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## **Blind cricket tournament will be held in Indore**

### **Why In News?**

On November 30, 2023, the Chairman of Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI - an organization that organizes cricket tournaments for the blind in India) Dr. Mahantesh & the General Secretary Shailendra Yadav said that a Blind Cricket Tournament will be organized in Indore from 8 to 11 December 2023.

### **Key Points**

- The four-day tournament will be organized at the Index Medical College Ground, Indore under the joint aegis of CABI and Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled.
- Based on the tournament performance, the Cricket Association for the Blind in India will select players for the next Blind Indian men's cricket team.
- Amit Acharya, director of Ritmit Production, organizer of the tournament, said that the objective of this tournament is to provide a platform to zonal men's teams and to encourage the disabled people in the country towards sports and make them self-reliant.
- A total of 7 matches will be organized in the tournament, in which a total of 70 players and officials from 4 zones will participate. The teams will be called India Blue, India Red, India Orange and India Yellow.
- This tournament is very special not only for the disabled but for all Indians. These extraordinary players have made the country proud by winning the World Cup for the Blind in 2012 and 2014 and the T20 World Cup in 2017.



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## **Madhya Pradesh's Divyang Himanshu, Divyang Commissioner and Directorate of Divyangjan Empowerment received National Award.**

### **Why In News?**

On the International Day of Persons with Disabilities on December 3, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu honored Disabled Himanshu Kansal of Madhya Pradesh, State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Sandeep Rajak & Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Bhopal with the National Award 2023 at a grand ceremony in New Delhi.

### **Key Points**

- It may be noted that on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, President Draupadi Murmu presented the National Award 2023 to 21 individuals and 9 institutions for their exemplary contribution in various fields for the empowerment of persons with disabilities in New Delhi.
- Himanshu Kansal, a 100% hearing impaired person from Karahal village of Sheopur district, has been honored with the National Award 2023 for bringing unprecedented changes in the field of Indian Sign Language (ISL) and personal excellence in the category of Best Disabled Person in the field of his creative work.
- For the work done by Madhya Pradesh State in implementing 'Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan', the Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities of Madhya Pradesh has been awarded in the category 'Best State in Implementation of Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan/Creation of Barrier Free Environment' for empowering persons with disabilities. National Award 2023 has been awarded to the institutions doing work related to this.
- Similarly, in recognition of the work being done by the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Sandeep Rajak, in implementing the Persons with Disabilities Act 2016 in his state, he has been

awarded the National Award 2023 for the institution doing work related to empowering the persons with disabilities in the Best State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities category.

- State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities Sandeep Rajak, by taking innovative and effective steps himself, played an important role in the implementation of the RPWD Act in Madhya Pradesh and protected the constitutional rights of persons with disabilities in many cases.
- It is worth mentioning that in 1969, the Central Government had approved a scheme for conferring National Awards to outstanding persons with disabilities as employers and employees. These awards have been instituted with the objective of focusing public attention on issues related to persons with disabilities and promoting their inclusion in the mainstream of society.
- National Awards are given every year on 'International Day of Persons with Disabilities' on 3 December to outstanding individuals/organizations working for the empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the year 2023 have been given under the following categories-

#### **I. National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities-2023-Individual Excellence**

- best disabled person
- super disabled person
- Locomotor Challenge - (Locomotor, Muscular Challenges, Dwarfism, Acid Attack Victims, Leprosy Survivors, Cerebral Palsy)
- Visual impairment – (blindness, low vision)
- Hearing loss (deaf, hard of hearing, speech and language challenges)
- Intellectual disability (mental retardation, psychotic behavior, specific learning challenges, autism spectrum disorder)
- Any specified disability other than those mentioned above.
  - Best Disabled Child/Girl
  - Best person - working for the empowerment of persons with disabilities
  - Best Rehabilitation Professional (Rehabilitation Professional/Worker) – working in the field of disability

#### **II. National Award for institutions engaged in empowering persons with disabilities-2023**

- Best Institute for Empowerment of Disabled (Private Organization, NGO)
- Best Employer for Disabled - (Government Organization/PSE/Autonomous Body/Private Sector)
- Best State/UT/District in implementation of Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan/creation of barrier free environment
- Best accessible means of transport/information and communication technology (government/private organizations)
- Best State/UT/District in implementation of Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act/UDID and other schemes for empowerment of persons with disabilities.
- Commissioner of Persons with Disabilities of the State best in implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 in his/her State
- Best organizations engaged in development of rehabilitation professionals

## **90 MLAs with Criminal Background are Winners in Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections-2023**

### **Why In News?**

As per media reports dated December 5, 2023, it has been revealed that out of the MLAs emerging victorious in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections-2023, 90 individuals possess a criminal record. Among them, 34 MLAs are facing charges related to serious criminal offences.

### **Key Points**

- Out of the total winners in Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections-2023, 39 percent are criminals and 15 percent have serious crimes registered against them. 51 winners from BJP, 38 from Congress and one from Bharat Adivasi Party have declared criminal cases against themselves.
- In the year 2018, 94 MLAs had declared crimes and 47 had declared serious criminal cases against themselves. That means, out of the total winners, 41

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percent were criminals and 20 percent were booked for serious crimes.

- According to the report prepared on the basis of affidavits submitted by the candidates to the Election Commission, there are 205 crorepati among the winners and their average wealth is Rs 11.77 crore. The average assets of MLAs in 2018 were Rs 10.17 crore.
- The average assets of the 101 MLAs who were re-elected have increased by Rs 4.60 crore (37 percent) in five years.
- The three winners with the highest assets in Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections 2023 are Chetanya Kashyap (Ratlam seat), Sanjay Pathak (Vijayraghvarh) and Kamal Nath (Chhindwara).
- The three winners with the least assets in the Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections-2023 are Kamleshwar Dodiya (Sailana), Santosh Varkade (Sehora), Kanchan Mukesh Tanve (Khandwa).



## **Amarkantak Thermal Power Station becomes Shatakvir for the 2nd time in a calendar year**

### **Why In News?**

On December 5, 2023, the 210 MW installed capacity unit of Amarkantak Thermal Power Station Chachai of Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company created a record of 100 days of continuous production. This unit has been producing electricity continuously since August 27 this year.

### **Key Points**

- Earlier on May 10 this year, this unit had also achieved the feat of producing 100 days of continuous power. For the second time, the 210 MW unit has created a record of continuously producing power for 100 days in a calendar and financial year.
- When this unit achieved the record of generating 100 continuous electricity for the second time on December 5, it also performed remarkably in various parameters. The unit achieved 100.7% PAF, 99.14% PLF and 9.14% auxiliary consumption. This unit is still producing continuous electricity.
- Manjit Singh, Managing Director of the Power Generating Company, said that out of the currently operating 12 units of the company's thermal power plant, this is the 9th unit which is being operated continuously for more than 100 days in the current financial year.



## **National & State level 'Balrang' festival from 19 to 21 December**

### **Why In News?**

On December 5, 2023, Joint Director Public Instruction Bhopal Division Arvind Chorgade informed that the Madhya Pradesh School Education Department will organise a three-day state level and national 'Balrang' Mahotsav at the Indira Gandhi National Human Museum from December 19 to 21.

### **Key Points**

- Joint Director Arvind Chorgade said that about 1000 students from all divisions of the state will participate

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in the 'State Level Balrang' and about 500 students from different states will participate in the 'National Balrang'.

- This year the theme of Balrang Mahotsav will be 'Self-reliant India', in which students of the state will showcase the culture, costumes, dance and food etc. of their district on various platforms.
- Students coming to participate from about 20 states will present folk dances of their states. The dance groups securing first, second and third positions will be awarded for excellent folk dance in the National Balrang.
- Chorgarhe said that in the state level Balrang, cultural literary yoga, Sanskrit disabled and Madrasa competitions, national folk dance miniature India exhibition, creative craft activity based exhibition made by the students and food zone exhibition and other competitions will also be organised by the students.

## **Madhya Pradesh receives 'Sanctuary Asia Award' for wildlife tourism**

### **Why In News?**

Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board has been awarded the 'Sanctuary Asia Award' for 'The Best Sustainable Wildlife Tourism State' at the Tough Tigers Wildlife Tourism Awards at a ceremony held in New Delhi on December 6, 2023.

### **Key Points**

- Madhya Pradesh has been awarded for its outstanding performance in Nature, Tourism, Industry, Sustainable Practices and Responsible Tourism in the Indian Subcontinent. Deputy Director Yuvraj Padole received this award on behalf of the Tourism Board.
- At the function, a short film based on various tourism destinations and products of the state was screened by Madhya Pradesh Tourism. Through audio-visual presentation, information based on various historical, natural, spiritual, folk and craft arts and wildlife tourism of Madhya Pradesh was shared. Madhya Pradesh, the heart of Incredible India, was portrayed as an attractive and ideal destination to visit.

- Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture and Managing Director Tourism Board Shiv Shekhar Shukla said that Madhya Pradesh is the Tiger State of the country and tourists from all over the world come to the national parks here to see tigers. To increase the number of tourists in the state as well as to reduce the negative impact on the environment, various efforts are being made like eco-friendly homestays around forest areas, waste management, and creating awareness among tourists.
- It should be noted that Madhya Pradesh is a rich state from the point of view of wildlife. With 12 national parks and 24 wildlife sanctuaries, it is rich in natural resources such as various plants, animals and birds.
- Madhya Pradesh has the distinction of being the 'Tiger State of India' as it has the highest number of tigers in the country. There are currently 785 tigers in Madhya Pradesh. Along with this, the state also has the pride of 'Leopard State' and 'Gharial State'. With the arrival of cheetahs in Kuno National Park, the state has been recognized as 'Cheetah State'.



## **In the ranking of Aspirational Development Block Programme, Tirla Development Block of Dhar district has been ranked 1st**

### **Why In News?**

On December 7, 2023, Tirla development block of Dhar district was honoured by NITI Aayog for securing

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first position in the central region of India in the ranking of the Aspirational Development Block Program of the Government of India. Tirla development block will be given a prize of Rs 1.5 crore for this achievement.

### Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that under the Aspirational Development Block Program of the Government of India, 500 development blocks of 329 districts of the country have been included, in which Tirla development block of Dhar district is also included in the 42 development blocks selected from Madhya Pradesh.
- As per the instructions of NITI Aayog, first of all a thinking camp was organised by the development block and a strategy was prepared on the parameters of NITI Aayog to convert the aspirational development block into an inspiring development block.
- After formulating the strategy, work is being carried out on the ground, to give momentum to which the Sankalp Saptah was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 30, 2023 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- The main objective of the Aspirational Development Block Program is to benefit the beneficiaries by speeding up the work of all the departments in the selected 500 Aspirational Development Blocks.
- Tirla, the development block of the district Dhar, has achieved outstanding achievement under the overall five parameters of health & nutrition, education, agriculture, infrastructure & social development under the leadership of District Panchayat CEO Shringar Srivastava and Chief Executive Officer of Janpad Panchayat Tirla Jimmy Baati.



## GOC Sudarshan Chakra Corps flags off Southern Star Electric Vehicle (EV) Rally

### Why In News?

In keeping with the spirit of the Indian Army celebrating the 263th Army Service Corps Day on December 8, 2023, GOC Sudarshan Chakra Corps flagged off the Southern Star Electric Vehicle (EV) rally from Dronacharya, Bhopal.

### Key Points

- The rally, in partnership with indigenous electric car manufacturers Mahindra & Mahindra and Praveg, aims to spread awareness about the adoption of green technologies.
- The rally has been aptly themed 'Olive Green Goes Green'. The rally will cover a distance of 800 km, passing through the cities of Sagar, Jhansi, Gwalior, Agra and Mathura.



- The rally members will also interact with school children, veterans and army officers at various military posts to create awareness on Indian contemporary issues. Agniveer will highlight the Army's initiatives including Enrollment Scheme, Make in India, Gram Seva Desh Seva & Promotion of Foodgrains, Swachh Bharat, Green India and Veterans We Care.
- On the occasion, GOC Sudarshan Chakra Corps planted a sapling and handed over saplings to the OIC rally which is planned to be planted in various Army posts on the way to the final destination of New Delhi. The EV rally will finally be flagged off by DGST in New Delhi.

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## Formation of state level Steering Committee under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary

### Why In News?

On December 8, 2023, the Madhya Pradesh State Government constituted a State Level Steering Committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to provide direction and guidance & monitor the organisation of Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra in the state.

### Key Points

- The committee will comprise of Additional Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary, Secretary, Public Health & Family Welfare, Panchayat & Rural Development, Farmers Welfare & Agriculture Development, Urban Development & Housing, Public Health & Engineering, School Education, Women & Child Development, Food & Civil Supplies, Revenue, Social Justice and Empowerment Welfare, Tribal Caste Welfare.
- The Agriculture Commissioner has been made the nodal officer. The committee will take all necessary decisions on various aspects related to organizing the Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra.
- Seven core groups have also been formed for continuous monitoring of Vikas Bharat Sankalp Yatra and resolution of problems arising at the field level.
- Additional Chief Secretary, Panchayat & Rural Development, Farmers Welfare & Agriculture, Principal Secretary Urban Development & Housing, Revenue, Secretary, Social Justice & Empowerment Welfare, Commissioner Health, Commissioner Agriculture, Core Groups will review the progress and submit necessary reports to the State Level Steering Committee.

## Mohan Yadav will be the new CM of Madhya Pradesh

### Why In News?

Mohan Yadav, who became MLA for the third time from Ujjain South seat, was unanimously elected as the

new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh in the Madhya Pradesh BJP Legislative Party meeting on December 11, 2023 in the presence of observers appointed by the Bharatiya Janata Party central leadership.

### Key Points

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan had proposed Mohan Yadav's name in the legislature party meeting in the presence of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, OBC Morcha chief K. Laxman and Secretary Asha Lakra, who were sent as observers.
- After Mohan Yadav was elected as the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan tendered his resignation to the Governor. Future Chief Minister Mohan Yadav has met the Governor and staked a claim to form the government. The new government will take oath on 13 or 14 December.
- Jagdish Deora and Rajendra Shukla were elected Deputy Chief Ministers in the legislature party meeting. Apart from these, Narendra Singh Tomar will be made the Assembly Speaker.
- 58 year old Mohan Yadav comes from OBC category. He was made the Higher Education Minister in the Shivraj government in 2020. He has worked in many positions in the Sangh for a long time.
- It is worth mentioning that in the voting held on November 17, 2023 on all 230 assembly seats of Madhya Pradesh, the Bharatiya Janata Party had won an overwhelming majority. After counting of votes on December 3, BJP had won 163 seats.



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## Decisions of the Council of Ministers under the chairmanship of CM Dr. Mohan Yadav

### Why In News?

In the Cabinet meeting chaired by the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mohan Yadav on December 12, 2023 several other important decisions were taken along with the Cabinet decision on upgradation of colleges in the State as 'PM College of Excellence'.

### Key Points

- The Council of Ministers took a decision regarding upgrading the leading/leading colleges running at all the district headquarters of the state as 'PM College of Excellence'.
  - At present a total of 570 government colleges are operating in the state. By increasing the facilities in all the faculties in the leading/identified colleges running at the district headquarters of the state, the colleges will be upgraded as 'PM College of Excellence'.
- It was decided by the Council of Ministers to upload the degree/marksheet of students in government/private universities run under the Higher Education Department in DigiLocker.
  - There are 16 government and 53 private universities operating under the Higher Education Department. Till now, most of the degree/mark lists of students of 09 government universities and 5 private universities from the year 2019-20 to 2021-22 have been registered in DigiLocker.
- The Council of Ministers has decided to implement the cyber tehsil system in all 55 districts of Madhya Pradesh from January 1, 2024.
  - The faceless system of application, name transfer and correction of records has been implemented in the state from June 2022. It has been named 'Cyber Tehsil'.
  - In this, after registration, the undisputed transfer in favor of the buyer is done automatically through a faceless paperless online process within 14 days without any application and without visiting the tehsil & the buyer's name also appears in the Khasra and the map.

- At present this system is applicable in 442 tehsils of 12 districts of the state. Through this, more than 16 thousand cases have been resolved so far.
- The Cabinet decided to increase the tendu leaf collection rate from Rs 3,000 per bag to Rs 4,000 per bag. With this, more than 35 lakh tendu leaf collectors will get additional remuneration of Rs 162 crore.
  - It is worth mentioning that the tendu leaf collection rate was Rs 1250 per bag in the year 2017, which was increased to Rs 3 thousand per bag in the year 2023.
- A decision was taken by the Council of Ministers regarding the ban on playing loudspeakers illegally and beyond the prescribed limits at religious places & other places.
- A decision was taken by the Council of Ministers regarding the cancellation of the bail obtained by the Honourable Court for serious crimes and habitual criminals in previous crimes as per the provisions of Section 437, 438, 439 of CrPC.
- The Cabinet decided to ban illegal buying and selling of meat, fish etc. in the open without licence in the urban areas of the state.



## Dr. Ramakrishna Kusmaria takes charge as Chairman of State Backward Classes Commission

### Why In News?

On December 13, 2023, Dr. Ramakrishna Kusmaria reached the Madhya Pradesh State Backward Classes

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Commission located in Shyamala Hills, Bhopal and assumed the charge of the post of Chairman.

### Key Points

- Dr. Ramakrishna Kusmaria was appointed Chairman of the Madhya Pradesh State Backward Classes Commission by the state government. After assuming charge, Dr. Kusmaria obtained information about the activities of the Commission.
- Madhya Pradesh State Backward Classes Commission mainly works as a welfare watchdog for the backward classes in the state. Along with this, the Commission sends recommendations to the state government for adding and deleting castes in the lists of socially and educationally backward castes of the state.
- After assuming charge, Dr. Kusmaria said that he will soon visit the districts and review the schemes related to the welfare of backward classes. Along with this, they will discuss with the local public representatives belonging to the backward classes and understand their problems and get suggestions.



## CM Dr. Mohan Yadav got Z+ security

### Why In News?

According to information received from the media on December 14, 2023, the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mohan Yadav, has been given Z Plus security.

### Key Points

- Under Z Plus security, 36 NSG commandos will be deployed for the security of Chief Minister Dr. Mohan

Yadav. Along with this, 2 SP, 2 ASP and 4 DSP, Special Security Force personnel and armed personnel of the state police will be deployed.

- There will be a convoy of 15 to 18 vehicles for CM Dr. Mohan Yadav. This convoy also includes a bulletproof car, in which he will be riding.
- It is worth mentioning that there are mainly 4 types of security categories in India: X, Y, Z and Z Plus. Apart from this, there is also SPG security, which is only for the Prime Minister and his family. Under other security categories, security can be provided to any person on whom the Central or State Governments have threat information.



## CM Dr. Mohan Yadav inaugurated Kuno Forest Festival

### Why In News?

On December 17, 2023, Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav inaugurated the first edition of the Kuno Forest Festival at the Kuno Forest Retreat (tent city) constructed in village Ranipura in Sheopur district.

### Key Points

- The first edition of Kuno Forest Festival is being organised by Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board from December 17 to December 21.

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- This festival, being organised in a tent city equipped with state-of-the-art facilities near Kuno National Park, will boost the tourism potential in the area.
- Tourists will be able to enjoy luxury glamping at Kuno Forest Retreat (Tent City). Also, tourists will be able to thrill themselves with activities like hot air ballooning, paramotoring, jungle safari.
- Being organised by Iyak Ventures Private Limited and Lalluji & Sons in collaboration with Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, this festival will provide a unique experience of exciting activities along with cultural programs. There will also be various activities and workshops to promote local art and culture.
- This festival will be a combination of adventure, entertainment and culture. Jungle safari will also give you a chance to see the rich wildlife wealth of the area. The cultural heritage of Madhya Pradesh will also be promoted along with traditional art, cultural events and delicious dishes.
- In this festival which will last for 5 days, many activities including various types of adventure sports, art, craft, music, village tour, and food will be organised. A tent city has been prepared for the tourists, in which 50 Swiss tents with all facilities have been installed.
- Tourists will be able to enjoy the experience of parasailing, hot air ballooning, paragliding, stargazing with a silent DJ on site, jungle safari, Dev Khoh tour and night walk.



## Atal Medicity will be built with an investment of Rs 20,000 crore

### Why In News?

According to the information given by Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on December 18,

2023, Atal Medicity will be established in Madhya Pradesh Niramay Infrastructure Mission with an investment of Rs 20,000 crore in the health sector and Madhya Pradesh Institute of Medical Sciences will be established in each division on the lines of AIIMS.

### Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that in Madhya Pradesh Sankalp Patra 2023, health security has been guaranteed to every citizen. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav has given instructions to prepare a roadmap within 7 days to fulfill the guarantee given in the Madhya Pradesh Sankalp Patra 2023.
- According to the Sankalp Patra, palliative care centers for cancer patients will be established in major cities.
- Under the 'One Lok Sabha-One Medical College' scheme, medical colleges will be established in every Lok Sabha constituency. Under the 'One District-One Nursing College' scheme, there will be a nursing college in every district. Under the 'One Block-One Blood Bank' scheme, blood banks will be created in every block.
- The number of advanced life support ambulances and the number of hospital & ICU beds will be doubled.
- It should be noted that at present 132 types of tests are available free of cost in the state. Every day around 10,000 patients are taking advantage of it.
- More than 800 health centers have been constructed and developed in the last three & a half years. The number of hospital beds has increased from 2,000 to 42,000 and the number of ICU beds has increased more than 10 times to 2,085.
- More than 11,000 'Health and Wellness Centres' have been started to ensure health services. More than 2,000 ambulances are available in the state. The number of doctors and paramedical staff has been increased more than 7 times to more than 51,000.
- If the expenditure exceeds Rs 5 lakh for the beneficiaries of Ayushman Bharat, the additional expenditure will be borne by the 'CM Relief Fund'. A regulatory authority will be set up to control excessive medical charges in private hospitals.
- 500 new Jan Aushadhi Centers will be started in the entire state. Medicines will be available in these at low prices.

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- There were 5 medical colleges in the year 2003, which have now become 24. MBBS seats have increased to more than 4,000. 2,000 medical seats will be increased in the next five years.
- In addition to the financial assistance of Rs 20 lakh given by the Central Government, financial assistance will also be given to rare disease patients. The state will be made TB free by the year 2025. TB patients will be given monthly financial assistance of Rs 1000.

## Country's 1st 'cheetah safari' will be built in Kuno National Park

### Why In News?

According to information received from the media on December 19, 2023, 'Cheetah Safari' will now be built in Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh. This will be the country's first 'Cheetah Safari'.

### Key Points

- A letter was sent to the Central Zoo Authority for permission to make 'Cheetah Safari' in Kuno National Park, on which in-principle approval has now been received. Like the 'White Tiger Safari' of Mukundpur, tourists here will also be able to enjoy cheetah safari.
- An interpretation centre will also be built in Kuno National Park, so that tourists can visit and get information about cheetahs. Besides, tourists will also be told about various animals, birds etc. available in Kuno National Park.
- In the initial estimate, the cost of construction of Cheetah Safari has been estimated at Rs 50 crore. Its construction may take two years. The area of 'Cheetah Safari' will be 181.17 hectares, of which 124.94 will be the forest area of Kuno forest division. 4 to 6 leopards will be released in the safari.
- This project has been named Cheetah Safari cum Tourist Facilitation Center cum Interpretation Centre.
- It may be noted that to promote tourism in Kuno National Park, Madhya Pradesh. The Kuno Forest Festival is being celebrated by the Tourism Board. For this, a private company has prepared a tent city in Ranipura, in which activities like hot air balloon, paramotoring, jungle safari will be held.



## State's Purvanchal University joins top Universities of the country, gets A+ rank in NAAC

### Why In News?

On December 20, 2023, Vice Chancellor of Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, Jaunpur, Prof. Vandana Singh said that the university has joined the top universities of the country by achieving A+ grade in the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) grading.

### Key Points

- It may be noted that Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University has received A Plus grading in the National Assessment Accreditation Council (NAAC) after a long exercise. The NAAC team had conducted on-site inspections in the university from December 3 to 5. After this the result has been released.
- The university achieved B+ grade in NAAC in the year 2016, which ended in 2020. After this, due to Covid and other reasons the university could not apply for it for two years.
- After the NAAC evaluation report released in Veer Bahadur Singh Purvanchal University, the university will get a good opportunity to participate in all the universities of the country and state. The university will now become the center of education in Purvanchal. New startups will start, multinational companies will be called for campus selection.
- Vice Chancellor Prof. Vandana Singh said that now students from abroad and other states of the country will also be attracted to study. After getting A+ grade, the central government will provide crores of rupees

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for sports resources and skill development and entrepreneurship.

- He said that the university will now apply for National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking.



## Players & 1 Coach will be Decorated with National Sports Honor

### Why In News?

On December 20, 2023, the Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the National Sports Awards 2023, in which three players from Madhya Pradesh have been selected for the Arjuna Award & one coach has been selected for the Dronacharya Award.

### Key Points

- President Draupadi Murmu will honour the players who have performed outstandingly in the field of sports with the National Sports Award at Rashtrapati Bhavan on January 9, 2024.
- It may be noted that for the first time, three players and one coach from Madhya Pradesh will be decorated with the National Sports Award.
- Olympic player Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar of Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy, Prachi Yadav of Para Canoeing & former player of Madhya Pradesh Women's Hockey Academy and currently Hockey India star player Sushila Chanu will be honoured with the national level excellence sports award Arjuna Award. Indian hockey team coach Shivendra Singh will be honoured with the Dronacharya Award.

- Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar – Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy's star shooter Aishwarya was the most successful Indian athlete in the Asian Games held this year. He won two gold, one silver and one bronze medal in the Asian Games. Also Aishwarya Pratap Singh made a world record in her name and 50 m. Won silver medal in rifle three position men's singles event.
- Prachi Yadav – Madhya Pradesh's Para Canoe Prachi Yadav recently qualified for the Paris Paralympics by finishing fourth in the ICF Sprint and ParaCanoe World Championships, Germany. Prachi is the first athlete from India to achieve a quota for the Paris Paralympics.
- Sushila Chanu – Sushila, an excellent player of the first batch of Madhya Pradesh Women's Hockey Academy, Gwalior, has achieved many achievements. In the Women's Hockey Junior World Cup held in Germany, the Indian team won the bronze medal under the captaincy of Sushila. He played an important role in helping the Indian team win the bronze medal in the 2014 Asian Games. Sushila was the captain of the Indian team in the 2016 Rio Olympics.
- Shivendra Singh – Shivendra Singh of Madhya Pradesh is currently included in the coaching staff of the Indian hockey team. He has played about 160 international matches and has scored about 80 goals.



## 8th Edition of Water Festival

### Why In News?

On December 20, 2023, the 8th edition of the Water Festival started at Hanuwantiya Island, famous across the country for water tourism, in the reservoir of Indira Sagar Dam in Khandwa district. The festival will conclude on 20th February.

Note:

**Key Points**

- Collector Anoop Kumar Singh started the Water Festival in the presence of local public representatives.
- Tourists will be able to enjoy tent city, water sports and exciting activities in water, land and sky for two months in Hanuwantiya, which is called the Singapore of Nimar, situated in the backwaters of Indira Sagar Dam built on the Narmada River.
- Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture and Managing Director Tourism Board Shiv Shekhar Shukla said that a grand tent city has been set up to ensure a memorable and comfortable experience. The tent city will provide a great opportunity to the tourists to relax and spend time with their loved ones after doing adventure activities amidst the beautiful views of Hanuwantiya.
- Along with cultural activities, many types of wellness activities will also be organised here which will be the centre of attraction for the tourists visiting Mini Goa of Madhya Pradesh.
- Water adventure activities will provide an exciting and unique experience to the tourists. Jet ski, Speed Boat, Banana Ride, Bumper Ride, Hot Air Balloon, Land Parasailing, Para Motor, Reverse/Ejection bungee Archery, Boat and Water Activities, ATV Bike Ride, Trekking on Island, High Rope Course, Zip Line, Zubbing (Water Activity), Air Gun Shooting, Wall Climbing and other activities will be enjoyed by the tourists.
- It is worth mentioning that the Water Festival is organised by Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board in collaboration with Sunset Desert Camp. Extensive arrangements have been made for the convenience and safety of tourists as per the highest standards.



## IVSS, Court Room Live Audio Visual Streaming System (CLASS), OTT Platform launched in MP High Court

**Why In News?**

On December 21, 2023, Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh Justice Ravi Malimath launched the Integrated Video Surveillance System (IVSS), Court Room Live Audio Visual Streaming System (CLASS) and OTT platform in the Madhya Pradesh High Court for the convenience of common citizens.

**Key Points**

- Video Surveillance System and Court Room Live Audio Visual Streaming System-class projects have been started in High Court Jabalpur.
- This is the first time in the country that live streaming of proceedings has been arranged by a High Court of a State for all the District and Tehsil Courts in the State.
- This in itself is a pioneering project in the country which adopts the principles of transparency and accountability. Madhya Pradesh High Court has set an example for other courts by demonstrating responsible leadership.
- This is a pioneering technology project in the history of the Indian judicial system that will make the court premises administered by the High Court secure and transparent. Adoption of new technologies and their integration will prepare Madhya Pradesh Judiciary for the digital age.
- In the current situation, virtual court rooms are a real need and this project is a step in that direction. Live streaming as well as audio and video recording of cases will be a powerful tool in law education and could benefit millions of law students in the coming decades, with any courtroom being able to be viewed live over the Internet.
- Under the pilot phase, a centralized command and control center (CCC) has been set up at Jabalpur & disaster recovery site at Indore. Integrated Video Surveillance System (IVSS) has been commissioned in the District Court of Jabalpur and Tehsil Courts of Patan & Sihora. Similarly, implementation of Court Room Live Audio Visual Streaming System (CLASS)

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in one court room of Jabalpur District Court and one court room each of Tehsil Court of Patan and Sihora has been completed.

- The subsequent phases of statewide implementation of the project are expected to be completed by December 2024. The implementation of IVSS and CLASS project will strengthen the security of the courts.



#### ➤ **IVSS and Class-**

- Integrated video management system.
- Courtroom Audio-Visual Recording System.
- Archive and live as well as on-demand streaming set-up.
- Establishment of data center & command and control center in Jabalpur.
- Disaster recovery set-up in Indore.

- Facility management services and operations and maintenance.
- The total cost of the project for a period of 5 years will be Rs. 189.25 crore.

## **1500 artists played Tabla together, registered in Guinness World Record**

### **Why In News?**

On 25 December 2023, more than 1500 tabla players got registered in the Guinness World Records by performing tabla playing together at the historical fort of Gwalior in Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh.

### **Key Points**

- This event was named Taal Darbar.
- During this event, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that December 25 will be celebrated as Tabla Day.
- In this event, more than 1500 artists from around 50 cities of Delhi, Mumbai, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and other states displayed their art together.
- It may be noted that the Tansen Festival is organised every year in Gwalior. This was the 99th edition of the event.

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