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## Chief Minister Inaugurated Aajeevika Mart and Saras Fair

### Why In News?

On October 1, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the state-level Aajeevika Mart and Saras Mela-2023 at Bhopal Haat by cutting the ribbon.

### Key Points:

- Aajeevika Mart has been constructed at a cost of Rs 49.34 lakh in Bhopal Haat complex. Food, hygiene materials, clothes, decorative materials and other items will be available in the state-level Livelihood Mart.
- The products manufactured by self-help groups of all 53 districts will be sold. Self-help groups without middlemen will have direct access to urban consumers.
- There are 43 rural marts operating in the state for distribution of products of different districts. Aajeevika Mart will emerge as the coordinating center of all these rural marts.
- Patanjali Ayurved will provide technical support. This will help in standardization and marketing of products of Aajeevika brand.
- Women in rural areas are making many products by joining self-help groups formed under the Livelihood Mission in the state. So far, more than 60 lakh families have been connected by forming about 5 lakh women self-help groups in the state.
- Spices, oil, ghee, flour, lentils, rice, salt, jaggery, pickles, papad, toast, honey, millets items, soap, washing powder, Maheshwari saree, bag-print, ladies dress material, salwar suit, purse, sheet, stall, jewelry, handloom textiles, folk-art kirti, terracotta, bamboo items, tribal art, designer brooms, incense sticks, etc. will be available in Aajeevika Store Bhopal.



## Chief Minister Performed Bhoomi Pujan of the State's First Double Decker over Bridge

### Why In News?

On September 30, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan laid the foundation stone of the state's first double-decker overbridge in Indore. He inaugurated development works worth Rs 1483 crore for the development of Indore.

### Key Points:

- This mainly includes the groundbreaking of Indore's first multilayer flyover. A total of four flyovers and two railway overbridges were laid on the ground. He also inaugurated seven roads worth about Rs 80 crore.
- Foundation stones of 18 development works costing Rs 1400 crore and 9 development works worth Rs 83.48 crore were inaugurated.
- The Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of various works worth Rs 192.24 crore for infrastructure upgradation in Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Medical College, including a 321 bed new cancer hospital building, 50 bed CCHB unit, 1000 seater auditorium, and new building works for various medical departments.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the construction work of 6-lane flyover bridge to be constructed at a cost of Rs 67.02 crore at Musakhedi intersection in Indore.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan also inaugurated the Musakhedi Road constructed at a cost of Rs 10 crore. This will facilitate the movement of citizens of the area. With the construction of a flyover at Musakhedi intersection, passersby will get rid of traffic jams.

## Chief Minister Inaugurated International Level Swimming Pool in Indore

### Why In News?

On September 30, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the newly-constructed international swimming pool built by Indore Development Authority at Pipliyahana in Indore.

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**Key Points:**

- The inaugurated swimming pool is the country's first synchronized swimming pool prepared on international standards.
- In this swimming pool, the diving pool, racing pool, splash pool have been built separately. Separate changing rooms, locker rooms, washrooms, steam baths and sauna baths have been made for women and men.
- Cafeteria and multi-gym are also being arranged in the swimming pool premises.
- It is the only swimming pool in the state designed as per the norms of the Federation of International Swimming (FINA).
- The swimming pool has been constructed at a cost of Rs 28 crore. Its viewer capacity is 1200.



## The Chief Minister Laid the Foundation Stone of the State's First Biotechnology Park in Neemuch.

**Why In News?**

On September 30, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan laid the foundation stone of the state's first biotechnology park to be built at a cost of Rs 50 crore at Sarvania Maharaj in Jawad area of the district. He laid the foundation stone of various development works worth Rs 153.37 crore.

**Key Points:**

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the establishment of biotechnology park to be

built in a 40 acres area will give a boost to innovative research and development activities. The park will have 8 high-level laboratories, incubation centers.

- This park will become a center of new technical facilities for researchers, industrialists. This will pave the way for commercialization of bio-technologies, increase business opportunities in the biotech sector and encourage biotech entrepreneurs.
- Entrepreneurs will also be able to start a company of biotech products and people will also get employment. The Biotechnology Park will become a center of new technological facilities for researchers and industrialists.
- The Chief Minister also inaugurated the newly constructed building of Government Polytechnic College Jawad at a cost of Rs 8 crore. He also laid the foundation stone of Government Girls High School Saroda at a cost of Rs 1.47 crore, High School Saroda at a cost of Rs 1.47 crore and Sub-Health Centre building Garwada to be constructed at a cost of Rs 43 lakh.
- The Chief Minister said that the Jawad agricultural produce market will be made hi-tech and a special scheme will also be made for the Neemuch market. Jawad Neemuch Micro Irrigation Scheme will be approved soon.



## Bamori and Sultanganj will be New Tehsils in Raisen District.

**Why In News?**

On October 2, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan made several other important announcements while announcing the formation of Bamhori and Sultanganj tehsils of the district in Raisen.

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**Key Points:**

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan made these announcements while addressing the public after inaugurating the Semri Reservoir Tap-Water Supply Scheme worth about Rs 100 crore in Raisen.
- The Chief Minister inaugurated semri reservoir based group Nal-Jal supply scheme at Begumganj in Raisen district at a cost of Rs 99.96 crore. He also laid the foundation stone and laid the foundation stone of 93 new development works costing Rs 24.31 crore and inaugurated 25 constructed development works worth Rs 28.42 crore.
- 46 villages of Begumganj and 49 (total 95) villages of Gairatganj will benefit from the semri reservoir based group tap-water supply scheme. A population of 76 thousand 400 of 12 thousand 61 families of the area will be benefited.
- For smooth water supply, 32 high level RCC tanks have been constructed, whose capacity ranges from one lakh liters to 5.20 lakh liters.
- The Chief Minister said that a new building and auditorium of the district will be built in Begumganj. New buildings of Government Girls Higher Secondary School of Begumganj and Bamhori will be approved. Rs 5 crore each will be provided for development works in Begumganj, Gairatganj, Silwani and Raisen municipalities.



## Governor Inaugurates Sickle Cell Testing Mobile Van

**Why In News?**

On October 2, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel launched a sickle cell testing mobile van at Raj Bhavan on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.

**Key Points:**

- The mobile testing van has been provided by the state unit of Red Cross to All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Bhopal.
- The Governor said that mobile testing vans are an effective initiative towards bringing science to the homes of tribal communities for sickle cell control efforts in tribal areas.
- He said that the operation of the mobile unit will make the treatment of sickle cell victims and rehabilitation efforts of the carrier more effective in the remote areas.
- The mobile testing van will be equipped with all the tests required for sickle cell disease treatment and rehabilitation. The vans will be operated in tribal dominated areas.
- It is noteworthy that in the inauguration ceremony of sickle cell ward at AIIMS recently, the need for a vehicle for sickle cell disease treatment and rehabilitation was mentioned by the managers of the Indian Institute of Medical Sciences.



## Chief Minister Inaugurated the Trial Run of Bhopal Metro Rail

**Why In News?**

On October 3, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the trial run of Bhopal Metro Rail by flagging off from Subhash Nagar depot.

**Key Points:**

- The Chief Minister said that with the start of Metro in Bhopal, a new revolution of transportation will

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come and Bhopal will run at a fast pace on the path of development. Bhopal Metro will be expanded to Sehore, Mandideep as well as Raisen and Vidisha.

- Five kilometers from Subhash Nagar to Rani Kamlapati station. The long metro section has 5 stations, the infrastructure work of which was completed very quickly despite natural obstacles.
- Chief Minister Chouhan said that metro trains will save both time and money. Bhopal residents will have access to safe, easy, convenient, cheap and beautiful means of transportation and pollution in the city will also reduce.
- The metro coaches equipped with modern facilities include smart lighting, air conditions, smart display, AI CCTV. There will be facilities like cameras etc.
- The total length of Bhopal Metro project worth about Rs 6 thousand 941 crore is 31 km. It will be 16.77 km from Karond intersection to AIIMS, 14.18 km from Ratnagiri intersection to Bhadbhada intersection. But this train will run.
- In the first phase, Subhash Nagar will extend 7 km to AIIMS. Metro trains will operate on long routes. Complete operation of Bhopal Metro will start from 2024.
- Metro Rail stations will also be special, where there will be facilities like lifts and escalators, special arrangements for the elderly and online ticketing facilities.



## **'Jo Aaya, So Wapas Aaya' Wins First Prize At IATO Conference**

### ***Why In News?***

Recently, the new TVC 'Jo Aaya, Wo Aaya, Yeh Hai MP Ki Maya' launched by Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board

received the first prize in the Digital Media Advertising Grade at the Annual Conference of the Indian Association of Tour Archeologists (IATO) held in Maharashtra.

### ***Key Points:***

- Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture and Managing Director Tourism Board, Shiv Shekhar Shukla said that creative experiments have been done by the Tourism Department with the aim of promoting the beautiful tourist places of the state in the country and abroad. The new TVC depicts tourist destinations and characters through Gond painting.
- The rich tribal art and tourist places of the state have been prominently depicted through a musical story.
- More than 1 crore 30 lakh views have been received from across the country on social media platforms and YouTube. The TVC has received more than 13 lakh 80 thousand views on YouTube page, 55 lakh on Instagram, 65 lakh on Facebook, and more than 6 lakh 79 thousand views on Twitter.



## **State level Devi Prasad Sharma Award given to Divyang Shri Mohan Singh for his eExcellent Devotion to Duty, 2020-21**

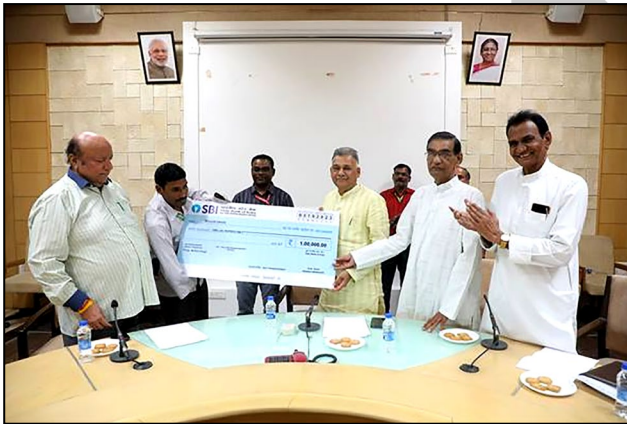
### ***Why In News?***

On October 3, 2023, Inder Singh Parmar, Minister of State for School Education (Independent Charge) and General Administration of Madhya Pradesh, gave 'Devi Prasad Sharma Award, 2020' to Mr. Mohan Singh, Class IV employee working in the Cooperative Department, Ministry, for his excellent devotion to duty in the Ministry. -21' gave.

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**Key Points:**

- Shri Mohan Singh was given this award for the year 2020-21 for his timely and committed devotion to duty despite his physical disability. He was also given a check of Rs 1 lakh and a certificate as a reward.
- It is noteworthy that in compliance with the announcement of the award made by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in the memory of late Devi Prasad Sharma, the state government has given 'Late' award to the government class IV employees of the state for their excellent work. 'Devi Prasad Sharma' Award has been established since the year 2017.
- The purpose of this award is to encourage class IV employees for good work.
- In Class IV employees, measures were taken for dedication towards work, punctuality, conduct, behavior, obedience, presence in the office, readiness to take additional work, understanding and ability to do the assigned work, cleanliness and hygiene. This award is given for excellent work.
- This award is given for the work done in the financial year immediately preceding the year in which it is given.
- This award is state level and under it an amount of Rs 1 lakh and a certificate is given.



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

**Why In News?**

On October 4, 2023, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held at the Chief Minister's residence 'Samtva

Bhawan' under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Cabinet approved 18 irrigation projects worth Rs 6,000 crore and took several other important decisions.

**Key Points:**

- The 18 irrigation projects approved by the Cabinet include Chitawad-Ujjain, Medha-Betul, Panheti-Guna, Loni-Rewa, Khamha-Katni, Dokrikhedhi-Narmadapuram, Sonpur-Shivpuri, Thawar-Mandla, Murki-Dindori, Pava-Shivpuri, Sirmaur-Rewa, Kanera-Bhind, Malhargarh-Mandsaur, Deori-Narmadapuram, Deori-Narmadapuram, Sitaljhiri-Betul, Deori-Narmadapuram.
  - These projects will increase the irrigation area of 0.2 lakh hectares. This will benefit about 02 lakh farmers of about 1250 villages.
- The Cabinet has approved the formation of a new district Pandhurna by incorporating Tehsil Sonsar and Pandhurna of Chhindwara district.
- The Cabinet approved the formation of new tehsil Unhel in district Ujjain, new tehsil Lamta in district Balaghat, new tehsil Bamhori and Sultanganj in district Raisen and new tehsil Kayampur in district Mandsaur.
- The Cabinet has approved the formation of Gram Panchayat Nahargarh, Bolia and Gandhisagar of Mandsaur district, Gram Panchayat Semaria of Sidhi district, Avantipur Barodia and Gulana of Shajapur district, Gram Panchayat Singhpur of Satna district, Gram Panchayat Rahatgaon of Harda district as Municipal Council and upgradation of Municipal Council Details of Shahdol district to Municipal Council and forwarded to the Governor.
- Approval of elevated corridor from Kamla Park to Sant Hirdaram Nagar: The Cabinet has approved the construction of an 8-lane road from Bhopal to Indore, Rajgarh and Old Bhopal to facilitate traffic. The route will be constructed under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM). An amount of Rs 3,156 crore has been approved for the implementation of the project.
- The Cabinet approved the payment of Rs 1 lakh to Kotwar as per the prescribed rules.
- The Cabinet decided to increase the amount of managerial grant to Primary Credit Co-operative Societies (PACS) and Primitive Caste Service Co-operative Societies (LAMPS) under the scheme of the Cooperation Department by an additional annual increase of Rs. 3 lakh per society.

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- Along with this, it has also been decided to increase the remuneration of PACS and Lamps Societies by Rs 3,000 per seller per month for the operation of public distribution system fair price shops.
- The scheme will be implemented from October 01, 2023.
- Cabinet approves the proposal to simplify the process of purchasing free e-scooty/scooty to the girl and student who got first place in all government higher secondary schools.
- Permission to invite tenders for three irrigation projects: The Cabinet gave permission to invite tenders and administrative approval of 3 projects of Narmada Valley Development Department namely Bahoriband Micro Irrigation Project, Shaheed Elap Singh Udvahan Micro Irrigation Project and Khandwa Udvahan Micro Irrigation Project respectively.
  - The cost of the three projects creating irrigation potential of about 1,12,220 hectares was approved at a cost of Rs 3,598 crore.
- The Cabinet has approved to increase the amount of the food grant scheme from Rs 250 per month to Rs 1500 per month instead of Rs 1250 per month.
- The Cabinet approved the proposal to charge only one fee for various competitive examinations. The facility of one-time examination fee and registration is being started for the examinations to be conducted by the Staff Selection Board.
- The Madhya Pradesh government has approved a special grant of Rs 25 lakh to the dependents of the forest personnel who were martyred by declaring them as martyrs.
- Approval for selection and relocation of 95 CM Rise Schools of Tribal Affairs Department: The Cabinet approved the selection and relocation of 95 CM Rise Schools of the Tribal Affairs Department.
- Cabinet approves increase in rates of daily honorarium and allowances for performing tribal and folk artists: The Cabinet has approved the increase in the rates of daily honorarium and allowances for performing tribal and folk artists.
  - The daily honorarium for performing artists was increased from Rs 800 per day to Rs 1500 per day and daily allowance from Rs 250 per day to Rs 500 per day.
- Movement, local transport and accommodation facilities for folk artists will continue as usual.
- The Department of Culture will be the competent authority to send the artists going to participate in international performances and the departmental officers/employees going for their coordination.
- The Cabinet has approved the establishment of 'Vivekananda Youth Resource Center' for the youth at 52 district headquarters of the state. Vivekananda Yuva Resource Centre will have a physical form, three-tier committees.
- Cabinet approves inclusion of employees in Ayushman Bharat 'Niramayam' Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana: The Cabinet has approved the inclusion of government employees/workers/contract workers of the state under Ayushman Bharat 'Niramayam' Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
  - Under the Bharat Niramayam Scheme, health security benefits of Rs 5 lakh have been sanctioned to eligible beneficiaries, Anganwadi workers, Panchayat Secretaries, Village Employment Assistants, ASHA and Usha workers, ASHA Supervisors, Kotwar and contractual employees.
- Other decisions
  - The Cabinet has decided to approve the Joint Venture Agreement, Memorandum and Articles of Association Draft for the formation of SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) for setting up of Textile Park in the state under the PM Mega Integrated Textile Sector and Apparel (PM Mitra) Scheme of the Government of India, Ministry of Textiles.
  - The Cabinet also approved the establishment of the campus of Maharshi Panini Sanskrit and Vedic University Ujjain in district Rewa.
  - The Cabinet approved the establishment of a new Government Polytechnic College in Amarpatan district Maihar.
  - The Cabinet has decided to set up 100 MBBS courses in Raisen district. Approval was given to establish a new medical college with seat admission capacity.
  - The Cabinet approved the 7th pay scale for the academic cadre of the medical college from the year 2016.
  - The forest guards have been allowed to sanction basic pay from the date of completion of training.

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## Prime Minister laid the Foundation Stone of Development Projects worth more than Rs 12,600 crore in Jabalpur

### Why In News?

On October 5, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of development projects worth more than Rs 12,600 crore in sectors like roads, rail, gas pipelines, housing and clean drinking water in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh and dedicated them to the nation.

### Key Points:

- The Prime Minister performed the Bhoomi Pujan of 'Veerangana Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden' in Jabalpur in line with the 500th birth centenary celebrations of Rani Durgavati.
- 'Veerangana Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden', to be built in Jabalpur at a cost of about Rs 100 crore, will be spread over an area of about 21 acres. A 52 feet high bronze statue of Rani Durgavati will be displayed in it.
- This complex will have a magnificent museum showcasing the history of the Gondwana region including the bravery and courage of Rani Durgavati. It will also throw light on the food, art, culture, lifestyle etc. of the Gond people and other tribal communities.
- The premises of 'Veerangana Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden' will have several parks and gardens including a garden for medicinal plants, a cactus garden and a rock garden.
- It is noteworthy that Rani Durgavati was the ruler of Gondwana in the middle of the 16th century. He

is remembered as a brave, fearless and courageous warrior who fought for independence against the Mughals.

- More than 1000 beneficiary families will benefit from the Light House Project in Indore, constructed at a cost of approximately Rs 128 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Urban. But this project to build quality houses has used innovative technology, 'Prefabricated Sandwich Panel System with Pre-Technology based Steel Structure System'. With this innovative technology, houses are constructed with all the basic amenities in a very short time.
- To provide safe and adequate tap water to every family, the foundation stone of several Jal Jeevan Mission projects costing more than Rs 2350 crore was laid in Mandla, Jabalpur and Dindori districts. The Prime Minister also inaugurated the Jal Jeevan Mission project worth more than Rs 100 crore in Seoni district. About 1575 villages of Madhya Pradesh will benefit from these projects in four districts of the state.
- The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone and inaugurated various projects worth more than Rs 4800 crore to improve road infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh.
- The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of various road projects, including – upgradation of Jharkheda-Berasia-Dhol Khaidi road connecting NH 346; Upgradation of Balaghat-Gondia section of NH 543 to four laning; Four-laning of Khandwa bypass connecting Rudhi and Deshgaon; Four-laning of Temagaon to Chicholi section of NH 47; Making the road connecting Boregaon to Shahpur four lane and the road connecting Shahpur to Muktai Nagar four lane. The Prime Minister inaugurated the upgradation of NH 347C road connecting Khalghat to Sarwardevla.
- The Prime Minister dedicated railway projects worth more than Rs 1850 crore to the nation. These include doubling of railway lines connecting Katni-Vijaysota (102 km) and Marwasgram-Singrauli (78.50 km). Both these projects are part of the project of doubling the railway line connecting Katni-Singrauli section. These projects will improve the rail infrastructure of Madhya Pradesh, which will benefit trade and tourism in the state.
- The Prime Minister inaugurated the Vijaipur-Auraiya-Phulpur Pipeline Project. The 352 km long pipeline has been constructed at a cost of more than Rs 1750 crore. The Prime Minister also laid the foundation

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stone of the Nagpur-Jabalpur section (317 km) of the Mumbai-Nagpur-Jharsuguda Pipeline Project. This project will be completed at a cost of more than Rs 1100 crore.

- Gas pipeline projects will provide clean and affordable natural gas to industries and households and will also help in reducing emissions into the environment. The Prime Minister also inaugurated a new bottling plant in Jabalpur, which has been constructed at a cost of approximately Rs 147 crore.



## Khelo MP Youth Games - Indore becomes Overall Champion in 2023

### Why In News?

The first Khelo MP Youth Games-2023 concluded at TT Nagar Stadium, Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh on October 5, 2023, in which Indore district displayed excellent performance and received the overall championship trophy.

### Key Points:

- Indore stood first with a total of 98 medals including 42 gold, 32 silver and 24 bronze. Jabalpur stood second with 24 gold, 27 silver and 35 bronze medals, a total of 86 medals. Bhopal secured the third position with a total of 77 medals with 24 gold, 27 silver and 35 bronze medals. Ujjain stood fourth with a total of 39 medals including 9 gold, 13 silver and 17 bronze medals.
- In Khelo MP Youth Games, team and individual sports players were awarded first prize of Rs 31,000, second prize of Rs 21,000 and players of third and fourth prize were awarded Rs 11,000. A total amount of Rs 2 crore was distributed as prizes in the MP Youth Games.

- It is noteworthy that after the success of Khelo India Youth Games held for the first time in Bhopal, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had announced that on the lines of 'Khelo India Youth Games', 'Khelo MP Youth Games' will also be organized in Madhya Pradesh. In this series, sports competitions were organized in different stages in the state from 12th to 28th September.
- Khelo MP Youth Games were organized in 313 development blocks of all 52 districts of the state.
- Youth Games were conducted at 4 stages, Block, District, Division and State level. Block-level selection competition was organized from 12 to 14 September, district-level competition from 16 to 18 September, division-level from 20 to 23 September and state-level sports competitions were organized from 1 to 5 October.
- At the state level, teams from 8 divisions of the state, Bhopal, Gwalior, Indore, Jabalpur, Rewa, Sagar, Ujjain and Shahdol participated.
- State-level competitions in 24 sports were held in 7 cities of the state, Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior, Shivpuri, Ujjain, Rewa and Jabalpur.
- At the district and division level, 18 sports prevalent in the state are athletics, Basketball, Badminton, Boxing, Football, Hockey, Judo, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Malkhamb, Swimming, Weight-lifting, Wrestling, Table-Tennis, Yoga, Volleyball, Tennis and Chess were organized.
- Six sports like Taekwondo, Fencing, Rowing, Kayaking-Canoeing, Shooting and Archery were organized at the state level.
- State-level athletics, shooting competitions were held at Sports Complex Shivpuri. Boxing, Taekwondo, Judo, Fencing, Tennis, Football, Volleyball, Wrestling and Chess competitions were played at T.T. Nagar Stadium in Bhopal.
- Kayaking-canoeing and rowing in Bhopal's Badi Lake and swimming competitions in Prakash Taran Pushkar, Basketball and Weight-lifting competitions in Indore's Basketball complex and Table-Tennis competitions were held in Emerald Heights School.
- Badminton competitions were held at Madhya Pradesh Badminton Academy in Gwalior and hockey competitions at Madhya Pradesh Women's Hockey Academy Kampu, Gwalior, Malkhamb and Yogasan at Sports Complex Ujjain, Kho-Kho and Archery at Ranital Sports Complex, Jabalpur and Kabaddi competitions were played at Sports Complex Rewa.

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## Tribal Students of Madhya Pradesh Stood Second by Winning 23 Competitions in the National Cultural Festival.

### Why In News?

On October 7, 2023, tribal students of Madhya Pradesh participated in Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) in Dehradun. Got second position in the fourth National Cultural Festival by performing best in 23 competitions.

### Key Points:

- The students of Eklavya Model Residential School (EMRS) have secured overall second position in the country. Uttarakhand became the overall champion by winning just one competition more than Madhya Pradesh.
- 80 students of Madhya Pradesh participated in 28 different competitions in this event, out of which they stood first in 10 out of 23 competitions, second in 07 and third in 06.
- More than 2200 students from 22 states of the country participated in the four-day event.



## Chief Minister Flagged off the Mobile Deendayal Kitchen Centre

### Why In News?

On October 7, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan flagged off the Deendayal Rasoi Kendra running from Smart Park.

### Key Points:

- These mobile centers will go to the places in Bhopal and other cities and provide full meals to workers and other needy people for five rupees, where these people work. Mobile centers will be operated in other cities of the state also.
- There are two main objectives of starting this scheme. One is that poor people can get food at subsidized rates, second is that migrant workers and other needy citizens can get the facility of a full meal near their workplace.
- Earlier the centers operated at one place only. With this system, such laborers who come from villages to cities to earn their living will be able to get fresh food at their place of work without spending much money and time.
- In these centers, food is distributed from 10 am to 3 pm at the rate of Rs 5 per plate. The state government has made arrangements to provide a grant of Rs 10 per person under this scheme.
- It is noteworthy that this scheme was started in Madhya Pradesh on February 7, 2017 with operation at 56 places including district headquarters and 6 major religious places. Presently the scheme is being operated at 166 locations.
- Under this scheme, 225 lakh food thalis have been distributed in the state.
- 25 mobile kitchen centers have been started in the state. The cost of a mobile center is Rs 25 lakh. It will also have modern equipment for food preparation and keeping hot food.
- Cities with a population of more than 10 lakh in the state, where mobile centers have been started, include 3 mobile kitchen centers in Bhopal, 4 in Indore and two each in Jabalpur and Gwalior. Operation of one mobile kitchen center each has been started in the remaining 12 municipal corporations and two industrial towns, Pithampur and Mandideep.
- Soon, there is a plan to start such kitchen centers in 68 urban bodies with a population of more than 20 thousand.



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## National Kishore Kumar and National Lata Mangeshkar Awards for the year 2022

### Why In News?

On October 6, 2023, the Culture Department of Madhya Pradesh announced the National Kishore Kumar Award and National Lata Mangeshkar Award for the year 2022.

### Key Points:

- For the year 2022, National Kishore Kumar Award will be given to famous actor Dharmendra and National Lata Mangeshkar Award will be given to music director Uttam Singh.
- The award amount of national and state awards given by the Culture Department has been doubled from the year 2022. Now, in the National Lata Mangeshkar Award and National Kishore Kumar Award, a prize money of Rs 5 lakh, plaque and shawl-shripal will be given.
- It is noteworthy that National Lata Mangeshkar Award is also given on rotation basis in the field of playback singing and music direction. This honor for the year 2022 was to be given for music direction.
- Famous film actor Dharmendra has been selected for the National Kishore Kumar Award. The National Kishore Kumar Award for the year 2022 was to be given in the field of film acting. This honor is given one by one in the fields of acting, screenplay, songwriting and direction.
- Renowned music director and renowned violinist Uttam Singh has also worked as a music arranger, programmer and recordist for many Bollywood films.

## Union Agriculture Minister Laid the Foundation Stone of Morena Horticulture College

### Why In News?

On October 6, 2023, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar laid the foundation stone of Horticulture College to be established in village Ratan Basai of Porsa tehsil of Morena district under Rani Lakshmi Bai Central Agricultural University, Jhansi.

### Key Points:

- In this college, which will be built at a cost of Rs 160 crore, apart from providing graduate education, agricultural scientists will provide farming related training to the farmers and solve their problems.
- This college, to be built on 300 acres, will lead to expansion and development of the area. Many districts of Madhya Pradesh including Chambal-Gwalior region as well as Rajasthan and Uttar Pradesh will benefit from this college. Farmers and the region will also benefit through research work through the college.
- On this occasion, Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that this college will bring change in the agricultural economy of the area and will also be beneficial for the farmers. This will provide new employment opportunities for the youth, while it will also be helpful in increasing the income of farmers.
- With the introduction of new crops and technology in farming, profits will increase, due to which the young generation will be more attracted towards farming.



## Foundation Stone of New Building of CRC-Chhatarpur Laid in Madhya Pradesh

### Why In News?

The foundation stone of the new building of the Comprehensive Regional Center (CRC)-Chhatarpur in Madhya Pradesh was laid on October 6, 2023, symbolizing a giant leap towards inclusivity and empowerment.

### Key Points:

- The estimated construction cost for this visionary project is Rs. 25 crore and a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has already been signed with NBCC to start the construction work soon.

Note:

- Apart from laying the foundation stone of the new building of CRC-Chhatarpur, Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar also laid the foundation stone of a sensory park at Chhatarpur costing Rs 9 crore. He also inaugurated the District Disabled Rehabilitation Center for the welfare and empowerment of disabled people in Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh.
- At the inauguration ceremony of CRC-Chhatarpur, Cabinet Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar said that this is another pioneering initiative of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. It is committed to empowering persons with disabilities through skill development, rehabilitation services and inclusive community programs.
- The construction work will be completed by the National Building Construction Corporation (NBCC) in 18 months. This upcoming structure will be spread over a vast area of 41,275 sq. ft. and will be designed to provide an accessible environment that will cater to the needs of persons with disabilities.



## Announcement of Madhya Pradesh Assembly Elections

### Why In News?

On October 9, 2023, Chief Electoral Officer Anupam Rajan announced the implementation of the Model Code of Conduct along with the announcement of elections in Madhya Pradesh.

### Key points:

- According to the election schedule released by the Election Commission of India, voting will be held on November 17 and counting of votes will take place on December 3.
- Election notification will be issued on 21st October and nomination papers can be submitted till 30th October. Scrutiny of applications will take place on

October 31 and the final list of candidates will be released along with withdrawal of nominations on November 2.

- It is noteworthy that in Madhya Pradesh, 5 crore 60 lakh 60 thousand 925 voters are enrolled in the photo electoral roll. In this, the number of male voters is 2 crore 88 lakh 25 thousand 607, while the number of female voters is 2 crore 72 lakh 33 thousand 945. Third gender voters are one thousand 373.
- Voting will be held at 64 thousand 523 polling stations in the state. 16 thousand 763 polling stations have been set up in urban areas and 47 thousand 760 polling stations have been set up in rural areas. Facilities like toilet, ramp, wheel chair, water, helpdesk, electricity etc. have been provided at each polling station.
- Polling stations for senior citizens and physically handicapped (PWD) voters have been set up on the ground floor. They have also been given the facility to vote from home (postal ballot). Such voters will have to fill Form 12D.
- A 2-minute video and photo can be downloaded by the Election Commission of India in the GPS-based cVIGIL app. Any citizen will be able to send a complaint to the Commission through the app.



## Sixth State Rally Competition of Bharat Scouts and Guides

### Why In News?

On October 12, 2023, the 6th State Rally Competition organized by West Central Railway, Bharat Scouts and Guides concluded at the Sports Ground in Habibganj Railway Colony, Bhopal. The competition started on October 9.

Note:

**Key Points:**

- The competition included competitions like singing, playing, street play, folk dance, rangoli, exhibition, pyramid, marchpast. About 385 participants from Jabalpur, Kota, Bhopal came to participate in this rally.
- In this competition, the State Chief Commissioner Shield was given to Jabalpur, the most sensitive division.
- Kota Railway Division won the overall Champion Shield by winning first place in all 20 competitions. Bhopal division got second place and Jabalpur division got third place.
- The state award certificates were presented to four participants - Ansh Karmarkar, Aastha Karmarkar, Anjali Negi and Sonam Asim.



## Senior and Disabled Voters Aged 80 Years or Above will get the Facility to Vote through a Postal Ballot.

**Why In News?**

On October 13, 2023, State Chief Electoral Officer Anupam Rajan gave necessary guidelines to all collectors and district election officers of the state through video conferencing regarding the facility of voting by postal ballot to voters aged 80 years and above.

**Key Points:**

- Chief Electoral Officer Anupam Rajan said that all district election officers should distribute Form 12D to such eligible voters through booth level officers (BLOs).

- Rajan also made it clear that if a postal ballot has been issued in the name of a voter aged 80 years and above, a disabled voter of more than 40 percent or a voter engaged in essential services, then he will not be able to go to any polling station and vote.
- The Chief Electoral Officer said that cVIGIL app has been created for citizens by the Election Commission of India. Any citizen can complain about the violation of the Model Code of Conduct through the cVIGIL app.
- Citizens can download the cVIGIL app by visiting the Smart Mobile's Google Play Store. The complaint will be resolved within 100 minutes. He directed the Collectors and District Election Officers to resolve the complaints received through cVIGIL app within the stipulated time frame.



## Chhindwara is at First Place in the Ranking of CM Helpline.

**Why In News?**

On October 21, 2023, the Urban Development and Housing Department of Madhya Pradesh released the ranking of CM Helpline for the month of September, 2023.

**Key Points:**

- Among 16 municipal corporations, Chhindwara stood first and Burhanpur stood second, while Ujjain stood third and among the four metros, only Jabalpur came in the top 5.
- Gwalior is at 10th place in this list. It has also been given 'A' grade. However, out of 16 municipal corporations, 13 have got 'A' grade and three have got 'B' grade.
- Bhopal stood at sixth and Indore at number 13, while Morena Municipal Corporation was at the lowest position among 16 municipal bodies.
- These 16 municipal corporations of the state are included in this ranking – Gwalior, Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Chhindwara, Burhanpur, Ujjain, Ratlam,

Note:

Singrauli, Khandwa, Sagar, Katni, Dewas, Rewa, Satna and Morena.

- Among the 16 Municipal Corporations, the highest number of complaints in CM Helpline are 3872 in Bhopal, 3637 in Indore, 2510 in Jabalpur, 2447 in Gwalior, while the least number of complaints were received in Burhanpur at 201.

## **IISER Bhopal Scientists Produce Magnetic Porous Carbon Nanoparticles**

### **Why In News?**

Recently, researchers at the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal (IISER) have successfully produced magnetic nanoparticles, which are particles approximately one lakh times smaller than the width of a human hair.

### **Key Points:**

- These nanoparticles have been developed for many applications, such as removal of heat and light-induced salts from seawater, extraction of potable water from wastewater contaminated with dyes and deicing and anti-icing processes.
- One of the world's primary global challenges is to obtain clean and usable fresh water from sources

such as wastewater and sea water. It is estimated that approximately two-thirds of the world's population will soon live in areas with water scarcity problems.

- Desalination, a process known to exist, can provide local water sources for approximately 40% of coastal communities. Desalination methods that produce usable water from seawater typically involve processes that require a lot of heat, such as distillation or membrane-based technologies such as reverse osmosis.
- However, these methods often require expensive equipment, large setups, and substantial energy consumption. A more sustainable option is photothermal (light+heat)- assisted desalination, which uses renewable solar energy.
- The creation of magnetic nanoparticles with diverse applications ranging from efficient desalination processes to dye removal and de-icing represents an important step towards sustainable and accessible water resources. Advances like these in science provide hope for a future where clean and safe water will be more easily available to communities around the world.
- This research was led by Dr. Shankar Chakma, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemical Engineering, IISER Bhopal.
- The research group's findings have been published in the prestigious peer-reviewed journal of the American Chemical Society - EST Engineering.

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