihar Band will be operated as 'Maihar Band Gurukul'.

Key Points:

- The Gurukul will train 150 rare bandis of Baba Ustad Alauddin Khan. Trainees will be able to get training in all the instruments used in Maihar orchestra in the Gurukul run in Maihar Music College Building Maihar.
- It is known that the unique and unique instrument of the field of music art is a unique example of the Maihar Band music tradition, which is the first state in the country to revive and move forward by preserving the ancient tradition of music.
- Minister Ms. Thakur informed that the training session in Gurukul will be for a maximum of 2 years. During the training period, the trainees will be given a scholarship of Rs 10,000 per month. Five retired musicians of the Maihar Band will be given a felicitation fund of Rs 37,500 for training. In the initial session, 20 trainees will be selected and given training.
- Minister Ms. Thakur informed that Gurukul will not only revive Maihar Band but will also be able to establish many categories of Maihar Bands by training the instruments presented in Maihar Orchestra.



16 CM Rise School, 19 Girls Education Complex to be constructed

Why is News?

On August 17, 2023, the Madhya Pradesh State Government issued administrative approval of Rs 1129 crore 66 lakhs for the construction work of 16 CM Rise School buildings and 19 Girls Education Complex buildings.

Key Points:

- Approval has been given for the construction of 4 CM Rise school buildings in Betul, 3 each in Mandla and Anuppur, 2 in Dhar and one each in Barwani, Sheopur, Sidhi and Alirajpur.

Note:



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- Similarly, three girls' education complex buildings will be constructed in Seoni, two each in Mandla, Chhindwara, Betul and Anuppur and one each in Sidhi, Indore, Jabalpur, Dhar, Umaria, Shahdol, Sehore and Khargone.
- Under the CM Rise scheme, out of 16 school building construction works for Rs 540 crore 63 lakh, the construction agency for 10 projects will be the Public Works Department and the construction agency for 6 works will be the Building Development Corporation.
- Out of 19 Girls Education Complex building construction works for Rs 589 crore 2 lakh, construction agency Project Implementation Unit of 7 works, Public Works Department, Building Development Corporation of 7 works and construction agency of 5 works to Police Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation. The approval for construction has been issued by the Tribal Affairs Department.

Harda becomes the highest reduction in the failure rate of distribution Transformer Failing Circle

Why is News?

On August 17, 2023, The Central Region Power Distribution Company has awarded a citation and medal for the highest reduction in the failure rate of distribution transformers in the company's jurisdiction.

Key Points:

- The award was presented to Anup Saxena, General Manager of Harda Circle by the company's Managing Director Ganesh Shankar Mishra at a function held at the company headquarters.
- It is worth mentioning that every year the Central Region Power Distribution Company rewards the circle for reducing the failure rate of distribution transformers in the company's work area. With the special efforts of Harda Circle, the failure of distribution transformers has been reduced by 2.4 percent in 2022-23 compared to the previous year, which is the lowest in the company.
- Central Region Power Distribution Company Limited (CPVD) has awarded a certificate and medal to Gwalior

for the highest reduction in the power accident rate in the company's jurisdiction.

- It is known that the Central Region Power Distribution Company awards the highest reduction in the rate of electricity accidents in the company's jurisdiction every year. Due to special safety efforts by Gwalior City Circle, accidents in 2022-23 decreased by 83.33 percent as compared to the previous year.
- Central Region Power Distribution Company Limited (MPEDCL) has awarded a memento and a citation to the company's Aintahar Distribution Centre at Bhind circle in Gwalior region for the maximum reduction in Gross Technical and Commercial Losses (AT&C) in Gwalior region.
- The Central Region Power Distribution Company Limited (CPVD) has awarded a memento and a citation to the Company's Ghatbiroli Distribution Centre at Betul Circle in Bhopal region for the maximum reduction in Gross Technical and Commercial Losses (AT&C) in Bhopal region.
- Due to the special efforts made by the Ghatbiroli distribution centre of Betul Circle, AT&C losses have been reduced by 5.69 percent compared to last year and secured the first place in the Bhopal region.

Union Home Minister released the Report Card of M.P.

Why is News?

On August 20, 2023, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah released the report card (2003-2023) of Madhya Pradesh at the Garib Kalyan Mahaabhiyan at Kushabhau Convention Centre in Bhopal.

Key Points:

- A film focusing on development dimensions of Madhya Pradesh was screened on the occasion of presenting a report card of the development work done in Madhya Pradesh in two decades (2003-2023) under the Garib Kalyan Maha Abhiyan.
- A short film on the remarkable work and achievements of the Central Government in the last 9 years was also screened. Also, a song based on poor welfare schemes was launched.

Note:

- Subject-wise mention of achievements of Madhya Pradesh by Union Minister Amit Shah-
- If 10 percent of the population in the country has come out of the cycle of poverty in the last ten years, then Madhya Pradesh has contributed the most.
- The budget size of Madhya Pradesh was Rs 23,100 crore in 2002. Now it is more than 3 lakh 14 thousand crore rupees.
- The budget for education in Madhya Pradesh has increased from Rs 2556 crore to Rs 38 thousand crore.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the health budget was only Rs 580 crore during the previous government, which is now Rs 16,000 crore. It does not include the Ayushman Bharat scheme.
- Only Rs 844 crore was spent in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, now about 7 thousand crore rupees are being spent.
- There has also been an increase in the budget on the welfare of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes. Earlier, an amount of Rs 1056 crore was spent, now Rs 64 thousand 390 crore is being spent.
- Only Rs 844 crore was spent in the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan, now about 7 thousand crore rupees are being spent.
- The per capita income in Madhya Pradesh was Rs 11,700 earlier, which has now increased to Rs 1,40,000.
- In the MSME sector, 4 thousand 299 industries were registered throughout the year. Now their number is 3 lakh 61 thousand.
- Important work has been done in road construction. Earlier there were only 60,000 kilometers of roads. Now there are more than 5 lakh 10 thousand kilometers of roads in the state, which is more than eight times. The length of NH roads increased from 4800 to 13 thousand kilometers.
- The agricultural growth rate in the agriculture sector has increased six and a half times. Wheat procurement has increased from 4 lakh 38 thousand metric tonnes to 70 lakh 96 thousand metric tons and paddy procurement has increased from 0.95 thousand metric tons to 46 lakh 30 thousand metric tons. More than 90 lakh farmers have been given benefits of more than Rs 19,000 crore in the state.
- In Madhya Pradesh, only 52 lakh families used to get the benefit of free ration distribution, which is being given to about 1.25 crore people.
- The number of medical colleges in the state has increased from 4 to 24. Medical seats were 620, which is now more than 4 thousand.
- Eklavya residential model schools were not there at all. Their number is now 63. The number of ITIs has increased from 159 to 1514.
- Due to the construction of roads in the tourism sector, the number of tourists has increased. At one time only 64 lakh tourists used to come annually, now their number has increased to 9 crore.
- Airport development and terminal construction works are being carried out in three cities of the state - Rewa, Gwalior and Jabalpur. Indore has been included in the Delhi-Mumbai corridor. Metro rail projects are being implemented in Indore and Bhopal.
- The energy potential of the state is more than 29 thousand MW. More than 47 lakh hectare area is being irrigated due to the expansion of irrigation means.
- More than 46 lakh girls have been benefited in the state by connecting them with 'Ladli Laxmi Yojana' and more than 53 lakh sisters have been linked to self-help groups.
- In the interest of tribal society, a museum is being set up in the state to implement pesa law and show tribal culture.
- Madhya Pradesh has become a favorite destination for industrial investment.
- A power generation unit is being started at Omkareshwar in Khandwa district at a cost of Rs 2400 crore.
- An initiative has been taken to construct an international cricket stadium in the state.
- The economic growth rate of the state is more than 16 percent.



Note:

Food festival organized at Madhya Pradesh Bhawan, New Delhi

Why is News?

'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Food Festival' were organized at Madhya Pradesh Bhawan, Delhi from August 18-20, 2023.

Key Points:

- Residential Commissioner Pankaj Raag and Media Advisor, Chief Minister ICP Kesari inaugurated the festival.
- Special dishes from Madhya Pradesh such as Bhute Ki Kiss, Indori Poha, Sev Bhaji, Besan Gatta, Matar Nimona, Dal Bafla, Pilaf, Mutton Sailana and Bhopali Murg Rejala as well as Malwa Thali, Bundelkhand Thali and Madhya Pradesh Special Thali were tasted by the visitors.
- Dishes like Millet Kheer, Churma Laddu and Ragi Halwa were also available to promote Sri Anna. The sale of milk products of Sanchi & the exhibition of handicrafts and Khadi products of the state were also organized in the festival.
- It is worth mentioning that the Union Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with various State Governments is organizing 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav and Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat Food Festival' in the State Houses/ Buildings located in New Delhi of the participating States. It aims to celebrate India's rich diversity in the field of culinary arts.



Amendment in Mukhyamantri Medhavi Vidyarthi Yojana

Why is News?

On August 18, 2023, the Madhya Pradesh state government issued an amendment order in the 'Mukhyamantri Medhavi Vidyarthi Yojana'. Students belonging to SC/ST category, whose father/guardian's income is up to Rs 8 lakh, will be able to get the benefit of this scheme.

Key Points:

- According to the order, such students, whose father/guardian's income is less than Rs 8 lakh, will be eligible for the scheme, but such students whose father/guardian's annual income is up to Rs 8 lakh and they are BPL card holders, SC, ST category students and are not able to join the scheme due to the conditions mentioned in the clause no. 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 3.4 and 3.5. Considering these as special cases, they will be able to get the approval of the competent officer in departmental coordination in respect of them and include them in the scheme.
- Such students, who once the benefit is received in the scheme, will be eligible for the benefit of the scheme till the completion of the course, even if the income limit exceeds Rs. 8,000 lakh, subject to the conditions as specified. This amendment will be applicable from the academic session 2023-24.

Note:

Chief Minister and Union Minister laid the Foundation Stone of New Airport in Datia

Why in News?

On August 21, 2023, Union Civil Aviation & Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan laid the foundation stone of the new airport in Datia at a cost of Rs 29 crore 30 lakhs.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced a proposal to the Central Government to open a college in Basai of Datia, to form a Nagar Panchayat, as well as to rename village Khiriya Faizullah as Khiriya Sarkar.
- The Chief Minister said that an amount of Rs 1,000 per month is reaching the accounts of sisters in the state, which will be gradually increased to Rs 3,000 per month. The Chief Minister said that the 'Beti Bachao-Beti Padhao' campaign was started from Mother Pitambara's Dhara Datia only.
- The Chief Minister said that the government will now pay the fees of the sons & daughters studying in the Medical College and Engineering College of the state. From August 22, 'Chief Minister's Seekho-Kamao Yojana' is being started to provide employment to the youth along with stipend, in which ITI and 12th class passed youth will be given a stipend of Rs. 8 to 10 thousand.
- Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said that after the construction of the new airport in Datia, the facility of landing 19-seater aircraft will be available.



Air services will also be started from the airport to Khajuraho and Bhopal. The new airport of Gwalior will also be ready in 15 months.

- Scindia said that with the inspiration of the Prime Minister, flight services have been started in urban areas as well as in religious areas. New airport facility will also be available in Srinagar-Jammu.

Important Decisions of the Council of Ministers Headed by CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan

Why in News?

On August 22, 2023, a meeting of the Council of Ministers was held under the chairmanship of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan at Chief Minister's residence 'Samatva Bhawan', in which many important decisions were taken.

Key Points:

- Approval has been given by the Council of Ministers to increase the allowances given to the officers and employees of the Police Department.
- The cabinet has given approval to increase the rate of dearness relief payable to state government pensioners/family pensioners from July 01, 2023 (payment month is August 2023). As per the decision of the Council of Ministers, the rate of dearness relief has been increased to 42% under the seventh pay scale and 221% under the sixth pay scale. With this decision, an estimated additional expenditure of Rs 410 crore is possible on the government.
- The cabinet has approved the creation of a new subdivision Amla in district Betul.
- The cabinet has decided to increase the honorarium of district panchayat members and district panchayat members. It has been decided to increase the honorarium of district panchayat members from Rs 4,500 to Rs 13,500 and that of district panchayat members from Rs 1,500 to Rs 4,500.
- It was decided by the Cabinet that procurement of gram, masur, mustard and summer moong & urad from registered farmers under the Rabi year 2022-23 (Marketing year 2023-24) and under the Government of India's Price Support Scheme in the next two years by the State Cooperative Marketing Federation Ltd.

Note:

- Further, under price Support Scheme in Rabi Year 2021-22 (Rabi Marketing Year 2022-23) the Government of India has accorded ex-post facto approval for procurement of 8 lakh 71 thousand 100 MT of gram and 1 lakh 67 thousand 130 MT of masur and 8 lakh 1 thousand 662.86 MT of gram within the targeted procurement target of 3 lakh 48 thousand 935 MT for mustard.



Approval of 'Madhya Pradesh Naxalite Surrender, Rehabilitation Cum Relief Policy 2023'

Why in News?

On August 22, 2023, the 'Madhya Pradesh Naxalite Surrender, Rehabilitation Cum Relief Policy 2023' has been approved by the Council of Ministers with an aim to provide gainful employment and entrepreneurial opportunities to the surrendered Naxalites in a meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Key Points:

- Madhya Pradesh Naxalite Surrender, Rehabilitation cum Relief Policy has been prepared keeping in view the present security scenario arising in the state.
- The main objective of this policy is to include those who voluntarily surrender themselves to the mainstream by renouncing the path of violence.
- Madhya Pradesh in the Naxalite Surrender, Rehabilitation-cum-Relief Policy 2023, Naxalite/ Naxalite and self-surrender have been defined clearly and comprehensively. Certain criteria have been set for the determination of a self-surrender.
- Provision has been made for a state-level inquiry committee to give benefits to self-surrenders. (The earlier policy does not have the concept of a state level inquiry committee to give benefits to surrenderers.)
- To facilitate the self-surrender process, the circle of competent authorities has been widened, such as voluntarily surrendering to any police officer, executive magistrate, officer not below the rank of assistant constable of the Central Armed Police Forces (where the Central Armed Police Forces are deployed). or surrender himself before an officer nominated by the State Government. (In the previous policy, the Superintendent of Police has been prescribed as the medium for surrender.)
- The process after the Naxalites surrender has been clearly mentioned.
- There is a clear classification of grace amount on surrender by self-surrender with weapons.
- If the self-surrender has surrendered with weapons (if the weapon is in working condition), then in such a situation there is a provision to classify the weapons in 07 categories and approve the ex-gratia amount from 20 thousand to 4 lakh 50 thousand rupees. (There is no clear description of ex-gratia on this subject in the earlier policy.)
- A clear provision has been made for a grant of Rs 1 lakh 50 thousand for the construction of a house for self-surrender. (In the earlier policy provision has been made to provide grant amount in Indira Awas Yojana.)
- A provision of Rs 50,000 incentive has been made for the self-surrender for marriage. (There was no such provision in the earlier policy.)
- A clear provision has been made to provide unconditional incentive or prize money of Rs 5 lakh to the self-surrender. (In the previous policy, there is a provision to give the announced reward amount on the basis of cooperation in the anti-Naxal campaign of self-surrenders.)
- A clear provision of Rs 20 lakh grant amount has been made for self-surrender for the purchase of immovable property/land. (The grant amount is not provisioned in the former policy, only provision has been made for allotment of land to the surrendered Naxalites who fall below the poverty line.)
- A provision of Rs 1 lakh 50 thousand has been made for the education of self-surrenders. (Grant amount is not provisioned in earlier policy, unclear provisions have been made in government schemes.)

Note:

- On the basis of the utility of the self-surrender, a provision has been made to provide a government job in the police department, if the secret soldier or with his help is successful in the anti-Naxal campaign. (In the former policy, there is a provision to consider him for appointment if he is eligible to be appointed in government service, otherwise there is a provision to give him appointment as home guard according to his eligibility.)
- There is a clear and extensive mention regarding the Naxalite victim's family and physical disability.
- The amount of ex-gratia has been increased in case of death of a person/security personnel in violence. There is a provision of Rs 15 lakh for the common citizen and Rs 20 lakh for the security personnel. (In the earlier policy, there is a provision to provide Rs 1 lakh to the common man and Rs 2 lakh to the security personnel.)
- There is a provision to provide ex-gratia amount of Rs 4 lakh in case of physical disability of a person/security personnel in Naxal violence. (In the earlier policy, there is a provision to provide Rs 50,000 to the permanently disabled and Rs 10,000 to the seriously injured.)
- A clear provision has been made to take the dependents of the deceased in government service. (In the previous policy, if no member of the deceased is in government service and there is a provision to consider appointment on eligibility.)
- In case of damage to immovable property, a provision has been made for relief amount, such as Rs 1.50 thousand will be paid in case of complete house demolition and in case of partial damage, a maximum of Rs 50 thousand will be paid. (In the earlier policy, there is a provision of compensation of Rs. 5000 for kutcha houses and Rs. 15000 for pucca houses in case of damage.) The time-limit and process for the rehabilitation of Naxalites have been clearly mentioned.

Launch of 'Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao' Scheme

Why in News?

On August 22, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao' Scheme in Bhopal.

Key Points:

- Under this scheme, 8000 to 10000 rupees will be given as stipend instead of teaching work to the youth. After learning the job, they can start their own self-employment. Along with this, permanent jobs will also be available in industries.
- It is worth mentioning that the registration of training companies was started from June 7, 2023, under the 'Mukhyamantri Seekho-Kamao' scheme. So far 16,744 companies have been registered. So far 70,386 posts have been published.
- Along with this, the registration of youth in this scheme started from July 4, 2023. In this, 8,71,330 youths have been registered so far and 15,092 contracts have been created so far.
- In this scheme, training will be provided in more than 700 courses in 46 sectors.
- Mukhyamantri Seekho Kamao is a 'Learn and Earn' program in which youth will get job oriented skill training.
- Students will get an opportunity to gain hands-on experience and develop their skills by being in the field.
- Along with the training, a monthly stipend will also be given, so that they can bear their expenses during the training.
- 8000 rupees for 12th pass
- 8500 rupees for ITI passed
- 9000 rupees for Diploma pass
- 10000 rupees for graduation or higher educational qualification
- Benefits to the candidates in this scheme
- Industry-oriented training.
- Training through the latest technology and latest process.
- Stipend during vocational training.
- State Council for Vocational Training (SCVT) certification by Madhya Pradesh State Skill Development and Employment Generation Board (MPSSDEGB).
- To acquire the ability to get regular employment.
- Benefits to industries -
- Through this scheme, industries will get an opportunity to upgrade the skills of the youth as per their requirements.
- During the training, the training provider establishments will be able to test the students and after training, they will be able to give jobs to these students in their institute.

Note:



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- Thus, the industries will be helped to get skilled and experienced manpower.
- It would cost industries less to train employees, as the students would already have some skills and experience.
- 75% stipend will be saved per month on a student-candidate.
- A student-candidate will save up to a maximum of Rs 9,000 per month.
- The APF, Bonus and Industrial Dispute Act will not apply to the student-candidate.



Mukhyamantri Scooty Yojana

Why In News?

On August 23, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan provided funds to 7 thousand 790 students who got first position in government high schools and higher secondary schools in Shahdol in the state level scooty distribution program in 2022-23 and to buy scooties. Launched 'Mukhyamantri Scooty Yojana'.

Key Points:

- As a symbol, the Chief Minister handed over the keys of scooty to six students of Shahdol division and gave offer letters to the trainees of 'Mukhyamantri Sikho Kamao Yojana'.
- It is noteworthy that Mukhyamantri Scooty Yojana' has been started to honor the toppers in class 12th. Through this scheme, the government will release funds to these students to buy scooty in their account. Every year 8 thousand students of the state will get its benefit.
- To get the benefit of this scheme, students will have to apply, in which they will also have to mention whether they want to buy an electric scooter or a petrol scooter. The government will give Rs 1 lakh 20 thousand for the electric scooter, while Rs 90 thousand will be released for the normal scooter.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that an airport would be constructed soon in Shahdol. This will accelerate industry establishment and investment in the region, which will create new employment opportunities.
- The Chief Minister also announced to make Shahdol a Municipal Corporation and start another college here.

Note:

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan also virtually inaugurated Asia's largest ISC certified sports climbing wall built at a cost of Rs 6 crore 43 lakh at Vicharpur sports complex.
- Along with this, Bhoomi Pujan of works worth Rs 96 crore 62 lakh was done and works worth Rs 6.43 crore were inaugurated.
- The Chief Minister also distributed benefits to the beneficiaries of Yuva Anna Doot Yojana, SSG Credit Linkage, Prime Minister Employment Generation, National Old Age Pension and Chief Minister Kalyani Pension Scheme.
- On this occasion, a short film focused on the sports facilities being provided at the school level in Shahdol district was screened.



Indore is also First in the Country in Clean Air Survey

Why In News?

In the Clean Air Survey-2023 released by the Central Pollution Control Board on August 23, 2023, Indore has once again hoisted the flag of success in the country. Indore has secured the first position in the category of cities with a population of more than 10 lakhs.

Key Points:

- In this category, Bhopal has secured 5th position, Jabalpur 13th and Gwalior 41st.
- Principal Secretary Environment Gulshan Bamra said that in the category of cities with a population of 3 lakh to 10 lakh, Sagar has got the 10th place in the country with a score of 188.02.
- Among cities with less than 3 lakh population, Dewas has secured 6th position in the country with a score of 180.
- It is notable that last year Dewas had secured the first position with 175.05 marks out of 200. Indore has got 187 out of 200, Bhopal 181, Jabalpur 172 and Gwalior 114.
- In the Clean Air Survey-2023, among the cities with population of more than 10 lakhs, Madhya Pradesh has got the fifth award out of the first five. Indore got first, Agra second, Thane third, Srinagar fourth and Bhopal 5th.
- Self-assessment is also done by the cities on the 'PRAN' online portal in the National Clean Air Program for the purpose of pollution control.
- Cities are required to report on activities and measures implemented with respect to solid waste, road dust, construction and demolition waste management, control of vehicular emissions and industrial pollution.

'Shri Hanuman Lok' to be constructed on the lines of Shri Mahakal Lok

Why is News?

On August 24, 2023, the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan, after worshipping the land of Shri Hanuman Lok in the famous Hanuman temple

Note:

Jamsanwali of Chhindwara district of the state, announced that on the lines of Shri Mahakal Lok, in Jamsanwali Hanuman temple 'Shri 'Hanuman Lok' will be constructed.

Key Points:

- The Chief Minister informed that in the first phase, the construction work of 'Shri Hanuman Lok' will start in an area of about 26.50 acres at a cost of more than Rs 35 crore.
- In the first phase of the construction of 'Shri Hanuman Lok', the image of the great form of God will be visible through the grand entrance gate inspired by Marathwada architecture. A 500 meter long Chiranjeevi path will be made from the main entrance to the first courtyard.
- In the 90 thousand square feet area of the path and the first courtyard, there will be a beautiful depiction of Anjani's son Hanuman ji's child form. In an area of about 62 thousand square feet, the devotional form of the devotee - Shiromani Hanuman ji will be depicted through sculptures and artefacts.
- For Ramlila and other religious events, Muktakashi Manch will be built in 12 thousand square feet area on the banks of the reservoir, Ayurvedic hospital will be built in the premises after taking inspiration from the God who brings Sanjivani Booti.
- Through beautification and landscaping of the river bank flowing near 'Shri Hanuman Lok', seating arrangements etc. will be made for the devotees.
- Community center, public facilities, trust office, administrative office and control room etc. will be constructed in 37 thousand square feet. 120 shops and food courts will be set up for the arrangement of Prasad-worship material and food etc.



- Parking will be developed in an area of 1.5 lakh square feet with a capacity of about 400 four wheelers and 400 two wheelers.
- In the second phase of construction of 'Shri Hanuman Lok', development of Sanjivani Path for parikrama of Ramtekari mountain, Ashtasiddhi Center and Sanskrit School, Yogshala Lecture Hall and Open Air Theatre, construction of ghat on Jam river, waterfront path way and sitting area, Bhakt Niwas, Bhojanalaya and Cowshed will be constructed.

1772 Micro Food Enterprise Units to be set up in M.P.

Why is News?

According to the information given by Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on August 24, 2023, 1772 units of micro food enterprises are going to be set up in the state. Loan has been sanctioned for these units under 'Pradhan Mantri Micro Food Enterprises Upgradation Scheme'.

Key Points:

- Out of these units of micro food enterprise, the maximum number of 116 units will be set up in Gwalior. On the second number, 100 units will be set up in Khargone, 47 in Rewa, 23 in Balaghat, 27 in Tikamgarh and 22 in Hoshangabad.
- It is worth mentioning that 10664 entrepreneurs had applied for loans showing interest in the scheme. After trial the 1772 was found creditable. Rest of the applications are being considered at various stages.
- It is known that the Ministry of Food Processing Industries has started the 'Pradhan Mantri Micro Food Industry Upgradation Scheme' to provide financial, technical and business assistance for the upgradation of micro food enterprises with the participation of the state government.
- In this, capacity building is being done through skill training, imparting technical information regarding food safety standards and hygiene and quality improvement.
- Under this, interested people are given help for preparing bank loans and DPR. Assistance is being given to farmer producer organizations, self-help groups for capital investment, infrastructure branding and marketing assistance.

Note:



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- In this, individually established enterprises can avail credit linked capital subsidy at 35 percent. The maximum subsidy can be up to Rs 10 lakh. The contribution of the beneficiary should be 10 percent.
- There is also a provision to provide working capital to self-help groups.
- Units based on the products selected in one district-one product will get priority.
- The Central Government has prepared a list of the best micro food units. It mentions the success of the Jamuna self-help group in the Betul district of Madhya Pradesh. The members of this group got training in food processing.

Rani Avanti Bai Welfare Board will be formed in Madhya Pradesh

Why in News?

On August 27, 2023, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan while addressing the Mahasammelan of Lodhi-Lodha-Lodh Kshatriya Mahasabha near Atal Path in Mata Mandir area of Bhopal said that Rani Avanti Bai Welfare Board for the welfare of Lodhi-Lodha-Lodh society will be constituted.

Key Points:

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the Lodhi community has made an important contribution in the freedom movement and in the development of Madhya Pradesh. Along with voluntary holiday in Madhya Pradesh on the martyrdom day of Veerangana Rani Avantibai, initiatives have also been taken to install statues at various places in the state.



- The Chief Minister said that necessary steps will be taken on the suggestion given by the Lodhi-Lodha-Lodh Kshatriya Mahasabha. On the request of former Chief Minister Uma Bharti, it has been decided to close the premises of liquor shops in the state.
- The Chief Minister said that special attention has been paid to women empowerment in Madhya Pradesh.

Sanchi Solar City to reduce about 14000 Tonnes of Carbon Emissions

Why in News?

As per information provided by the Department of Public Relations, Madhya Pradesh on August 28, 2023, grid connected plants, rooftop, solar home appliances, solar powered public utilities plants and e-mobility in the country's first solar city Sanchi will reduce carbon emissions by 13,747 tonnes per annum.

Key Points:

- The city of Sanchi, situated 46 kilometers away from Bhopal, which is famous in the country and abroad for the first stupa built by Emperor Ashoka, has now started creating its new identity in solar power generation as well.
- A grid connected plant of 8 MW has been set up at Sanchi. The estimated energy production from these is 147.2 lakh units. This will result in reduction of 12 thousand 656 tonnes of carbon emissions in a year with a saving of Rs 6 crore 3 lakh.
- Rooftop systems of 235 kW have been installed on city buildings, which will generate more than 5 lakh units of energy and save Rs 22 lakh 65 thousand annually & 438 tonnes of carbon emissions.
- Home Appliances – 11 Tons from solar study lamps, lanterns, stand-lamps, 452 Tons from energy efficient appliances like LED bulbs, tubelights and BLDC ceiling fans, 171 Tons from 54.45 kW solar plants installed for public utilities and e-mobility will reduce 19 tons of carbon.
- This reduction will be beneficial for the health of the people along with environmental protection. With this, about 160 lakh units of energy will be saved to the tune of Rs 7 crore 18 lakh.

Note:

CM released the book 'Vitta Vyavastha' of the Finance Service Officers Association

Why in News?

On August 28, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan released the book 'Vitta Vyavastha' published by the Financial Services Officers Association at Samtva Bhawan at CM Residence.

Key Points:

- Union officials informed the Chief Minister that the rules and instructions of the departments of General Administration, Finance, Health, Industries etc. till July 2023 have been compiled and explained in simple language in the book 'Financial System'.
- The book will be helpful in providing adequate reference material for all government officers and employees of the state.
- It will also be easy for the officers-employees to understand the rules and instructions of the Finance Department from the book. Simple interpretation of rules will prove useful in the day-to-day work of state officials and enhance their efficiency and accuracy in their work.
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Membership of Seed Association to Primary Seed Producer Cooperative Societies

Why is News?

On August 29, 2023, in a meeting of the Board of Directors of Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Seed Producers and Marketing Federation held under the chairmanship of Madhya Pradesh Cooperative and Public Service Management Minister Dr. Arvind Singh Bhadauria, it was decided to grant membership of seed union to 8 primary seed producer cooperative societies.

Key Points:

- In this meeting, it was also decided to hold the annual general meeting of the Seed Association on September 12.
- Under the direction of the Union Ministry of Cooperation, the membership of the Indian Seed Co-operative Society Limited, formed at the national level under the Multi State Co-operative Societies Act-2002, was conveyed by Managing Director A.K. Singh. Singh said that in addition to the seed union, 282 primary seed societies and 32 primary agricultural credit cooperative societies have joined the union.
- In the meeting of the Board of Governors, the proposal of mandatory subjects to be placed in the Annual General Meeting was approved.
- It was also decided to install wire fencing around the warehouse--grading plant of the Seed Association built in Madhya Pradesh for safety.



MP moved forward in establishing innovative E-governance systems, received 23 National E-Governance Awards

Why is News?

According to the information given by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on August 30, 2023, Madhya Pradesh has won 23 National E-Governance Awards for excellence at the national level since 2007 by implementing E-Governance systems with innovative use of information technology.

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Key Points:

- Inspired by the encouragement given by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to innovative IT-based governance systems, several departments have implemented innovative systems, which have benefited the target beneficiaries of various development schemes and programmes.
- Many of these efforts have been praised for their universal acceptability, considering them applicable to the socio-economic conditions of other states as well.
- Integrated treasury computerization in the year 2007, tele-payment in Jabalpur collectorate in 2008, arrangement of survey of forest dwellers in 2010 and MP Online, Samagra Portal, Panch Parmeshwar Portal, Indore 311 App, Pension Portal, Online Social Security Scheme Management System, MP Labour Initiatives like Seva Portal, Sparsh-Special Project for Assistance to Divyang, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Divyang, State School Education Portal, Automatic Metering System and Fire Alert and Messaging have won national acclaim.
- Recently, Bhopal Smart City Development Corporation Limited won the Silver Award for the Jal-(Supervisory Control and Data Exhibition) project.
- Its objective is to create a system of real-time monitoring, control and data management of water treatment plants, pump houses and storage so that water supply can be done with the prescribed parameters and effective energy management. Complete arrangements have been made to alert operators on abnormal situations so that the possibility of dangers can be reduced.
- In the year 2021, initiatives like Indore-311 application received praise across the country. This application played an important role in making Indore number one in cleanliness.
- Indore-311 is the easiest way to raise your problems on the app and motivate the concerned authorities to solve them. Indore-311 is a platform for the citizens of Indore to raise their voices.
- This initiative has helped in making Indore a better city by helping civil departments to report, analyze, manage and solve problems.
- In the year 2018, Panch Parmeshwar Portal received the Gold Award. Similarly, silver award was received by Directorate of Sports and Youth Welfare for excellence of sports in creative ways in E-Governance using technology.
- Bhopal's creative intervention in information technology by the source agency of adoption information has received national appreciation.
- Anmol is the country's first state-level E-initiative, which aims to monitor children living in various Specialist Adoption Agencies (SAAs). Anmol is a single information centre, which informs parents about the status of children, the process of adopting them, the status of their waiting list, the availability information as per the needs of the children and monitors the status of children by gender.
- The School Education Portal is a holistic portal, designed as an integrated E-governance mechanism, which will assess the performance of the school education sector. Procedural, transparent and accountable governance has been instrumental in implementing the Right to Education Act, 2009.
- Other efforts to provide quality services to the people through effective E-governance and to further innovative use of IT include geomatics based integrated information system application for planning rural road connectivity, tele-solution call centre for citizen convenience and grievances, Jan Mitra Samadhan Kendra, Gwalior, Automated Building Plan Approval System, SMS based transformer information and management system included.



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