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Decisions of the Council of Ministers Headed by the Chief Minister

Why In News?

On January 3, 2023, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, along with approval of Rs 1807 crore 57 lakhs for 45 CM Rise schools, many other important decisions were taken.

Key Points

- In the first phase of the CM Rise scheme, 275 schools are being developed by the School Education Department in the state. Out of these, DPRs were prepared for the construction of 45 schools and proposals were presented before the Project Testing Committee. In the sequence of the departmental proposal, it has been decided to construct 45 well-equipped schools on the recommendation of the Project Testing Committee.
- A total of 9 thousand 200 cm rise schools are to be constructed in the state. Its in-principal approval from the Council of Ministers has been issued in July 2021. Out of this, 370 schools are being constructed in the first phase, of which 275 schools are being constructed under the Education Department and the remaining 95 schools under the Tribal Affairs Department. In the past, 73 schools with a cost of Rs 2 thousand 660 crore have been approved by the Council of Ministers.
- The cabinet decided to increase 433 new PG seats in the medical colleges of Indore, Gwalior, Jabalpur and Rewa. Administrative approval has been given for a total of Rs 438 crore 40 lakhs for all the three medical colleges.
- With the increase of PG seats for postgraduate courses in various departments of Medical College, Indore, Gwalior, Jabalpur and Rewa, additional number of subject-specialist doctors will be available to the state every year.
- The Council of Ministers approved the plan to provide coaching for national competitive examinations to tribal students from prestigious institutions at the divisional level and to conduct offline coaching every year and online coaching pilot project for the next 4 years. Financial burden 30 crores 54 Approved lakh 71 thousand rupees.

- In this scheme, 1600 students will be benefited from offline coaching for offline coaching from the year 2022-23 to 2023-24 (according to the 2-year course). According to the announcement of the Chief Minister, a total of 250 students are targeted to be benefited in 4 years from the value of 25 students from 10 special schools for online coaching from class 9th to 12th.
- New categories and prize money have now been fixed by the Council of Ministers while revising the plan to encourage consensus and unopposed elections in the election of panchayat representatives. 5 lakhs to such Gram Panchayat whose Sarpanch has been elected unopposed. Rs 7 lakh for the post of Sarpanch if the current election and the previous election are held continuously unopposed; Such Gram Panchayat whose sarpanch and all Panch's were elected unopposed, Rs 7 lakh; Gram Panchayat whose sarpanch and all Panch women have been elected Rs 12 lakh; It was decided to give 15 lakh rupees for the unopposed election of women on all the posts of Sarpanch and Panch in Panchayat.
- It was announced by the Chief Minister at the state-level orientation, training-cum-conference of Sarpanch's on December 7, 2022, that the honorarium of Sarpanch's would be increased from Rs 1,750 to Rs 4,250 per month. In this context, the order issued by the Directorate of Panchayat Raj was ratified by the Council of Ministers. With this, sarpanches of 23 thousand 12-gram panchayats of the state will get an honorarium of Rs 4,250 per month including telephone and hospitality allowance.
- According to the provision of the 'Grain Bank' scheme of the Tribal Affairs Department, the loss to the government due to non-receipt of foodgrains worth Rs 15 crore 75 lakhs, distributed to poor helpless tribal families through 2846 grain banks, amounted to Rs 15 crore. Approved the decision to write off Rs.75 lakh.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, there was a provision to give Rs 5,000 to eligible pregnant and lactating mothers for the first delivery. In the new guidelines of the scheme, the cabinet gave approval to give 5 thousand rupees on the first delivery along with 6 thousand rupees to the eligible beneficiary of the scheme on the birth of a girl child on the second delivery. Approval was also given to run Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana 2.0 in all the districts of the state as per the changed guidelines in the 'power' component of 'Mission Shakti'.



Khelo India Youth Games-2022 Mascot and Torch will be Unveiled

Why In News?

Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the mascot, torch and anthem of Khelo India Youth Games-2022 will be unveiled in a colorful program at Shaurya Smarak in Bhopal on January 7.

Key Points

- ➤ Madhya Pradesh is hosting the fifth edition of Khelo India Youth Games-2022. In this grand sports event to be held from January 30 to February 11, 6 thousand players will excel in 23 game venues of 8 different cities for 13 days.
- The fifth edition of Khelo India Youth Games will be held in eight cities of the state - Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Mandla, Balaghat and Khargone (Maheshwar). A game (cycling) will be held in Delhi.
- For the first time, water sports i.e. kayaking-canoeing, canoeing and fencing competitions will be part of this edition of Khelo India Games.
- 303 international and 1089 national officials will participate in Khelo India Youth Games 5.0. About 2,000 volunteers will be stationed at different game venues for Khelo India.

Reward will be Given for Reporting illegal Use of Electricity

Why In News?

According to information received from the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on January 6, 2023, the **Central Zone Electricity Distribution Company** has announced a reward scheme to prevent power theft.

Key Points

There is a provision for payment of compensation subject to prescribed conditions for reporting illegal use. On receipt of the information, 10 percent of the amount will be paid to the successful informant. There is no maximum limit for this amount.

- In addition to the company headquarters and regional headquarters, information about illegal use/theft of electricity can be given by the Central Zone Power Distribution Company to the Regional General Managers in writing or telephone. It will be the responsibility of the concerned officer to keep the information of the informant confidential.
- The officers and employees of the company will not be considered as informers. The incentive amount will be paid to the informant from the company headquarters. The incentive amount will be credited directly to the bank account of the informant.
- Departmental officers and employees who make cases and collect money will also be given two and a half percent amount as incentive.
- A Vigilance Cell has been set up at the company headquarters for the implementation of this scheme. Information can also be sent to this vigilance cell.

Special Achievements Achieved by the Water Resources Department in Irrigation

Why In News?

On January 6, 2023, The Madhya Pradesh Water Resources Department released the details of several achievements achieved in the field of irrigation over the years.

Key Points

- Speaking on the occasion, Madhya Pradesh Water Resources Minister Tulshiram Silawat said that irrigation potential has increased by 3 lakh 48 thousand hectare area in the last two years.
- At present, 37 lakh 7 thousand hectare irrigation potential has been developed by the department. Under the command of Tawa project, farmers are getting irrigation facility in 89 thousand hectare area for Zaid crop
- In the year 2020-21 and 2021-22, revenue of Rs 840.3 crore has been recovered. In 2022-23 till September, Rs 266.11 crore revenue has been collected.
- The department has developed one lakh 16 thousand hectare irrigation potential against the target of developing one lakh 15 thousand hectare irrigation



- potential in the year 2020-21. At the same time, new irrigation potential has been developed in one lakh 71 thousand hectare area against the target of one lakh 70 thousand hectares in 2021-22. The target of increasing the total irrigation potential to 40 lakh hectares will be completed by December 31, 2023.
- A total of 126 new major, medium and minor irrigation projects have been started by the department in Madhya Pradesh in the last two years. These include four major, 10 medium and 112 small projects. The cost of all these 126 irrigation projects is Rs 6,700 crore. These new irrigation projects will develop irrigation potential of 3 lakh 34 thousand hectares.
- In Madhya Pradesh, work on the much-awaited Ken-Betwa Link National Project will be started soon. The Rs 44,605-crore national project will provide irrigation facilities in 8.11 lakh hectare area of drought-hit Bundelkhand region of the state. Also, there will be easy supply of drinking water to about 41 lakh population.
- The project will generate 103 MW of power, which will be fully utilized by Madhya Pradesh. The Ken-Betwa link project will benefit 2040 villages of 28 tehsils of 10 districts of the state.
- Atal Bhujal Yojana (Atal Jal) has been launched with the objective of increasing the ground water level, removing the drinking water crisis and providing irrigation facilities in Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh. In this project costing about Rs 314.54 crore, works are being done for water conservation and improvement of ground water level in 678 villages of 9 development blocks of 6 districts of the state with public participation.
- The Rs 6,601 crore 'Shrimant Madhavrao Scindia New Multi-Purpose Irrigation Project' is being launched for irrigation and drinking water supply in Gwalior and Chambal regions of Madhya Pradesh. With this project, irrigation facility will be provided in 2 lakh hectare area in Guna, Shivpuri and Sheopur districts of the state and 6 reservoirs will be constructed. Also, irrigation, drinking water, fisheries, tourism and employment opportunities will increase. The ground water level of the area will also increase.
- Significantly, Madhya Pradesh is the leading state in the country to formulate schemes based on micro irrigation system. Modern pressurized pipe based micro irrigation system is being used in 55 large and medium irrigation projects currently under construction of the department.

Madhya Pradesh is the leading state in the country to constitute an expert committee to implement the provisions of the Dam Safety Act-2021 by the Water Resources Department. A 'Dam Safety Review Panel' has been formed in Madhya Pradesh. In the last 5 years, 25 dams have been repaired at a cost of Rs 148 crore. In the next five years, 27 dams will be protected and repaired. For this, Rs 551 crore has been approved in collaboration with the World Bank.

17th Blind Challenge Car Rally, 2022

Why In News?

On January 8, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel launched the 17th Blind Challenge Car Rally, 2022, organized in Bhopal by NGO Aarushi.

Key Points

- The rally was organised by NGO Arushi in association with Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Manav Sangrahalaya, Chief Electoral Officer and Hotel Taj Lake Front in collaboration with LIC, Madhya Pradesh Tourism and Aquarius.
- This year the rally was named 'Humsafar' by Gulzar Sahab giving the message that we have to make all tourist places and other public places disabled friendly and include the disabled in every way.
- The competition was divided into two categories- 1. The expert category that has been the winner in any of Aarushi's car rallies in the past. 2. Novice classes who have not won any rally or are participating for the first time.
- The contestants who finished with minimum penalty points were declared winners. There were one penalty point for each minute delay and five penalty points for entering a minute earlier at check points.

State Land Acquisition Board Constituted

Why In News?

On January 10, 2023, the State Government has constituted the 'State Land Acquisition Board' to complete and review the proceedings in the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement Act-2013 within the time limit.



Key Points

- > It will be the responsibility of the Board to monitor land acquisition projects, review rehabilitation and rehabilitation work, simplify procedures, obtain services of subject experts and institutions and submit recommendations to the State Government.
- Under these obligations, the Madhya Pradesh State Land Reforms Commission has also been declared as the 'State Land Acquisition Board'.

Prime Minister Virtually Inaugurated the 7th Global Investors Summit in Indore

Why In News?

On January 11, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the **7**th **Global Investors Summit at Brilliant Convention Centre Indore.** The summit will conclude on January 12.

Key Points

- President of Guyana Dr. Mohammad Irfan Ali and President of Suriname Chandrika Prasad Santokhi were also present at the Global Investors Summit.
- In his address, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that our strong macroeconomic fundamentals are capable of leading the world. Today, India is the fastest growing economy in the world. In the next four-five years, India will be the third largest economy in the world. This is not India's decade on the global stage, but India's century.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that this summit being held in Indore is truly global. While the Presidents of Suriname and Guyana have come to this summit, the Finance Minister of Mauritius, the Commerce Minister of Bangladesh, the Mineral Minister of Zimbabwe have also come to the summit. Representatives from 33 countries of the world and 431 delegates from a total of 84 countries have come.
- On the second day of the Global Investors Summit, discussions will be held with investors in 9 sessions to increase industrial investment in the state. There will be discussions on boosting exports from Madhya Pradesh. In other sessions, financial assistance for development of social infrastructure, access Madhya Pradesh complete business solution will also be

- discussed with investors. In another session, India, Israel, USA and UAE (12 U2) group shared investments will also be discussed.
- On the second day of the summit, investors will discuss Madhya Pradesh's contribution to India's \$ 5 trillion economy, prospects in the field of aerospace and defense, Madhya Pradesh's contribution in accelerating manufacturing in India and possibility of better investment in Madhya Pradesh on education and skill development.
- In the special session, the favorable environment for start-ups in Madhya Pradesh will be discussed. In all these sessions, subject experts will give information about the investment friendly features of Madhya Pradesh.
- Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, while joining the summit virtually from the US, said that Madhya Pradesh produces one-fourth of the country's organic cotton. Madhya Pradesh contributes 20% to renewable energy sector. Now work is also going on in the Green Hydrogen Mission. Madhya Pradesh is also making a mark in the field of wildlife tourism.
- Partha Mittal of JSW Group said that our group plans to invest Rs 4500 crore in the state. Under this, a cement plant is being set up in Panna and a paint unit at Pithampur at a cost of Rs 1500 crore.
- Nikhil R. Meswani of Reliance Group said that by December 2023, 5G facility will be made available in all tehsils of the state. Affordable digital facilities will benefit students, farmers and the common man. Reliance Group has so far invested Rs 22,500 crore in the state and plans to invest Rs 40,000 crore.
- Pranav Adani of Adani Group said that Adain group is going to invest Rs 60,000 crore in Madhya Pradesh, which will create a large number of employment opportunities. Food parks are being set up by the group in Dhar, Guna, Damoh, Ujjain and Indore.

President Draupadi Murmu Confers Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards to 27 Overseas Indians

Why In News?

January 10, 2023 The President Draupadi Murmu concluded the three-day 17th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas



Convention at Brilliant Convention Centre Indore. He gave away Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Awards to 27 Overseas Indians for their outstanding work in their respective fields.

Key Points

- President of Guyana Dr. Mohammad Irfan Ali and President of Suriname Chandrika Prasad Santokhi were specially present at the event.
- President Murmu said the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman is the country's highest honour given to overseas Indians. It showcases his work and contribution to India and other countries.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that NRIS have also planted saplings in Namo Global Park here. Guests have been given QR codes, in which they will be able to get information about the maintenance of the planted plant.
- Overseas Indians who received the Pravasi Bharatiya Samman Award are:
 - O Community Welfare Dr. Mohammad Irfan Ali (President, Guyana), Dr. Kannan Ambalam (Ethiopia), Ms. Reena Vinod Pushkarna (Israel), Parmanand Sukhumal Daswani (Congo), Mohanlal Hira (South Africa), Sivakumar Nadesan (Sri Lanka), Dr. Dev Chandrabhos Sharma (Suriname).
 - Community Welfare and Medicine Dr. Amal Kumar Mukhopadhyay (Germany), Dr. Alexander John (Brunei).
 - Community Welfare and Business- Amit Kailashchandra Lath (Poland), Sanjay Kumar Shiv bhai Patel (South Sudan), Dr Darshan Singh Dhaliwal (USA), Siddharth Balachandran (UAE).
 - Science, Technology and Education Professor Jagdish Chandrapati (Australia), Dr Archana Sharma (Switzerland).
 - Education- Sanjeev Mehta (Bhutan), Ms. Maqsooda Shiotani Sarfi (Japan), Dr. Rajagopal (Mexico).
 - Education and Community Welfare Justice Frank Arthur Seepersad (Trinidad and Tobago).
 - Art and Culture: Dilip Lundo (Brazil), Dr. Vaikuntam Iyer Lakshmanan (Canada), Dr. Joginder Singh Nijjar (Croatia).
 - Information Technology- Professor Ramji Prasad (Denmark).
 - Business: Piyush Gupta (Singapore), Ashok Tiwari (Uzbekistan).
 - Media- Chandrakant Patel (United Kingdom).

Madhya Pradesh Leading State to Make Aadhaar Based Payment in Treasuries

Why In News?

On January 13, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Finance Minister Jagdish Deora launched a new system to facilitate payment to beneficiaries through Aadhaar-based payments in treasury, making the state one of the leading states in the country that provide this facility.

Key points

- > Speaking on the occasion, Finance Minister Jagdish Deora said that new dimensions are being added for some time to make the Integrated Financial Management Information System implemented in the treasury more efficient. Digital accounting dispatches, e-sign in passing bills, all payment options have been provided in e-invoice to pay tax/revenue to the common citizen. This has not only made financial dealing easier but has also succeeded in bringing financial discipline.
- Now, in order to make the financial system more simple, strong and beneficiary oriented, the new system of Aadhaar-based payment will be implemented in all the treasury of the state from January 16, 2023. With the new system, double benefit can be identified and prevented. At the same time, unsuccessful payments will also decrease.
- The Finance Minister said that under the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) of the state, all the beneficiaries are being made e-payment directly in their bank account since the year 2010. In view of the need of the hour and the changes in financial management, it has now become possible to make Aadhaar based payments to the beneficiaries along with the bank account, making the e-payment system effective.
- ➤ The Finance Minister said that now bank account based e-payment along with Aadhaar based payment is being started directly in the entire treasury from January 16, 2023 through the e-Kuber system of the Reserve Bank of India.
- With the implementation of e-Kuber, all e-payments of the state will be received rapidly in the bank account of the concerned beneficiary. This system will be available 24 hours on all working days.



- The Finance Minister said that with the implementation of the new system, the matching of data will be easier. In the past, the information of receipts and payments by banks was physically given to the treasury, which was sent to the Reserve Bank of India and the Accountant General, in which there were many problems of data variation. With the introduction of e-Kuber, the Reserve Bank of India will be directly treated and the problem of matching the data of financial transactions will end.
- Moving forward in this direction, the contribution of the state in the Digital India program will be further increased. IFMIS Next Gen is being developed in place of the present Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) with the objective of implementing faceless, paperless, contactless and cashless financial transactions and developing a user friendly system incorporating modern technological innovations.

Brochure Launches of 8th Indian International Science Festival

Why In News?

On January 13, 2023, Minister of Science and Technology and Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises of Madhya Pradesh Om Prakash Sakhalecha launched the brochure of the Science Festival under the curtain raiser program of the 8th India International Science Festival (IISF) at Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology Mapcast.

Key points

- The 8th Science Festival will be held in Bhopal from January 21 to 24 for the first time in Madhya Pradesh. So far, seven events of this festival have been held in different cities of the country.
- A special exhibition based on the progress made in the field of science will be set up at the India International Science Festival. The exhibition, spread over two lakh square feet, will showcase the achievements of over 300 Indian science institutions, including ISRO, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, Ministry of Earth Sciences, DRDO.

- Along with this, Run for Science will be organized on January 19, 2023. With the aim of creating awareness among people about science, this run will start from T.T. Nagar Stadium and end at MANIT campus.
- Arvind Ranade, Executive Director, Indian National Science Academy (INSA) said that the India International Science Festival started from IIT Delhi in the year 2015. Students Science Village program will also be held during this festival. The Science Village will include 1500 children from different remote areas of Madhya Pradesh, who will be able to see science and its wonders up close. There will also be activities like Scientific Science Literature Festival, Startup Hub.
- Sanjay Mishra, senior scientist in the Department of Biotechnology, said that this festival is not a seminar or conference. It is an event that will be attended by distinguished scientists from the country, from school students to retired officers.
- ➢ It is noteworthy that this is an event of wide publicity of science. The festival will have 15 activities such as Artisan Technology, Village Vocal for Local, New Age Technology Show, Mega Science and Technology Exhibition, International Science Film Festival, Science Through Games and Toys, Startup Conclave. More than 10 thousand participants will participate in this.

Agreement Signed with REC to Provide Assistance of 1000 Crores to Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited

Why In News?

On January 14, 2023, an agreement was signed to provide financial assistance of Rs 1000 crore by Rural Electrification Corporation (REC) for renewable energy project to Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited.

Key points

- REC has also committed an amount of Rs 5000 crore to MP Discom to further strengthen distribution reforms. An MoU has been signed for this at the Global Investors Summit 2023.
- Apart from this, REC has also signed a financial assistance agreement of Rs 15,086 crore with Madhya Pradesh Power Management Company Limited.



- As per the agreement with RUMSL, REC has earmarked assistance of Rs 1000 crore for renewable energy projects covering infrastructure including development of renewable energy parks and projects, power distribution.
- Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited has been nominated as a solar park developer by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy for developing large scale solar parks in Madhya Pradesh.
- This project has been considered as an important step to achieve the renewable energy goals of the state. The state aims to produce 20 percent of its electricity needed through renewable sources by FY 2024, 30 percent by FY27 and 50 percent by FY20.
- ➤ In addition, REC has also prepared a financing scheme for select state-owned power distribution companies in partnership with the World Bank. This will provide a total amount of financial assistance of USD 1 billion as a part of the REC-World Bank program.

India International Science Festival-2022

Why In News?

On January 16, 2023, Dr. Anil Kothari, Director General, Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology (MAPCOST), told that the **18**th **International Science Festival** will be held in Bhopal from January 21 to 24 for the purpose of creating awareness and dissemination of science among school children and public. The festival will be organized in 2022.

Key points

- The 8th Science Festival was organized by the Department of Biotechnology, Science and Technology, Ministry of Earth Sciences, Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), Department of Space, Department of Atomic Energy, Vigyan Bharati (VIBHA) and Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology (MANIT) is being done under the joint aegis.
- Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology (MPCOST), Bhopal is the nodal agency for this science festival.
- More than 8,000 delegates from across the country will participate in this science festival from January 21 to 24. The main theme of this festival being held in the Amrit kaal of independence is 'Country moving towards Amrit kaal with science, technology and innovation'.

- Dr. Anil Kothari, Director General, MAPCOST, said that under this science festival itself, the Run for Science Marathon is being coordinated by the Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology from January 19. The three-and-a-half kilometer marathon will start from TT Nagar Stadium in Bhopal and end at the MANIT Campus.
- ➤ He informed that the Science Marathon is being organized for the first time in Bhopal under the 8th India International Science Festival. More than 2 thousand school and college students and common people will participate in the run.

Inauguration of Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Indore

Why In News?

On January 17, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan virtually inaugurated the Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Indore from New Delhi.

Key points

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that with the inauguration of Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Hospital in Indore, the people of the state will get better health facilities. It is a high quality hospital. People of the state will no longer need to go to Delhi or Mumbai for treatment.
- He told that this big gift has been given to Indore in the field of medicine by industrialist Anil Ambani.
- The Chief Minister said that there are many types of arrangements like yoga, pranayama, exercise in this hospital for a healthy body. Good hospital facilities are also necessary when you fall ill. This hospital will prove to be useful for this.

Union Ministry of Transport has Approved Four Important Development Projects for Madhya Pradesh under the Setu Bandhan Scheme

Why In News?

On January 17, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Public Works Minister Gopal Bhargava informed that the Union Ministry



of Road Transport and Highways has approved four important development projects for Madhya Pradesh in the Setu Bandhan Scheme. These development projects are for Bhopal, Seoni and Gwalior districts.

Key points

- Public Works Minister Gopal Bhargava said that the ministry has sanctioned an amount of Rs 32 crore 44 lakhs for the construction of Chhola Railway Over Bridge Kali Parade to Ayodhya Bypass Bhopal. Similarly, Rs 126 crore 40 lakhs have been sanctioned for Railway Over Bridge National Highway No-7 Seoni City, District Seoni.
- This amount has been sanctioned under the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund Act 2000 Setu Bandhan Scheme.
- Similarly, the Ministry has also approved the proposal of Railway Under Bridge Near Dabra Railway Station from Harishankar Puram to Mahalgaon Railway Track Gwalior and Mohana Railway Overbridge Gwalior under Bridge Bandhan Scheme.
- Minister Gopal Bhargava said that this will give more impetus to the development of the districts. With the increasing road infrastructure, Madhya Pradesh will be able to contribute a lot to the economy of the country.

Governor Performed Bhoomi Poojan of the New Building and New Galleries of the Archaeological Museum, Ujjain.

Why In News?

On January 18, 2023, Governor Mangubhai Patel laid the foundation stone of new galleries including a new building in the **Archaeological Museum complex at Vikram Kirti Mandir Ujjain.** Governor and Higher Education Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav also inspected the Archaeological Museum.

Key points

> The Vikram Kirti Mandir Museum at Ujjain Vikram University has some collections of rich history of the city, with artifacts of almost all periods, rulers.

- The museum has a vast collection of 650 artifacts from the prehistoric era and 30,000 rare manuscripts. The present building of the museum is dilapidated. The renovation and upgradation of the museum will be done by Ujjain Smart City. For this work order has been issued to M/s Doshi Consultant Pvt. Ltd, Indore.
- The proposed works will include construction of new building of 1200 sqm, upgradation/renovation of existing structure of 4500 sqm and setting up of new gallery for displaying artefacts, air conditioning and modern storage/display, lighting and information about artefacts and manuscripts through audio/digital mode and development of public amenities etc.
- The new galleries, including the construction of archaeological museum building, will be constructed at a cost of Rs 14 crore. In the coming days, the government will be able to decorate the museum at a cost of Rs 14 crore. In these, work will be done to give the museum a state-of-the-art look and preserve the preserved statues and relics.
- Archaeological heritage kept in the Archaeological Museum, five lakh years old world famous elephant head, rhino horn, hip teeth of a hippopotamus, wild buffalo jaw and 200 other fossils and other remains will be displayed in various galleries.
- The stone tools made by early man collected by Dr. Vishnu Shridhar Wakankar in the archaeological excavation of Bhim Betka will also be displayed in this museum.
- In this museum, 10 logs, which are 2600 years old, found from the banks of Shipra River located in Gadkalika region as the remains of the wooden wall and port built during the time of King Chand Pradyot of Ujjain will also be displayed. Along with this, four thousand years old archaeological material obtained with the excavation of Kayatha, Mahidpur, Azad Nagar, Runija, Sodang, Takravada in the rural areas of Ujjain will be displayed.
- Apart from this, it has been planned to enrich the museum by displaying 472 rare stone statues present in the museum, which are from Mauryan period to Maratha period, in newly built galleries. In the first phase, building construction will be done at a cost of Rs 7.5 crore and interior work will be done at a cost of Rs 6.5 crore.



Singrauli will get the Gift of Medical College Building

Why In News?

On January 19, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan informed that as announced earlier by him, the foundation stone of government medical college building will be laid in Singrauli on January 22.

Key points

- Singrauli district is the highest revenue generating district in the state due to thermal power plants and coal mining projects.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the demand for a medical college in Singrauli was being made for a long time. The medical college building is being constructed in village Naugarh. For this, 25 acres of land has been allotted. Rs 248.27 crore has been sanctioned for construction of building complex.
- It is being constructed by M/s DV Projects Limited, which will be completed by December 19, 2024.
- Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that with the construction of the medical college, the arrangements for treatment here will be better. Not only Singrauli, the dream of students of the entire Vindhya region to become doctors will also be fulfilled. Students of tribal dominated areas will be able to study medicine by staying near their homes.
- Senior doctors and experienced professors will be appointed to provide education to the students in the medical college. Singrauli district will benefit from their medical knowledge and efficiency.

Madhya Pradesh Transco Energized Two New 220 KV Circuits at Bairagarh Substation

Why In News?

On January 19, 2023, NP Gupta, Superintending Engineer of Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company, said that Madhya Pradesh Transco Company has succeeded in energizing two new circuits (feeder and line) of 220 KV.

Key points

- Two new circuits (feeder and line) of 220 KV, built by Madhya Pradesh Transco Company at 220 KV substation Bairagarh Bhopal at a cost of Rs 10 crore 85 lakhs, were energized, due to which Bairagarh where 400 KV sub-station is directly connected to Ashta At the same time, an additional 220 KV circuit from 400 KV substation Bhopal has also become available at Bairagarh.
- Company's Superintending Engineer NP Gupta said that the company was successful in making this arrangement because some time back 400 KV. A power transformer of 315 MVA capacity was energized at sub-station Ashta, due to which Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has been able to get additional power from the center grid and Bhopal has benefited from it.
- He informed that first 220 KV sub-station in Bairagarh.
 Supply of 400 KV Sub Station Sukshwania Bhopal to
 220 KV. was received through two circuits of
- NP Gupta said that construction of new 220 KV circuit will benefit 132 KV IT Park, Itkhedi, Ruhana, Shyampur Kurawar, Sehore, Lalghati substations connected to Bairagarh, where 132 KV voltage level quality electricity can be transmitted.

Chief Minister released the Book "Wellopathy-My Natural Healer"

Why In News?

On January 20, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan released the collaborative book 'Wellopathy - My Natural Healer' in health safety at an auditorium in Bhopal.

Key points

- It is noteworthy that the author of the book 'Wellopathy
 My Natural Healer' is dr. Santosh Gupta.
- > The main objective of the book 'Wellopathy' is to lead the society towards health security with modern lifestyle. The effort of this book will be that without using modern medicine, a person can become self-sufficient in his health security.



Divided into seven chapters, the book focuses on the three dimensions of lifestyle - food, how to get up and sit, and mind. It provides pictures and guidance in simple language on the principles of 'Wellopathy', rules of the body, diseases and protection from diseases, principles of diet and nutrition, cholesterol control, allergic food and lifestyle.

Gandisagar Floating Festival

Why In News?

On January 20, 2023, Shiv Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary and Managing Director of Tourism and Culture and Tourism Board of Madhya Pradesh, informed that the five-day Gandhi Sagar Floating Festival will be held in Mandsaur district of the state from February 1.

Key points

- Shiv Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary and Managing Director, Tourism and Culture and Tourism Board said that this is a unique and first-of-its-kind floating festival, which will have land, air and water-based adventure activities, giving a unique glamping and adventure activities experience to tourists visiting Mandsaur.
- The festival will continue till February 5. After that, tent city (Glamping) for tourists for 3 months and adventure activities for 6 months will continue and it can be increased on the response of tourists.
- Shiv Shekhar Shukla said that Gandhi Sagar Floating Festival is a great festival for nature lovers and adventurers, which takes them away from the hustle and bustle of the city into the natural surroundings.
- The floating festival will also feature floating stage, floating market, boat spa, boat safari, live music and others. Apart from this, many exciting adventure activities will be organized near Gandhi Sagar Reservoir.
- Each luxury tent at the Gandhi Sagar Floating Festival has been carefully designed to ensure a comfortable stay with premium amenities, delectable, local and international cuisine, indoor sports conference facilities.
- > To give information to the people about nature based crafts, various types of workshops will be organized in the area. It's a great way to promote awareness and understanding of eco-friendly craftsmanship.
- Gandhi Sagar Floating Festival is an initiative of the first 10 years to boost the tourism sector of Madhya Pradesh and create new employment opportunities.

Shiv Shekhar Shukla informed that the objective of this project is to attract both national and international tourists, which will give them a chance to experience various attractions of Madhya Pradesh. Many destinations are being explored within the state, which have the potential to develop as successful tourist destinations.

Third cave spotted in Gupt Godavari in Chitrakoot

Why in News?

On January 22, 2023, Sdm P.S. Tripathi of Majhgawan in Satna, Madhya Pradesh, said that the third cave has been found near Gupt Godavari in the Madhya Pradesh region of Dharmanagari Chitrakoot, the tapobhoomi of Lord Ram. Soon the archaeological department team will be called and information will be made.

Key Points

- > SDM P.S. Tripathi said that the length of the cave is about 25 feet and the width is one and a half meters. Due to darkness, the Sdm of Majhgawan and a team of several officers could go only12 feet inside. Due to darkness, the officers have reached only half the distance.
- It is known that chitrakoot dharmanagari has preserved its historical importance since ancient times. In the tubers and caves of the natural hills of Dharmanagari, saints and seers are immersed in penance, whose sights are very rare. There are many such secrets of Dharmanagari, which are still out of reach.

13th National Voters Day

Why In News?

On January 23, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Electoral Officer Anupam Rajan said that the 13th National Voters' Day will be celebrated on January 25 at all 64 thousand 100 polling stations in the state.

Key points

Chief Electoral Officer Anupam Rajan said that the 13th National Voters' Day will be organized at the Kushabhau Thakre International Convention Center in Bhopal in the chief hospitality of Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel.



- The 13th National Voters' Day will be celebrated in all 52 districts of the state. Along with this, the voter oath will be administered to the students studying in all educational institutions of the state and the officers and employees working in government offices.
- On the occasion of National Voters' Day, Governor Patel will honor district election officers, deputy district election officers, electoral registration officers, electoral observers and booth level officers with certificates and mementos for their outstanding work in elections.
- On the occasion of National Voters' Day, a state-level program will showcase rare paintings of voters and various materials used in the election process from the first general election held in the year 1951-52 to the elections held in the year 2018-2019.
- ➤ It is worth mentioning that under the SVEEP activity, a competition was organized by the Election Commission of India on voter awareness at the national level. There were other competitions including essay, slogan, song, poster. All over the country, 7 participants from Madhya Pradesh became winners.
- > The winners will be awarded by Governor Mangubhai Patel in a state-level program in Bhopal on National Voters' Day. The participants will be given cash prize along with certificates.
- ➤ It is noteworthy that the 13th National Voters' Day will be celebrated this time on the theme 'Nothing like vote, we will definitely cast vote'.
- ➤ It is known that the song 'I am India' will be launched by the Election Commission of India on National Voters' Day. Voters will be informed about postal ballots, EVM VVPATs, voter helpline app and ethical voting, including facilities provided to voters, minimum facilities available at the polling station.

Sanchi will be illuminated with Solar Energy

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Madhya Pradesh on January 23, 2023, Sanchi, located in Raisen district of the state, is being developed as the first solar city of the state to meet its power needs and make it self-sufficient in power supply.

Key points

- Sanchi is a small town located in Raisen district, which is famous for stupas and Buddhist pilgrimage sites.
- Through the camp in Sanchi, consumers have been called to install solar rooftops in their premises and are being motivated to promote green energy by explaining the benefits of solar rooftops.
- Significantly, 7.3 MW of electricity will be produced through solar energy in Sanchi. This will ensure selfreliance in the power supply as well as the supply of electricity for the next five years through solar energy.
- Solar street lights, garden lights, stud lights, high-mast lights, solar drinking water kiosks, battery-operated e-rickshaws for public transport, charging stations, renewable energy, based plant wind turbines and piezoelectric generators will also be installed in Sanchi.

18 National Highway Projects with a Total Length of 550 km Inaugurated in Orchha

Why In News?

On January 23, 2023, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari inaugurated a 550 km road project costing Rs 6800 crore in Orchha, Madhya Pradesh. Inaugurated 18 National Highway projects with a total length of Rs.

Key points

- On this occasion, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said that the 665-meter-long bridge at Betwa has been constructed at a cost of Rs 25 crore. The connectivity of Orchha, Jhansi, Tikamgarh will improve with the construction of 2-lane paved shoulder bridge and footpath.
- The construction of Powai, Orchha, Harpalpur, Kaithi Padhariya Kala, Patna Tamauli, Jasso, Nagaur and Sagar Link Road bypasses will reduce the traffic pressure in the city. The distance from Bhopal to Kanpur via Sagar Greenfield Link route is 21 km from Mohri to Madhya Pradesh/Uttar Pradesh via Samai Ghat and Chowk, will decrease.
- Gadkari said that by widening the border to 4 lanes, there will be a huge reduction in the travel time. The problem of traffic jam will be solved by the



- construction of flyovers in Sagar city, Chhatarpur city and Garhakota. Connectivity will be easy to reach tourist places of Madhya Pradesh-Orchha, Khajuraho, Panna, Chitrakoot, Tikamgarh, Sanchi.
- He said that the construction of Bhopal-Kanpur Economic Corridor will make transportation of cement and mineral components easier and reduce logistics cost. With the construction of this corridor, connectivity from Bhopal to Kanpur, Lucknow, Prayagraj, Varanasi will be good. The construction of a 2-lane road with paved shoulders from Tikamgarh to Orchha will make traffic safer.
- ➤ In this program, Gadkari covered 105 from Bamitha to Satna at a cost of Rs 2000 km crore. He also announced the construction of a 4-lane greenfield road with length. With the construction of this route, tourism of Tikamgarh, Panna, Chhatarpur, Khajuraho, Bandhavgarh National Park will get a boost.

Important Decisions Taken in the Meeting of the Council of Ministers Chaired by the Chief Minister

Why In News?

In the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on January 24, 2023, several other important decisions were taken including reimbursement of additional 2 percent interest on bank loans up to Rs. 3 lakhs to women self-help groups.

Key points

- Madhya Pradesh operated in the state. In order to provide additional livelihood opportunities to women self-help groups formed under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana, State Rural Livelihood Mission and Urban Livelihood Mission, this reimbursement was given to the same women self-help groups in all districts in the State Rural Livelihood Mission and Urban Livelihood Mission. Will go, who have been provided 3 percent interest subsidy from the state government and the central government.
- The cabinet approved Rs 800 crore for two years (2022-23 and 2023-24) under the 'Chief Minister's Urban Area Infrastructure Construction Scheme' for

- urban infrastructure and other development works in the state. It was decided to give and make necessary budget provision.
- > 85 PG in Medical College Sagar by the Council of Ministers. Administrative approval of Rs 101 crore 46 lakhs has been given for seat increase. With the increase of PG seats in various departments of the Medical College, Sagar, additional number of subjectspecialist doctors will be available to the state every year
- With the aim of providing high quality education to the tribal students, the cabinet approved the guidelines for running special residential schools of the department, girls' education complex and model residential schools with private participation.
- The cabinet decided to replace 'contractual school teacher' with 'primary teacher/laboratory teacher'.

NABARD will Provide a Loan of Rs 2 lakh 58 thousand 598 Crores to Madhya Pradesh in 2023-24

Why In News?

On January 24, 2023, the Madhya Pradesh regional office of the National Rural and Agricultural Development Bank-NABARD in Bhopal told in the 'State Loan Seminar 2023-24' that NABARD has received priority for the year 2023-24 to speed up the development of Madhya Pradesh. Will provide a loan of Rs 2 lakh 58 thousand 598 crores in the region. This is about 6.43 percent more than the previous year.

Key points

- The credit potential of Rs 2 lakh 58 thousand 598 crore includes Rs 1 lakh 80 thousand 160 crores for agriculture, Rs 65 thousand 832 crore for MSME and Rs 12 thousand 606 crore for other priority sectors.
- Madhya Pradesh Finance Minister Jagdish Deora said in the seminar that this important cooperation of NABARD will have a positive impact on farmers, workers associated with enterprises and the entire economy of the state. Madhya Pradesh's contribution of \$550 billion will help in achieving the target of \$5 trillion economy of the country.



- ➤ In the seminar, the finance minister also released the State Focus Paper 2023-24 and the booklet 'Agriculture Debt Major Issues in Madhya Pradesh for \$550 Billion Economy'. Commendable performing banks of the state were felicitated in the programme.
- ➤ It is worth mentioning that keeping in view the priorities of the Government of India, the share of agriculture, MSME and all priority sectors in the credit assessment has been estimated at 70 percent, 25 percent and 5 percent respectively.
- With the cooperation of NABARD, there will be a positive change in areas like water resources, agriculture mechanization, barren land development, animal husbandry, fish farming, warehouse construction, food processing, renewable energy.

Four Personalities of the State Selected for Padma Shri Honor

Why In News?

On January 25, 2023, the President announced the country's highest civilian awards 'Padma Awards' for the year 2023 on the eve of Republic Day. Of these, four personalities from Rajasthan have been selected for the Padma Shri award.

Key points

- For the year 2023, the President has approved the conferment of 106 Padma Awards including three dual cases (in a dual case the award is counted as one).
- The list includes 6 Padma Vibhushan, 9 Padma Bhushan and 91 Padma Shri awardees. The list of awardees includes 19 women and 2 persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI and 7 posthumous awardees.
- The four personalities from Rajasthan selected for the Padma award are Moolchand Lodha, Laxman Singh and Ahmed Hussain and Mohammad Hussain (jointly).
- Social worker Moolchand Lodha of Dungarpur and Laxman Singh of Lapodiya village of Jaipur have been selected for distinguished service in the field of social work, while Hussain Bandhu Ustad Ahmed Hussain and Ustad Mohammad Hussain have been jointly selected for Padma Shri award for distinguished service in the field of art.

- ➤ The Hussain brothers of Jaipur, known for their ghazal and qawwali singing, have also been awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in the year 2000.
- Significantly, Padma awards are among the highest civilian awards of the country. The Padma awards are given in three categories - Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri. The awards are announced on Republic Day every year.
- The awards, social work public affairs science and engineering are given in the fields of various disciplines trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service etc/activities such as art.
- 'Padma Vibhushan' is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service, 'Padma Bhushan' for distinguished service of high order and 'Padma Shri' for distinguished service in any field.
- These awards are presented by the President of India in ceremonial ceremonies which are usually held at Rashtrapati Bhavan around March/April every year.

New Award Scheme for Madhya Pradesh and Indian Indigenous Cows

Why In News?

On January 27, 2022, Animal Husbandry Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Premsingh Patel informed that the 'Prize Scheme for the state's original bovine breed and Indian advanced breed milch cows' is being implemented under the Mukhyamantri Pashupalan Vikas Yojana.

Key points

- The Animal Husbandry Minister informed that in the scheme started with the aim of promoting the indigenous breeds of the country and the state, competitions of indigenous and Indian advanced breeds of cows will be held from February 1 to 15.
- ➤ In this competition, 201 district-level prizes will be given, which will be for 45 native cows of Madhya Pradesh and 156 Indian advanced breed cows. Apart from this, 6 state level awards will also be given.
- The competition of milch cows of state's original bovine and Indian advanced breed will be held separately in the districts. State's native cattle breed



- competition will be held in 15 districts Agar-Malwa, Shajapur, Rajgarh, Ujjain, Indore, Khandwa, Khargone, Burhanpur, Barwani, Dhar, Damoh, Panna, Tikamgarh, Chhatarpur and Niwari.
- Malvi breed cows' competition will be held in District Agar-Malwa, Shajapur, Rajgarh, Ujjain and Indore and Nimari breed competition will be held in Khandwa, Khargone Burhanpur, , Barwani, Dhar and Kenkatha breed districts of Damoh, Panna, Tikamgarh, Chhatarpur and Niwari districts.
- The Animal Husbandry Minister said that the daily milk production of Malvi, Niwari and Kenkatha cows of the state's native cattle breed should be 4 liters or more and that of the Indian cow should be 6 liters or more.
- Indian Advanced Breed Cow Competition will be held in all 52 districts. The cattle herders of cows giving more milk will be rewarded.
- > For district level first, second and third prize in both the competitions: Rs 51 thousand, 21 thousand and 11 thousand will be there. Similar state level awards will also be: 2 lakh, 1 lakh and 50 thousand rupees.
- Apart from the three prizes, certificates will be given to the rest of the competing cows. The list of all awards winning cattle breeders along with the breed of cows and milk production details will be available on the departmental website.

Ladli Behna Yojana

Why In News?

On January 28, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the launch of 'Laadli Bahna Yojana' in Narmadapuram (Hoshangabad) district on Narmada Jayanti and Narmadapuram's Gaurav Diwas like 'Laadli Lakshmi Yojana' in the state.

Key points

- In this scheme, poor sisters of all classes will get one thousand rupees per month and if they are getting the benefit of other schemes, then they will continue to get it as before.
- > On this scheme in 5 An estimated 60 thousand crore rupees will be spent years.
- The Chief Minister said that Ladli Behna Yojana will further improve the lives of the sisters of the state and the women of the state will be financially empowered.

- On the occasion of this Gaurav Diwas, the Chief Minister announced to make Narmadapuram Lok and Narmada Corridor on the lines of Shri Mahakal Lok, gifting many developments works to Narmadapuram district. Along with this, a modern bus stand will also be built here.
- On the occasion of Narmada Jayanti and Gaurav Diwas, the Chief Minister performed Bhoomi Pujan, and inaugurated development works virtually from Jal Manch. In this, mainly the inauguration of the building of new commissioner Narmadapuram constructed at a cost of Rs 11 crore 26 lakhs, upgradation of Ramlila Maidan at a cost of Rs 1 crore 97 lakh, Chief Minister's infrastructure and various development works at a cost of Rs 2 crore and 5 Virtually performed Bhoomi Poojan of the auditorium of the city costing Rs.53 crore.

Two Girls from Madhya Pradesh Selected in 'Youth Exchange for Change' Project

Why In News?

On January 28, 2023, Project Coordinator of NGO 'Youth Exchange for Change' project, Abha Sharma told that four girls from India have been selected in the international 'Youth Exchange for Change' project, out of which two girls are from Madhya Pradesh. are of.

Key points

- On this occasion, Project Coordinator Abha Sharma said that the 'Youth Exchange for Change' project is an international project. Four girls from India have been selected in this, out of which two girls are Sonali Vishwakarma of Mohandra village of Panna district of Madhya Pradesh and Varsha Jatav of Guna.
- ➤ Abha Sharma said that Sonali Vishwakarma of Mohandra village of Panna district of Madhya Pradesh and Varsha Jatav of Guna have been selected in the 'Youth Exchange for Change' project. The other two girls, Khushbu and Kajal Kanojia, are from Banaras district of Uttar Pradesh. These four girls are representing India under this project.
- The collaboration of this project is with 'Milan Foundation', an organization working in India and 'PRC', an organization working in Nepal. Through this project, these girls will take the voice of youth to the world level.



Transmission Service Agreement Signed Between Madhya Pradesh Power Management Company and Megha Engineering

Why In News?

On 30 January 2023, a tie-up was signed between Madhya Pradesh Power Management Company and M/s Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited to build 17 ultra-high-pressure substations in Madhya Pradesh. T.S.A. (Transmission Service Agreement) was signed.

Key points

Note:

- ➤ Earlier, RECPDCL, the Bid Process Co-ordinator appointed by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, after completing the tender process, transferred the SPA (Share Purchase Agreement) to the lowest bidder M/s Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Limited, Hyderabad.
- Chief Engineer Sanjay Kulshrestha said that keeping minimum in TBCB (Tariff Based Competitive Bidding), M/s Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited has won this contract for construction of 17 ultra high-tension substations for Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company.

- The 17 extra high-tension substations include one 400 KV substation, 3 220 KV substations and 13 132 KV substations. These include 10 substations in central region and 7 substations in western region.
- M/s Megha Engineering & Infrastructure Limited has won the tender after 59 rounds of e-reverse auction process. Adani Transmission Limited, Power Grid Corporation of India, Tata Power Company Limited and Techno Electric & Engineering Company Limited were involved in the final round tender process.
- ➢ In this package, state's first 400 KV GIS substation in Mandideep industrial area of Bhopal, 132/33 KV substation in Bhopal itself. 2nd GIS substation HOD of 220 KV at Bisonikala of Hoshangabad district in Bhopal region, Shahpur of Betul district, Chhapiheda of Rajgarh district, Sodalpur of Harda district, Pathari of Raisen district, and Bari, Jawar Jod of Sehore district, Semrahat of Ashoknagar district GIS of 132/33 KV substation of 132 KV in Pithampur, Dhar district. substations, 220 KV substation at Khargone, 132/33 KV substations at Bhatpachlana in Ujjain district, Pipalgaon in Khargone district, Dhodar in Ratlam district, Chobradhir in Dewas district, Ambaja in Alirajpur district.
- After construction, these substations will be operated by M/s Megha Engineering and Infrastructure Limited for 35 years.

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