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Bhopal Milk Union got A+ Grade

Why In News?

On October 31, 2022, the Chief Executive Officer of Bhopal Cooperative Milk Federation RPS. Tiwari informed that Bhopal Cooperative Milk Union has been awarded A+ grade by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) with 101 marks on the basis of various parameters.

Key Points

- R.P.S. Tiwari said that any milk union in the state has got so many marks for the first time. Last year too, the milk union got A+ grade with 96 marks.
- Bhopal Cooperative Milk Union has been given 101 marks out of 106 on the basis of various parameters. For A+ grade, 95-106 marks category is fixed for best performance.
- It is noteworthy that Bhopal Milk Union has received this issue in all dimensions in cleanliness, staff rich in experience and technical knowledge, better management of milk and milk products, temperature measurement of cold storage every 2 hours, plastic strap curtain at door, double door sledding etc.

Ladli Laxmi Yojana 2.0

Why In News?

- On November 2, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched 'Ladli Laxmi Yojana 2.0' by transferring an amount of Rs 1 crore 85 lakh for higher education to 1477 Ladli Laxmi daughters from Ravindra Bhawan Bhopal.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister released the booklet 'Ladli Laxmi Yojana' published by Women and Child Development. The booklet mentions in detail the development journey since the launch of the scheme. The Chief Minister also handed over cheques of the amount as a token to the daughters taking admission in the college under the scheme.
- Giving information about the background of the launch of Ladli Laxmi Yojana, the Chief Minister said that after becoming the Chief Minister in the year 2005,

he prepared the Ladli Laxmi Yojana. Launched since 2007, more than 43 lakh Ladli Laxmi are associated with family members.

- The Chief Minister said that Ladli Laxmi Yojana has been linked with education. Arrangements have been made to pay incentive amount for the daughter on passing in various classes. Ladli Laxmi Yojana 2.0 has been started to help Ladli Laxmi's for admission in college. Now the state government will arrange the fees of the college.
- Additional Chief Secretary of Women and Child Development Ashok Shah said that under the Ladli Laxmi Yojana, financial assistance of Rs 25,000 will be given to the daughter after going to college after passing class 12th, which will help her in educating and choosing a career.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister also inaugurated 'Ladli Laxmi Vatika' developed behind Tatyta Tope Nagar Stadium in Bhopal. The Chief Minister said that the State Government has decided to develop 'Ek Park Ladli Laxmi Beti Ke Naam' in every district.

Ladli Laxmi Path

Why In News?

On November 2, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated 'Ladli Laxmi Path' at Bharat Mata Square in Bhopal.

Key Points

- Along with this, he said that the route from Bharat Mata Square to Polytechnic Square in Bhopal which is now known as Smart City Road will now be known as 'Ladli Laxmi Path'.
- The Chief Minister said that there is no greater honor than the honor of daughters. The state government has decided that 'Ladli Laxmi Path' will be developed in all 52 districts of the state.
- On both sides of these paths, information related to schemes for the welfare and advancement of girls and women, women empowerment will be displayed. This will make mothers, sisters, daughters and society aware.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that instead of big people, now the roads of the state will be named after daughters.

Note:



Madhya Pradesh Ranks Third in the Country in 3rd National Cultural Fest

Why In News?

- **Madhya Pradesh secured the third position in the country in the 3rd National Cultural Fest for Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) held in Bengaluru under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India on November 3, 2022.**

Key Point

- In this fest, students from Madhya Pradesh made their place in 13 different disciplines. About 80 tribal students of Eklavya Model Residential School run under the Tribal Affairs Department of Madhya Pradesh brought laurels to the state by achieving this feat in the fest.
- The three-day cultural fest also featured story recitation, creative writing, spellby and debate competitions, besides genres such as classical and ecclesiastical singing, instrumental playing, solo and group singing, improvised painting, drama, tribal group dance, folk dance and group singing.
- Sakshi Mayadia and Rajaram of EMRS Indore bagged the first position in the quiz. Sakshi also secured the first position in English speech.
- Vaishnavi Waskale of EMRS Indore and Neha Yashwant of PVTG, EMRS Indore bagged the first position in the Hindi debate and Soumya Rai of EMRS Indore bagged the first position in the English debate.
- Himangi Khapade of EMRS Indore bagged the second position in Spell-B, Kartik Dodve of EMRS Barwani bagged the second position in Hindi speech and Tirath Singh of EMRS Pali bagged the third position in poetry recitation.
- Bharti Bighle of EMRS Budni bagged the second position in ecclesiastical singing and Ashish Mishra of EMRS Dhansaur bagged the third position in classical singing. Emrs Barwani's team was third in patriotic group singing.
- Rangita of EMRS Budni bagged the first position in tribal solo song singing. Also, Ashish Bharti of EMRS Tamia bagged the third position in sub-classical solo singing.

Khelo India Youth Games-2022

Why In News?

On November 4, 2022, the Madhya Pradesh state government organized the 'Organizing--Coordination Committee' under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and 'Executive Committee' under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary to organize the 5th edition of Khelo India Youth Games-2022 to be held in the state from January 31 to February 11, 2023. committee constituted.

Key Points

- The committee, headed by the Chief Minister, will have Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports co-chairman and Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Madhya Pradesh as vice-president.
- Chief Secretary Government of Madhya Pradesh; Union Secretary, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports; Additional Chief Secretary, General Administration, Home and Finance Department will be the members of the committee. Principal Secretary Sports and Youth Welfare Department Madhya Pradesh has been nominated as Member Secretary.
- The organizing--coordination committee includes director general of police headquarters Madhya Pradesh; Director General Sports Authority of India New Delhi; Director Sports and Youth Welfare Madhya Pradesh; The School Games Federation of India has been made a member and representative of the Indian Olympic Association and president-general secretary.
- The chief secretary will be the chairman of the executive committee for the Khelo India Youth Games-2022. The committee will be co-chaired by secretary, Union Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. Additional Chief Secretary, Higher Education, Public Health and Family Welfare, General Administration, Home, Finance Department have been nominated as members of the committee.
- Principal Secretary Energy, Public Works, Sports and Youth Welfare, Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion, School Education, Tourism, Culture, Urban Development and Housing, Transport and Public Relations Department have been included as members.

Note:

- Director General of Police Madhya Pradesh, Director General Sports Authority of India New Delhi, Director Sports and Youth Welfare Madhya Pradesh, Director Khelo India New Delhi, Additional Director General of Police Fire Fighting Madhya Pradesh, Senior Director Sports Authority of India, Khelo India, New Delhi, President-Secretary General Schools Games Federation of India, Indian Olympic Association, representatives of Madhya Pradesh Olympic Association, Divisional Railway Manager, Bhopal Division, Indian Railways Madhya Pradesh, Director Doordarshan Bhopal and two prominent players of the state will be members of the executive committee of Khelo India Youth Games-2022.
- The event--coordination committee will control, manage, organize and administer the Khelo India Youth Games-2022 through the Department of Sports and Youth Welfare and the Executive Committee. The Executive Committee will coordinate between various agencies under the overall guidance of the Organizing--Coordination Committee with smooth conduct, supervision, monitoring of the Khelo India Youth Games.
- The executive committee will also monitor the infrastructure development of the venues of the Khelo India Youth Games and review the work of the implementing agencies.

Kabir Weaver and Vishwakarma Award

Why In News?

On November 4, 2022, the Madhya Pradesh Cottage and Village Industries Department organized the state-level Kabir Weaver Award 2020-21 and 2021-22 for weaving and the state-level Vishwakarma Award 2021-22 for the creation of outstanding handicrafts.

Key Points

- In the ceremony held at Bhopal Haat, the craftsmen were honored with shawls, certificates, copper plates as a mark of respect.
- During this, Commissioner Handloom Co-Managing Director Sant Ravidas MP. Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation Bhopal Anubha Srivastava informed that an exhibition of award-winning works of artisans and weavers would also be organized at the venue.

- 6 weavers and 6 craftsmen have been honored in this ceremony. Kabir Weaver of the year 2020-21, first prize was given to Wasim Mohammad of Chanderi, second prize to Rekhabei Koli of Chanderi and third prize to Moolchand Shrivaneekar of Maheshwar.
- Kabir Weaver of the year 2021-22, first prize was given to Mohammad Wasim of Chanderi, second prize to Mahesh Koli of Bagore district Shivpuri and third prize to Raju Panthi of Chanderi.
- A cheque of Rs 1 lakh was given for the first prize, Rs 50,000 for the second prize and Rs 25,000 for the third prize.
- Similarly, Vishwakarma for the year 2021-22 for handicrafts, first prize was given to Mohammad Ahsan Chhipa of Ujjain, second prize to Hiranman Yuvati of Bhopal and third prize to Dharmendra Rohar of Bhopal.
- Apart from this, 3 awards in the incentive category were given to Hayat Gutti, Iqbal and Banwarilal Jharia.
- The prize winner prize carries a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh, the second prize is Rs 50,000 and the third prize is Rs 25,000. Also, an amount of Rs 15,000 each was given to the selected artisans as an incentive.

BCLL gets Urban Mobility Award 2022

Why In News?

On November 6, 2022, BCLL, formed by the Municipal Corporation, Bhopal for public transport in the city, was awarded the Urban Mobility Award 2022 in Kochi.

Key Points

- The corporation received this award for the category 'City with Most Innovative Finance Mechanism for Transport'.
- The award ceremony took place at Hotel Hyatt in Kochi, where Municipal Commissioner KVS Choudhary, Additional Commissioner CP Gohil and MIC member Manoj Rathore received the award. The award was given by State Housing and Urban Development Minister Kaushal Kishor.
- BCLL had innovated in August 2021 to promote private public participation, due to which 150 buses of the Union Territory 'Amrit Yojana' started operating on the grass-cast model. Tenders were invited to raise revenue for the said bus operation, due to which a separate agency was selected.

Note:

- This formula of BCLL has received appreciation across the country. Apart from the state, the central government has also appreciated this model.
- At present, 352 buses are being operated by BCLL on 20 routes, in which more than 1.5 lakh passengers travel daily.

Akhil Bhartiya Kalidas Samaroh-2022

Why In News?

On November 4, 2022, Governor Mangubhai Patel launched the seven-day All India Kalidas Samaroh-2022 on Dev Prabodhini Ekadashi. The ceremony will be held from November 4, 2022 to November 10, 2022.

Key Points

- The function was inaugurated at Pt. Suryanarayan Vyas Sankul Auditorium of Kalidas Sanskrit Academy under the aegis of Vikram University and Kalidas Sanskrit Academy, Madhya Pradesh Sanskriti Parishad.
- In this ceremony, Padma Bhushan Budhaditya Mukherjee (Sitar playing), Padma Shri Dr. Puru Dadhich (Kathak dance), Vasudev Kamath (painting) and theater artist and famous actor Rajiv Varma were honored with the prestigious Rashtriya Kalidas Samman' of the state government. For the first time these four honors were given in Kalidas ceremony.
- On this occasion, the Governor inaugurated the exhibition of raghuvansham and the exhibition of coins put up by Ashwini Research Institute Mahidpur. The Governor inaugurated the Handloom and Handicraft Fair in the premises.
- Bhojpuri translation of books 'Durva' and 'Meghdoot' and brochure of Kalidas National Painting Exhibition were released by the guests present at the function.
- Akhil Bhartiya Kalidas Samaroh is a seven-day event held every year in Ujjain city, familiar with Sanskrit litterateurs like Kalidasa, Vatsyayan, Bhartruhari and lauding Hindi writers like Shivmangal Singh Suman, Prabhakar Machhwa, Gajanan Madhav Muktibodh and Pandit Surya Narayan Vyas.
- A number of plays are staged during the Akhil Bhartiya Kalidas Samaroh, which depict a wide range of social, political, cultural, etc. subjects. Apart from a few artists, many stalwarts also perform in Indian

classical programs, whose journey in the musical field has just begun.

- It is known that the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad had inaugurated this function for the first time in 1958. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India had the distinction of inaugurating the second Akhil Bhartiya Kalidas Samaroh in Ujjain.

8,693 District level Awards Distributed in Madhya Pradesh Foundation Day program Series

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on November 7, 2022, 8,693 people were awarded by Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, Union Minister of State for Steel and Rural Development Faggan Singh Kulaste and state ministers, MPs and MLAs in the district level award distribution ceremony in all 52 districts in the Madhya Pradesh Foundation Day program series.

Key Points

- Awards were given to 100 persons at the state-level prize distribution ceremony in Bhopal. 227 people in Morena district and 151 people in Sheopur district were awarded for outstanding work.
- 51 people were awarded in Mandla, 50 in Harda and 210 in Chhindwara. 300 people in Barwani, 150 in Indore, 345 in Alirajpur, 295 in Bhind and 75 in Raisen district were awarded for outstanding work.
- As many as 238 people were awarded in Jabalpur , 186 in Katni, 70 in Dewas, 50 in Sagar, 100 in Anuppur, 258 in Panna, 22 in Gwalior and 312 in Ashoknagar, 50 in Rajgarh, 65 in Dindori, 72 in Neemuch and 230 in Balaghat district.
- 75 people were awarded in Chhatarpur district, 220 in Dhar , 295 in Jhabua, 100 in Khargone, 613 in Burhanpur, 115 in Satna , 397 in Singrauli, 111 in Datia, 25 in Betul and 65 in Narsinghpur.
- 300 in Narmadapuram, 102 in Shahdol, 160 in Ujjain, 350 in Ratlam, 25 in Mandsaur, 75 in Umariya, 20 in Damoh, 160 in Tikamgarh, 315 in Niwari, 400 in Rewa, 105 in Sidhi, 147 in Guna, 72 in Neemuch, 100 in Vidisha, and 60 people in Sehore, were awarded.

Note:

- In Seoni, 120 people were honoured with awards at a district-level function. As many as 140 people in Khandwa, 73 in Shajapur, 243 in Agar-Malwa and 173 in Shivpuri district were given awards for their outstanding work in the district-level prize distribution programme.

More than 2.5 Lakh Students from the State Appeared in the National Means cum Merit Scholarship Examination

Why in News?

On November 7, 2022, the Director of State Education Center Dhanraju S informed that in the National Means cum Merit Scholarship Examination, this year a record 2 lakh 52 thousand students from Madhya Pradesh have participated.

Key Points

- Director Dhanaraju S said that in the last years, the number of students appearing in this scholarship examination has been only one lakh in the year 2019.
- This year, a total of 811 examination centers were set up across the state for the smooth conduct of this examination. A total of 2 lakh 52 thousand 410 students have appeared for the scholarship.
- The director said that till last year, the application process for this examination was done through MP online kiosk, in place of which this year the state education center has developed a mobile app system and provided the facility of registration of students through the principals of the schools.
- The purpose of the National Means Merit Examination is to provide scholarships by selecting economically weak but talented students. For this examination, only such students studying regularly in class 8th in government and government-aided or local bodies-run schools located in the state, who have obtained at least C grade in class 7th, are eligible.
- The annual income of the parents of the students should not exceed Rs 3.50 lakh. A quota of 6,446 students has been fixed by the Union Ministry of Education for the state of Madhya Pradesh for the scholarship.

In this, the selected students get scholarship from class 9th to 12th at the rate of Rs 12 thousand per year.

Chhatarpur and Barwani collectors honoured with 'Chief Minister's Excellence Award'

Why in News?

On November 7, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel and Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan honoured Chhatarpur Collector Sandeep GR and Barwani Collector Shivraj Singh with 'Chief Minister Excellence Award' for their outstanding performance across Madhya Pradesh in the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) at a function held in Bhopal.

Key Points

- Chhatarpur Collector Sandeep GR has been awarded the 'Chief Minister's Excellence Award' for outstanding performance in Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) Rural, while Barwani Collector Shivraj Singh has been awarded the 'Chief Minister's Excellence Award' for outstanding performance in Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) Urban.
- In addition to the award, a cash prize of Rs 10 lakh each was also given to both the collectors in the program.
- Under the leadership of Chhatarpur Collector Sandeep GR, the district has excelled across the state to provide pucca houses to eligible beneficiaries in rural areas under PMAY.
- Sandeep GR informed that the Panchayat and Rural Development Department had also presented him the State Level Award in PMAY-Rural for outstanding performance during his posting as CEO of District Council in Ujjain.
- The district has also been doing well in various fields since Sandeep GR became the collector of Chhatarpur district. It has been in the top five rankings in CM-helpline disposal for the past 7 months and ranked third in the Aspirational District Programme (ADP) in the country for the past three months.
- Chhatarpur has been included in the 112 most underdeveloped districts of the country in the ADP of NITI Aayog, Government of India.

Note:

- Madhya Pradesh Urban Administration and Development Department has been selected for CM's Excellence Awards under central government's PMAY and PM SVANidhi (Street Vendors Atmanirbhar Nidhi) schemes, with Barwani district excelling in PMAY-Urban in the state.
- It is noteworthy that 66 houses have been sanctioned by Barwani Collector Shivraj Singh for leprosy patients living in leprosy shelter in Ashgram Trust premises since 1980 and PM Awas has also been provided to 29 families in the slum area Agariya Faliya.

Important Decisions of the State Council of Ministers under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister

Why In News?

In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on November 9, 2022, the cabinet gave permission to implement the 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Annadoot' scheme in the public distribution system and other welfare schemes in the state. Took decisions

Key Points

- 23 CM of Tribal Affairs Department by the Council of Ministers. It was decided to give administrative approval of Rs.678 crore 82 lakh 25 thousand for the construction of Higher Secondary School building under RISE scheme.
 - As per the decision, the C.M. Out of the 23 school building works under the Rise Scheme, construction agency of 11 works has been made project implementation unit, public works department, construction agency building development corporation of 6 works and Madhya Pradesh Police Housing and Infrastructure Development Corporation has been made construction agency of 6 works.
 - Along with this, the tribal work will be given to CM from the budget provisioned in the capital head of the financial year. In the RISE scheme, permission was given to keep the construction works free from index for approval.

- The cabinet gave permission to implement the 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Annadoot' scheme in the public distribution system and other welfare schemes in the state. In this, in the first phase of Udyam Kranti Yojana, 888 unemployed youth will be provided vehicles with bank loans.
 - With this, ration material allocated in targeted public distribution system and other welfare schemes will be transported from the supply center to the fair price shops.
- The cabinet decided to implement the 'Crop Residue Management' scheme to discourage the practice of burning weeds, increase agricultural mechanization and conserve soil moisture.
 - Grants will be made available on purchase of agricultural machines by farmers by marking useful power-operated agricultural machines in the scheme. Small, Marginal, Female, SC and S.T. 50 percent subsidy will be given to the farmers and 40 percent to other farmers.
 - The scheme will be implemented by the Directorate of Agricultural Engineering.
 - The Cabinet has decided to implement a new scheme 'Incentive scheme to Primary Version' to provide grant-in-aid to rural youth for setting up custom processing centers on bank loan basis. The scheme will be implemented by the Directorate of Agricultural Engineering.
- The cabinet decided to implement 'Mukhyamantri Matsya Vikas Yojana' for the next two years (2022-23 and 2023-24). In two years, Rs 100 crore will be spent for promoting fisheries and increasing fish production in the state.

Madhya Pradesh's Pooja Ojha Selected for National Award

Why In News?

On November 13, 2022, Para Kayaking player Pooja Ojha of Bhind district of Madhya Pradesh has been selected for the National Award (Best Disabled Category Sports) by the Union Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment.

Key Points

- Asian Para Championship silver medalist Pooja Ojha will be given this honor at a function held in New Delhi on December 3.

Note:

- Pooja Ojha won a silver medal under the guidance of her coach Mayank Thakur in the ICF World Para Canoe Championship-2022 held in Canada in August.
- Pooja, in association with the Kayaking and Canoeing Association of India and the Sports Authority of India, had gone to participate in the event.
- This honor is being given to Pooja by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. Six best players from all over the country have been selected including Pooja in the Best Disabled category sports and Pooja is the only player selected from Madhya Pradesh.

Co-operation between the US and Madhya Pradesh

Why In News?

On November 14, 2022, US Consulate General Mitchell Henkey called on Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. During this, the Chief Minister said that there is a huge potential to increase cooperation between Madhya Pradesh and the US in various fields.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister also invited US Consulate General Mitchell Henkey for the Global Investor Summit to be held in January.
- The Chief Minister said that there is a huge potential for enhancing cooperation between India and the US in various fields. The meeting is important for working on bilateral trade and investment priorities.
- In the last three years, exports from Madhya Pradesh to the US have increased. Exports in 2019-20 stood at USD 1.05 billion, while this figure increased to USD 1.28 billion in 2020-21 and USD 1.43 billion in 2021-22. The products that are mainly exported to the US from Madhya Pradesh include basmati rice, medicines, cotton textiles, edible oils, etc.
- The Chief Minister said that Madhya Pradesh has a central and ideal role as an investment. About 60 per cent of the country's land mass can be easily covered from Madhya Pradesh. There is regular interaction with investors by the state government.
- The US and Madhya Pradesh have partnerships in advanced manufacturing, renewable energy, machinery equipment, automobile, pharma and medical device sectors. It can be taken further by signing an MoU

between MPIDC and USTDA, a government body in the US and Madhya Pradesh.

- The state has a very good base in the field of agricultural development, horticulture and food processing. Madhya Pradesh is the largest exporter of wheat in India. In this area too, the possibility of investment is being explored by transferring technology in partnership with the US.
- skill evolution and training, change in established practice and research and evolution Case-ending showing possession or relation field In centre Of excellence, Incubation centre and common facility centre for US Companies Case-ending showing possession or relation with partnership hand established To Case-ending showing possession or relation attempt are. region In smart City evolution In partnership and change in established practice Case-ending showing possession or relation new opportunity Find of work also priority In including is.
- Madhya Pradesh is striving for more investment in infra-structure, financial and renewable sectors. There are possibilities of providing marketing opportunities to selected ODOP products in the US in the state. Entrepreneurs are getting the benefit of the system of 'Start Your Business in Thirty Days'.
- The Chief Minister said that Madhya Pradesh is the heart of the country. Madhya Pradesh is at the forefront of the country in the field of cleanliness. In the field of renewable energy, 'Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Power Project' established in Rewa district is a major project, which costs Rs 4 thousand 500 crore and capacity is 750 MW.
- He informed that initiative has been taken to set up a solar powered floating plant at Omkareshwar. In future, the idea is to set up such plants at Bargi and Gandhi Sagar reservoirs as well.

Sahitya Puraskar of Sindhi Sahitya Akademi

Why in News?

On November 15, 2022, Rajesh Kumar Wadhvani, Director of Madhya Pradesh Sindhi Sahitya Akademi, said that the Akademi has announced the prestigious honors and awards to be given in the field of Sindhi literature. Sahitya Gaurav Samman established in the name of Sant Shiromani Hirdaram ji will be given for the year 2019, 2020 and 2021.

Note:

Key Points

- Amar Goplani of Indore will be awarded the Sahitya Gaurav Samman for the year 2019, KT Dadlani of Bhopal for the year 2020 and Bhagwan Babani of Bhopal for the year 2021.
- Rs 1 lakh will be given under Sahitya Gaurav Samman and Rs 21,000 in all other award categories.
- Krishna Khatwani Smriti Best Prose Work Award will be given to Gop Golani's work 'Jogan Ji Preet' for the year 2019, Asudo Lachhwani's work 'Suhinon Supino' and Dr. Nadia Masand's work 'Maa, Minto ain Nafsiyat' for the year 2020.
- Khiladas Begwani Smriti Best Poetry Award will be given to- Rashmi Ramani's work 'Maa Hik Sindhin' for the year 2019, Kanhaiyalal Motwani Mando's work 'Aas Ja Kakh' for the year 2020 and NandKumar Sanmukhani's work 'Nawan Pan' for the year 2021.
- The Gavanti Navani Smriti Best Singer Award will be given to Sarla Nagdev for the year 2019, Nisha Chellaney for the year 2020 and Priya Gianchandani for the year 2021.
- Master Chandra Smriti Best Singer Award will be given to Govardhandas Udasi (Balak Mandali) for the year 2019, Ramesh Kumar Tanwani for the year 2020 and Dilip Lalwani for the year 2021.
- Best Drama Director or Best Artist Award will be given to - Parasram Nathani for the year 2019, OP Asoodani for the year 2020 and Kavita for the year 2021.
- The Best Young Writer Award will be given to Gulab Ladhani for the year 2019, Rakesh Shevani for the year 2020 and Kiran Pariyani for the year 2021.
- The director of the academy told that soon this honor and award will be given by organizing a felicitation ceremony.

President Lays Virtual Foundation Stone of Two Projects in Madhya Pradesh

Why In News?

On November 15, 2022, President Draupadi Murmu laid the virtual foundation stone of the Ratapani-Obaidullaganj-Itarsi Four lane Project (NH-46) of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways and the Maximum Microvile Containment Laboratory (BSL 4) at

the Defense Research and Development Institute, Gwalior, Ministry of Defense did.

Key Points

- The lab, costing around Rs 300 crore, will help in meeting challenges like Covid-19. Important research can be done here.
- The project is a part of the NH-46 (old NH-69) Obaidullaganj to Betul Inter Corridor route in the Bharatmala project, which gives connectivity from Bhopal to Nagpur.
- 12.38 km of this route. The Ratapani section falls under the Wildlife Sanctuary and the Ratapani section is part of the Bhopal-Nagpur corridor.
- The project includes necessary measures to protect wildlife and environment. The provisions of animal underpass in the wildlife sanctuary area will make it easier for wild animals to move.
- The total length of the project is 12.38 km. is. Its construction will cost Rs 417 crore 51 lakh. The construction work of the project will be completed in a period of 18 months.
- To reduce the impact of widening of this route on the movement/habitat of wild animals, 5 large animal underpasses (100 m, 420 m, 1226 m, 65 m. and 65 m) and 2 small animal underpasses (10 m) and 10 m) Understructures will be built. A minor bridge and two vehicle underpasses are also to be constructed in this project.
- The major benefit of this project will be better connectivity to Bhopal, Hoshangabad, Betul and Nagpur. Also, heavy traffic will facilitate road users.
- Better connectivity to Ratapani Wildlife Sanctuary and Satpura Tiger Reserve will boost the tourism sector and increase employment opportunities. While this will reduce pollution with saving time and fuel, it will also improve the safety of road users. With the completion of the project, the work of rapid social and economic prosperity of the people of the region will be done.

Tribal Pride Day Convention

Why In News?

On November 15, 2022, President Draupadi Murmu attended the State Level Tribal Pride Day Conference at Lalpur, Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh, where she released

Note:

the complete health program plan booklet of Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- Speaking on the occasion, the President said that all the projects launched for the welfare of tribals are of national importance. The new rules made for scheduled areas will be effective in empowering tribal areas and giving their rights to the tribal class.
- Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel handed over the first copy of pesa act rules to President Draupadi Murmu on the occasion.
- It is known that Birsa Munda's birthday is celebrated as Tribal Pride Day.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that according to the new rules of the PESA Act, every year the Patwari will have to bring the land map, Khasra Nakal to the village and show it in the Gram Sabha, so that no one can make any mistake in the records. In case of any discrepancy, the Gram Sabha will have the right to correct it.
- According to the new rules of the PESA Act, the management of water, land and forests, settlement of minor disputes, inspection of health centers, schools, anganwadi centers, monitoring of various schemes, etc. will be in the hands of the Gram Sabha.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that according to the new rules of PESA Act, every year Patwari will have to bring village, land map, khasra copy, to the village and show it in the gram Sabha, so that no one can disturb the record. If there is a disturbance, the gram Sabha will have the right to fix it.
- The consent of the Gram Sabha will be required to take land for a scheme. No person will be able to grab the land of the villagers by cheating, converting etc. If that happens, the Gram Sabha will have the right to get it back.
- The Gram Sabha will also decide whether to give contracts for sand mining, ballast stones or not. These will first be given to the Tribal Society Cooperative Society. The Gram Sabha will give consent for management of ponds, fisheries and water chestnut cultivation. The Gram Sabha itself will manage hundred acres of irrigation ponds, collect forest produce and determine the minimum price.
- According to the new rules of the PESA Act, only the Gram Sabha will decide which work should be done

with the MNREGA money in the tribal areas. The Gram Sabha will also see the master roll of the work. If the laborers are to be taken out of the village, the Gram Sabha will have to be informed first. The information about the person coming from outside in the village will also have to be given to the Gram Sabha.

- In tribal areas, only licensed moneylenders will be able to lend money at the prescribed rate of interest. This information will also have to be given to the Gram Sabha. Action will be taken on charging more interest. Gram Sabha will decide the priority as to who will get the benefits first in the beneficiary oriented scheme. No new liquor shop will be opened without the permission of the Gram Sabha. Gram Sabha can recommend removal of any liquor shop. The Gram Sabha will also have the right to settle minor disputes.
- If an FIR is registered in a police station in a tribal area, it will have to be informed to the Gram Sabha. Gram Sabha will also have the right to inspect schools, health centers, anganwadi centers, ashram schools, hostels, etc. The Gram Sabha will also manage the fair and market.
- Pesa coordinators will be appointed for effective implementation of the new rules.

Madhya Pradesh Tops in the Country in Implementation of PM SVAnidhi scheme

Why In News?

On November 17, 2022, Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh informed that Madhya Pradesh is at the top in the country in the implementation of 'PM SVAnidhi Scheme. So far, loans have been disbursed to more than 6 lakh street vendors in Madhya Pradesh under the scheme.

Key Points

- Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh said that in the first phase of PM SVAnidhi Scheme, Madhya Pradesh is at first place in the country by disbursing loans worth Rs 498 crore 77 lakh to 5 lakh urban street vendors.
- In the second phase of PM SVAnidhi Scheme (loan amount of Rs. 20 thousand), it is in second place in the country by disbursing loan of Rs. 194 crore 74 lakh to 97 thousand 508 urban street vendors.

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- In the third phase of PM SVAnidhi Scheme, interest-free loans of Rs 8 crore 59 lakh have been provided to 1,726 urban street vendors. Also, 2 lakh 26 thousand street vendors have received cashback of Rs 3 crore 15 lakh by digitally transacting.
- The scheme is applicable to all street vendors vending in urban areas on or before March 24, 2020, who have certificate of vending/identity card issued by urban local bodies.
- It is worth mentioning that the 'PM Street Vendor Atma Nirbhar Nidhi Yojana' (PM SVAnidhi) has been started by the Central Government from July 2020 to provide working capital loans of Rs 10, 20 and 50 thousand rupees to the most affected class street vendors in urban areas during the Covid-19 epidemic.
- In the first phase of the scheme, an interest-free loan of Rs 10,000 is given. On timely repayment, a loan of 20 thousand and then 50 thousand rupees is given.

Madhya Pradesh Day Celebration held at International Trade Fair

Why In News?

On November 18, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Day celebrations were organized with cultural grandeur at the ongoing 41st India International Trade Fair 2022 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. The program was inaugurated by lighting the lamp by Small Industries Corporation President Imarti Devi, Secretary Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises P. Narhari, General Manager Small Industries Corporation Rohit Singh and Residential Commissioner Pankaj Raag.

Key Points

- Secretary P. Narhari said that Madhya Pradesh pavilion has been built on the theme 'Vocal for local and local to global' in this trade fair organized on the 75th anniversary of independence.
- This pavilion invites visitors to participate in the Global Investors Summit and Pravasi Bharatiya Divas to be held in Indore in the near future. This pavilion provides an opportunity to observe the policies, achievements, cultural heritage, art and culture of the state including self-reliant Madhya Pradesh road map. A live demonstration of clay craft of Chhatrapur

and Zari-zardozi art of Bhopal is also being done in the pavilion.

- Madhya Pradesh Day celebrations showcased the rich music and dance heritage of the state. In the cultural program, Bheru Singh Chauhan and group presented Kabir folk song of Malwa area and Sanjay Mahajan and group presented Gangaur folk dance of Nimar area.
- Awards for outstanding performance in government and private sector were also distributed at the function. Madhya Pradesh Mati Kala Board bagged the first prize and Madhya Pradesh Rural Livelihood Mission bagged the second prize.

7th Edition of 'Jal Mahotsav'

Why In News?

On November 20, 2022, Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture Department of Madhya Pradesh and Managing Director of MP Tourism Board Shiv Shekhar Shukla said that the seventh edition of 'Jal Mahotsav', one of the biggest events of the state, will be organized by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board at Hanuvantiya Island in Khandwa district from November 28, 2022 .

Key Points

- The two-month-long water carnival will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. It will conclude on January 28, 2023 .
- Shiv Shekhar Shukla said that Jal Mahotsav has been established as an ideal destination for adventure lovers across the country. In order to increase the enthusiasm and joy of tourists, flying inflatable boat activity is being organized on Hanuvantiya Island located on the backwaters of Indira Sagar Dam. For the first time in the country, tourists will enjoy such activity.
- Adventure activities like scuba diving, night safari on Boriamal Island, luxury regal series boat, 40 feet high rope swing, zip cycle, paramotoring, parasailing, speed boat, jet sky, hot air ballooning, motor boat riding etc. will be the major attractions. A video film will also be screened on the occasion.
- Shukla said that the Test City located in Hanuvantiya Island is being operated by the Tourism Board in association with Sunset Desert Camp for tourists. The tent city will have 104 luxury Swiss tents as well as AC conference halls for corporate conferences.

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- Many activities like wellness spa by famous Kareli group of Kerala, national international anglers three day angling sport event, music festival, kite festival will be organized for the entertainment of the tourists in Jal Mahotsav.
- It is noteworthy that 'Jal Mahotsav' is organized by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board every year with the aim of developing Hanuvantiya Island, located on the banks of Indira Sagar Dam, an ideal tourist destination.
- The 'Jal Mahotsav' was awarded the India's Unique Water and Adventure Carnival in Spain in January 2022. In 2017, the most unique new tourism product has been awarded by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India for the year 2015-16.
- It is worth mentioning that during the 60 days of Jal Mahotsav 2021, more than 2 lakh 40 thousand people visited.

All 15 Districts Including Indore in A Grade in Redressal of Electricity Complaints in CM Helpline

Why In News?

On November 21, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has given financial approval of Rs 993.51 crore for the construction of Phase 1-C of Jaipur Metro, taking an important decision in the direction of making the Metro facility more accessible to the residents of Jaipur.

Key Points

- Due to increase in consumer facilities, intensive supervision of power supply and daily review by the nodal officer in 15 districts, the power complaints coming to the CM Helpline 181 are being resolved quickly and in an acceptable manner.
- Amit Tomar, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh PSEB, Indore said that getting 'A' grade confirms the work being done on time, according to rules and with satisfaction.
- At the company level in Malwa-Nimar, Chief General Manager Rinkesh Kumar Vaish and Joint Secretary Tarun Upadhyay review the redressal of complaints coming to the CM helpline daily.

- The Managing Director said that along with this, the officers of 15 districts also get the electricity problems and complaints resolved in their area in a timely manner.
- As per the parameters of CM Helpline 181, there is continuous improvement in the condition of the company since last 7 months in resolution of complaints. Earlier some districts were in 'B' category, now all fifteen districts are in 'A' category.
- In the latest released list, Shajapur, Indore, Agar-Malwa, Dhar, Jhabua, Alirajpur, Dewas, Khandwa, Khargone, Barwani, Burhanpur, Ratlam, Mandsaur, Neemuch and Ujjain districts have come in 'A' category.

3rd T20 World Cup Blind Cricket Match

Why In News?

On November 22, 2022, The Madhya Pradesh Blind Cricket Association in association with the district administration is organizing the third T20 World Cup blind cricket match between **India and Australia at Khalsa Stadium in Indore** on December 10, 2022. For this, on November 22, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan unveiled the first poster at brilliant convention center.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that this is a big effort of the association. All possible support will be provided to the association by the state government.
- Cricket organizer Dr. Anil Bhandari told that former player of Indian cricket team Yuvraj Singh is the brand ambassador of this World Cup. Cricket Association for the Blind in India (CABI) affiliated to World Blind Cricket Limited (WBC) and Samarthanam Trust for the Disabled are organizing the third edition of T20 World Cup cricket tournament for the blind, which will be held in December-2022. Will be held in different cities of India.
- Ten countries - Australia, Bangladesh, England, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa, Sri Lanka, West Indies and host India will participate in this mega event.
- India is the only country to have won all formats of international championships, including the T20 World Cup in December 2012, the ODI World Cup in December 2014 and the T20 Asia Cup in January 2016.

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65th National Pistol Shooting Championship

Why In News?

On November 22, 2022, players from Madhya Pradesh won the first medal in the team event in the 65th National Pistol Shooting Championship, which started at the Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy, Bishan Khedi, Bhopal. Madhya Pradesh's **Yashraj Yadav, Akshat Tambe and Hariom won the bronze medal** in the 25m Junior Civilian Championship. Tamil Nadu won the gold medal and Punjab the silver medal in this event.

Key Points

- Similarly, in the 25m junior men's team event, Tamil Nadu won the gold medal, Haryana won the silver and Punjab won the bronze medal.
- In the individual event of the National Pistol Championship, Mukesh Nela Valli of Andhra Pradesh won gold, **Abhinav Chaudhary of Rajasthan won silver and Akshay Kumar of Rajasthan won bronze medal.**
- In the 25m Civilian Championship, again **Mukesh Nela Valli of Andhra Pradesh added another gold medal to his tally.** In the same event, **Akshay Kumar of Rajasthan won silver and Meesak Punnudurai** of Tamil Nadu won bronze.
- **Abhinav Deshpal of Uttarakhand won gold, Chetan Hanumant Sapkal of Maharashtra won silver and Shubham Vashisht of Haryana won bronze** in the 25m Deaf Men's event in the 65th National Pistol Shooting Championship.
- Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia felicitated the winners with medals at the 65th National Pistol Shooting Championship.
- On this occasion, Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia said that apart from the National Shooting Championship, National Horse Riding and National Women's Boxing Championship are to be organized in the month of December in Madhya Pradesh. Khelo India Youth Games are being organized in 8 cities of Madhya Pradesh in January.
- More than 5 thousand players are participating in this national championship.

- The 65th National Pistol Shooting Championship is being held from November 20 to December 10, 2022 .

41st India International Trade Fair

Why In News?

On November 27, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department officer Arun Sharma informed that the Madhya Pradesh Pavilion received the **bronze medal from a special presentation at the 41st India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2022** held in New Delhi.

Key Points

- B.N. Tiwari, Director, Madhya Pradesh Mandap received the award on behalf of Madhya Pradesh Government.
- The fair showcased the public welfare policies, achievements, cultural heritage, art and culture of the state government, including the roadmap of self-reliant Madhya Pradesh.
- Along with this, a glimpse of the art and cultural richness of the state was presented with the live performance of Maati Crafts of **Chhatarpur and Jari-Zardozi Crafts** of Bhopal.
- The **41st International Trade Fair held at Pragati Maidan in Delhi** this year saw a thrust from indigenous companies. At the same time, people also liked the products of indigenous companies. For this reason, indigenous companies did very good business in the International Trade Fair. The International Trade Fair has emerged as a good platform for small indigenous companies.

Akhil Bharatiya 'Kriti Puraskar' for the Year 2019

Why In News?

On November 27, 2022, the Sahitya Akademi of the Department of Culture announced the '**Kriti Puraskar for the calendar year 2019**'. This includes **13 Indian and 15 Regional 'Kriti Puraskar'**.

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Key Points

- One lakh rupees per creator in All India Award and 51 thousand rupees per creator in regional award is adorned with shawl, shrifal, memento and citation.
- **Akhil Bharatiya 'Kriti Puraskar'.**
 - **Akhil Bharatiya Pt. Makhanlal Chaturvedi (Essay) Award-** Dr. Manoj Pandey's (Nagpur) work 'New Perspective of Criticism',
 - **Akhil Bharatiya Gajanan Madhav Muktibodh (Story)** - Sachchidananda Joshi (Delhi) work 'Pal Bhar Ki Pehchaan',
 - **Akhil Bharatiya Raja Veersingh Dev (Novel)** - Prof. Manisha Sharma's (Amarkantak) work 'Yeh Ishq',
 - **Akhil Bharatiya Acharya Ramchandra Shukla (Criticism)** - Dr. Kavita Bhate's (Uttarakhand) work 'Life Values in Indian Literature',
 - **Akhil Bharatiya Pt. Bhawani Prasad Mishra (Song and Hindi Ghazal)** – Dr. R. P. Saraswat's (Saharanpur) work 'Tum Bin',
 - **All India Atal Bihari Vajpayee (Poetry)** - Dr. Indu Rao (Haryana) work 'Chhanh Sanskriti Ki',
 - **Akhil Bharatiya Kubernath Rai (Fine Essay)** - Rajesh Jain (Delhi) 'Ishwar Ki Atmakatha',
 - **Akhil Bharatiya Vishnu Prabhakar (Autobiography Biography)** - Dr. Kuldeep Chand Agnihotri (Mohali)'s work 'Shri Guru Nanak Devji',
 - **Akhil Bharatiya Nirmal Verma (Memoirs)** - Prof. Suryaprakash Chaturvedi's (Indore) work 'Badalte Hawayein',
 - **Akhil Bharatiya Mahadevi Verma (Picture)** - Prashant Pol (Jabalpur) work 'Ve Pandrah Din',
 - **Akhil Bharatiya Prof. Vishnukant Shastri (Travelogue)** - Dr. Sudha Gupta 'Amrita' (Katni) work 'Chalen Bhraman Ki Aur',
 - **Akhil Bharatiya Bhartendu Harishchandra (translation)** - Santosh Ranjan's (Bhopal) work 'Thelma Meri Korili'
 - **Akhil Bharatiya Narad Muni (Facebook/Blog/Net) Award-** Ajay Jain 'Vikalp' (Indore) has been given to his page 'Facebook/Blog/Net'.
- **Regional 'Kriti Puraskar'**
 - **Vrindavan Lal Verma (Novel) Award-** Dr. Ashwini Kumar Dubey 'Kisi Shahar Mein',

- **Subhadra Kumari Chauhan (Story)** – Dr. Garima Sanjay Dubey's (Indore) work 'Do Dhruvon Ke Beech Ki Aas',
- **Shri Krishna Saral (Poem)** - Guru Saxena (Narsinghpur) 'Sita Vanvas',
- **Regional Acharya Nanddulare Vajpayee (Criticism)** - To 'Sahitya Mimansa', a work by Bula Kar (Indore),
- **Harikrishna Premi (Drama)** - Ashok Manwani 'Watan Azad Dekhoon',
- **Rajendra Anuragi (Diary)** - Rajesh Awasthi 'Lava' (Gwalior) work 'Ateet Ke Shabdbimb',
- **Pt. Balkrishna Sharma 'Naveen' (the first work of the writer of the state)** - Dr. Annapurna Sisodia's (Ashok Nagar) work 'Aurat Buddha Nahi Hoti',
- **Isuri (Folk Language)** - Acharya Durgacharan Shukla (Tikamgarh) 'Madan Ras Barse',
- **Harikrishna Devasare (Children's Literature)** – Dr. Premalata Neelam (Damoh)'s work 'Gale Ka Haar',
- **Naresh Mehta (Dialogues, Screenplay Writing)** – Sandeep Sharma (Dhar) scriptwriting to 'Prayag Pravah and Jaitu Simhastha',
- **Jainendra Kumar 'Jain' (Short Story)** - Dr. Girijesh Saxena's (Bhopal) work 'Chanakya Ke Dant',
- **Seth Govind Das (One Act)** – Dr. Sudhir Azad's (Bhopal) work 'Main Khudiram Trailokyanath Bose',
- **Sharad Joshi (Satire)** - Meera Jain's (Ujjain) work 'Helya Hadsa',
- **Virendra Mishra (Song)** - Rajendra Sharma 'Akshar' (Bhopal) work 'Sambodhan',
- **Dushyant Kumar (Ghazal)** – The award has been given to the work 'Gunguni Si Dhoop' by Dr. Priyanka Tripathi (Shahdol).

Craftsmen of Madhya Pradesh honored with Shilp Guru and National Award

Why In News?

On November 28, 2022, a renowned handicraft artist from Madhya Pradesh was awarded the 'Shilp Guru Award' and five best handicrafts were awarded the National Award for Handicrafts at the grand 'Shilp Guru National Award' felicitation ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

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Key Points

- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Union Minister Piyush Goyal felicitated the Shilp Guru Awardees with Gold Coins, Rs 2 lakh, Tamra Patra, Shawls and Certificates, and the National Award Winners were given a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh, a Tamra Patra and Certificates.
- Mohammad Yusuf Khatri of Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh has been awarded the Shilp Guru Award for the year 2017 for the conservation of tiger print handicraft heritage.
- **Mohammad Naseer of Dhar** district was honored with the year 2017 National Award for sari hand-block printing craft and **Mubarik Khatri for hand block print on bamboo mats curtains** and **Late Pradeep Jharia and Pawan Kumar Jharia of Neemuch district for extinct Tarapur hand-block printing art**. Late Pradeep Jharia's award was received by his wife Anusuiya Jharia.
- Mohammad Bilal Khatri of Dhar district was awarded the National Award for the year 2018 for bamboo mat hand-block print.
- It is noteworthy that in the said felicitation ceremony, 30 handicraftsmen from different fields related to handicrafts nominated from all over the country for the years 2017, 2018 and 2019 were honored with 'Shilp Guru Award' and 78 handicrafts were honored with 'National Handicraft Award'.
- The Shilp Guru Award, instituted in the year 2002, is given to the best accomplished handicrafts who have done excellent work to advance the relevant art while playing the role of guru in the field of handicrafts.

Madhya Pradesh Records Highest Demand of 15748 MW in History

Why In News?

On November 28, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Energy Minister Pradhuman Singh Tomar said that a new record of highest power demand was set on November 27 in the history of the state. On this day, the demand for electricity in the **state was recorded at 15,748 MW**. Earlier, the highest power demand in the state was recorded at 15,692 MW on December 24, 2021.

Key Points

- When the power demand in the state was recorded at 15,748 MW, Madhya Pradesh Eastern Region Power Distribution Company (Jabalpur, Sagar and Rewa divisions) had 4,319 MW, Madhya Pradesh Central Region Power Distribution Company (Bhopal and Gwalior Divisions) had 4,808 MW and Madhya Pradesh had 4,808 MW. The maximum demand of electricity was recorded at 6313 MW in the State Western Region Power Distribution Company (Indore and Ujjain divisions). Railways were given 308 MW power.
- On November 27, when the demand for electricity was recorded at 15,748 MW, the production share of Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company's thermal and hydropower plants was 3,823 MW, Indira Sagar-Sardar Sarovar-Omkareshwar hydropower project's share was 820 MW, in the supply of electricity. The share of Central Sector was 4272 MW and that of IPP was 2521 MW. The state got 4311 MW electricity from other sources including renewable sources and banking.

Tourism Minister Inaugurates Water Festival

Why In News?

On November 28, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Tourism, Culture and Religious Trusts and Endowments Minister Usha Thakur inaugurated the 7th edition of Madhya Pradesh's annual tourism event '**Jal Mahotsav**' at '**Hanuvantiya Island**', a tourist destination in Khandwa district.

Key Points

- The two-month-long water carnival will conclude on January 28, 2023, at Hanuvantiya, popularly known as Mini Goa in the water tourism sector.
- Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture and Managing Director Tourism Board Shiv Shekhar Shukla said that the Jal Mahotsav is getting international fame. It has gone from state to nation and nation to international standard. For the first time in the Jal Mahotsav, tourists will take the thrill of flying boats, floating wellness spas.

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- Principal Secretary Shukla urged the local citizens to take tourists on a tour of the villages. Introduce local food, art, skills and farming, which will also earn the villagers and tourists will be aware of the local art and culture.
 - In the water festival, many activities like wellness spa, three-day angling sport event of national, international anglers, music festival, kite festival will be organized by the famous Kareli group of Kerala to entertain tourists.
 - It is noteworthy that 'Jal Mahotsav' is organized by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board every year with the aim of developing Hanuvantiya Island, located on the banks of Indira Sagar Dam, an ideal tourist destination.
- The 'Jal Mahotsav' provides opportunities for adventure activities for sports and nature enthusiasts to experience joy and adventure.
 - Keeping in mind the adventure sports in the 'Jal Mahotsav', other encouraging activities such as hot air ballooning, cycling, cruise boating, water parasailing, para motoring, island camping, star gauging, bird watching etc. are also organized.
 - On January 20, 2022, the 'Jal Festival' was internationally hailed as India's unique water and adventure carnival in Madrid, Spain. Apart from this, Jal Mahotsav has also been awarded the National Tourism Award for the most unique / unique new tourism product year 2015-16 by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India in the year 2017.



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