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Bhopal Ranks Second in Cyber Crime Investigation in the Country

Why In News?

- Recently, Bhopal Cyber Police was ranked second in the country for better and robust investigation of cryptocurrency related fraud of cyber crime.

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- In a presentation held at the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), New Delhi last day, a case study on investigation of cyber crime Bhopal was selected among the best 10 case studies.
- In its presentation, the cyber police showed how during the investigation, Piyush Singh's company of Indore made mainly three products for the client of Japan. Using these products, any **user can** create their own digital wallet (account).
- In this digital wallet he can store crypto assets and invest them. It can also transfer crypto assets and the user gets rewards and bonuses, which are credited to the company's digital account every day.
- The investigation found that Keshi Kubi of Japanese origin, who formerly worked in Piyush Singh's company, misused confidential information to create fake users in the product of Piyush Singh's Japanese client and showed fake investment of crypto through API in them. This also led to the accused getting rewards daily.
- The accused convert cryptocurrency ANX to BTC using a feature OTE of the Anglieum wallet (in which the company takes ANX from the user and the same value BTC from the company wallet to the user) and BTC (BITCOIN) into the crypto wallet of himself and his family. He continued to commit fraud by transfer. Cyber police also exposed the crime by decoding the fake address in their investigation.

State's First 500 MVA Trans- former Energized in Bhopal

Why In News?

- On September 1, 2022, Rajesh Srivastava, Chief Engineer of Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company, said that recently Madhya Pradesh Power

Transmission Company successfully energized the state's first 500 MVA power transformer at 400 KV substation Bhopal.

Key Points

- Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has installed a power transformer of 500 MVA capacity for the first time in its transmission network of the state at an estimated cost of about Rs 25 crore.
- Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has selected this 500 MVA capacity power transformer manufactured by M/s T&R specially designed at the place where 400/220/132 KV power transformer of 400/220/132 KV will be installed at Bhopal. has been installed.
- Chief Engineer Rajesh Srivastava said that so far conventional 315 MVA power transformers have been installed in 400 KV substations. Instead, for the first time, this is the first power transformer of 500 MVA capacity, which has been installed as part of the government's intention to adopt more and more innovations.
- The advantage of this innovation is that the number of power transformers of 315 MVA capacity is installed in the same infrastructure as the transformer of 500 MVA capacity. This saves the process of installing additional transformers, money and labor. Also, the sudden load demand in substations can also be met. After the installation of this transformer, the capacity of 400 KV substation Bhopal has increased to 1445 MVA.
- Apart from the urban and industrial area of Bhopal, apart from Bairagarh, Vidisha, Mugalia Chhap, Ashta area will also benefit greatly from the installation of this transformer. With the installation of this transformer, quality adequate power supply can be done in these areas in proper voltage. Also, Ashta, Ujjain region will also be able to get support from Bhopal.

Auto Cutoff Distribution Transformer

Why In News?

- On September 4, 2022, it was informed by the Central Region Power Distribution Company that now auto cutoff distribution transformers based on latest technology will be installed to prevent overloading and use of unauthorized electricity.

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- With the installation of auto cutoff distribution transformers, these distribution transformers will automatically stop and the power supply will also be stopped if the consumers use more than the sanctioned load or unauthorized electricity.
- Auto cutoff distribution transformers of fixed capacity will be installed by the company based on the number of consumers recorded in its records in the concerned area and their valid sanctioned load, making it not possible to use unauthorized power in the concerned area.
- The company said that an auto cutoff distribution transformer of 100 KVA has been installed in Chola zone of Bhopal. Also, auto cutoff distribution transformers have been installed in the moong growing areas at Narmadapuram. This has prevented the failure of distribution transformers. Also, the number of valid connections has increased, and the revenue of the company has also increased.
- The company has informed that auto cutoff distribution transformers are being installed in all areas at a distribution centre in Sehore circle, where the transformer failure rate was high.
- Distribution transformers are being changed by implementing it as a pilot project in rural areas. After reviewing the results of auto cutoff distribution transformer in these areas, it will also be implemented in the rural areas of bhind, Morena and Gwalior, other districts of the company.
- The installation of auto cutoff distribution transformers will ensure uninterrupted and quality power supply to legitimate consumers, while on the one hand, unauthorized power use will be prevented, on the other hand, the company's revenue will also increase.

Madhya Pradesh Tops Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana for Fourth Time in the Country

Why In News?

- On September 3, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, while reviewing the schemes of the Women and Child Development Department, informed that Madhya Pradesh has been ranked first in the national position for the year 2021-22 in the

implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana for the fourth consecutive year.

Key Points

- Under this scheme, Madhya Pradesh has topped the country by registering more than 30 lakh beneficiaries, distributing an amount of Rs 1294 crore and benefiting 2 lakh 26 thousand 306 beneficiaries till August in the current financial year.
- During the review of 'Adopt an Anganwadi' in the meeting, it was informed that public support of Rs 25 crore including toys, other materials has been received in the state for Anganwadi centers. Outdoor sports material swing and slippery etc. have been supplied for anganwadi centers. More than one and a half thousand centers have been upgraded as model anganwadi centers. Shoes and slippers and hygiene kits have also been provided for children.
- The Chief Minister said that under the Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, the work of providing an amount of Rs 5,000 to the pregnant woman and lactating mother eligible for the first delivery and Rs 6,000 to the infant mother on the birth of a girl child in the second delivery has been done on priority. Similarly, Madhya Pradesh is also at the forefront of efforts to remove malnutrition of underweight children in the country.
- In Saksham Anganwadi and Poshan 2.0, 30 lakh children in the age group of 6 months to three years have taken advantage of supplementary nutritional food in the state. Similarly, 10 lakh 81 thousand pregnant and lactating mothers have also been benefitted.
- More than 38 lakh beneficiaries have taken advantage of take home ration in Madhya Pradesh. At present, Aadhaar verification of 71 lakh 20 thousand beneficiaries has also been completed on nutrition tracker. Take home ration production is being done from 13 plants in the state. Breakfast and hot cooked food are being supplied by more than 50 thousand common hearth groups in rural areas.
- More than 2,000 groups are also doing this work in urban areas. Nutrition corners have been established in more than 85 thousand Anganwadi centers of the state. Nutrition gardens have also been constructed.
- In the case of removing malnutrition of underweight children in Madhya Pradesh, the state is at number two in the national ranking, third in the solution of the problem of low weight due to leanness and sixth

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in the national ranking in terms of solving the health problems caused by the negligence.

- While the number of underweight children has declined by 3.7 percent in the country, the state has recorded the highest decline of 9.8 percent. Similarly, the problem of malnutrition due to leanness has been reduced by 1.7 percent in the country, while in Madhya Pradesh it has been successful in reducing 6.8 percent. Cases of stunting have also been reduced by 6.3 percent in Madhya Pradesh as against a reduction of 3 percent in the country.
- Giving information about the implementation of Ladli Laxmi Yojana in the review meeting, it was informed that so far 43 lakh girls have benefited from the scheme. In Ladli Laxmi Yojana 2.0, four lakh 87 thousand 731 girls of class 6, 9, 11 and 12 have received scholarship amount.

Two Teachers from Madhya Pradesh Honoured with 'National Teachers Award'

Why in News?

- On the occasion of Teacher's Day on September 5, 2022, President Draupadi Murmu honoured two teachers from Madhya Pradesh, Neeraj Saxena and Omprakash Patidar with the National Teacher Award-2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Key Points

- It is worth noting that this year 46 teachers from across the country were selected for the National Teacher Award, including two teachers from Madhya Pradesh.
- Neeraj Saxena, a teacher posted in Government Primary School, Salegarh in Raisen district, was awarded the National Award for changing the nature of education in the tribal area. Due to his passion, the educational level of the children of Bhil tribal area has increased. By improving the basic needs, he has established an ideal school.
- Omprakash Patidar, a science lecturer posted in the Government School of Excellence in Shajapur district, has prepared a public biodiversity register for Shajapur. He has made a difficult subject like science very easy for the students by using ICT, connecting science with technology.

- It is worth noting that on Teacher's Day, the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education organizes a national function every year on 5th September, in which national awards are given to the best teachers of the country.
- Teachers are selected for the awards in a transparent manner through an online three-tier selection process.
- The objective of conferring the National Award to Teachers is to underline the unique contribution of the teachers of the country and to honour such teachers, who have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students with their commitment and hard work.

14 Teachers Honoured with State-level Awards for Excellence

Why in News?

- On the occasion of National Teacher's Day on September 5, 2022, 14 teachers of the state were honoured with 'State Level Teacher Award-2022' in a function organized at Swarna Jayanti Auditorium, Academy of Administration.

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- Madhya Pradesh Minister of State for School Education (Independent Charge) and General Administration Inder Singh Parmar honoured the selected teachers by giving them shawls, shripal and emblems for their excellent work.
- The selected teachers include 8 teachers in the primary category and 6 teachers in the secondary category.
- The meritorious students of the state selected for innovation and innovation at the national level were also honoured, among them Navashree Thakur from Narmadapuram, Lokesh Patidar from Agar Malwa and Mayank Jain from Neemuch.

Tribal Affairs Department's 'Champion 90' scheme launched

Why in News?

- On September 5, 2022, Tribal Affairs Commissioner

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Sanjay Singh launched the 'Champion-90' scheme at Navodaya Government School, Katara Hills.

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- Additional Director Scheduled Caste Development Sanjay Varshney said that through the 'Champion-90' scheme, systematic coaching with a vocational approach is being provided to SC-ST students of government schools.
- In this residential coaching, along with the coaching of FIITJEE, teachers of English and Psychology subjects will also teach. Best arrangements will be made for food, accommodation and education of all the children.
- Study kits and tablets were distributed by FIITJEE to 80 children selected by screening test for Champion-90 coaching on Teachers' Day.
- It is noteworthy that the Tribal Affairs Department of Madhya Pradesh has started the 'Champion-90' initiative in association with private coaching institute FIITJEE. This institute will provide coaching facility with all modern facilities to these students from its CSR fund.
- Along with this, a tablet will also be provided free of cost to every student for academic preparation. The tablet will be linked to the educational software of the coaching institute. In this, online education material will be available to the students. Along with this, other necessary educational books will also be provided to them.

Approval of 'Bhagwan Birsa Munda Self-Employment Scheme', 'Tantya Mama Economic Welfare Scheme' and 'Chief Minister Scheduled Tribe Special Project Funding Scheme'

Why in News?

- In a meeting chaired by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on September 6, 2022, the cabinet approved three schemes to provide more opportunities for self-employment to the youth of the Scheduled Tribes. This includes 'Bhagwan Birsa Munda Self-Employment Scheme', 'Tantya Mama Economic

Welfare Scheme' and 'Chief Minister Scheduled Tribe Special Project Financing Scheme'.

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- Under the 'Bhagwan Birsa Munda Self-Employment Scheme', projects ranging from one lakh to 50 lakh rupees for manufacturing activities and one lakh to 25 lakh rupees for service and business activities will be approved.
- The annual income of the family taking the benefit of the scheme should not exceed Rs.12 lakhs.
- Under the scheme, interest subsidy at the rate of 5 percent per annum and bank loan guarantee fee will be borne by the corporation at the prevailing rate for a maximum period of 7 years (including the moratorium period) on the loan disbursed by the bank to the beneficiaries. Interested candidates will also be given training as per the requirement.
- Under the 'Tantya Mama Economic Welfare Scheme', members of the Scheduled Tribes, who are not income tax payers, whose age is between 18 and 55 years, will be provided for all kinds of self-employment activities for projects ranging from 10 thousand to one lakh rupees. For getting loans from banks, 7 percent interest subsidy and bank loan guarantee fee will be given to the beneficiary at the prevailing rate for a maximum period of 5 years.
- In the 'Chief Minister Scheduled Tribe Special Project Financing Scheme', such special project proposals to be received from various departments or district collectors, which are possible to be done in any existing plan project of line departments, mainly to benefit the beneficiaries of Scheduled Tribes category. The entire project cost amount up to a maximum of Rs 2 crore will be provided by the government in the form of grant for funding to the Scheduled Tribes category, if it is very useful and necessary.
- Such special project proposals received from agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries, horticulture, panchayat and rural development, energy, technical education, skill development and employment, AYUSH and public health and family welfare departments etc. will be provided project cost amount on the recommendation of the State Project Implementation Committee constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary.
- Projects related to self-employment, livelihood, skill upgradation, promotion and innovation will be funded on priority basis under the scheme. At least 50 per

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cent of the beneficiaries in the project will be from the Scheduled Tribe category.

State's First Goat Rearing and Entrepreneurship Conference

Why in News?

- On September 6, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Animal Husbandry and Dairy Minister Prem Singh Patel inaugurated the state's first 'Animal Husbandry Conference for Promotion of Goat Rearing and Entrepreneurship Development' in Bhopal.

Key Points

- Addressing the conference, Minister Prem Singh Patel said that by adopting modern technology, do goat rearing with the help of Animal Husbandry Department and earn good income. He assured to remove the difficulties faced by the goat farmers in getting bank loans.
- Additional Chief Secretary Animal Husbandry and Dairy J.N. Kansotia said that in order to increase the high breed goat breed in the state, artificial insemination program will be started from the identified districts and soon it will be started in the entire state.
- J.N. Consotia informed that the poultry business is being registered since last year. Now goat rearing will also be registered.
- Dr. Umesh Chandra Sharma, President of Veterinary Council of India said that Madhya Pradesh ranks fifth in the country in goat rearing and India is second in the world. Artificial insemination is very important for the high breed of goat. A good breed goat is available for one to one and a half lakh rupees. This facility will be available to the foster from artificial insemination for just Rs 70 from the frozen straw.
- Director Dr. RK Mehia said that 38 percent increase in goat population as compared to the last animal census in the state is proof that people have increased inclination towards goat rearing.

Craft and Art Exhibition 'Hastkala Bazaar'

Why in News?

- On September 6, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Tourism,

Culture and Religious Trusts and Endowments Minister Usha Thakur inaugurated the craft and art exhibition 'Hastkala Bazaar' at Kushabhau Thakre Convention Centre.

Key Points

- This exhibition has been organized by the Tourism Board in the Responsible Tourism Mission. As many as 93 craftsmen from 41 art forms from six cultural zones of the state are displaying their products at the exhibition.
- As many as 28 craft product stalls from about 16 districts have been set up at the 'Hastkala Bazaar' exhibition. Also, a live exhibition of 6 products has been organized.
- Terracotta and iron crafts of Chhatarpur, Bell metal of Betul, Bronze of Satna, Bundeli painting of Orchha, articles made from Industrial Waste Wood Made of Dewas, Handloom handicraft and Zari-Zardozi of Bhopal, Textile waste products of Rajgarh, Handicraft painting of Alirajpur, Maheshwar handloom, bamboo crafts, natural honey and marble stone items are on display along with Khandwa hand embroidery and paper products.

Bhopal to Host ISSF World Cup Shooting Championship

Why In News?

- On September 8, 2022, Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia said that next year Madhya Pradesh will host the ISSF World Cup Shooting (Rifle/ Pistol) Championship for the first time.

Key Points

- In the year 2023, between March 20 and 31, international level reputed shooters will show their skills at the 'State Shooting Academy of Excellence' at Bisankhedji, Bhopal.
- Minister Scindia informed that The Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy of Excellence meets international standards from all levels. The academy is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities and has an international level shooting range built here.
- He said that new technology is being used in shooting discipline and all kinds of facilities have been provided

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to the players with the construction of high quality infrastructure in Madhya Pradesh Academy. This is the reason why the country's reputed shooters constantly come to the academy for training at the Bhopal Shooting Range.

'Youth Cell' will be Formed in University and College

Why In News?

- According to the information given by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on September 8, 2022, as announced by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan in the Youth Mahapanchayat, 'Youth Cell' will be formed in the universities and colleges of the state.

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- The Youth Cell will submit suggestions to the Organizing Committee for continuous review and excellent conduct of activities at university and college level for implementation of youth policy.
- The main objective of the Youth Cell is to create a positive and ideal environment among the youth in universities and colleges.
- The Vice-Chancellor will be the patron of the youth cell at the university level. Senior Faculty Dean will be the Chairman and Coordinator National Service Planning Secretary. Four students nominated by the mentor on the basis of merit, one student each from NSS, NCC, sports and literature-cultural activity, two alumni, two parents (one female, one male), one MP and one MLA will be representative.
- Similarly, the mentor of the youth cell in the college will be the principal. Senior Professor of the College, President, NCC Officer/Program Officer Secretary of NSS, on the basis of merit, two graduate and two postgraduate students, one student each involved in NSS, NCC, sports and literary-cultural activities, will be involved as members. Two alumni, two guardians (one female and one male) shall be the members. MP representatives and MLA representatives will also be members.
- The Youth Cell will work in compliance with the instructions received in accordance with the guidelines of youth policy and conduct activities organized in the university and college accordingly.

Madhya Pradesh gets Four Gold and One Silver Awards at ICRT Awards

Why In News?

- The MP Tourism Board won four gold and one silver at the International Center for Responsible Tourism (ICRT) Awards ceremony held at Kushabhai Thackeray Convention Center in the capital Bhopal on September 7, 2022.

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- Madhya Pradesh Tourism, Culture and Religious Trusts and Endowments Minister Usha Thakur has met Shiv Shekhar Shukla (Principal Secretary, Tourism and Culture and Managing Director Tourism Board) and Dr. Along with Harold Goodwin (Founder Director of ICRT and Managing Director of Responsible Tourism Partnerships) awarded the winners.
- These awards have been given for projects like Rural Tourism Project, Safe Tourist Places Project for Women, Responsible Sovereign Development Project, Project Humsafar etc. under the Tourism Board.
- A total of 26 awards were given in nine categories at the ceremony. Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board has won gold in the categories of Increase in Diversity in Tourism: How Inclusive is Our Industries, Growing the Local Economic Benefit, Contributing to Cultural Heritage and Increase Tourism Contribution to Natural Heritage and Biodiversity. Also, won Silver Award in Access for the Differently Abled - Age Travelers, Employees and Holiday Makers category.
- It is noteworthy that the ICRT Awards is one of the most prestigious awards in the world in the field of Responsible Tourism. It is organized annually by the International Center for Responsible Tourism (ICRT). The special thing is that this award was held outside London for the first time.

Displaced Villages of Kuno Palpur will get the Status of Revenue Village

Why In News?

- On September 11, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj

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Singh Chouhan, while addressing the Cheetah Mitra Sammelan organized at Kuno Palpur National Park, said that such villages displaced from Kuno National Park, which are still Majre Tolas, will be given the status of full revenue village.

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- The Chief Minister said that 5 skill development centers will be set up in this area. In these, employment will be provided by training the regional youth.
- It is worth mentioning that the Sahariya tribals of two local villages were displaced to settle the Asiatic Lion long ago in Kuno National Park.
- Cheetahs from the African country Namibia are being settled in the Kuno Palpur National Park in Sheopur. Earlier there was a plan to settle Asian cheetahs in Kuno, but in view of their limited numbers in Iran, African cheetahs are now being brought to Kuno.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a visit to Madhya Pradesh on September 17. African cheetahs will be shifted to Kuno National Park on the same day.
- Government sources said that an MoU was signed to bring 8 cheetahs from Namibia to India, but three cheetahs have been rejected by the Indian government, so in the first phase five cheetahs are being shifted to the Kuno National Park.
- According to forest department sources, the project is being run for a long time to bring cheetahs back to the country. In 2019, the Supreme Court gave its approval to the National Tiger Conservation Authority. African cheetahs are being brought to the forests of India for experimentation.
- The initiative to bring cheetahs to India was initiated in 2010 by the then Environment Minister Jairam Ramesh. For the first time on January 28, 2020, the Supreme Court allowed the cheetahs to be brought to India. Also, the court had ordered the National Tiger Conservation Authority to find a suitable place for the cheetahs. After considering several national parks, experts chose Kuno Palpur National Park in Sheopur, Madhya Pradesh to return to the country the fastest known animal on earth.
- Cheetahs became extinct in India 70 years ago. The cheetah was last seen in the state of Chhattisgarh in 1950. After this, they were not seen anywhere in the country.

- Kuno Palpur National Park 750 sq.km. It is spread over an area of 6,800 sq. km. It is part of open forest area spread over the area. It is one of the best habitats in the country to resettle cheetahs. It also has good hunting facilities for cheetahs, because deer, chinkara, nilgai, sambar, langur and chital are found in large numbers here.

Shankaracharya Swaroop-anand Saraswati Passed Away at the Age of 98

Why In News?

- On September 11, 2022, Swami Swaroop-anand Saraswati, the biggest religious leader of Hindus and Shankaracharya of Dwarka-Sharda Peeth, died at the age of 98 at Paramhansi Ganga Ashram in Jhoteswar, Narsinghpur district of Madhya Pradesh.

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- Swami Swaroop-anand Saraswati was born on September 2, 1924, in a Brahmin family in the village of Dighori near Jabalpur in Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh.
- It is known that 'Shankaracharya' is the eldest Mahant of the four Peethas of Hinduism. Jagadguru Shankaracharya Shri Swami Swaroop-anand Saraswati ji was the Shankaracharya of two mathas (Dwarka and Jyotirmath). His parents named him Pothiram Upadhyay.
- At the age of nine, he left home and started religious journeys. During this time he reached Kashi and here he took lessons in Vedas, Vedanga and scriptures from Brahmalin Shri Swami Karpatri Maharaj.
- When Gandhiji gave the slogan of Quit India to the British in 1942, he also jumped into the freedom struggle and became famous as a 'revolutionary monk' at the age of 19. During this time, he also spent nine months in varanasi jail and six months in jail in his home state Madhya Pradesh.
- He was also the president of Karpatri Maharaj's political party 'Ram Rajya Parishad'. In 1940, he was made a Dandi Sanyasi and in 1981 he got the title of 'Shankaracharya'. In 1950, he took initiation of dand-sanyas from Sharda Peeth Shankaracharya Swami Brahmanand Saraswati and came to be known as Swami Swaroop-anand Saraswati.

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- Shankaracharya Swami Swaroopanand Saraswati was a freedom fighter, Ram Setu Protector, who declared Ganga a national river and fought for Ram Janmabhoomi, the first Satyagrahi of the cow protection movement, the first president of the RamRajya Parishad, was a strong opponent of hypocrisy.

Formation of District Wetland Conservation Committees in the state

Why In News?

- On September 12, 2022, wetland conservation committees were formed by the state government under the chairmanship of district collectors.

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- In the committee, Chief Executive Officer, District Panchayat for rural areas and Commissioner Municipal Corporation and Chief Municipal Officer, Municipal Corporation Council, will be Member Secretary in urban areas.
- Members include District Forest Officer, District Land Settlement Officer, Superintending or Executive or Assistant Engineer, Public Health Engineering and Water Resources Department, Joint Director or Deputy Director, Assistant Director, Town and Country Investment, Agriculture, Fisheries, Regional Officer, Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board and State Wetland Authority will be the officials of EPCO.
- The duties of the District Wetland Conservation Committee include taking appropriate action regarding the overall conservation and management of ponds at the district level, acting as an associate unit of the State Wetland Authority, effective implementation of the Wetland Rules-2017 in the district, by the state and central government. This includes assisting the State Wetland Authority in the implementation, evaluation and monitoring of the schemes being implemented.
- The committee will collect all the information of the ponds of the district and prepare a database and will also be responsible for its maintenance. The committee will coordinate between the concerned departments and stakeholders related to the conservation of ponds in the district and identify the ponds as per the identified digital wetland inventory and confirm them at the field level.

- The committee will organize awareness training and capacity development programs to make people aware of wetlands, ponds, rivers, other water sources, environmental protection of natural resources and pollution control on special occasions like World Wetland Day, World Water Day, World Earth Day, World Environment Day etc.

Letter of Award Distributed for Solar City and Kusum Yojana

Why In News?

- On September 13, 2022, Madhya Pradesh's New and Renewable Energy Minister Hardeep Singh Dang distributed letters of award to selected developers and farmers for setting up Sanchi Solar City solar projects along with 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Mahaabhiyan' (Kusum 'A' and 'C').

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- Power Minister Hardeep Singh Dang and Chairman of Urja Vikas Nigam Girraj Dandotia distributed letters of award of 14 MW to 9 farmers and developers selected under Kusum 'A' scheme.
- For the installation of the 8 MW solar plant on the land of the hilly area of Sanchi, the developer is the managing director of the National Hydro Power Development Corporation, V. K. Sinha received the Letter of Award.
- It is worth mentioning that power purchase contracts of 71 MW have been signed by Urja Vikas Nigam with the Power Management Company of selected solar power producers for setting up of solar power plants in 4 phases for power generation from solar energy at more than 900 identified sub-stations in the state.
- Minister Hardeep Singh Dang said that Kusum 'C' scheme is a very good scheme for farmers, government, public and environment. The farmer earns income by selling electricity. Instructions have been issued to energize the pumps solar of about 1000 farmers. Farmers will not only get irrigation facility but also electricity during the day.
- Under the scheme, 30 percent central assistance is provided for the installation of solar plants. The selected developers were given project allotment letters for setting up a solar plant of 4 MW capacity.

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Inauguration and Foundation Stone of Development Works Worth Rs 1199 crore in Gwalior

Why In News?

- On September 15, 2022, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari announced the addition of elevated roads, inter-state bus terminals and 122 km of roads, which are going to be added as a new dimension of development in Gwalior. He laid the foundation stone and dedicated development works worth about Rs 1199 crore including 7 long roads.

Key Points

- Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari also made several announcements at the foundation stone laying and dedication ceremony. These announcements are-
 - The elevated road of both the phases on the Swarn Rekha River in Gwalior city will be built with state-of-the-art new technology from Malaysia. Tenders for both the phases of the elevated road will float simultaneously.
 - The 6-lane Agra-Gwalior Greenfield Expressway will be connected to the Yamuna Expressway and the distance from Delhi to Gwalior can be covered in just three hours. About 87 kms. The construction of this long expressway will be done at a cost of about 2500 crores.
 - A Logistics Park will be set up along the Agra-Gwalior Expressway.
 - The old Gwalior-Agra road will be renovated and a four-lane cement concrete route will be built.
 - The Gwalior-Bhind-Etawah national highway will be converted into a four-lane route at a cost of Rs 1200 crore. 72 km from Morena to Sabalgarh at a cost of Rs 300 crore. A long four-lane roadway will be built.
 - A ropeway will be constructed at a cost of Rs 120 crore from Phoolbagh to Fort in Gwalior city. This will establish new dimensions in the tourism development of Gwalior.
 - A new railway overbridge will be constructed between Jalalpur-Baroa in Gwalior. With the construction of ROB, about 2 dozen villages including

Jalalpur and Baroa will get the facility of smooth movement. Also, devotees going to Shanishara temple will also have ease of transportation.

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced that Gwalior will be made an industrial hub again by constructing an incubation centre. Along with industrial investment, work will also be done to create tourism, medical and electronic hubs.

Burhanpur Becomes the First District in the State to Link Aadhaar Number with 100% Voter ID Card

Why In News?

- On September 16, 2022, Chief Electoral Officer Anpum Rajan said that Burhanpur has become the first district in the state to link Aadhaar number with voter ID card.

Key Points

- The Chief Electoral Officer said that Pipariya assembly constituency of Narmadapuram district has also completed the work of linking the identity card of 100 percent voters with the Aadhaar number.
- It is worth mentioning that the Election Commission of India is running an Aadhaar collection campaign from August 1, under which the Aadhaar number has been linked to the voter ID card of 4 crore 21 lakh 82 thousand 400 voters in Madhya Pradesh so far.
- In both the assembly constituencies of Burhanpur district, 555715 and Pipariya assembly constituency of Narmadapuram district have 212073 number of voters, in which Aadhaar numbers have been linked to the voter ID cards of 100 percent of the voters.

School Education Department's District Report Card

Why In News?

- On September 15, 2022, the Madhya Pradesh School Education Department released the report card of the districts for classes I to VIII in the session 2022-23 as directed by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to develop the educational ranking system of the districts.

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- Director State Education Center Dhanaraju S. According to the district report card, Chhatarpur district has got the first position, Balaghat second and Chhindwara third.
- Similarly, in division-wise grading, Sagar division has got the first position, Jabalpur division has got the second and Narmadapuram has got the third position.
- Director Dhanaraju S. He informed that Niwari district has jumped 31 places to 10th position as compared to the previous ranking. Guna has attained 22nd rank this time, improving from the previous ranking of 51.
- The report lays down a number of action points on priority. The report mainly divides the enrolment and stay of children, quality educational achievements, educational upgradation of teachers, equality, infrastructure and physical facilities and good governance processes etc. into six main parts.
- A total of 32 indices are included in the ranking. Changes will continue to be made even-symmetrically as per the priority of each quarter.

Mukhyamantri Bal Ashirwad Yojana

Why In News?

- According to the information given by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on September 15, 2022, boys and girls above the age of 18 years who leave child care institutions should be restored in the society by providing financial and educational support (aftercare) and orphan children up to the age of 18 years, who are living with their relatives or guardians, 'Mukhyamantri Bal Ashirwad Yojana' has been started with the objective of providing financial assistance (sponsorship).

Key Points

- The Women and Child Development Department has been made the nodal department for the implementation of this scheme.
- In the context of aftercare, children residing in the child care institution for 5 years continuously including the year of birth will be eligible.
- Financial assistance in aftercare, internship, vocational training, time period fixed for education or till the age of 24 years, whichever is earlier.

- According to the qualifications of care leavers mentioned in the list received from the District Child Protection Officer, Women and Child Development Department by the Industries Department, industrial institutions / establishments / reputed institutions will be identified and provided employment as much as possible in the same institution by giving internship.
- During the internship period, financial assistance of Rs 5,000 per month will be given, which will be payable till the end of the internship period or one year, whichever is less. This assistance will not be for a period of more than one year in any case.
- Vocational training given in government institutions in polytechnic diploma, ITI, paramedical course, nursing, hotel management, tourism, Prime Minister and Chief Minister Skill Development etc. will be given free of cost by the concerned department.
- During the vocational training period, financial assistance of Rs 5,000 per month will be given, which will be payable till the end of the period of vocational training or two years whichever is less. But in no case will it be for a period of more than 2 years.
- Care leavers entering any government and non-government institutions on the basis of entrance examinations in NEET, JEE or CLAT will be given financial assistance of Rs 5,000 per month during the study period and the fees fixed by the Regulatory Commission for the course period will be borne by the state government.
- The category of care leavers and the financial assistance being given during the study period in each category will be determined by the state level committee constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary.
- The sponsorship is for those children below the age of 18 years of the local resident family of Madhya Pradesh, whose parents have died and are living under the care of a relative or guardian and who are not eligible for the 'Chief Minister Covid-19 Bal Seva Yojana', such children will be eligible in the scheme.
- Each child found eligible under sponsorship will be given assistance of Rs 4,000 per month for a minimum of one year. This amount will be deposited in the joint account of the child and relative or guardian.
- If there is no improvement in the economic prosperity of the child or the family, it can be increased for a period of a minimum of one year, but in any case, the amount will not be payable after the age of maximum

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18 years. The Ayushman card for each child will also be made by the health department.

- All the applications of the scheme will be available on Bal Ashirwad Portal www.scps.mp.gov.in. The application process will be free of cost. To take advantage of the scheme, the District Program Officer and District Child Protection Officer (Women and Child Development Department) can be contacted. All benefits will be given from the portal.

First Supplementary Estimate of Rs 9784.95 crore Passed

Why In News?

- On September 15, 2022, the Madhya Pradesh Assembly passed the first supplementary estimate 2022-23 of Rs. 9784.95 crore. A provision of Rs 6185.46 crore has been made in the revenue head and Rs 3599.49 crore in the capital head.

Key Points

- This supplementary estimate will accelerate the work of infrastructure development. Some of the major provisions made for important works are as follows:
 - Rs 1,003 crore for Anganwadi services and Rs 44 crore for 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana'.
 - Rs 931 crore for various irrigation schemes/projects under Narmada Valley Development Department. Rs 608 crore for construction work related to various irrigation schemes/ canals/ dams of water resources department.
 - Chief Minister Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme - Rs 400 crore for phase IV.
 - Minimum Needs Program (including Rural Roads), Madhya Pradesh Road Development Program (ADB) Scheme, Renovation, Upgradation and Asphaltization of Major District Roads and Others, Construction Plan and Maintenance and Repair of Major Bridges – For General Repair Scheme Total 1100 crores.
 - Rs 151 crore for maintenance of rural tap water supply schemes.
 - Rs 666 crore for class 11th, 12th and college scholarships, Rs 57 crore for state scholarships class 9th and 10th and Rs 50 crore for post-matric scholarships (colleges and others).

- Rs 284 crore for housing assistance to SC/ST students. Rs 41 crore for the scheme of supply of books/ stationery etc. for students. Rs 78 crore for Mukhya Mantri Medhavi Vidyarthi Yojana.
- Rs 750 crore for Atal Griha Jyoti Yojana and Rs 750 crore for Atal Krishi Jyoti Yojana.
- Rs 280 crore for one-time payment of loans taken from HUDCO for Chief Minister's Police Housing, Rs 59 crore for setting up of SC/ST police stations, Rs 20 crore for assistance to Balaghat district under Special Central Assistance.
- Rs 350 crore for interest waiver solution scheme of eligible defaulter farmers of loan waiver scheme.
- Rs 300 crore for district mining fund scheme.
- Rs 300 crore for Mukhyamantri Jankalyan (Sambal) Yojana.
- Rs 150 crore for Madhya Pradesh Assembly Constituency Development Scheme and Rs 81 crore for financial assistance from MLA Voluntary Grant Fund.
- Rs 84 crore for Additional Interest Subvention Scheme 2018 to Women Self Help Groups.
- Rs 60 crore for payment scheme and Rs 50 crore for public asset management district promotion scheme from revenue from liquidator's assets.
- Rs 100 crore for setting up of new medical colleges and medical colleges and affiliated hospitals. Rs 85 crore for setting up of fast track courts and special courts under POCSO Act.
- 50 crores for financial assistance to Deendayal Antyodaya Mission (Chief Minister Kanya Vivah Sahayata Yojana). 40 crore for Chief Minister's discretionary grant and Rs 38 crore for computerization scheme of primary agricultural credit cooperative institutions.

Maha Upbhokta Lok Adalat

Why In News?

- On September 17, 2022, the registrar of Madhya Pradesh State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission, Alka Srivastava told that the commission's chairman Justice Shantanu S. Under the guidance of Kemkar, on November 12, 2022, Maha Upbhokta Lok Adalat will be organized in all consumer courts at the district level.

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Key Points

- Maha Upphokta Lok Adalat is being organized on November 12 for speedy redressal of consumer related matters.
- Alka Srivastava said that the process of resolving the cases related to various services and goods including banking, insurance, electricity, medical, telephone, agriculture, automobiles, housing, airlines, railways under consideration in the State Commission and State Consumer Commissions of the state will be done through Maha Upphokta Lok Adalat.
- It may be recalled that the Brihad Lok Adalat held at the State Consumer Commission and District Consumer Commissions on September 17, 2022 was postponed.
- Maha Upphokta Lok Adalat is being organized on November 12 for speedy redressal of consumer related matters.

India's First Scientist Memorial to Come Up in Madhya Pradesh

Why In News?

- On September 19, 2022, in the 61st meeting of the Working Committee of the Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology, it was decided that the country's first Scientist Memorial would be established in the ancient city of Ujjain, a pioneer in the spread of science.

Key Points

- Presiding over the 61st meeting of the Working Committee, Science and Technology Minister Omprakash Sakhlecha said that the state's science and technology policy would be announced soon and focussed on construction of Science City and Regional Science Center at divisional level while promoting science tourism.
- The Director General of the Council said that there are science memorials in the country, but this is the first case of building a scientist memorial in Ujjain's planetarium. Such a proposal has come up in a competition of young scientists. The Council has agreed to start work on the proposal immediately.
- Similarly, development of science tourism to promote science and technology was also discussed. During the approval of the works of Regional Science Center

to be built in Jabalpur and Ujjain, it has been decided that every 300 km. But science centers and regional science centers will be built at the division level.

- It was decided in the meeting that arrangements should be made for drone training in all the districts of the state and instead of the same training in all the districts, training of different techniques of drones should be given. Initially, Rs 10 lakh each has been provided to the districts of the state for drone training.
- Minister Sakhlecha reviewed the action plan to create digital atlases of districts and directed that important products and projects of the district should be included in the atlas of Madhya Pradesh. With this, anyone from the world can know where the product is available. He also instructed to take the cooperation of science students of the college in this work and reward them for encouraging them.
- Minister Sakhlecha said that an advisory board of 15 to 20 renowned scientists and experts of the country should also be formed. This board will share research and technology-based knowledge every two months, which will help in spreading science activities in the state. He said that seminars and webinars should be held twice a month to ensure the benefits of science and technology to young and new entrepreneurs.
- It was decided in the committee that the technique of making fiber from bamboo, banana and coconut will be worked out. In place of traditional furniture, scientific and technology-based changes will be brought in furniture production according to human needs. At the same time, the council will also work on preparing a health database, so that the expenditure on health insurance can be reduced by 50 percent.
- The Council approved the proposal to increase the junior and senior level research fellowships given to young scientists every year. It has been increased by 5 and 10 thousand rupees respectively.
- In the Working Committee, a proposal was agreed to constantly apprise all departments and ministers about various new dimensions of science and technology. It was also decided that separate modules should be made in view of the structure of all the departments.
- In the meeting, the proposal to increase the fellowship of the project staff working in the Council was approved. It was also decided to develop and produce science films at division and district level as well as to make science film festivals.

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Amendment in the Meritorious Student Scheme

Why In News?

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on September 20, 2022, along with giving approval to the amendments in the 'Chief Minister Meritorious Student Scheme' many other important decisions were taken.

Key Points

- According to the amendment, such students who have received the benefit of the scheme once and if the income limit is more than Rs 6 lakh, will be eligible for the benefit of the scheme till the completion of the course.
- Also, students who have secured first 15 percent place in the centralized common merit list of the state in the second year of engineering and pharmacy courses through 'lateral entry' and 70 percentiles in 10th and 12th examination from the Board of Secondary Education or CBSE/ICSE. If the students who have passed the examination with 85 percent take admission in the engineering and pharmacy courses of the institutions included in the order, then such students will be eligible for the scheme. Such students will not be bound by JEE Mains rank for admission to engineering courses.
- The Cabinet gave its approval for establishment and operation of Motor Driving Training and Research Institute (**MDTRI**) in District Datia .
- The cabinet has increased the rate of dearness allowance and relief payable to government servants and pensioners in the seventh pay scale by 3 percent from August 1, 2022 (payment month September, 2022) to 34 percent and government servants working in the sixth pay scale of the state government. And ratified the order issued on August 18, 2022 to increase the dearness allowance on a proportionate basis in the fourth and fifth pay scales of state government undertakings, corporations, boards and aided institutions working on deputation in the state government.
- As a result of increase in dearness relief to pensioners/ family pensioners in Section 49 of the Madhya Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2000, the expenditure is borne

by the Government of Madhya Pradesh and the Government of Chhattisgarh in fixed proportion. After obtaining the consent of the Chhattisgarh government, the Finance Department was authorized to issue an order of dearness relief.

- With the increase of 3 percent in the dearness allowance payable to the employees, an additional estimated expenditure burden of Rs 625 crore is likely in this financial year. An additional estimated expenditure of Rs 304 crore is likely to be incurred in this financial year due to the increase of 3 percent in dearness relief in the event of consent of the pensioners/family pensioners from the Chhattisgarh government.
- For speedy implementation of schemes run by Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation, it has been decided by the Council of Ministers to speed up the recruitment process of human resource and easy availability of IT experts skilled in new technologies. (COE, PeMTS, MPSSDI, CPCT, Email-PMU, TCU, SDC, Security Audit Lab) Services can be taken from contract or outsource by changing the sanctioned posts in the projects.

Madhya Kshetra Electricity Distribution Company got the State Level 'Most Prominent Industry' Award

Why In News?

- On September 20, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan presented the 'Most Dominant Industry' award to Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company Bhopal for imparting apprenticeship training to the highest number of apprentices in the entire state in the SPSU category.

Key Points

- Dilip Kumar Kapse, Chief General Manager (HR and Administration), Central Zone Electricity Distribution Company, received this award at the hands of the Chief Minister at the first convocation of ITI passed trainees held at Kushabhau Thackeray International Convention Center (Minto Hall), Bhopal.
- It is worth noting that under the Central Government's National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS)

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by the Power Distribution Training Center of the Central Region Electricity Distribution Company, the maximum number of 973 trade apprentices in the state of Madhya Pradesh are Electrician, Electronics, Mechanic, Copa, Steno English and Steno Hindi subjects. One year training has been given in various disciplines under the company.

1074 Scheduled Caste Dominated Villages of the State Selected in 'Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana'

Why In News?

- On September 20, 2022, it was informed by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department that 1074 Scheduled Caste dominated villages of Madhya Pradesh have been selected under the 'Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana'.

Key Points

- For the best implementation of the scheme in the year 2021-22, 3 districts of the state have been selected at the national level, in which Guna district is second and Sehore district is third.
- It is worth mentioning that 'Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana' is being operated by the Central Government for the integrated development of scheduled caste dominated villages. The scheme selects villages with a population of 500 or more, whose population is more than 50 percent scheduled caste.
- In Adarsh villages, maximum benefits of various beneficiary oriented schemes of the government will be provided to the villagers. Along with making Aadhar card for all the people in various government schemes, providing benefits of destitute, old age and handicapped pension scheme to eligible persons, 100% admission of children in Anganwadi and schools, providing scholarship to all students according to their eligibility, in every household. Provision of toilets, providing benefit of Ujjwala gas scheme to eligible families and providing electricity connection in each household etc.
- Under the 'Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana', work will be done on a large scale for the infrastructure

development of the selected villages. This includes school building, Anganwadi building, internal road construction, drain construction, drinking water system, street light and proper arrangement for disposal of solid and liquid waste materials in the village.

- The central government will provide assistance of Rs 20 lakh for gap filling for infrastructure development in each village. Along with this, work of infrastructure development will be done in the village in harmony with various schemes of the state.
- It is noteworthy that in the implementation of 'Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana' in the country, Madhya Pradesh has remained at the top position since the beginning. At present, 5 lakh 53 thousand 108 persons have been benefited as per eligibility in respect of 1074 villages.

Automatic Vehicle Fitness Center

Why In News?

- On September 20, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Transport and Revenue Minister Govind Singh Rajput informed that it is proposed to set up an automotive vehicle fitness center for the fitness of commercial vehicles at a cost of about Rs 150 crore at 10 divisional headquarters of the state.

Key Points

- Transport and Revenue Minister Govind Singh Rajput said that with the establishment of the centers, physical checking of vehicles will be done at one place before giving fitness certificates. At present, the fitness of the vehicles is being done manually.
- It is worth mentioning that in order to curb vehicle accidents, instructions have been given by the Central Government to set up Automotive Motor Fitness Centers in all states.
- About Rs 15 crore will be spent on setting up a center. With the establishment of one center, about 40 thousand vehicles can be tested and tested in a year.
- During the checking of the vehicle in the fitness center, the fitness certificate will be given only after checking the pollution, oil leakage, brakes, lights, wheel alignment, speed governor etc.

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Satendra Singh Lohia Becomes Asia's First Para Swimmer To Cross North Channel

Why In News?

- On September 20, 2022, Para Swimmer Satendra Singh Lohia from Madhya Pradesh has become the first Para Swimmer from Asia to cross the North Channel in Ireland. Satendra Singh walked 36 km. He crossed the North Channel in 14 hours and 39 minutes to set a world record.

Key Points

- International Divyang Para Swimmer Satendra Singh Lohia had earlier set a world record by crossing the English and Catalina channels and became the first International Divyang Para Swimmer in Asia to do so. Now he has also become the first Asian differently-abled swimmer to cross the North Channel.
- Satendra started swimming in the North Channel sea at 6:31 a.m. North Ireland time and 11:00 a.m. Indian time. It is a 36 km north channel between Donagadi in the Nordland and Port Patriot, Scotland. Distance swimming. The specialty of this channel is that it is the coldest channel among all the channels in the world. Its temperature is 12 degree C. Lasts approx.
- It is worth mentioning that international para swimmer Satendra Singh Lohia on June 24, 2018, covered 49 km in 12 hours and 24 minutes. Had crossed the long English Channel. For this, his name is recorded in the Asian Limca Book of Records. On August 18, 2019, in the US, he covered 42 km in 11 hours and 34 minutes. Had crossed the long Catalina Channel.
- Satendra Singh has won 24 medals for the country by participating in 7 National Para Swimming Championships. The Madhya Pradesh government had awarded him the Vikram award, the highest sporting honour, in 2014. After this, on December 3, 2019, the Vice President also received the National Award for Best Disabled Player. Satendra Singh Lohia has also been honored by PM Narendra Modi.

Madhya Pradesh will get Many Awards for Excellent Work in Swachh Bharat Mission

Why In News?

- Recently, Madhya Pradesh has been selected for many awards for outstanding work in the Swachh Bharat Mission. The awards will be presented by the President to the team from Madhya Pradesh on the occasion of Swachh Bharat Diwas to be held at Vigyan Bhawan, Delhi on October 2.

Key Points

- In the Swachh Survekshan Gramin year 2022, Madhya Pradesh has got the first place among the states doing excellent work in the West Zone, Bhopal has got the first place and Indore has got the third place in the best working districts.
- Similarly, Madhya Pradesh has got the first prize for the best work in Sujalam Campaign-1 and Madhya Pradesh has got the fourth prize in Sujalam Campaign-2.

47 Daughters Honored in Chief Minister's Jan Seva Abhiyan

Why In News?

- On September 22, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Home Minister Dr. Narottam Mishra felicitated 47 daughters at Ladli Laxmi Sammelan organized at 'Chief Minister's Jan-Seva Abhiyan'.

Key Points

- In the 'Ladli Laxmi Sammelan', 11 girls got Ladli Laxmi Certificate, 25 families got single daughter family honor, 13 girls got state-level gold medal in gymnastics, medal in taekwondo at international level, gold medal in shot put, aerobics national player gold medal, national karate championship, Gold medal in All India Karate, Gold Medal in Yoga etc. were honored for outstanding achievements, 3 girls were given the benefit of 'Mukhyamantri Bal Ashirwad Yojana' and 5 young women were given pink licenses.
- Home Minister Dr. Mishra said that beneficiaries who have been deprived of the benefits of various schemes will be provided benefits as per eligibility. To benefit them from 33 public welfare schemes of the central and state government, 'Mukhyamantri Jan-Seva Abhiyan' is being run from September 17 to October 31 (45 days), the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

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- It has been **resolved** to benefit every needy eligible person from the schemes through the 'Mukhyamantri Jan-Seva Abhiyan'. In order to fulfill the resolution in the campaign, great work is being done to benefit people by reaching door to door and taking information from the people.
- Home Minister Dr. Narottam Mishra said that 'Ladli Laxmi Yojana' is yielding positive results. Not only has people's thinking towards the girl child changed, but the sex ratio has also progressively improved.
- Indore tops the list in the state in the implementation of Ladli Laxmi Yojana. 1,81,000 girls are getting the benefit of Ladli Laxmi Yojana in Indore.
- Water Resources Minister Tulsiram Silawat said that the entire country is following the Ladli Laxmi Yojana of Madhya Pradesh. The scheme, which started in 2007, is benefiting 43 lakh girls.

IVF Centre to start at Hamidia Hospital

Why in News?

- On September 23, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang announced the opening of an IVF centre in the new building of Hamidia Hospital in the capital Bhopal.

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- Minister Sarang said after inspecting Hamidia Hospital that an IVF centre will be started in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynaecology of Sultania Hospital, which has been shifted to Hamidia Hospital. Through this center, poor childless couples of the state will be able to avail benefits.
- He said that such a step is being taken for the first time in the government medical infrastructure of Madhya Pradesh. The location has been marked by making a provision of budget for IVF center. It will take about 4 months to set up the centre.
- Minister Sarang said that an IVF lab will be set up in a space of about 2000 feet in Hamidia Hospital. For this, separate training will be given to doctors, nursing and paramedical staff. This will ensure proper treatment of poor childless couples coming to the center.
- The minister said that lakhs of rupees are spent in the process of IVF. In such a situation, the poor couples

of the state who are deprived of child happiness will soon be able to get the benefit through IVF in Hamidia Hospital. For this, treatment will also be done with research in the IVF lab. Women who are not able to become mothers can take advantage of this facility by getting tested at a low cost.

Union Agriculture Minister Lays the Foundation Stone of NSC's Organic Seed Farm

Why In News?

- On September 25, 2022, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar laid the foundation stone of the organic seed farm of the National Seed Corporation (NSC) in Morena. On its commencement, new organic seeds of oilseeds will be available to the farmers of Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- The Union Minister informed that the Central Government has decided to set up a farm in Morena by improving the land in the rugged area for the production of organic seeds. For this, 885.34 hectares in 4 villages of Morena, Gadora, Jakhauna, Rithora Khurd and Gorkha by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Union Agriculture Ministry. The land has been allotted.
- The Union Agriculture Ministry has entrusted the responsibility of developing farms for the production of organic seeds in Morena to the NSP. With this farm, farmers will be aware of modern methods. They will get high quality seeds.
- In Morena, the production of seeds in the Revines area will improve the land and the land will be fertile. Inspired by land reforms, local farmers will be able to improve the land in their fields and produce seeds with the latest scientific method and get high economic benefits from low cost of farming.
- Local and state farmers will be taught the latest seed production techniques through training by the experts of NSC. Local laborers will get employment in the farm through land improvement and seed production. Farmers will get good production by getting latest and genetically and physically pure organic oilseed seeds, which will not only improve the socio-economic

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status of the farmers of the state, but will also provide nutritional security to the farmers.

- The Union Agriculture Minister said that Morena's seed farm would make full use of science and research for the progress of the farmers. Seed is the basis and main input of agriculture. He said that the availability of good seeds for agriculture benefits the agri-eco-system and the economy as a whole, apart from increasing the productivity and higher income for the farmers.
- Along with ensuring seed availability in the states, the central government helps in the distribution of seeds through various schemes. The Union Agriculture Ministry has implemented the Seeds and Planting Material Sub-Mission from 2014-15 to increase quality seed production and multiplication of crops, so that farmers get enough seeds.
- Seed quality control is being strengthened by states and public sector seed organizations through various seed related activities. In the last eight years, 304 varieties have been notified for commercial farming.
- Union Minister Tomar said that the Ministry of Environment, Forest, Climate Change has taken a big decision to recommend de-notification of 207 hectares of land of National Chambal Wildlife Sanctuary. Due to the revenue land of this sanctuary area, employment at the local level will also increase due to the availability of sand.

MoU to Promote Natural Farming

Why In News?

- On September 26, 2022, an MoU was signed between Madhya Pradesh Department of Farmers Welfare and Agriculture Development and National Coalition for Natural Farming (NCNF) to further promote natural farming.

Key Points

- Under the MoU, NCNF along with 23 like-minded partner organizations will play an important role in promoting natural farming in the state and benefiting the farmers.
- For natural farming, NCNF will support nature positive agriculture and nature based solutions. Apart from

this, strong participation will also be done at the level of policy and implementation with the government.

- It is worth mentioning that continuous work is being done to promote natural farming in the state. 40 thousand farmers of the state have been trained in adopting natural farming, organic production, getting fair price, preparing bio-pesticides for Jeevamrut, Beejamrut, cow dung, vermicompost and diseases and pests.
- Natural farming will help in improving the health of the people and maintain the fertility of the land. Efforts are being made to work better in the field of natural farming in the state for the prevention of anthropogenic diseases that are getting destroyed due to continuous use of chemical fertilizers, the fertility of the land is getting destroyed.
- By increasing the area of natural farming, the government is working continuously to increase the income of the farmers progressively while reducing the cost of cultivation.

Madhya Pradesh Rewarded For Innovation and Best Efforts in Ayushman Bharat Niramayam Yojana

Why In News?

- On September 26, 2022, the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, in the concluding session of the Arogya Manthan 2022 program, awarded Madhya Pradesh for its best performance in Ayushman Bharat Niramayam and health schemes.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that on the completion of four years of Pradhan Mantri Jan-Arogya Yojana and one year of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, the two-day 'Arogya Manthan' program organized in New Delhi on September 25 and 26, states that have done excellent work in Pradhan Mantri Jan-Arogya Yojana. was rewarded.
- The state has been selected as the 'Best Performing State on Innovation and Adoption of Best Practices' in the Ayushman Bharat Scheme in the year 2021-

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22. The National Health Authority has appreciated the exemplary work and progress made by Madhya Pradesh in Ayushman Bharat Niramayam and various health schemes.

- Significant progress has been made in Ayushman Bharat Niramayam Yojana in the state. More than 4 thousand beneficiaries are being given free treatment every day. Free transportation is being provided to the eligible persons of the scheme from the state ambulance service.
- Under the scheme, 26 beneficiary-centric inbound and outbound call centers have been set up. Information is being provided to the beneficiaries under the scheme from the inbound call center. An outbound call centre has been set up for concurrent audit and taking beneficiary feedback.
- Government hospitals are being strengthened with the PMJAY fund. Incentive amount is given to the doctors and treating staff for each case registered under the Niramayam Incentive Scheme. Efforts are being made to strengthen the infrastructure of the hospitals with the money deposited in the Rogi Kalyan Samitis. The State Government has adopted Swasthya Benefit Package 2.2 program to provide adequate package cost for the treatment to the hospitals.

Madhya Pradesh got 8 Awards in National Tourism Awards

Why In News?

- The Union Ministry of Tourism presented awards in 8 different categories to Madhya Pradesh under the 'National Tourism Awards 2018-19' at the award function held in New Delhi on World Tourism Day on September 27, 2022.

Key Points

- **Madhya Pradesh has received 8 National Tourism Awards:**
 - Indore, the cleanest city in the country, won the award for 'Civic Management of a Tourist Destination in India' (Category A). The state has so far received 7 awards in this category. Mandu has been awarded in 2010-11 and 2011-12, Pachmarhi in 2012-13, Maheshwar in 2013-14, Khargone (Category B) in 2015-16 and Omkareshwar (Category B) in 2016-17.

- For the first time in the category of 'Swachh Tourism Place- Western Region', the award was received by Municipal Corporation Ujjain.
- Shiv Mandir, Bhojpur won the award for 'Best Intended and Disabled Friendly Monument'. Earlier, the state has received this honor for Sanchi Stupa in 2017-18, Amarkantak Temple in 2014-15 and Shiva Temple Bhojpur in 2013-14.
- Devi Ahilya Bai Airport, Indore has received this honor for the third consecutive time for 'Best Airport- Rest of India'.
- Malwa's mural has won the award for the category 'Excellence in Publishing-Hindi'. Earlier, in 2015-16, this honor was given for Simhastha Brochure.
- Bhopal Brochure has received this award for 'Best Tourism Promotion Publicity Material'. Prior to this, the award has been received for Lonely Planet Pocket Books in 2017-18 and CORPORATE BROCHURE of MPSTDC in 2010-11.
- Mr. Subhash Bhavre, Guide, Pench Tiger Reserve has received the award for 'Best Wildlife Guide, Western-Central'. Shri Manoj Kumar Dwivedi from Panna in 2017-18, Radhika Prasad Omre from Panna in 2016-17 and Saib Khan from Satpura in 2015-16 have received this award.
- 'Cotyard House', a homestay of Patpara village in Kanha National Park in Mandla district, has bagged the award for 'Incredible India Bed and Breakfast Establishments Approved by State Government'.
- The state has received awards for the first time in the categories "Clean Tourism Place – Western Region" (Ujjain) and "Incredible India Bed and Breakfast Establishment Approved by State Government" (Cottyard House, Homestay, Mandla). Guides of Madhya Pradesh have been awarded for the 'Best Wildlife Guide' for the fourth time in a row.

Water Supply Scheme

Why In News?

- In the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on September 27, 2022, the cabinet approved the administrative approval of 23 new group water supply schemes proposed at a cost of Rs 17 thousand 971 crore 95 lakh and one revised group water supply scheme for the implementation of Jal Jeevan Mission.

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- The Cabinet approved the decisions received from the Chief Minister in coordination regarding 10×40 MW Maheshwar Hydro Electric Project, District Khargone.
- It was decided to cancel the power purchase contract executed by the then Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board (presently MPPMCL) with M/s Shri Maheshwar Hydel Power Corporation Limited (SMHPCL) on November 11, 1994 and May 27, 1996 respectively for purchase of power from Maheshwar Hydro Electric Project and the amendment of this contract.
- The contract executed on 24th February, 1997 between M/s SMHPCL and Vidyut Mandal (presently MPPMCL) regarding rehabilitation and resettlement works of the project was cancelled.
- In view of the guarantee given by PFC for OFCD of Rs.400 crore issued by M/s SMHPCL for funding the Maheshwar project, the counter guarantee given by the State Government in favor of PFC as per the provisions of the Mandatory and Restored Agreement has been cancelled.
- The Amendatory and Restored Agreement (A&R. Agreement) executed on 16th September, 2005 with PFC, M/s SMHPCL etc. is canceled in view of the defaults committed by M/s SMHPCL.
- The implementation agreement executed on 27th May, 1996 with M/s SMHPCL and the guarantee provided by the State Government to ensure payment of their electricity dues were cancelled.
- It was decided to accept the second option suggested by the chairman of the task force constituted to resolve the difficulties in the implementation of Maheshwar project, i.e., the matter should be resolved in the IBC petition submitted by PFC to NCLT. Gone.
- To make the 'Mukhyamantri Udyam Kranti Yojana' more effective and comprehensive, the cabinet decided to reduce the minimum project limit from 1 lakh to 50,000.
- Now in the scheme, interest subsidy will be paid to the beneficiary on quarterly basis instead of annual. Projects will be accepted in the scheme even if the manufacturing unit is more than Rs 50 lakh or the service / retail business unit is more than Rs 25 lakh, in which in case of acceptance of the case by the bank, the benefit of 3 percent interest subsidy to the beneficiary is maximum 50 lakh or 25 Received only on loan amount up to Rs. lakh and reimbursement of

loan guarantee fee should also be done on pro-rata basis. The entire loan given by the bank should be collateral free.

- The age limit for eligibility and financial assistance under Mukhyamantri Udyam Kranti Yojna was originally kept at 18 to 40 years, which has now been revised and approved the order from 18 years to 45 years.

Rashtriya Lata Mangeshkar Alankaran Samman

Why In News?

- On 28 September 2022, Rashtriya Mangeshkar Samman (The National Lata Mangeshkar Award) for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 was conferred on three eminent personalities at the Rashtriya Lata Mangeshkar Alankaran Samman held in Indore.

Key Points

- The National Lata Mangeshkar Award was given to Shailendra Singh for playback singing for the year 2019, Anand-Milind for music direction for the year 2020 and Kumar Sanu for playback singing for the year 2021.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, while addressing the investiture ceremony virtually, said that a statue of 'Bharat Ratna' Lata Mangeshkar will be installed in Indore.
- The Chief Minister said that a museum will be constructed to collect songs and memories of Lata ji and a music academy and music college will also be started in her name.
- Tourism and Culture Minister Usha Thakur said that as per the intention of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the music college of Indore is being named after melody queen Lata Mangeshkar. Now this school will be known as 'Lata Mangeshkar Music College'.

Bhopal's First GIS Ultra High Pressure Substation

Why In News?

- On September 28, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar said that Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has launched the state's second and Bhopal's first GIS (Gas Insulated

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Switch Gear Substation) The ultra-high pressure substation has been energized.

Key Points

- Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has innovated and built this very high pressure substation to strengthen and provide reliability to the transmission network of Bhopal.
- At an estimated cost of about Rs 38 crore, 50 MVA has been constructed in E-8 Arera colony located in the densely populated area of Bhopal. This substation was energized with capacity.
- Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar said that with the commissioning of this substation, another option of very high pressure substation has been available to Bhopal with the strengthening of the power transmission system in central Bhopal region. This is the 11th ultra-high pressure substation of Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company in Bhopal city, which is functional.
- Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company, Eng. Sunil Tiwari said that due to non-availability of sufficient land for construction of conventional substations and lines in dense population like Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has started GIS in Bhopal. Decided to prepare substation (Gas Insulated Switch Gear Substation).
- GIS The construction of substations (gas insulated switch gear substations) requires less land than conventional air insulated substations. With this technology, the budget for the construction of the substation is about two and a half times higher than the conventional substation. Due to the stay in the gas insulated chamber, the equipment of these substations malfunctions less. They are also colloquially called 'maintenance free' substations.

Chief Minister Dairy Plus Scheme

Why In News?

- On September 29, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched Chief Minister Dairy Plus Scheme at the camp of Mukhyamantri Jan Seva Abhiyan in village Panchayat Talpura of Budhni block of Sehore district.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that the Chief Minister Dairy Plus Yojana has been launched to increase the income of the farmers of the state through dairy business and to enable them to earn maximum income by doing animal husbandry. As a pilot project, the scheme has been started in three districts of the state – Sehore, Vidisha and Raisen.
- Two Murrah buffaloes are being provided to the cattle owners already doing animal husbandry work under the Chief Minister Dairy Plus Yojana. Their milk production capacity is 10 liters per day. The cost of Murrah buffaloes will be two lakh 50 thousand rupees.
- Under the scheme, 75 percent grant will be given by the state government to the cattle farmers of scheduled castes and tribes and 50 percent to the backward class and general category cattle farmers.
- In this way, the cattle farmers belonging to Scheduled Castes and Tribes will have to deposit Rs 62 thousand 500 as contribution and one lakh 50 thousand rupees to the backward class and general category people. It also includes the cost of commuting and insurance of livestock owners.

Kisan Credit Card will be Digital

Why In News?

- On September 29, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Revenue and Transport Minister Govind Singh Rajput informed that with the help of Revenue Department, the method of end-to-end computerization of Kisan Credit Cards made for the purpose of providing loans to farmers has been implemented. With the computerization of the system, the process of KCC lending will be digitized, which will be more convenient and farmer friendly.

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- Minister Govind Singh said that Harda district was selected as a pilot project. Based on the results and experience of the pilot project, it is being considered to be implemented in other districts of the state.
- He said that with the implementation of this method,

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the farmer will not have to go to the bank branch and submit any kind of document to take a loan on the credit card.

➤ Applications can be made from the online app. Also,

verification of agricultural land also goes online. With the approval of the case and the completion of the disbursement process in a few hours, farmers can get a quick loan.



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