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Knowledge Hub Inaugurated at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal

Why In News?

On May 30, 2023, Madhya Pradesh's Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang and Health Minister Dr. Prabhuram Chaudhary inaugurated the Knowledge Hub for capacity building for control and prevention of beta thalassemia and hemoglobinopathy at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal.

key points

- Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang said that the knowledge hub would help in identification, treatment and prevention of various blood disorders including beta thalassemia.
- Minister Sarang informed that a knowledge hub has been set up at Gandhi Medical College in collaboration with Eco India under State Hemoglobinopathy Mission of National Health Mission. With this, training sessions have been started for the initial group of 150 doctors in 50 districts of the state in the capacity enhancement program of doctors focused on beta thalassemia and hemoglobinopathy.
- He said that the inclusion of medical as well as engineering in medical education would help doctors from remote areas in the treatment of serious diseases. It will also enhance the skill of the clinicians in screening, early diagnosis, treatment and overall genetic blood disorders.
- Health Minister Dr. Chaudhary said that in the mission to eradicate sickle cell, a system of screening, referral and management of people suffering from sickle cell anemia, thalassemia and other hemoglobinopathies disorders has been established. In the first phase of the mission, a pilot project is being run in two tribaldominated districts of the state, Jhabua and Alirajpur.
- Significantly, beta thalassemia is a serious genetic blood-borne disease, also known as porter anemia. Due to this, the access of oxygen to the cells of the body decreases. Young children are most at risk of this.
- It originates from an abnormality in human genes. If either of the parents of the newborn is suffering from thalassemia, then there is a 25 percent chance of the baby also having this disease. If both parents

are affected by the disease, then the child has a 50 percent chance of having it. With timely diagnosis and treatment, the patient can be saved.

Formation of State Youth Advisory Council

Why In News?

On May 30, 2023, the State Youth Advisory Council was constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister to give advice on the state's youth policy and youth-related matters.

key points

- Sports and Youth Welfare Minister and Chairman M.P. Youth Commission has been made ex-officio vicechairman. The Principal Secretary will be the Member Secretary of the Sports and Youth Welfare Council.
- Members of the council include Mr. Meghdeep Bose, Anubhav Dubey, Suryapal Singh, Prateek Sancheti, Dr. Secretary Sharma, Sonu Golkar, Kartik Sapre, Mrs. Aditi Jhanwar, Dr. Tejal Shah Parulkar, Vinayak Lohani, Ms. Himadri Singh, Ashutosh Singh Thakur and Gajendra Singh Tomar is included.
- With the permission of the President, specially invited members can be included in the State Youth Advisory Council.

Experimental Test of Water Supply Started in Tourist City Khajuraho

Why In News?

According to the information given by Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on May 29, 2023, the experimental testing of water supply systems has started in the state's tourist cities Khajuraho and Rajnagar.

Key Points

> A water purification plant of 10 MLD capacity has been set up at Kutni Dam to provide clean water to both cities. The combined cost of the water supply project in both the bodies is about Rs 69 crore with 10 years of operation and maintenance.



- Seven overhead tanks have been constructed in Khajuraho and Rajnagar, and about 150 kilometres of distribution lines have been laid in both cities to provide pure water to every household. Tap connections have been given to 3500 houses in Khajuraho and 2000 houses in Rajnagar.
- It is worth mentioning that the metered tap connections are being given in this scheme. Its advantage will be that in future the residents will have to pay according to the usage of water which will be very economical.
- Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company, an undertaking of the Urban Development and Housing Department, has worked on the water supply project in these cities in collaboration with the Asian Development Bank.
- Due to this, pure water is now reaching the homes of the residents here. Now there is no need to stand in line for water. Due to this, the time wasted in filling water is being put to good use. The water pressure is also sufficient, due to which there is no need to install a motor.



Animal Husbandry Minister Rewarded Cow Herders in State Level Program

Why In News?

On 28 May, 2023, Madhya Pradesh's Animal Husbandry and Dairy Minister Premsingh Patel distributed state-level awards to cow-herders under the 'Chief Minister's Animal Husbandry Development Scheme' in village DhabaBawadi of Barwani district.

Key Points:

- ➤ It is known that the Animal Husbandry Department had organized competitions from February 1 to 15, 2023 in all the districts of the state to promote Indian advanced breed cow-rearing with Madhya Pradesh's native breed cows Malvi, Nimadi and Kenkatha. .
- ➤ In the scheme, after the district level competition, the most milch cows have been selected at the state level. In both the competitions, first prize of Rs 2 lakh, second prize of Rs one lakh and third prize of Rs 50 thousand were awarded.
- ➢ In the competition of cows of the native bovine breed of the state, Malvi cow of Ashish Sharma of Shajapur district, who gave giving 14.760 liters of milk from got the first prize, Malvi cow of Ghanshyam Prajapati of Bandarbela Badnagar in Ujjain district, who gave 12.882 liters of milk, and Nimari cow of Deepak Verma of Patlavad of Dhar district, who gave 11.96 liters of milk, got the third prize.
- In the Indian advanced breed, Rajmani Yadav of Nayagaon in Chhatarpur district won the first prize for 25.21 liters of milk cow, Smt. Neelu Murari of Neemuch gave 22.45 liters of milk to Gir breed cow and Sahiwal breed cow giving 20.99 liters of milk to Ravendra Kumar Pandey of Kathura in Singrauli district got the third prize.

Madhya Pradesh got 3 Scotch Awards for Successful Implementation of Urban Development Schemes

Why In News?

3 Scotch Awards were given to Madhya Pradesh for urban development and municipal governance in a program organized in New Delhi on May 27, 2023.

Key Points:

Sagar Smart City for building She-Lounge Women's Facility, Madhya Pradesh Urban Development Company for better management of Dharmapuri Sewage Project and Urban Development and Housing Department honored with Silver Scotch Award-2023 for doing remarkable work in Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Urban has been done.



- Madhya Pradesh's Urban Administration and Development Commissioner Bharat Yadav, State Mission Director of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Satendra Singh and Additional Commissioner Mrs. Ruchika Chauhan received the award.
- Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in June 2015 with the objective of providing pucca housing to every poor citizen of the country. In Madhya Pradesh, so far approval for houses has been received for more than 9.5 lakh beneficiaries under various components of the scheme. Out of this, the construction of about 6.5 lakh houses has been completed.
- Many innovations made by the state and effective strategies adopted have contributed to the success of the scheme in the state. Landless families have been provided lease of residential land, so that they can apply for BLC of the scheme. Don't miss out on taking advantage of the component. This is the most popular component of the scheme in small and medium towns.
- AHP of the scheme In order to overcome the difficulties faced by the beneficiaries in getting loans from the banks in this component, loans are being made available easily to the beneficiaries on the responsibility of the urban bodies through a tripartite agreement.
- A.H.P. For the implementation of the component, the government land has been made available to the urban bodies in a time-bound period on the basis of the land owner's rights. Along with this, for the registered workers who are not able to meet the beneficiary share, an additional grant of up to one lakh rupees is being made available under the 'Chief Minister Building and Construction Workers Housing' scheme, in addition to the provisioned amount in the scheme.
- It is worth mentioning that in October 2022, Madhya Pradesh was the second best performing state in Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) and best state award in convergence with other schemes, conduct of IEC (publicity) activities and performance of state level technical cell. was given by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- Along with this, Gohad and Jobat best performing municipality and city council and Dewas, the second best performing municipal corporation were also awarded by the central government.

- Even before this, Madhya Pradesh has received the Best Performing State (PMAY Empowering India Awards, 2022) in July 2022 for the effective implementation of the scheme in the state.
- Also, on June 24, 2022, Madhya Pradesh has been given 4 awards in the 'Khushiyon Ka Aashiyana' competition by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- ➤ In January 2021, Madhya Pradesh was given the second award for the 'Best Performing State' for the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) and 3 awards in the other category, thus a total of 4 awards were given by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.



Reward will be Given for Reporting Illegal Use of Electricity

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on May 25, 2023, the Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company has announced a reward scheme for the prevention of electricity theft. There is a provision to give reward under prescribed conditions for giving information about illegal use.

Key Points:

- If the amount is recovered on the basis of information, 10 percent of the amount will be paid to the successful informer. There is no maximum limit on this amount.
- Regarding illegal use/theft of electricity, apart from the Central Region Power Distribution Company Headquarters and Regional Headquarters, Regional General Managers can also be informed in writing or on telephone.



- It will be the responsibility of the concerned officer to keep the informant's information confidential. The officer-employee of the company will not be considered as an informant.
- > The incentive amount will be paid to the informer from the company headquarters. The incentive amount will be deposited directly into the bank account of the informant.
- > Two and a half percent amount will also be given as incentive to the departmental officers and employees who prepare the case and recover the amount.
- A vigilance cell has been constituted at the company headquarters for the implementation of this scheme. Information can also be sent to this vigilance cell.

Infrastructure Outreach Workshop

Why in News?

The Infrastructure Finance Secretariat (IFS), Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of Finance, Government of India, in partnership with the Government of Madhya Pradesh, organized an Infrastructure Outreach Workshop in Bhopal on 24-25 May 2023.

Key Points:

- This is the fourth in a series of outreach workshops planned in association with State Governments and Union Territories and key Central Infrastructure Ministries, with the objective of providing an accurate understanding of the on-the-ground issues faced by the Project Sponsoring Authorities in undertaking large infrastructure projects. Have to understand.
- The two-day workshop was inaugurated by Ajit Kesari, Additional Chief Secretary-Finance, Government of Madhya Pradesh, who laid special emphasis on developing a long-term vision for infrastructure development by properly understanding the needs and aspirations of the citizens and prioritizing the identified needs.
- The workshop was attended by over 60 senior officials from the State Governments of Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Rajasthan, West Bengal and Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, as well as from key Union Infrastructure Ministries, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MORTH). , was attended

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- The theme of the workshop focused on discussions on key focus areas for infrastructure development and its financing. The challenges and possible solutions and the need to encourage private sector participation in infrastructure development were discussed.
- Representatives of Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Union Territories of Dadra and Nagar Haveli, Daman and Diu besides senior officials from Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), National Investment and Infrastructure Fund Limited (NIIF), SBI Capital Markets Limited, International Finance Corporation (IFC) and representatives of NIIF- Infrastructure Finance Limited (NIIF-IFL) also participated in the workshop.
- The objective of the workshop is to provide a common platform to initiate a dialogue between the Central and State Governments by raising awareness on various schemes, financial instruments and infrastructure related trends in India to the Central and State Government officials, private sector experts and academicians associated with the infrastructure sector. But had to bring
- This was the fourth workshop in the series of State Outreach Workshops organized by the DEA. The last workshop was organized in the year 2022 in Varanasi.





Khargone's Daughters won four Medals in Asian Canoe Slalom in Thailand

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 23 May 2023, the girls of Maheshwar of Khargone district have won four medals in the Asian Canoe Slalom Competition held in Pattaya, Thailand.

Key Points:

- Sports Officer Pavi Dubey said that 11 players represented the country in the Water Sports Canoe Slalom Competition. In this, Shikha Chauhan from Khargone district of Madhya Pradesh won two bronze, Bhumi Baghel one bronze and Ahana Yadav won one bronze medal.
- Canoe slalom is a balancing sport in fast-flowing water. Competitors in canoe slalom compete over a white water course of up to 300 meters, where they must pass a maximum of 25 upstream and downstream gates as quickly as possible. It happens.
- Two types of boats are used in this sport: The first is the canoe, which is also called a Dongi in Hindi. The canoe is a special type of boat which is long, narrow and very light. With the canoe, the athlete is tied in a kneeling position and propels the boat using a paddle (single-blade paddle).
- And the other type of boat is called 'Kayak', which has double-bladed paddles. In this, athletes sit and participate in the race using two paddles.
- Canoe slalom was introduced in Switzerland in the early 1930s as an alternative to the summer sports of slalom skiing included in the winter sports. In the early days, however, races were held on flatwater rather than whitewater courses.



Maharana Pratap Lok will be Established in Bhopal

Why in News?

On 22 May 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the construction of Veer Shiromani Maharana Pratap Lok in Bhopal at a function organized at Bhopal Lal Parade Ground on the occasion of Maharana Pratap Jayanti.

Key points:

- > The life and works of Maharana Pratap will be depicted in the memorial. Along with this, the contribution of his seven associates Bhamashah, Punjabhil, Chetak and others will also be depicted.
- Maharana Pratap Lok will be built with the aim that the coming generation can be aware of Maharana Pratap's struggle to protect his culture and freedom and his ability to stick to the values of life and adopt rites accordingly.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that stories of bravery and valour of Maharana Pratap will be taught in the school curriculum in the state. Along with this, Maharana Pratap Welfare Board will also be formed.
- Maharana Pratap Singh Sisodia was born on 9 May 1540, in Kumbhalgarh, Rajasthan. He was the grandson of Mahavir Rana Sanga. They are immortal in history for their valour, bravery, sacrifice, valour and determination.
- He did not accept the subordination of Mughal emperor Akbar and struggled for many years, ultimately Akbar failed to subdue Maharana Pratap. Maharana Pratap's policies became a source of inspiration for everyone from Shivaji Maharaj to freedom fighters.
- The horse on which Maharana used to sit was 'Chetak' , one of the best horses in the world. Maharana used to wear 72 kg armor and hold an 81 kg spear in his hand. They used to fight the war by lifting a total weight of 208 kg, including the weight of shields and swords, including spears and armor.
- On May 30, 1576, a fierce battle broke out between the huge Mughal army and the Ranbankuri Mewari army in the plains of haldi valley. In the war, Maharana freed the enemies, but the Rajput army could not stand in front of Akbar's huge army and Rana Pratap had to take refuge in the forest, but he did not accept Akbar's slavery.



Except Chittor, Maharana again snatched all his forts from the enemy. Apart from Chittorgarh and Mandalgarh, Maharana re-established his kingdom over the entire Mewar. He made Udaipur his capital. After this, the Mughals challenged Maharana many times, but the Mughals had to face defeat. Finally, Maharana Pratap died in Chand on January 29, 1597, due to injuries sustained during war and hunting.

Chief Minister Announced Formation of 'Jugal Kishore Sarkar Lok' on Panna Gaurav Diwas

Why in News?

On 22 May 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the creation of 'Jugal Kishore Sarkar Lok' in Panna, on the lines of Ujjain's 'Mahakal Lok' on the occasion of Panna Gaurav Diwas on the birth anniversary of Bundel Kesari Maharaja Chhatrasal.

Key points

- Describing Panna as a holy religious city at the Gaurav Diwas function held at Chhatrasal Stadium, the Chief Minister said that all the four temple complexes would be included in Jugal Kishore Sarkar Lok. Jugal Kishore will be made with public suggestions and advice.
- The Chief Minister announced to install his statue at Dharmasagar Pond with an aim to make people take inspiration from Maharaja Chhatrasal and follow his ideals.
- On the occasion of Gaurav Diwas, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone and dedicated various construction works worth Rs 178.51 crore for the development of the Panna district.
- On the demand of public representatives, the Chief Minister said that when the decision to open medical colleges in cities/ districts with a population of up to 10 lakh will be taken, then Panna will also be included in it.
- He said that in the year 2018, there was a demand for an agricultural college, later it was shifted elsewhere by the then government, which has now been brought back to Panna.

- Maharaja Chhatrasal Bundela (May 4, 1649 December 20, 1731) was a great warrior of the Middle Ages of India. He defeated Mughal ruler Aurangzeb in battle and established his independent Hindu kingdom in Bundelkhand and attained the title of 'Maharaja'.
- Maharaja Chhatrasal was born in a Rajput family and was a descendant of Rudra Pratap Singh of Orchha. He was a great hero, organizer, skilled and majestic king of his time. His life turned out to be a struggle against the rule of the Mughals and for establishing the independence of Bundelkhand.



First 220 KV level power transformer in the state electrified with HMI technology

Why in News?

On 22 May 2023, Atul Joshi, Chief Engineer of MP Transco (Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company) informed that the company has innovated for the first time in the state with a power transformer of 160 MVA capacity at 220 KV voltage level. It is energized remotely with the help of (Human Machine Interface) technology.

Key points

- This advanced technology has so far been successfully used in new132 kV voltage level substations and 132 kV lines at MP Transco, which have been remotely energized.
- This is the first time a hyper-sensitive device like 160 MVA has been remotely energized using this technology at a 220 kV voltage level.



- The new 160 MVA capacity power transformer installed at a cost of about Rs 6.50 crore at 220 KV sub-station at Jabalpur Nayagaon has been energized using this technology.
- With the electrification of this transformer, the transmission capacity of the Mahakaushalion has increased significantly. Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company transmits power from its 58 sub-stations in 8 districts of Mahakaushal region, including two sub-stations of 400 kV and 47 substations of 132KV.
- These include 400 kV side 830 MVA. 220 kV side 3660 MVA and 132 kV side 4607 MVA thus having a total transformation capacity of 9097 MVA.
- Narsinghpur, Damoh, Seoni, Mandla, Dindori and Katni districts of Mahakaushal region will now get additional power of about 50 MW from Jabalpur if needed. It is noteworthy that in this sub-station of Jabalpur, apart from Amarkantak, Birsinghpur, Bargi power generation stations, electricity is transmitted from the power grid.
- Human machine interface technology involves controlling devices remotely using human and computer machines. This technology is used with the help of ADMS in the 3 SCADA Control Center operating in the state of MP Transco.
- ➤ It is known that MP Transco has made many innovations in its system in the past as well. These include the implementation of a cyber security system in the first state load dispatch system in the country, implementation of SCADA system, drone patrolling of transmission lines, plan to remotely operate 400 KV sub-stations.



Ladli Behna Forces' will be formed in all the villages

Why in News?

On 21 May 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said in the 'Ladli Behna Mahasammelan' organized at Gandhwani in Dhar district that Ladli Behna Forces will be formed in all villages for better implementation and monitoring of schemes for the welfare of sisters.

Key Points:

- ➤ In the Mahasammelan, the Chief Minister inaugurated development works worth Rs 229 crore 66 lakh and performed Bhoomi-Pujan of development works worth Rs 187 crore 76 lakh.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the role of Ladli Behna Forces will be activated for better implementation of schemes and monitoring of works.
 21 members will be included in big villages and 11 members in small villages.
- The Chief Minister said that in the year 2017, a scheme to provide Rs 1000 per month was started for special backward tribes Bega, Saharia and Bharia. With this amount, women can do the work of buying fruits, milk, vegetables etc. at home.
- Ladli Behna Schemes is also an extension of this idea. In this, it was decided to provide 12 thousand rupees every year to all sisters except those belonging to special backward tribes. From 10 June, women will start getting the benefits of this scheme.
- The Chief Minister said that with the opening of PM Mitra Textile Park in Dhar district, women in the area would get easy employment. 2 lakh people will get jobs from the textile park.





On this occasion, sisters from 13 development blocks of Dhar district handed over *Patis* (letters) to Chief Minister Shri Chouhan on behalf of 90,000 sisters of the district, in which they thanked him for starting the Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Scheme.

Outstanding Achievement of MP. Transco

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on 18 May 2023, M.P. TRANSCO (MP Power Transmission Company) has achieved an excellent achievement by energizing the 1000th transformer in its transmission network of the state.

Key Points:

- According to information, MP Transco has achieved this success by installing and energizing 63 MVA capacity power transformers in the 132 KV sub-station of the Harda district.
- ➤ With this, while the capacity of the substation has increased to 189 MVA, the transformation capacity of the Harda district has increased to 839 MVA.
- MP Transco transmits power through one 220 KV sub-station Handia and three 132 KV sub-stations Harda, Khirkiya and Sultanpur in the Harda district.
- ➤ MP Transco is the transmission utility with the lowest transmission loss in the country with 2.63% transmission loss. Apart from this, the transmission system availability of MP Transco is the best in the country at 99.45 percent against the prescribed 98.5 percent.
- With the installation of this 1000th transformer in MP Transco, the transformation capacity of the state has increased to 77,109 MV. This includes 11 thousand 200 MVA in 400 KV, 31 thousand 875 MVA in 220 KV and 34 thousand 34 MVA in 132 KV.
- In the network of MP Power Transmission Company, 414 very high-tension sub-stations are functional. This includes 14 thousand 220 KV 88 sub-stations of 400 KV voltage level and 312 sub-stations of 132 KV voltage.
- ➤ In MP Power Transmission Company, 36 power transformers of 400 KV level, 208 of 220 KV and 756 power transformers of 132 KV are operational.

- ➤ In the year 2022-23, 88 thousand 850 million units of electricity were supplied from the network of MP Transco in the state, which is the best ever.
- ➤ MP Transco's transmission lines are installed in 41527.76 circuit kilometers in the state, in which electricity is transmitted through 87 thousand 258 towers.
- It is worth mentioning that when the power supply is high, there is a possibility of increasing the transmission loss. In the year 2022-23, more than 08 per cent of electricity was supplied as compared to the previous year, yet the transmission losses in MP Transco remained equal to the previous year i.e. 2.63 percent.



Cabinet Approves 'Mukhya Mantri SikhoKamao Yojana' for the Youth

Why in news?

On May 17, 2023, In the cabinet meeting presided by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan approval was given to the 'Mukhyamantri Sikho-Kamao Yojana' (Youth Skill Earning Scheme) for the unemployed youth of the state.

Key Points

- 12th, ITI, Graduate and Post Graduate will be eligible in this scheme. Under the scheme 8 to 10 thousand rupees will be given to the youth during training for one year.
- The state government has set a target of training one lakh unemployed Under the scheme. If more unemployed youths come than this target, they will also be included.



- In this, The youth will have to register on a portal. They will have to upload their Own educational qualification documents, Composite ID, permanent residence certificate and other information Also.
- > To the eligibility of this scheme, It is necessary to be a resident of Madhya Pradesh, for which the age of 18 to 29 years and 12th pass or ITI is necessary should the minimum educational qualification.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that under the scheme, the children will be 700 different types of work in engineering, electronics, hotel management, tourism, travel, hospital, railway, ITI, software development, banking, insurance, accounting, chartered accountant and other financial services about given the taught.
- This work will be taught in any institution, company, factory or hospital. During this work money will be transferred directly to the accounts of the children.
- ➤ Under the scheme, Rupees 8,000 per month will be given to those who are 12th or less educated. Rupees 8,500 will be given to ITI passers, Rupees 9,000 to diploma holders and Rupees 10,000 per month to those pursuing degree or above.
- Technical Education, Skill Development Department Additional Chief Secretary Manu Srivastava said that under the 'Chief Minister's Learn-Kamao Yojana' approval of one thousand crore rupees Amount has been given for the purpose of training at least one lakh youth in establishments.
- Under this scheme, the youth will get a stipend of Rs 8 to 10 thousand per month during the training. 75% of the stipend will be paid by the state government through DBT. After the training, A certificate from the State Council for Vocational Training will be given by the Madhya Pradesh State Skill Development and Employment Generation Board.





Madhya Pradesh bags "Best State" Award For the Work of Management, Conservation and Promotion of Water Resources under Fourth "National Water Awards"

Why in News?

Madhya Pradesh has been selected by the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti for the first place in the best state category in the National Water Award, 2022, for its excellent work in management conservation and augmentation of water resources.

Key Points

- It may be noted that under the 4th National Water Awards, awards will be given to States, Organizations, individuals etc. in 11 different categories by the Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti.
- These categories include- Best State, Best District, Best Gram Panchayat, Best Urban Local Body, Best Media (Print & Electronic), Best School, Best Institution for Campus Use in the category of RWA/Religious/Higher Educational Institution, Best Industry, Best NGO, Best Water User Association and Best Industry for CSR activity being awarded.
- The award winners in various categories will be presented with citations, trophies and cash prizes. The cash prize is Rs 2 lakh, Rs 1.5 lakh and Rs 1 lakh for the first, second and third positions respectively.
- Various components in the best state category achievements of Jal Jeevan Mission and Jal Shakti Abhiyan, efforts for conservation and promotion of water resources, water policy, use of micro irrigation



technology in place of traditional methods of irrigation, implementation of new micro irrigation projects, efforts and achievements in the areas of efficiency of water use, restoration of water structures, treatment and reuse of sewage and industrial waste water, etc. are evaluated.

- National Water Awards (NWAs) are given to identify and encourage exemplary work and efforts made by the States, Districts, individuals, organizations, etc. throughout the country in fulfilling the vision of Jal Samruddha Bharat of the Government.
- The objective is to make people aware of the importance of water and motivate them to adopt best water use practices.
- The objective of the National Water Awards is to encourage stakeholders to adopt a holistic approach towards water resource management in the country as surface water and groundwater play an important role in the water cycle.
- To fulfill these objectives, the department introduced the first edition of National Water Awards in 2018. The prize distribution ceremony was held on February 25, 2019 at New Delhi and 82 winners were awarded under 14 categories.
- The 2nd National Water Awards 2019 was held in which the Vice President of India felicitated 98 winners in 16 categories on November 11-12, 2020.
- ➤ The 3rd National Water Awards was held on March 29, 2022, wherein the then President of India, Ram Nath Kovind, honored 57 winners in 11 categories. In the third National Water Awards, Uttar Pradesh got the first prize in the 'Best State' category for the best performance towards water conservation.

Decisions of the State Council of Ministers headed by the CM

Why in News?

In the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on 16 May 2023, several other important decisions were taken along with increasing the annual income limit for the scholarship to Scheduled Caste students from Rs.6 lakh to Rs.8 lakh.

Key Points:

- ➤ In compliance with the Chief Minister's announcement, the cabinet has increased the annual income limit for the scholarship to scheduled caste students. With this, the students belonging to the Scheduled Caste category will be able to get many opportunities to get an education.
- ➤ The cabinet gave administrative approval of more than Rs 41 thousand 923 crore under the 3-year budget and financial provisions of Mukhyamantri Ladli Bahna Yojana-2023 (from the financial year 2023-24 to the financial year 2025-26).
- The cabinet ratified the departmental order issued on 22 April 2023 regarding the management of agricultural lands of temples maintained by the government.
- According to the order, the priests will be able to use the income from the government-maintained temples, which have agricultural land up to 10 acres attached.
- Remaining agricultural lands will be auctioned for agricultural purposes by adopting a transparent process, informing the District Collector. The proceeds from the auction will be deposited in the temple's account.
- To ensure the availability of chemical fertilizers in the state and to avoid any inconvenience to the farmers, the Council of Ministers decided to make advance storage of 10 lakh 80 thousand tonnes for the year 2023-24 during the period from February 1 to May 31.
- > It is worth mentioning that in the advance storage scheme of chemical fertilizers (Urea, DAP, Complex and Potash), Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Marketing Federation has been declared as the state nodal agency for the arrangement of DAP, Complex, Potash and Urea fertilizers in the state.
- The cabinet approved the computerization of 4534 PACS of the state under the Centrally Sponsored Project for Computerization of Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Societies (PACS) implemented by the Union Ministry of Cooperatives.
- According to the BharatNet scheme by the Department of Science and Technology, optical fibre-based internet connectivity will be made available at the headquarters of 4534 PACS on a priority basis.
- The cabinet approved the Central Government's integrated child protection scheme 'Mission Vatsalya' to be implemented in all the districts of the state according to the new norms.



- The cabinet approved an amendment in the Madhya Pradesh Sand (Mining, Transport, Storage and Trade) Rules-2019.
- ➤ Instead of 'e-tender', the sand clusters of 44 districts in the state will be decided by group-wise contract through an 'e-tender-cum-auction' process.
- > The period of the contract will be fixed for 3 years (extendable for two additional years) from the date of the contract.
- > Statutory permissions (mining plan/environmental permission/climate consent etc.) will be obtained by the State Mineral Corporation.
- A tripartite agreement will be executed between the successful MDO (Mines Developer and Operator), collector and corporation in the tender.
 - The contract amount will be payable in the form of monthly instalments instead of quarterly and an annual increase of 10 percent in the contract amount will be done on completion of 1 year of contract operation instead of July every year.

Launch of 'One Week-One Laboratory' Program

Why in News?

On 14 May 2023, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel launched 'One Week-One Laboratory' at the Council of Scientific & Industrial Research's Advanced Materials & Process Research Institute (CSIR-AMPRI) auditorium.

Key Points:

- > The One Week-One Lab program aims to make laboratory research accessible to the general public.
- One week-one laboratory program is a meaningful initiative to build a self-reliant India. The program will inspire the future generation to contribute to the efforts of nation-building.
- On this occasion, Governor Mangubhai Patel released the booklet 'One Week-One Lab' and a film focusing on the activities of CSIR-AMPRI, as well as the exchange of documents for the transfer of technology with the enterprise by the institute.
- During this week of CSIR-AMPRI, 10 different programs have been organized from the 14th to the 18th of May.

It is worth mentioning that on 14th May 1981, CSIR-AMPRI Institute was established in New Delhi as Regional Research Laboratory, which was shifted to Bhopal in the year 1983. The institute was restructured in the year 2007 with a futuristic outlook.



Gau-RakshaSankalpSammelan

Why in News?

On 12 May 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the Gau-Raksha Sankalp Sammelan at Lal Parade Ground in Bhopal.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister flagged off 406 veterinary ambulances for urban areas and all development blocks of the state.
- ➤ A veterinary doctor and paramedics will be available in these ambulances. Toll-free no. for treatment of animals in an emergency. 1962 has been released.
- > It is known that earlier it used to be a big problem to take sick animals to the hospital. With the arrival of the ambulance, the veterinary hospital itself will be present at the door of the cattle owner.
- ➤ It is worth mentioning that in Madhya Pradesh, the slaughter of cow progeny has been banned. There is a provision of imprisonment for 7 years for cow-slayer and imprisonment for illegal transportation. Vehicles involved in the illegal transportation of cow progeny will be confiscated.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced that farmers doing natural farming would be given Rs 900 per month for rearing cows. The instalment of the scheme will be issued to 22 thousand farmers this month. Tribal brothers and sisters will be provided with a 90 percent subsidy on buying cows for cow rearing.





- It is known that work is going on in Jabalpur on the project of making CNG from cow dung. Arrangements will be made to buy cow dung by setting up Govardhan plants at different places in the state, through which CNG will be produced.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that a policy will be made to use the natural paint made in the Gaushalas in the Panchayat-level government buildings in the rural areas. This will encourage the business of cow dung and cow urine. Eight Gau-Sadans and two Gau-Vansh Vanya Vihar will be developed in the state. The responsibility of their operation will be handed over to the Gau-Sevak Sanstha.
- For smooth management of cowsheds, a big cowshed will be developed for 4-5 gram panchayats. Primarily, such cow shelters will be developed as models at some places in the state. Any organization can take responsibility for the arrangements of these gaushalas and the organization will be provided financial assistance by the state government.



Bhoomi Poojan of pressurized Mega Irrigation Project in Village Jawanpura

Why in News?

On 11 May 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan unveiled the foundation stone plaque after performing Bhoomi-Pujan of the Kayampur-Sitamau Pressurized Major Irrigation Project to be constructed at a cost of Rs 2374 crore in Jawanpura village of Mandsaur district.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the construction work of the irrigation project to be built on the Chambal river, Gandhi Sagar Reservoir by digging with a pickaxe.
- 1 lakh 12 thousand hectare land of 252 villages of the district will be irrigated with this irrigation project of Jawanpura village of Sitamau tehsil, 70 km away from Mandsaur district headquarters.
- > This will benefit 1 lakh 49 thousand 300 farmer beneficiaries of the area.



Interest Subvention Scheme

Why in News?

In the sequence of the decision taken by the Madhya Pradesh State Council of Ministers on 11 May 2023, the Cooperative Department has issued instructions to waive off the interest of the defaulter farmers under the Interest Waiver Scheme on the outstanding overdue crop loans.

Key Points:

- According to the instructions issued, the interest reimbursement of such farmers of Primary Credit Cooperative Societies (PACS) affiliated to District Cooperative Central Banks of the state, whose total liabilities (original interest) as on 31 March is up to Rs 2 lakh and are defaulters, will be reimbursed by the government.
- Short term and medium term converted debt will be included in the calculation of total liabilities.
- According to the available information, as on 31 March 2023, there are 11 lakh 19 thousand defaulter farmers in the state, on whom the waivable interest amount is about Rs 2 thousand 123 crore.
- For transparency in the implementation of this scheme, the name of the farmer along with the unique number



- (simple number) in the list of defaulter farmers, the principal outstanding and the interest amount to be waived off, will be made public through the utility portal at the bank level.
- The amount of share capital given by the state government will be used by all the concerned institutions first to waive off the interest of the farmers. The paid-up share capital shall not be refundable. The last date of the scheme for the farmers has been kept as 30 November, 2023.
- Farmers benefited from the scheme will be given the special facility to provide fertilizers for agricultural work, that the farmers will be able to get fertilizers from the committee in the form of loan up to the amount deposited in cash in their loan account.
- A committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to take decision to amend/change the number of defaulter farmers and the amount of interest etc. in the scheme as per the requirement.
- Additional Chief Secretary Finance, Additional Chief Secretary Farmers-Welfare and Agriculture Development, Secretary Cooperative, Commissioner Cooperative and Registrar Cooperative Societies are members of the committee and Managing Director State Cooperative Bank is the convenor member.
- ➤ Significantly, in the year 2019, the Congress government had implemented the loan waiver off scheme for farmers up to Rs 2 lakh. Due to this farmers stopped loan repayment. The scheme was discontinued after the fall of the Congress government in March 2020, at the very beginning of the second phase of loan waiver up to Rs 1 lakh.
- ➤ In order to give farmers the benefit of loan waiver again, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had announced interest waiver in a new form. The state government has made a provision of Rs 350 crore for this in the budget of the year 2023-24.

Amendment in Madhya Pradesh Medical Education Admission Rules-2018

Why in News?

On 11 May 2023, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh amended the Madhya Pradesh Medical Education Admission Rules-2018.

Key Points

- According to the amended rule, 5 percent seats have been reserved for government school students out of the total seats approved for MBBS and BDS in all government & private colleges.
- In all colleges, 30 percent reservation has been fixed for female candidates and 5 percent for physically challenged candidates in all courses. Freedom fighter candidates and military candidates have been earmarked 3-3 per cent of the total seats for MBBS and BDS in government colleges only.
- According to the amended rule, the category has been clarified to include women, freedom fighters, soldiers, disabled, non-resident Indian category and government school students.
- Similarly, according to the added sub-rule, government school means that such students have been included in the government schools run by the Government of Madhya Pradesh, who have passed the examination after studying regularly from class-6 to 12th in government schools or those who have passed the examination after studying in private schools from class-1 to 8 on the basis of admission through the Right to Education Act, after studying regularly from class-9 to 12th in a government school.
- As per the amendment rules, issued by the District Education Officer/District Convenor/Assistant Commissioner of the concerned department to the candidate for admission from the government school student category for graduate course (MBBS/BDS), it will be mandatory to submit the certificate in original to the effect that the candidate fulfills the requirement of Rule-2B.

Rs 141 crore Approved for Strengthening the Electrical Infrastructure of Morena District

Why in News?

On 10 May 2023, Madhya Pradesh's Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar informed that Rs 141 crore has been sanctioned to reduce power losses and to strengthen the power infrastructure of the Morena district of the state.



Key Points:

- In this, Rs 129 crore has been sanctioned by the Central Government and Rs 12 crore by the State Government in the first phase of the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme (RDSS).
- Construction of 22 kilometre 132 KV very highpressure line, construction of 5 new 33/KV substations, installation of capacitor bank at 34 places for improvement of voltage system, capacity in three 33/11 KV sub-stations to be done with the approved amount. Augmentation and additional power transformer installation, 294 distribution transformer installation, cabling work of 213 km low-pressure lines and construction work of 495 km 33 and 11 KV high-pressure feeders.
- > About 20 lakh of the population of Morena district will be benefited from this. Also, the electricity demand for the next 10 years will be met.

The Chief Minister released the Mela Panchang

Why in News?

On 10 May 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan released the 'Mela Panchang Varsh 2023-24' developed by the Madhya Pradesh Pilgrimage and Fair Authority.

Key Points:

- Month-wise and district-wise information on major fairs of the state has been given in the Mela Panchang focused on Vikram Samvat. It also mentions the main registered pilgrimage centres of the state.
- Apart from this, Mahakal Mahalok-Ujjain with pictures of Mahamai Mata Mandir Sironj-Vidisha, Rath Yatra-Panna, Narmada Nabhi-Sthal Nemawar-Dewas, Navratri Mela Maihar-Satna, Ratangarh-Datia, Barman Mela-Narsinghpur, Narmada Jayanti Maheshwar-Khargone, Shiva Temple Bhojpur-Raisen, Karila Dham-Ashok Nagar, Pitambara Peeth-Datia, Shani Temple-Morena, Ramraja Temple-Orchha and Pashupatinath Temple-Mandsaur's pictures are included.

Madhya Pradesh Seed Association will take membership of Indian Seed Cooperative Society

Why in News?

On 9 May 2023, in the meeting of the Board of Directors of the State Seed Producers & Marketing Association held at the Ministry under the chairmanship of Madhya Pradesh Cooperative & Public Service Management Minister Dr. Arvind Singh Bhadoria and in the special presence of Farmers-Welfare & Agriculture Development Minister Kamal Patel. It was decided to take membership in the Indian Seed Cooperative Society by the State Seed Association.

Key Points:

- The Board of Directors approved the membership of the Seed Association to 16 primary seed producer cooperatives.
- Along with this, it was also decided to get wire fencing done for security in the godown-cum-grading plant built by the State Seed Association.
- MD of Seed Association A.K. Singh said that in the year 2022-23, the progress of lifting and distribution of breeder seeds was recorded by the Seed Association from various research institutes of the country and the state, more than 455 quintals in Kharif year 2022 and 898 quintals for Rabi year 2022-23.
- > It is worth mentioning that the campaign to increase the seed replacement rate and formation of the primary seed producer cooperative society was started in the year 2002 for seed production as per the demand of the local level.
- Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Seed Producers and Marketing Federation (Seed Association) was formed on 13 December 2004 to coordinate the seed producer cooperatives in seed production and marketing.
- The main objective of the Seed Association is to provide breeder and foundation seeds to the Primary Seed Producer Societies according to their local requirements and to make available high-quality seeds at the appropriate time to the farmers of the



- state by getting certified seeds produced from the Seed Society.
- After the formation of the Seed Association, in the year 2004-05, production of 1.64 lakh quintals of certified seeds was started from an area of 16,000 hectares through the registered seed producer societies of the state.

Release of Medical Books written in Hindi

Why in News?

On 9 May 2023, the Higher Education Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mohan Yadav released various books in the release program of Medical Science Books in the mother tongue Hindi organized by Atal Bihari Vajpayee Hindi University and Madhya Pradesh State Livestock & Poultry Development Corporation.

Key Points:

- The released books 'Dialysis Technician', 'Operating Theater Technician' and 'X-ray Technician' have been authored by Dr. Ganeshram Mehar.
- While the books 'Parichayatmak Rog Vikriti Vigynan aur Adhunik Naidanik Jaanchen' have been written by Dr. Premchand Savarnkar and 'Panch Karma Chikitsa ke Adaharbhut Siddhant' by Dr. Suresh Tiwari and 'Manav Sharir Rachna Vigynan' by Dr. AK Dwivedi.
- ➤ It is worth mentioning that in the National Education Policy 2020, importance is being given to mother tongue, regional language, Indian languages, translation and professional courses.
- ➤ In Madhya Pradesh, the work of writing and translating books of technical-professional courses like medicine in Hindi is going on.
- This innovation done by Madhya Pradesh Hindi Granth Academy and Atal Bihari Vajpayee Hindi University, Bhopal is commendable.
- ➤ It is known that Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country which has started medical education in Hindi as well. On 16 October 2022, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah released MBBS firstyear Hindi books in Bhopal.

Solar Power and Wind Power Projects Launched

Why in News?

On 8 May 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan virtually inaugurated 21 MW solar power and 15 MW wind power projects at Kushabhau Thakre Auditorium in Bhopal, and in his presence contracts were signed among Municipal Corporation Bhopal, Solar Energy and Wind Energy companies.

Key Points:

- project of solar and wind energy will prove to be a milestone in the field of energy for Bhopal city.
- Bhopal Municipal Corporation will save Rs 14 crore every year from this project. It will increase further in the coming times.
- With this project, Bhopal Municipal Corporation will get electricity at the same rate for the next 25 years.
- At present, Rs 12 crore per month is being spent on electricity. Solar plants are being installed in all the zonal offices of the Municipal Corporation, implemented through two projects for the next 25 years. With these projects, 60 percent power demand of Municipal Corporation Bhopal will be met.
- Important aspects of the projects -
 - This is the first grid-connected open-access project to be set up by any urban body in the country.
 - This is the first hybrid project to be set up in Madhya Pradesh, in which solar and wind energy will be used together.
 - It is the first renewable project based on power banking regulation.
 - About 60 percent of the power demand of Municipal Corporation Bhopal will be met by these projects.





State-level meeting of Narcotics Coordination Mechanism

Why in News?

On 9 May 2023, under the chairmanship of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, a state-level meeting of the Narcotics Coordination Mechanism was held in ministry to make Madhya Pradesh drug-free.

Key Points:

- It was informed in the meeting that the state has been declared first in the country and Datia district as the best district in the country by the social justice department of the central government in the 'Drugfree India campaign'.
- ➤ It is known that in 2022 in Madhya Pradesh, the action was taken by registering 4740 crimes under the NDPS Act and by arresting 5673 accused.
- In this meeting, the Chief Minister instructed that the people involved in the drug business are the most dangerous and dangerous criminals, and strict action should be taken against them. The property of such persons should be identified and confiscated.
- Use the latest technology to control drugs and their business. Intelligence systems should be activated & strengthened and best practices & innovations released in other states should be implemented in the state.
- To make the youth aware, run a mass awareness campaign in the state on a wide scale. Special vigilance should be exercised in schools, colleges and slum areas.
- The youth should be administered an oath not to take drugs, for this, activities should be conducted in schools and colleges at the beginning of the next academic session.
- Drug de-addiction centers should be operated in the state as per the requirement. It is necessary to conduct continuous activities for control of drugrelated activities, de-addiction and public awareness against drugs.
- District-level committees of the Narcotics Coordination Mechanism should meet every month and information about the action taken by them should be placed before the state-level committee.

Courts should be constituted immediately in the districts of the state where NDPS courts are not constituted.



Agreement Signed Between AIIMS & PCB to Study the Side Effects of Pollution on Health

Why in News?

On 9 May 2023, an MoU was signed between the Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board (MP PCB) and All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal for a joint study and research on 'Impact of environmental pollution on human health'.

Key Points:

- The MoU was signed by Chandramohan Thakur, Member Secretary, MP PCB Board and Dr. Ajay Singh, Director & Executive Officer, AIIMS.
- The agreement made by the subject matter experts of both the institutes will set a new example in the country for the health security of future generations.
- A joint study by the experts of both the institutes will find out what are the ill effects of various pollutants present in the environment on human health and what diseases are caused by them.
- Pollution will help in preventing serious diseases like cancer, respiratory and heart diseases & on the basis of these, health policy will be decided.
- This research will also be helpful in the research work being done in other states. At present the agreement has been made for 2 years. This agreement may also be extended based on the findings of the study.
- This agreement will prove to be a turning point in the control of air pollution and diseases caused by it. This will be of great help in the study of various diseases



- caused by pollution in different regions. Due to the availability of authentic data, it will help in making an effective health policy in the country and the state.
- It is known that water pollution also causes many infectious and serious diseases. The joint study is a unique initiative towards the control and eradication of these diseases, which will set an example before other states.

2nd phase of Mukhyamantri Jan-Seva Abhiyan

Why in News?

On 6 May 2023, the General Administration Department of Madhya Pradesh issued instructions to start the second phase of the Mukhyamantri Jan-Seva Abhiyan.

Key Points:

- The second phase of Mukhyamantri Jan Sewa Abhiyan will be launched in the state from May 10 to 25 for the services provided to the common citizens and 100 percent redressal of their problems by the government departments.
- Mainly this campaign will have 2 major components. In the first component, applications pending in the offices of all such departments, which are related to civil services, will be disposed of as far as possible. Along with this, the complaints pending in the CM Helpline will be redressed.
- On the other hand, in the second component, 100 percent redressal of the complaints registered and currently pending in the CM Helpline till 15 April 2023, will be done. The information of redressal will also be compulsorily given to the concerned complainant.
- In this campaign, service delivery camps will be organized in all the field offices providing identified 67 services to the citizens.
- All collectors will nominate specific nodal officers for each office in their district where the camp will be held. The applications for the identified 67 services which are pending online or offline in the respective offices before the start of the campaign, will be recorded on the portal for their disposal during the campaign and for each day's disposal.

- Redressal of the applications for prescribed services received during this campaign will also be ensured in the portal. The camp number of the district will also be entered on the portal.
- Out of all the complaints received during the campaign, the District Collector will be able to mark separately such complaints, which are not possible to be resolved due to budgetary reasons, policy decisions, or pending cases in civil or high courts.
- ➢ In this campaign, it will be ensured that all the remaining complaints are redressed. All the complaints registered on the CM Helpline portal till 15 April 2023, but currently pending, will be displayed separately. This service is being made live on the CM Helpline portal from 5 May 2023.
- ➤ It is worth mentioning that in the first phase (17 September 2022 to 31 October 2022) of the Mukhyamantri Jan-Sewa Abhiyan, more than 83 lakh eligible beneficiaries have benefited by achieving 100 percent saturation in the schemes of the Central and State Governments.

Hindi feature film 'The Kerala Story' tax-free in Madhya Pradesh

Why in News?

On 6 May 2023, the Madhya Pradesh Commercial Taxes Department issued an order to make the Hindi feature film 'The Kerala Story' directed by Mr. Sudipto Sen, tax-free for its exhibition period from 6 May to 5 June 2023 in the state.

Key Points

- Because of the script and other special social utility qualities of the film, it has been exempted from tax.
- As per the issued order, the movie tickets will be sold to the audience by the concerned cinema halls/ multiplexes after deducting the amount of SGST for the screening of the film.
- There will be no increase in the prevailing general entry fee of the respective cinema halls for the film screening. An amount equal to the share of SGST will be reimbursed by the State Government.
- ➤ It is worth mentioning that this film exposes the conspiracy of love jihad, proselytization and terrorism.



This film shows how the daughters who get entangled in the trap of love jihad in the trap of momentary sentimentality, are ruined. The film also exposes the design of terrorism.

Important Decisions of the Council of Ministers Headed by the Chief Minister

Why in News?

On 4 May 2023, a meeting of the Council of Ministers was held in the Ministry under the chairmanship of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. In which various important decisions were taken.

Key Points:

- In the sequence of the Chief Minister's announcement, the cabinet approved the increase in the amount of assistance to well-meaning scholars, litterateurs/ artists and their dependents by the Directorate of Culture under the Culture Department.
- The monthly assistance amount per family artist/writer has been increased from Rs.1500 to Rs.5000. Along with this, on the death of the artist/writer, approval has been given to assist Rs 3500 to the family.
- The cabinet has decided to implement a new state-funded scheme 'Formation and Promotion of Farmer Producer Organizations (FPO)' to encourage the formation of at least 2 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) in each development block in the state.
- In this scheme, such FPOs will be encouraged which have not been formed in collaboration with any other organization. Hand Holding will be provided to these FPOs. This will help the FPO members to use quality inputs, advanced agricultural machinery, and postharvest techniques.
- This scheme will be implemented in the entire state through the Director, Farmers' Welfare and Agriculture Development.
- The cabinet approved the development, implementation and operation of the second phase of the e-municipality project 'e-municipality 2.0' to continue all the citizen services and departmental works being provided through the 'e-municipality portal' through digital means. The E-Municipality 2.0 portal will be developed in 2 years. It will be operated and maintained for 5 years. This project will be for 7 years.

- > The new system will include 16 modules and 24 citizen services. Project IT infrastructure and hardware will be based on cloud technology. The estimated expenditure on the entire project will be Rs 200 crore.
- The cabinet has decided to execute O-M Agreement and to sign a CNS/ATM MoU to develop and operate the Datia airstrip on behalf of the State Government by the Airport Authority of India under the UDAN scheme.
- In the first phase, air services will start on Datia-Bhopal and Datia-Khajuraho routes, due to which air services will be available for common citizens from Datia as well.
- The cabinet approved the formation of a new subdivision Malhargarh in district Mandsaur. The cabinet approved the creation of a new subdivision Jaisinagar in district Sagar.
- > The cabinet approved the creation of a new tehsil Doraha in district Sehore.



Ladli Laxmi Festival Celebrated at Chief Minister's Residence

Why in News?

On 02 May 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the state-level Ladli Laxmi Utsav program focused on respect, guidance and dialogue for daughters at the Chief Minister's residence complex on Ladli Lakshmi Day.

Key Points:

On this occasion, while giving the tagline 'Haan Main Bhi Ladli Hoon' to the Ladli Laxmi daughters of the state, the Chief Minister announced that medical, IIT, IIM, law institutes and admission to other prestigious



- educational institutions, their fees will be paid by the state government.
- For Ladli Lakshmi daughters, a special campaign will be launched in the state from 09 to 15 May in the city and panchayats.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister released a booklet published on the effective evaluation of the scheme & distributed honours and certificates to the Ladli girls. Along with this, prizes were also given to the Gram Panchayats declared Ladli Lakshmi friendly.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan felicitated Anandi Bai Yadav, Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Rani Khajuri, Sarpanch Kailash Bai of Gram Panchayat Bhatni, District Vidisha, Tej Singh Chauhan, Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Foodra, Sehore, Ramesh Shah, Sarpanch of Sier Mau Gram Panchayat, Raisen and Kailash Rajput, Sarpanch of Chhapra Gram Panchayat, Rajgarh by presenting shawls and certificates in Ladli Lakshmi-friendly Gram Panchayats of Bhopal.
- It is worth mentioning that such gram panchayats where the ladies are respected, 100% of girls are admitted to school, all are vaccinated, no girl child is malnourished, no girl child is a crime and where there is no child marriage, those panchayats are declared as Ladli Lakshmi friendly panchayats.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister awarded a gold medal to Jhabua's Muskan Bhuria in the archery competition at the state level, Inspire award to Seoni's Himani Baghel at the state level, Ratlam's Keshvi Tiwari at the international level in karate among Ladli girls

- who achieved excellent achievements and Ratlam's Bhavya also honoured with a trophy & certificate for her achievement in Kho-Kho at the national level.
- Bhopal's Anushka Dubey won the gold medal in the Open National Competition in Taekwondo, her sister received the trophy and certificate from the Chief Minister due to her stay. Along with this, the Chief Minister also gave assurance certificates to three girls.



Urdu Academy Announces Awards for Works of Writers

Why in News?

On 28 April 2023, the Madhya Pradesh Urdu Academy of Culture Department announced 6 All India Awards and 12 Regional Awards for the books published in the year 2021 & 2022.

Key Points:

The awards announced are as follows-

	All India Award		
Prize	Creator	Creations	
Mir Taqi Mir Award	Dr. Shafi Hidayat Qureshi, Datia	Inchisat Fikr	
Hakim Kamrul Hasan Award	Arif Aziz, Bhopal	Javia-e-Nigah	
Hamid Saeed Khan Award	Rashanda Mehdi, Delhi	Monsoon Store	
Shadaan Indori Award	Badra Wasti, Bhopal	Naach Gaan	
Johar Qureshi Award	Renu Behl, Delhi	Jahan-E-Arzoo	
Abraham Joseph Award	Rizwan-ul-Haq, Delhi	Khudkushi Nama	
Regional Award	Creator	Creations	
Siraj Mir Khan Sahar Award	Shaur Ashna, Burhanpur	Intezar Aur Kab Tak	



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Basit Bhopali Award	Dr. Azam, Bhopal	Dard ka Chaand Bujh Gaya
MD Ali Taj Award	Ashok Mizaz Badr, Sagar	Mai Ikai Hoon Mai Samaj Hoon
Nawab Siddiqui Hasan Khan Award	Rashid Anjum, Bhopal	Awaz ki Duniya Ka Dost Ameen Sayani
Shari Bhopali Award	Rafiq Ravani, Rewa	Kuchh Sher Kuchh Kutaat Kuchh Gazalen
Kaif Bhopali Award (Urdu Teacher)	Rushda Jameel, Bhopal	
Shambhu Dayal Sukhan Award	Mahendra Agarwal, Shivpuri	Roo-ba–Roo
Shifa Gwalior Award	Dr. Wasif Khan Yar, Burhanpur	Mitti Daal Par
Jaan Nisar Akhtar Award	Pro. Afaq Hussain Siddiqui, Bhopal	Urdu Shayari men Shaksi Marsiye
Pannalal Noor Srivastava Award	Riyaz Alam Mohammadi, Jabalpur	Tajalliyate Bazme Sana
Suraj Kala Sahay Award	Khalida Siddiqui, Bhopal	Gulabi Sham ke Saaye
Nida Fazli Award	Jameel Ahmed Jameel, Jabalpur	D'rubabe fikr

51 thousand rupees will be given in the form of All India Award and 31 thousand rupees will be given in 12 regional awards. All these honours will be given at a state-level decoration ceremony.

Culture Department announced the Winners of the Song Writing competition under Ladli Bahna Yojana

Why in News?

On 28 April 2023, the Madhya Pradesh Culture Department announced the winners of songwriting and musical composition in eight different dialects under the Ladli Bahna scheme.

Key Points:

- For Hindi, Brijesh Singh Yadav of Gwalior has been adjudged first, Rahul Vishwakarma of Vidisha second and Ashok Pandey of Singrauli third.
- And for the Bundeli dialect, Sumit Dubey of Narsinghpur has been selected first, Girraj Paliwal of Sheopur second and Niranjan Singh/Pradeep Soni of Jabalpur in third place.
- Similarly, in the competition, Ankur Joshi of Khargone has been selected for the first position, Harish Dubey of Maheshwar for the second position and Yashwant Yadav of Khargone for the third position for the Nimari dialect.

- Pt. Hari Hareshwar Poddar of Ujjain has been selected first, Dr. Trupti Nagar of Ujjain second and Mahesh
 Rao of Narsinghgarh third for the Malvi dialect.
- No entries were received in the Korku dialect. Whereas none of the participants was found eligible for the award in the songs and audio clips received in Bagheli, Bhadawari, Bhili and Gondi languages.
- It is worth mentioning that compositions were invited from the participants in songwriting and literary composition in 8 different dialects of the state including Hindi, Bundeli, Bagheli, Nimadi, Malvi, Bhadavari, Bhili, Gondi and Korku, based on Madhya Pradesh Government's Ladli Bahna Yojana.

Governor participated in the 'Mann Ki Baat' program along with 'Padma' winners & Other Dignitaries

Why in News?

On 30 April 2023, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel, Madhya Pradesh's Padma awardee and the celebrities mentioned in Mann Ki Baat and invited dignitaries attended the Raj Bhavan in the 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' broadcast program on 30 April 2023. A special program of 'Mann Ki Baat' was organized in Sandipani, the huge auditorium of the Raj Bhavan.



Key Points:

- On this occasion, Governor Mangubhai Patel presented mementoes to the Padma awardees of the state who came to the Raj Bhavan after the Mann Ki Baat programme. Padma awardees included Vijay Dutt Sridhar, Dr. Janak Palta, Shanti Parmar, Ramesh Parmar, Bhuri Bai and Kailash Madbaiah.
- On the other hand, after the program, the Governor presented mementoes to the personalities related to the events of Madhya Pradesh mentioned in Mann Ki Baat at the Raj Bhavan. These included Mamta Sharma, Subhash Jilodia, Master Tushar, Asharam Chaudhary, Usha Dubey, Atul Patidar, Babita Rajput, Ram Lotan Kushwaha, Arjun Singh, Rohit Sisodia, Rajneesh, Field Director Pench Tiger Reserve, Gyanendra Purohit, Monika Purohit, Geeta, Prashant Dhawale, Bhavna Daheria, and Manju Mandloi.
- After the program, the Governor inaugurated the exhibition put up by the Central Bureau of

- Communications at Sandipani Auditorium. This exhibition focuses on the achievements of the personalities of Madhya Pradesh mentioned in the Azaadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, New India changing India and Prime Minister's Mann Ki Baat.
- > It is worth mentioning that the first episode of the 'Mann Ki Baat' program was telecasted on 3 October 2014.







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