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Colorful Opening of 5th Khelo India Youth Games-2022 in Bhopal

Why In News?

On January 30, 2023, the fifth Khelo India Youth Games-2022 got off to a colorful start at Tatya Tope Stadium in Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated these games in the presence of Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur, State Sports Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia.

Key points

- In the Khelo India Youth Games 2022, being hosted by Madhya Pradesh for the first time, six thousand players will spread their talent in 27 sports at 23 venues for 13 days.
- These games will be organized in eight cities of the state, Bhopal, Jabalpur, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Mandla, Balaghat, Khargone. The cycling event will be held at the IG Stadium Velodrome in New Delhi.
- Athletics, wrestling, boxing, shooting, water sports (kayaking-canoeing and rowing), volleyball and judo competitions will be held in Bhopal.
- Basketball, weightlifting, tennis, table tennis, kabaddi, youth football (men) competitions will be held in Indore.
- In the historic city of Gwalior, 4 different sports will be held against Badminton, Hockey, Gymnastics and Kalaripayattu. Yoga and Malkhamb will compete in Ujjain, the city of Mahakal.
- In Sanskardhani Jabalpur, 4 different sports competitions will be held for traditional sports Kho-Kho, Archery, Fencing and Cycling (Road).
- Famous traditional games of Manipur and Punjab, Thangta and Gatka will be organized in Mandla. In Balaghat women's youth football and in Maheshwar (Khargone) Salalam matches will be played in Sahastra Dhara.
- There will be a cycling competition at IG Stadium in New Delhi.
- It is worth mentioning that the cultural, historical and religious heritage of Madhya Pradesh has been shown on the stage of Khelo India built at Tatya Tope (TT Nagar) Stadium in Bhopal. The stage has been designed in such a way that Mahakaleshwar Ujjain,

Khajuraho Temple, Buddhist Stupa of Sanchi as well as the flowing image of Narmada Maiya are shown.

- In view of the Khelo India Youth Games being organized for the first time in Madhya Pradesh, the theme of Khelo India has been kept 'Hindustan Ka Dil Dhadka Do'.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that the sportspersons of Madhya Pradesh who will come after winning medals, will be given a prize of Rs 5 lakh to prepare for the next games. In the last Khelo India Games, players from Madhya Pradesh had won 38 medals.

Citizen Portal of Madhya Pradesh Housing Board honored with Scotch Award-2022

Why In News?

According to the information provided by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on February 1, 2023, the 'Online Citizen Portal' of the Madhya Pradesh Housing and Infrastructure Board has been awarded the prestigious Skoch Award-2022.

Key points

- Housing President Ashutosh Tiwari said that under the vision of the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister, minimum government, maximum governance, one lakh in the online citizen portal with the aim of providing safe, transparent and anytime anywhere payment facility to its allottees. Accounts of 40 thousand allottees have been made available online.
- Online facility is available for allottees of Mandal to deposit property instalment, lease rent, MLC CSC etc. Allottees do not have to pay any additional fee for the said facility.
- Chairman Ashutosh Tiwari said that WhatsApp helpdesk has also been set up at the headquarter level to help the allottees, due to which the problems related to the online accounts of the allottees are being resolved quickly.
- In the last financial year, online payment of Rs 3 crore 39 lakh was made by 4989 allottees through the portal. In the current financial year till January 22, 2023, Rs 14 crore 39 lakhs have been paid by 9700 allottees.

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- Committed to providing better facilities to the allottees, all the 15 services (transfer/transfer of property, NOC etc.) of the Board notified under section 3 of Madhya Pradesh Public Services Guarantee Act 2010 have been made available online.
- In Public Service Guarantee, the applicant must submit his application along with necessary documents and payable fee online only. Applicants can observe the progress of their application online and they will get every information on their registered mobile no. But it is received through SMS. The allottee is getting his Digitally Signed Certificate online only.
- After the implementation of the online facility, the allottees do not have to make frequent trips for their work, as well as action is being taken according to the time limit for the entire process.

22000 Crore Rupees Subsidy will be Given to Electricity Consumers this Year

Why In News?

On February 1, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar has told that last year a subsidy of Rs 21 thousand 306 crore was given to electricity consumers. This year this amount is expected to exceed Rs 22 thousand crore.

Key points

- Power Minister Shri Tomar has informed that under the 'Atal Griha Jyoti Yojana', domestic consumers are being given a bill of only Rs 100 units of electricity for the use of instead of Rs 100. The remaining amount is being given as subsidy by the state government. About 88 lakh electricity consumers are benefiting every month under the scheme.
- In the state, agricultural consumers up to 5 horsepower are 51,896 annually being given a bill of only Rs 3,750 instead of rs . This is only 7 per cent of the total amount. The remaining amount is being given to the companies as subsidy by the state government.
- Similarly, free electricity is being provided to agricultural consumers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes with land up to one hectare and load of 5 horsepower. About 9 lakh 34 thousand consumers are benefiting every month in this scheme.

MP Transco Energized Railway Traction Feeder for Rail Operations in Katangi Area

Why In News?

On February 2, 2023, MP Transco (Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company) has prepared a railway traction feeder for Southeast Central Railway for smooth operation of electricity to rail in Katangi area and this feeder and built at a cost of about 12 crores. The line was erected, inspected and tested and energized.

Key points

- Chief Engineer of Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company, Deepak Joshi said that Southeast Central Railway has commissioned a 132 KV train on the Balaghat-Katangi section. There was a demand for traction feeder. After completing all the formalities by the Railways, M.P. Transco succeeded in energizing this feeder and line by constructing it.
- He informed that Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has provided power supply from total 47 towers to this 11.5 kilometer feeder from 132 KV substation Katangi to railway traction substation Katangi.
- With the commissioning of this traction feeder, one more power supply has now become available for the Balaghat-Katangi section of the railway.
- It is known that earlier 132 KV from MP Transco's 132 KV Lalbarra substation. Balaghat-Katangi section was operated through RTS feeder Samnapur.
- About 60 kilometer rail section of Balaghat-Katangi-Tirodi along with Balaghat will be benefitted by the construction of this RTS feeder. With this, the Railways will be able to get quality electricity continuously.

Three Women of Madhya Pradesh got Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman

Why In News?

On March 4, 2023, Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi, at the 'Swachh Sujal Shakti' Award ceremony held at President Draupadi Murmu honoured two water warriors

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from Madhya Pradesh Anita Chaudhary and Ganga Rajput with the Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman-2023 for their outstanding contribution to water conservation. Apart from these, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat honoured village sarpanch Neetu Parihar with Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman-2023 for exemplary performance in the field of cleanliness.

Key points

- Anita Chaudhary, a water vendor from Chhindwara district, was awarded in the operations and maintenance category of piped water supply in the Jal Jeevan Mission. Due to his efforts, the village of Garhmau of the district has been declared Har-Ghar-Jal Gram.
- Ganga Rajput, the water warrior of Chhatarpur district, has been awarded under the National Water Mission. With his untiring efforts, he made a special contribution in making the women of village Bhojra aware and dispelling folk misconceptions and bringing alive the Chandel Pond.
- Sarpanch Neetu Parihar of Gwalior district was awarded under Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin. He has made extraordinary contribution in making Gram Panchayat Pura Banwar ODF plus Adarsh Gram.
- A total of 18 awards were given in different categories in the program under Jal Jeevan Mission, National Water Mission and Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin.



Sanchi will Become the First Solar City of the State

Why In News?

On March 4, 2023, Dr. Prabhuram Chaudhary, Minister of Public Health and Family Welfare of Madhya Pradesh, performed land to make Sanchi city a solar city in village

Nagauri of Sanchi development block of Raisen district of the state.

Key points

- Public Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Prabhuram Chaudhary said that Sanchi is world famous for stupas and Buddhist pilgrimage sites. Now Sanchi is being developed as the second solar city of the country and the first solar city of the state to meet the power requirements and make it self-reliant in power supply.
- He informed that electricity will be produced using solar energy for Sanchi city and surrounding rural areas. A 3 MW solar plant is being set up in Nagauri and 5 MW in Gulgaon.
- Dr. Prabhuram Chaudhary said that with the formation of solar city, the power requirement of Sanchi will be fulfilled by solar energy. Apart from this, solar streetlights, garden lights, studs, high-tight lights, solar drinking water kiosks, battery moving e-rickshaws, charging stations, renewable energy-based plant wind turbines and pijo electric generators will be installed.

Many Important Decisions Taken for the Upliftment and Welfare of Women

Why In News?

On March 8, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan tweeted on International Women's Day and said that many important decisions have been taken for the upliftment and welfare of all women of the state.

Key points

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that on International Women's Day, women employees will be given additional casual leave of 7 days, which they can use as per their requirement.
- He told that after class 10th, daughters will be taught lessons for financial literacy in higher, secondary and college, which will be women oriented.
- The Chief Minister informed that special training and job fairs will be organized for the purpose of providing employment to the girl students studying in technical educational institutions of the state. Apart

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from this, 60 to 80 hours of training will be given to girl students in digital and financial literacy, English, communication and work readiness.

- He said that skill training will also be arranged for girls, which will include training in handloom, embroidery, traditional folk arts.
- Women handloom and handicraft artisans of the state will be provided training in modern designs and advanced technology through NID and NIFT institutes.

Establishment of Dharampal National Honors and Awards

Why In News?

On March 7, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Culture, Tourism and Religious Trust and Religious Trust and Religious Affairs Minister Usha Thakur informed that the State Culture Department is establishing one Dharampal National Award of Rs 5 lakh and three Dharampal National Awards for Rs 2 lakh each under Dharampal Shodh peeth under the Directorate of Swaraj Sansthan.

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- It is noteworthy that this decision has been taken on the birth centenary year of renowned thinker, historian and thinker Dharampal under the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence.
- State's Culture, Tourism and Religious Affairs Minister Usha Thakur said that a person/institution will be honoured for the remarkable work and contribution made for the presentation of Indian history, education and thoughts of Dharmapala in Dharmapala National Award.
- Apart from this, individuals active in the field of fundamental work on the political, social and economic history of modern India, conservation of historical documents, preservation, documentation, translation, propagation and implementation of Indian ideas like Gram Swaraj, rural development, social concern and Swadeshi And institutions can be rewarded with Dharampal National Awards.
- Usha Thakur said that in the year 2022-23, 5 senior fellowships of Rs 6 lakh and seven junior fellowships of Rs 4 lakh 32 thousand have also been announced.
- Proposals invited for five Senior Fellowships include 18th Century India, India and Europe, Historicity of India's International Relations, Society and Polity in the

Indian Tradition, Freedom from Colonialism and Indian Independence, Social Structure, Interrelationships and Community Cultures of India, History of India's Panchayati system, district education system of India, pastoral-culture (cow culture) and Indian economy, life-culture of nomadic (liberated and semi-nomadic) communities, etc. are included.

- Proposals invited for seven Junior Fellowships include: Spatial Storytelling Traditions and Oral Histories of Central India, Science and Technological Skill Traditions in Central India, Language Families of Central India and Their Identity, Ethnic Skills in Central India: Arts, Crafts, Science, Local medicinal and medical knowledge tradition in central India, indigenous medicinal knowledge wealth of central India, contribution of nomadic communities in nation-building, forest life-culture and heritage of central India, etc. have been included.

ISSF World Cup Shooting Championship will be held in the Country's First Indoor Range Located in Bhopal

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on March 9, 2023, the country's first 83m × 27m The ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol Shooting Championship will be held from March 20 to 27 in an air-conditioned indoor range.

Key points

- The ISSF World Cup Rifle/Pistol Shooting Championship will feature 325 players and 75 officials from 33 countries.
- It is worth mentioning that recently the Khelo India Youth Games were organized in Madhya Pradesh, in which players from different states participated.
- The ISSF World Cup is being organised in technical collaboration with the National Rifle Federation of India (NRAI), New Delhi. Also, 4 experts from SIUS Switzerland will also come to Bhopal for technical cooperation.
- The final range has been constructed as per the prescribed standards at the Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy for the championship, which will have the finals of all the events of rifle and pistol.

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State-of-the-art have been installed in the final range of 10m, 25m and scoreboards and targets 50m. A seating arrangement of about 375 spectators has been made in the final range.

- It is worth mentioning that the Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy, built in an area of 37 acres in Bishankhed, is the most modern shooting academy in the country. A hostel has also been built in the academy premises, which has accommodation for about 240 players. The hostel also has facilities like library, mini gym, dining area, meditation hall, entertainment zone etc.

Madikheda Hydroelectric Powerhouse made Record of Maximum Power Generation

Why In News?

On March 9, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company Limited's 60 MW installed capacity Madikheda Hydro Power Station located in Shivpuri district has set a record of generating the highest power generation since its inception by generating 166.30 million units of electricity.

Key points

- It may be noted that earlier Madikheda Hydroelectric Power Station had generated 165.86 million units of electricity in the financial year 2011-12.
- Madikheda Hydroelectric Powerhouse has three units of 20 MW installed capacity each. Its first unit was commissioned on August 28, 2006, second unit on September 9, 2006, and third unit on August 19, 2007.
- This hydroelectric powerhouse is built on the Kali Sindh River in Shivpuri district. In the annual function of the company, in the year 2020 and in the year 2021, Madikheda Hydro Powerhouse has received the award for the best hydro powerhouse.

Five Women of the State Got 'Ahilya Samman- 2023'

Why In News?

On March 11, 2023, on the occasion of International Women's Day, the Center for Research and Industrial

Staff Performance (CRISP) conferred 'Ahilya Samman-2023' to five women of the state.

Key points

- Awardees included cricketer Soumya Tiwari, Bharatanatyam dancer and theatre artist Tanishka Hatwalane, TV actress Shubhangi Atre, Gondri mural artist Nankusia Shyam and actress and singer Vibha Srivastava. Shubhangi Atre could not attend the programme.
- **Introduction of women honoured with 'Ahilya Samman- 2023'**
 - Indian women's cricket team's Under-19 cricketer Soumya Tiwari has recently been the top scorer of the T20 World Cup final.
 - Bharatanatyam dancer Tanishka Hatwalane has represented the country at many international forums.
 - TV actress Shubhangi Atre is a well-known face of the small screen.
 - Shubhangi, famous for the serial 'Bhabhiji Ghar Par Hain', struggled and made a place in the world of acting.
 - Nankusia Shyam has made the country proud in the world along with Madhya Pradesh through Gondri murals.
 - Actress and singer Vibha Srivastava has acted in more than 60 plays.
- It is noteworthy that, the National Devi Ahilya Samman was established by the Culture Department of Madhya Pradesh in the year 1996 to honour women artists in the field of tribal folk and traditional arts.
- The award carries a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh and a citation.



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- Devi Ahilya Samman is given based on creative, excellence, long spiritual practice and current creative activism of the artist. At the time of award, it is mandatory to activate the creation of the chosen artist.

696 Services of 48 Departments are Now under the Purview of the Guarantee Act for Provision of Public Services

Why In News?

On March 13, 2023, in the meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Department held in the Vidhan Sabha premises under the chairmanship of Dr. Arvind Singh Bhadoria, Minister of Public Service Management and Cooperatives of Madhya Pradesh, it was told that 696 services of 48 departments were given in the Guarantee Act for the provision of Public Services.

Key points

- Minister of Public Service Management and Cooperation Arvind Singh Bhadoria, said that the applications made by the citizens on the CM helpline are being resolved. More than one crore 22 lakh persons have been benefited from the CM helpline.
- Out of 2 crore complaints registered in the CM Helpline, 98 percent have been resolved. Through the CM helpline, citizens are also being given the facility to inform about the status of complaints and schemes lodged through WhatsApp.
- In CM Public Service, the services of public service guarantee act are being provided to the citizens in daily life. These include income, domicile certificates and copies of the current Khasra-Khatauni, map and land rights booklet being supplied on the call received on CM helpline number 181.
- State Public Service Agency Executive Director Abhijit Agarwal said that in the last 6 months, remarkable work has been done by the Public Service Management Department to provide better services to the citizens. Aadhaar registration is being made from 230 public service centre and Ayushman cards are being made from 430 centre in the state.

Madhya Pradesh Selected as an Excellent State for Better Work in the Field of Irrigation

Why in News?

On February 19, 2023, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, it was informed that Madhya Pradesh has been selected as the best State for doing better work in the field of irrigation.

Key Points

- It was informed in the meeting that Madhya Pradesh has been awarded the CBIP Award by the Central Bureau of Irrigation and Energy.
- Under the leadership of Chief Minister Chouhan, irrigation potential has been increased from 7 lakh hectares to 45 lakh hectares in the last 15 years.
- In the last 3 years, Madhya Pradesh has become the first State in the country to irrigate maximum area through pipe system.

Important Decisions Taken in the Cabinet Meeting Chaired by the Chief Minister

Why in News?

In the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on February 19, 2023, the decision to discourage liquor along with many other important decisions were taken.

Key Points

- The Council of Ministers has taken several important decisions to discourage liquor in the state.
- All liquor vends and shop bars will be closed in the state.
- Drinking alcohol will not be allowed in liquor shops.
- The radius of 50 meters around educational and religious institutions for liquor shops will be increased to 100 meters.
- The provisions of suspension of driving licenses and punishment of drunken driving will be tightened.
- The Cabinet has decided to increase the relief amount by amending the Revenue Book Circular 6-4 Appendix-1.

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- According to the decision, Rs 74,000 per person will be given in place of Rs 59,100 for loss of any part of the body or eyes or for 60% disability and Rs 2 lakh 50 thousand instead of Rs 2 lakh in case of more than 60% disability.
- Similarly, a seriously injured person will be given Rs 16,000 per person instead of Rs 12,700 for hospitalization for more than a week and Rs 5,400 per person instead of Rs 4,300 for less than a week.
- **Assistance for land and other damage in the event of floods-**
 - In case of sand or stone (more than 3 inches) in agricultural land, relief of Rs 12,200 per hectare will be given instead for removing debris on arable land in hilly areas, relief for desalting or restoration or repair cleaning in fish farm will be Rs 18,000 per hectare.
 - Similarly, relief will be given in case of destruction of land owned by marginal or small farmer due to landslides, avalanches, change of course of rivers, relief of Rs 47,000 will be given instead of Rs 37,500 per hectare.
- **Financial assistance for loss of animals and birds (poultry)**
 - The relief amount for milch animals like cow/ buffalo/ camel etc. is Rs 37,500 instead of Rs 30,000 per animal and Rs 4,000 per sheep/ goat/ pigs will be given instead of 3 thousand rupees.
 - For non-milch animal camels/ horses/ bulls / buffaloes etc., the relief amount will be increased from Rs 25 thousand per animal to Rs 32 thousand per animal and calves (cow, buffalo)/ass/donkey/ mules will be given will be given Rs 20,000 instead of Rs 16,000 per animal.
 - For large animals kept in temporary cattle camp, Rs 80 will be given instead of Rs 70 per day and Rs 45 per animal instead of Rs 35 per animal per day.
 - Similarly Rs 100 per bird will be given for loss of birds (chickens/birds) in place of Rs 60 (above 10 weeks of age).
- **Assistance given to fishermen affected by floods and storms**
 - In case of partial damage to the boat, Rs 6,000 will be given instead of Rs 4,100 for repair.
 - For repair of nets or other equipment, 3 thousand rupees will be given instead of 2,100 rupees.
 - In case of destruction of the boat, Rs 15,000 will be given instead of Rs 12,000 .
- Similarly, those who rear fish will be given Rs 10,000 per hectare instead of Rs 8,200 for the affected fish seeds due to natural calamities such as drought, excessive rains, floods, landslides, earthquakes etc.
- **Assistance given to weavers/handicraftsmen-**
 - Weavers/handicraftsmen working in the field of traditional crafts affected by natural calamities will be given relief amount of Rs. 5,000 per craft instead of a maximum of Rs 4,100 per craftsman for purchasing raw materials or threads and other related colours, chemicals etc. in case of damage to their equipment/tools and raw materials.
- **Financial assistance for damaged houses**
 - Based on the assessment of actual damage for a fully damaged (not repairable) and severely damaged (where the damage is more than 50 per cent) pucca/kutchra house, the relief amount is Rs 1,20,000 in plains and Rs 1,30,000 in hilly areas instead of a maximum of Rs 95,100.
 - In case of complete destruction of a slum (slum means a house constructed from a raw house to a low-well plastic seat etc.), the relief amount of Rs 8,000 will be given instead of Rs 6,000.
 - Similarly, relief amount will be given in place of Rs 5,500 for partially damaged (where the damage is 15 percent to 50 percent) pucca house and Rs 4 thousand instead of 3 thousand 200 for raw house. Also, for the animal house attached to the house, relief amount will be given instead of 2 thousand 100 rupees per animal house.
 - The Cabinet also recommended amendments to certain sections of the Municipal Corporations Act, 1956 and the Madhya Pradesh Municipalities Act, 1961. Q. The Municipal Laws (Amendment) Bill 2023 has been approved. The Bill is being brought to decriminalize certain provisions of the Acts administered under the Department.
 - The Cabinet has approved the Madhya Pradesh Urban Areas Landless Persons (Denial of Lease Rights) Amendment Bill, 2023. With a view to address the housing problem of the poor in cities, the cutoff date is being extended from 31st December, 2014 to 31st December, 2020 by increasing the eligibility date for grant of residential land to the poor under the Madhya Pradesh Urban Areas (Payment of Lease Rights) Act, 1984 .
 - The Cabinet has approved the creation of a new Tehsil Gwalior Rural in Gwalior.

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CM Releases 12 More Cheetahs in Kuno

Why in News?

On February 18, 2023, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan released 12 cheetahs brought from South Africa into the Kuno Palpur National Park located in Sheopur district. These include 7 male cheetahs and 5 female cheetahs.

Key Points

- With these 12 cheetahs brought from South Africa, there are now 20 cheetahs in Kuno. Earlier, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had released 8 cheetahs brought from Namibia in Kuno on his birthday on September 17, 2022.
- It is noteworthy that Palpur Kuno National Park of Madhya Pradesh is the most unique destination for wildlife lovers. Kuno has breathtaking forests with abundance of kardhai, khair and salai and there are dozens of grass-grazing wildlife in vast grasslands.
- This area was designated a sanctuary with about 350 sq km area was shaped like a leaf- in the middle of which river Kuno flows like a backbone. This river not only helps in keeping a constant water supply in the forest and irrigating the forest, but it also gives the name to this protected area.
- Kuno National Park/Kuno Wildlife Division and the surrounding area have historically been rich in wildlife. This area was also known as dense forest in ancient times. The area around the Kuno River has been rich in biodiversity since ancient times.
- Realizing the importance of this place, the state government established the Kuno Wildlife Sanctuary in the year 1981 with an area of about 345 sq.km within a large forest area of about 3300 sq.km. To further strengthen wildlife protection and ensure proper management of this area, the Kuno Wildlife Division of 1235 sq km was established in the year 2002 by adding an additional 891 sq km area as buffer.
- The area includes dry grasslands and tropical riverine forests. It is equally rich in different species of animals. This area is a rare habitat of various favorable factors for wildlife. This area was identified as the most suitable place for the rehabilitation of cheetahs.

- The forest area of Kuno National Park is mainly dominated by kardhai, salai, khair trees, mostly among mixed forests. It also helps in having a variety of species of flora and fauna. In total, 123 species of trees, 71 species of shrubs, 32 species of vines and exotic vegetation, 34 species of bamboo and grass are found in Kuno National Park.

49th International Khajuraho Dance Festival-2023

Why in News?

On February 20, 2023, Khajuraho MP and BJP state president Vishnu Dutt Sharma inaugurated the seven-day 49th Khajuraho Dance Festival-2023 at the world famous tourist destination Khajuraho.

Key Points

- The 49th Khajuraho Dance Festival under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav will continue till February 26 on the huge Muktakashi stage inside the Western Temple Group Complex between the Kandariya Mahadev Temple of Chandel period and Devi Jagdamba Temple.
- It is worth mentioning that the Department of Culture, Government of Madhya Pradesh organizes Khajuraho Dance Festival every year in the world heritage tourist city Khajuraho through Ustad Alauddin Khan Academy of Music and Arts, Madhya Pradesh Sanskriti Parishad, Bhopal.
- It is the country's premier festival focusing on Indian classical dance forms, which is renowned nationally and internationally. Famous artists of the country and the world present their dance performances in this ceremony.
- Khajuraho Dance Festival was started in 1975 and since then it has been successfully organized by Ustad Alauddin Khan Music and Arts Academy under the Department of Culture, Government of Madhya Pradesh. Since then, this dance ceremony has been held in the courtyard of well-known temples of Khajuraho.
- So far, young and senior artists of all the major classical dance styles of India like Bharatnatyam, Odissi, Kathak, Mohiniyattam, Kuchipudi, Kathakali, Yakshagana, Manipuri etc. have spread their aura in the Khajuraho Dance Festival.
- Through the festival, efforts have been made to innovate while maintaining the dignity of classical dance.

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- At the inauguration of the festival, MP Vishnu Dutt Sharma also presented Madhya Pradesh State Rupankar Kala Puraskar 2023 to 10 artists.
 - The Devkrishna Jatashankar Joshi Award for the year 2022-23 in the State Rupankar Kala Puraskar has been given to Amit Kumar Sinha of Jabalpur for the artwork 'The Shining Maker'.
 - Mukund Sakharam Bhand Award to Ms. Samiksha Rathore of Bhopal for 'Shirshak Viheen',
 - Syed Haider Raza Award to Popil Manna of Bhopal for 'Depth of Fairnation'
 - Dattatray Damodar Devlalikar Award to Prem Kumar Singh of Dhar for 'Untitled 1'
 - Jagdish Swaminathan Award to Man Singh Vyam of Bhopal for 'Zindagi Ek Safar'
 - Vishnu Chinchalkar Award to Upendra Upadhyay of Indore for 'Semal Ki Bahar'
 - Narayan Shridhar Bendre Award to Om Prakash Mahour of Gwalior for 'Rango ka Bachpan'
 - Raghunath Krishnarao Phadke Award to Girish B. Urkude for 'Untitled 2',
 - Ram Manohar Sinha Award to Ms. Shivani Dubey of Bhopal for 'History 6'
 - Laxmishankar Rajput Award was presented to Ms. Anjali Raut of Jabalpur for 'Printed Queen 1'.
 - The artists were given a cash prize of Rs 51,000 and certificates. The award winning works of all the artists will be displayed in the State Rupankar Kala Puraskar exhibition.

Development Core Group Constituted Under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary

Why in News?

On February 20, 2023, the state government constituted a Development Core Group under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to effectively control Naxal activities in the state, development works in Naxal affected areas, review of various development schemes run by the Central and State Government and recommend approval of necessary schemes/ programs for people-oriented development.

Key Points

- The Development Core Group, constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary, will meet twice a year.
- The committee includes Director General of Police, Additional Chief Secretary/ Chief Secretary Forest, Water Resources, Energy, Home, Finance, Public Works, Tribal Welfare, Public Health Engineering, Food and Women and Child Development, Public Health and Family Welfare, School Education, Additional Director General of Police Gupt Varta, Additional Director General of Police ANO will be the members.
- Additional Chief Secretary will be the Member Secretary of Panchayat and Rural Development Core Group.

Madhya Pradesh Reached from 22nd to 17th Position in AISHE

Why In News?

AISHE on February 21, 2022, Deputy Director General in the Ministry of Education, Government of India R.K. Inaugurating a one-day workshop at the Academy of Administration by the Higher Education Department, Rajesh said that Madhya Pradesh has moved from 22nd to 17th position in the work of data entry of higher education institutions through AISHE.

Key points

- It is worth mentioning that in the report of the year 2020-21 in Madhya Pradesh the data of about four and a half lakh new students, has been recorded in the portal.
- R. Rajesh said that special attention is paid by AISHE to ensure that the data recorded on the portal is completely accurate, as this database is used by various ministries of the Government of India in policy making, budget allocation and research. This database is also used by world-class organizations like UNESCO, WHO many times.
- Chairman of the Private University Regulatory Commission Prof. Bharat Sharan said that the report for the year 2020-21 shows that there has been a significant increase in the enrolment of girl students belonging to the Scheduled Tribe category in Madhya Pradesh.

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- AISHE is the largest survey institute in the country in the field of higher education, starting from the year 2010-11. Through this, complete information related to student teachers of all higher education institutions, examination results, curriculum, training and programs in institutions for quality of education, infrastructure, economic resource data are collected through a portal.

President Draupadi Murmu will Inaugurate the 7th International Dharma-Dhamma Conference

Why In News?

On February 23, 2023, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that President Draupadi Murmu 3 Conference in Bhopal on March will inaugurate the 7th International Dharma-Dhamma. Delegates from 16 countries and culture ministers from 6 countries will attend the conference.

Key points

- It is known that the 7th International Dharma-Dhamma Conference will be held from March 3 to 5, 2023 at Kushabhau Thackeray Auditorium in Bhopal.
- There will also be an address by Swami Shri Govinda Dev Giri ji Maharaj of Shri Ram Janmabhoomi Teerth Kshetra Trust, in the inaugural session. The book 'The Panorama of Indian Philosophers and Thinkers' will be released by the guests.
- In the second session of the first day, the Culture Ministers of Bhutan in the ministerial session chaired by Ram Madhav, member of the Governing Council of India Foundation, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Indonesia will present their views.
- In this conference, scholars from different states, universities as well as countries like America South Korea Thailand, Spain, Vietnam, Mauritius, Russia, Bhutan, Sri Lanka, Indonesia, Nepal, Mongolia, France etc. Researchers will participate.
- It may be noted that the first International Dharma-Dhamma Conference was organized on September 22-23, 2012, at Sanchi University (Madhya Pradesh). At the same time, the 6th International Dharma-

Dhamma Conference was organized on November 7-9, 2021, at Nalanda University located in Rajgir, Nalanda district of Bihar.

111 Government Health Institutions of the State got Certification

Why In News?

On February 24, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan informed that the state government is constantly active in expanding health facilities in the state and in this sequence the 'Lakshya' have got certification at the national level under government health institutions of the state, 111 ' campaign.

Key points

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that these 111 government health institutions of the state will get annual grants ranging from one lakh to 5 lakh rupees. This amount will be spent for the care and improvement of operation theatres and delivery rooms.
- He informed that Madhya Pradesh has achieved another achievement in the field of health. Madhya Pradesh has been ranked first in the country in the 'Lakshya' campaign launched by the National Health Mission for the improvement of delivery room quality.
- The Chief Minister said that in the 'Lakshya' the safe and quality maternity campaign, the central team had examined the arrangements available in the hospitals of the state keeping in mind care.

MSME Department of Madhya Pradesh got the Award from the Central Government

Why In News?

On February 24, 2023, Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat presented the 'MSEFC Excellence Award-2022' to the Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Council for resolving delayed payments of MSMEs of Madhya Pradesh for strong recovery procedures and quick disposal of cases. .

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Key points

- Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat presented this prestigious award to P Narhari, Secretary, MSME Department and Industries Commissioner, Madhya Pradesh.
- MSME Department Secretary and Industries Commissioner P. Narahari said that from January 1, 2022, to December 2022, 19 council meetings were held, in which a total of 472 cases were heard and final decisions were taken in 303 cases and uploaded on the departmental portal. Thirty crore 51 lakh 30 thousand 571 rupees were paid through award and settlement.
- It is known that the meeting of the Council is held on every first and third Friday and the facility of virtual hearing is also given to both the parties.
- P. Narhari said that under Section 15 to 23 of the Central Government's Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Act, 2006, the supplier has the right that if he has supplied the material/service to the buyer, before 45 days from the due date Buyer is required to pay.
- If the payment is not made within the time period, then the supplier can claim 3 times compound monthly interest from the buyer under the Act under Section 18 of the Act.

Tradition of Halma**Why In News?**

On February 26, 2023, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said at the closing ceremony of Halma Utsav and Vikas Yatra at Hathi paw hill in Jhabua district that the tradition of Halma will be extended to the entire Madhya Pradesh.

Key points

- The Chief Minister said that Halma is such a tradition by which nature can be saved from global warming. The Halma tradition of the forest dwellers is unique. It gives the message of help to a person in distress. He said that by expanding this tradition in the entire Madhya Pradesh, water, soil and environment-conservation work will be done.
- Even today, there are many indigenous ways of living in the tribal society of India, which can solve various

problems arising due to development in the present time. One of them is the Halma tradition of the Bhil tribe. Because of the importance of this tradition, on April 24, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi mentioned it in Mann Ki Baat.

- Halma has played a big role in mitigating the water crisis in large parts of Jhabua district. This tradition of the Bhil community is a unique example of the technological richness of indigenous disciplines.
- Such practices or traditions of mutual community cooperation exist in tribal tribes by names like Halma Handa and Hida and are also mentioned in folk literature. But over time, they disappeared.
- Significantly, there is a tradition of help in the Halma Bhil society. When a person or family is not able to overcome the crisis even after their best efforts, then all the rural brothers and sisters gather to help him and bring him out of trouble with their selfless efforts.
- This is such a deep and generous tradition in which help is given to the person in distress, but no favour is expressed or accepted by both the parties. This tradition of mutual cooperation and support shows how each other's strength is made in the society. No one is left alone in the middle of the stream rather he is connected to the mainstream of the society with sincere help.
- The importance of the word Bhil also increases because this tribe is the oldest tribe of India and keeping its traditions alive. Bhil is the third largest tribal community in India. According to the last census before independence in 1941, the population of Bhils in the country was about 2 million, which has now increased to 17 million.
- Apart from Madhya Pradesh, Bhil community is also present in other states of the country including Rajasthan, Maharashtra. The Bhil community of Madhya Pradesh is keeping its tradition alive like other Bhil communities. Even today the cultural tradition of the Bhils of Madhya Pradesh is expressed in their religious rites, their songs and dances, their community gods and goddesses, skin tattoos, mythology and style. Their homes reveal an innate sense of aesthetics.
- It is noteworthy that in the year 2005, the Halma tradition was started by a non-governmental organization 'Sivaganga'. Mahesh Sharma and Harsh Chauhan played an important role in this. Mahesh Sharma was awarded the Padma Shri by the

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Government of India in 2019 for his work. Today he has become the Gandhi of Jhabua among the Bhil tribes.

- Halma was largely implemented in 2008. As a result, in the first year of 2009, eight hundred people came forward and donated labour to make small water pits in Halma, in the next year i.e., 2010, the participation increased to 1600. Ten thousand people participated in it in 2011 and today this number has taken the form of a movement, to see and understand which many researchers from the government are doing research on it. At the same time, increasing contact with the outside world has also taught this region how to solve its problems with modern technologies.

Approval of 'Mukhyamantri Ladli Bahna Yojana-2023'

Why In News?

In the virtual meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on February 25, 2023, the Council of Ministers decided to maintain the all-round development of women in the state, economic independence, continuous improvement in the health and nutrition level and women in the family. To strengthen the role of 'Mukhyamantri Ladli Bahna Yojana-2023', approved.

Key points

- In the scheme, a provision has been made for approval within the time limit. Married women between the age of 23 to 60 years of the state will be eligible for the benefit of the scheme.
- The amount will be deposited directly into the Aadhaar linked bank account of each eligible woman at the rate of Rs 1000 per month during her eligibility period.
- If a woman below the age of 60 years of a family is receiving less than Rs 1000 per month under the Social Security Pension Scheme, then a provision has been made in the scheme to supplement the amount up to Rs 1000 by giving that amount to that woman. .
- All applications in the scheme will be received online free of cost. Apart from this, if the beneficiary himself appears and gives the 'form of information required for the application', then arrangements have also been made to enter it on the online portal.

- In the financial year 2023-24, about one crore women beneficiaries will be deposited in the account at the rate of Rs 1000 per month.

Madhya Pradesh Industries Establishment and Operation Simplification Act, 2023.

Why In News?

In the virtual meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on February 25, 2023, the Council of Ministers replaced the Madhya Pradesh Industries Establishment and Operation Simplification Ordinance, 2023 with the Madhya Pradesh Industries Establishment and Operation Simplification Act, 2023. It was decided to replace it in 2023.

Key points

- The application for investment intent proposal by the industrial undertaking or industrial unit will be made to the nodal agency in the prescribed format through the online portal.
- The acknowledgement of the investment intent proposal received in full by the nodal agency will be issued in the prescribed format.
- MP Industrial Development Corporation Limited Bhopal has been nominated as the nodal agency, which will issue the acknowledgement certificate.
- 3 years from the date of receipt of specified service, permission, acknowledgment certificate to be obtained by the industrial undertaking or industrial unit in connection with the establishment of industry in the notified areas or till the commencement of business activity operations of the industrial undertaking or industrial unit, whichever is earlier. Will be free Necessary permissions; consents will be obtained within 6 months of the expiry of the said period.
- During the validity period of the certificate of acknowledgement issued, no competent authority shall conduct inspections in respect of permissions mentioned in the Act.
- The Act shall have provisions for the State to select the notified areas where the Act shall be implemented.

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- If the application is made by the unit before the commencement of the unit, permission and consent can be given by the concerned department or agency by inspection and if necessary.
- The state government will be able to form a state-level empowered committee through notification. The committee will coordinate with the competent authority and industrial undertakings to find an amicable solution to the dispute.

MoU Signed Between WRI and APCO for Climate Change and Forest Conservation

Why In News?

In a workshop on climate change organized on February 27, 2023, an MoU was signed between EPCO of Environment Department and International Research Institute WRI India for technical cooperation on work related to climate change and conservation of forests in the state.

Key points

- The main objective of the workshop was to present and deliberate on the main points of the Climate Change Conference COP-27 held in Egypt in November 2022.
- Executive Director APCO Mujibur Rahman Khan said that the MoU will focus on the work related to climate change and conservation of forests in Madhya Pradesh in the next 5 years. Useful and meaningful efforts will be made in these years, as a result of which we will

take mutually concrete steps towards sustainable and green development.

- APCO will continue to provide all institutional and technical support to WRI India and related departments at the state and district levels.
- State Climate Change Center coordinator Lokendra Thakkar said that APCO M.P. It is a specialized organization of the government, which is committed to providing advice to the state government on issues related to the environment, research studies, planning work and training and capacity development.
- Highlighting the topic of Loss & Damage related to climate change, the chief speaker of the program, Harjit Singh, head of CAN International, said that Madhya Pradesh is ready to respond to the effects of climate change, which is posing a big challenge in the agriculture, water resources, tourism, and energy sectors. It is an extremely sensitive state. Technical and financial resources, along with appropriate policies, are needed to enhance local-level solutions, build resilience, and enhance human capacity by eliminating losses and damages.
- Ulka Kelkar, Director, Climate Program, WRI India, said that Madhya Pradesh is an especially important state in terms of climate action in India. It is one of the top 10 states in India in terms of greenhouse gas emissions.
- The state is implementing measures such as protecting wetlands, reviving traditional water-harvesting structures, and promoting indigenous cattle breeds. There is also a lot of potential for communities to be a part of low carbon emissions in big and small cities of the state.



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