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Establishment of Stem Cell Therapy Based Bone Marrow Transplant and Pediatric Cancer Unit

Why in News?

- On April 1, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang informed that stem cell therapy based bone marrow transplant and pediatric cancer unit would be established in the state.

Key Points

- Bone marrow transplant and pediatric cancer units will be established in **four medical colleges of Madhya Pradesh namely Bhopal, Jabalpur, Gwalior and Rewa.**
- A bone marrow transplant unit will be established in the state for the treatment of genetic diseases of children like sickle cell anemia, aplastic anemia, thalassemia and cancers like leukemia, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.
- In the first phase, a 6 bedded bone marrow transplant unit and a 24 bedded pediatric cancer unit will be set up in Gandhi Medical College.
- World class medical facilities will be made available through this unit. In this, self (autologous) stem cell grafting and other person's (allogeneic) bone marrow will be transplanted.
- Due to genetic diseases like sickle cell anemia, aplastic anemia and thalassemia in children, the infected bone marrow of children will be removed and a healthy bone marrow of another person will be transplanted.
- For transplanting bone marrow of affected children, **the primary donors are siblings of the children, who have a more than 25 percent chance of matching the bone marrow.**
- Autologous stem cell transplant will be done in patients suffering from cancers such as leukemia, multiple myeloma, non-Hodgkin's lymphoma by removing their own stem cells. The stem cells of the affected patient will be removed and cryo-preserved. Then an autologous transplant will be done.

Madhya Pradesh's Gross Revenue Receipts up by 17.13%

Why in News?

- On April 3, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Finance Minister Jagdish Deora informed that the **gross revenue receipts have increased by 17.13% in the financial year 2021-22.** Last year the gross revenue receipt was Rs 57,720 crore, which has increased to Rs 67,609 crore this year.

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- The Finance Minister said that as a result of better tax policy, financial discipline and providing a favorable environment to the taxpayers, the gross revenue receipts have increased by 17.13% in the financial year 2021-22.
- According to the Commercial Tax Department, the target of GST was Rs 21,600 crore, against which Rs 22,206.01 crore was realized. Thus there was an achievement of 102.81 percent in receipts.
- Against the target of Rs 16,540 crore in non-GST taxes, an achievement of 101.24 per cent was achieved by receiving Rs 16,745.35 crore.
- Against the target of Rs 7,400 crore in registration and stamp duty, 110.34 percent achievement has been achieved by getting Rs 8,164.85 crore.
- Against the target of Rs 10,340 crore in excise, the realization stood at Rs 10,386 crore, which is 100.45%

'Madhya Pradesh Sushasan and Development Report- 2022'

Why in News?

- On April 4, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan released the **first edition of 'Madhya Pradesh Sushasan and Development Report- 2022'** at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi.

Key Points

- The Madhya Pradesh Sushasan and Development Report- 2022 is a **first of its kind document that brings**

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out the unique governance practices of Madhya Pradesh, which include community engagement and participation, robust policy measures, efficient delivery systems, evidence-based decision making and comprehensive monitoring.

- This report has been prepared by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis (AIGGPA), Bhopal, an autonomous body of the Government of Madhya Pradesh.
- Report includes several important initiatives taken by the state government such as- setting up of School of Good Governance and Policy Analysis, Madhya Pradesh Public Service Guarantee Act, 2010, self-reliant Madhya Pradesh Road Map, Samadhan Online, CM Helpline etc.
- There are a total of 12 chapters in the 'Madhya Pradesh Sushasan and Development Report-2022' (MPSDR), which are divided into five parts.
- In its first part, there are two chapters on good governance, in which the features of good governance in the state have been mentioned during 15 years.
- In the second part, there is a mention of the corona period and its effect. Along with this, the management of the epidemic and the changes and developments brought by it have also been discussed.
- In the first chapter of the third part of the report, it has been told that the state has been a leader in the agriculture sector as compared to other states of the country. The state is the second largest producer of food grains, third largest producer of horticultural crops and fifth largest producer of nutritive cereals.
- Industry and trade have been mentioned and analyzed in the third chapter itself. Emphasis has been laid on financial inclusion with special focus in tribal areas.
- The fifth chapter is on biodiversity and exploitation of traditional knowledge. It discusses the role of biodiversity and the importance of maintaining ecological balance.
- The AYUSH sector is discussed in the 6th chapter and urban development in the 7th chapter.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan told in the program that-
 - The growth rate of the state (19.7%) is the highest in the country. Madhya Pradesh is contributing 4.6 percent to the country's economy. Gross domestic product has increased by 200 percent in the last decade.

- The generation of electricity was increased from 5 thousand MW to 21 thousand MW.
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- Madhya Pradesh, which has received Krishi Karman Award several times, has left behind Punjab and Haryana in wheat procurement.
- An Export Promotion Council has also been formed in the state. Irrigation area benefitted by irrigation schemes in Madhya Pradesh has exceeded 43 lakh hectares.
- Madhya Pradesh is the first state which enacted the Public Service Guarantee Act. People who do not provide services on time are punished.

Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah/Nikah Yojana

Why in News?

- On April 5, 2022, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, approval was given to the amendment of 'Mukhya Mantri Kanya Vivah / Nikah Yojna'.

Key Points

- Now 55 thousand rupees will be approved in the name of the eligible girl included in the scheme.
- Out of this amount, an amount of Rs.6 thousand will be payable to the organizing body for organizing the mass marriage program and material of Rs.38 thousand and an account payee check of Rs.11 thousand will be given by the organizing body as a gift to the girl.
- The marriage assistance scheme for workers registered in the Madhya Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board of the Labor Department will be included in the Chief Minister's Girl Marriage Scheme run by the Social Justice Department.
- The organization authorized for the program will be the organizers of the mass marriage, Municipal Corporation/ Municipality/ Municipal Council in urban areas and Janpad Panchayat in rural areas. Mass marriages conducted by any other institution will not be eligible to get the benefit of this scheme.
- District and body level committees will be formed with the approval of the minister in-charge of the district

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to ensure that the mass marriage/nikah program is organized smoothly. Senior government officials will also be members in these committees.

- With the approval of the Minister in charge of the district, the District Collector will issue a financial year wise calendar of 2 dates each for mass marriages for each body of the district. Wide publicity of this calendar will be ensured so that interested couples can apply in time.
- The process of application will be as before, under which the bride and groom will have to make a joint application in the prescribed form at least 15 days before the date of organizing the mass marriage/nikah program.

Madhya Pradesh tops in Brucella vaccination

Why In News?

- On April 6, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Prem Singh Patel informed that Madhya Pradesh is at first place in the whole country in **Brucella vaccination program** run under **National Animal Disease Control Program**.

Key Points

- Under the **National Animal Disease Control Program**, Brucella vaccination program was run in the state from January 1 to March 31, 2022. In this, 4 to 8 months old cow-buffalo calves were vaccinated. Madhya Pradesh has registered 17 lakh 41 thousand 970 vaccination information on the ENOF portal, which is the highest in the nation.
- Apart from this, UID tags have been installed on 2 crore 76 lakh 63 thousand 968 bovine cattle in the state. Their registration has also been done on the eNOF portal. This number is also the highest in the country.
- It is noteworthy that under the National Animal Disease Control Program in the country, Brucella vaccination program is being implemented in all the states.
- Brucellosis disease is a reproductive disease of buffalo cattle, caused by the bacterium *Brucella abortus*. Symptoms include fever, late pregnancy abortion, sterility, heat delay, loss of calves due to interruption of lactation, and decreased milk production.

- By vaccinating 4 to 8 month old cow-buffalo calves once in their lifetime, they can be protected from Brucellosis disease. The disease also spreads from animals to humans. The effect of this disease can cause fertility problems in both men and women. In the absence of any treatment, this disease can be prevented only by vaccination.

'Chief Minister's Electricity Bills Relief Scheme, 2022'

Why in News?

- On April 7, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'Chief Minister Electricity Bills Relief Scheme, 2022' at Sleemanabad in Katni district of MP.

Key Points

- Till August 31, 2020, electricity bills of more than Rs 6400 crore have been waived on eligible domestic connections of 88 lakh electricity consumers of the state with a load of up to one kilowatt during the Covid period, will be paid by the state government.
- The consumers who have made payments against the deferred amount under the resolution plan, 2021, will also be adjusted in the subsequent bills.
- Bills with an amount of Rs. 5929 lakh 44 thousand from Katni district will be waived under this scheme.
- It is worth mentioning that under Bhopal, Narmadapuram, Gwalior and Chambal divisions of Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company, camps were organized at 362 distribution centers.
- Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company has said that under the 'Chief Minister Electricity Bills Relief Scheme, 2022' issued by the state government, the company has received applications from about 18 thousand 587 consumers on the very first day by organizing programs simultaneously in all the 16 districts of its jurisdiction. Certificates have been distributed after waiving more than 33 crore 15 lakhs Rs.
- The company has said that it will be mandatory for the permanently disconnected consumers to take advantage of the scheme and complete the formalities as per the provisions of the Electricity Supply Code to get the connection reconnected. Eligible consumers will be able to see the benefits of the scheme in the bills issued after April 1, 2022.

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UShA Award

Why in News?

- On April 7, 2022, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has decided to give state and district level 'UShA Award' to encourage citizens in the Urja Saksharta Abhiyan (UShA).

Key Points.

- Both the awards will be given in 6 categories. The selection of the state level award will be done by the committee constituted under the chairmanship of Managing Director Energy Development Corporation and the district level award will be selected by the committee constituted under the chairmanship of the district president.
- The award will give away energy efficient appliances like fans, star rated LED tube lights, bulbs and other BEE star rated appliances and certificates.
- 'UShA Award' will be given to the first district of the state on the basis of highest registration number in the energy literacy campaign per month, to the first district of the state on the basis of certification number per month, excellent buildings adopting energy conservation code and other buildings, which are certified energy saving.
- Universities, departments, industries and institutions doing excellent work in this campaign will be given first, second, third and consolation prizes. State level award will be given to the District Renewable Energy Officer who has performed best in the field of energy efficiency in the state.
- The best school, college and government office with maximum registration and certification in the 'UShA Award' district campaign will get the first prize. First, second, third and consolation prizes will be given to the most outstanding individuals and institutions adopting energy efficiency in the district.
- First, second, third and consolation prizes will also be given to the most outstanding farmer and housewife who registers. Another category of first, second, third and consolation prizes has also been fixed for special achievement.
- Farmers can be selected by them to join Usha Abhiyan and do excellent work in agriculture, such as drip irrigation, solar pump etc. The housewife will be selected by them on the basis of their joining Usha Abhiyan and advanced suggestions for energy saving.

- Other special achievement categories will include outstanding performance, special cooperation or achievement of any person, institution, government office, school, college etc. on energy literacy campaigns at district level.

Medical Knowledge Sharing Mission Launched for the First Time in the Country

Why in News?

- On April 7, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang launched the Medical Knowledge Sharing Mission Office.

Key Points

- With this mission, various dimensions of latest technology, innovation and research of medical education and medical treatment at national and international level will be taken to the doctors and medical students of Madhya Pradesh.
- Work will be done on various dimensions in this mission. MoUs will be signed with various medical institutions (government and private) of the country and abroad for education, research and treatment.
- Under this mission, programs like training, capacity building, knowledge exchange, exposure visit program etc. will be prepared for medical students and doctors. A knowledge exchange interactive digital platform will be developed to enable medical students and practitioners to share their experiences, research work and other innovations digitally with each other.
- Latest technologies (Artificial Intelligence-AI) and advanced software based on Google and Microsoft will be used in the field of medical education and medical systems.
- Under this mission, government and private medical institutions, such as Sankara Nethralaya Chennai, Tata Cancer Hospital Mumbai, Fortis Gurgaon and Apollo Hospital along with the use of medical robotics in the field of super specialty surgery, medical practice and treatment of serious diseases. Medical and educational exchanges will take place.
- MoU will be signed with Columbia University of America for bone marrow transplant and with Emory University for treatment and medical research of infectious diseases.

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- Eminent doctors of various disciplines of the country and the world will sign an MoU for the treatment of complex diseases of the patients of the state, in which arrangements for health camp, medical consultation facility and surgery will be done in the hospital of the medical college.
- By developing a digital platform, doctors and medical students of the state as well as doctors working in famous medical institutions of the country and abroad after getting medical education from the state will be connected by registering on the digital platform. Research works and innovations being done in the medical field will be published in digital form.
- Early detection of TB, brain stroke, brain tumor, heart disease, cancer, such as liver, prostate, bladder, colon cancer, breast cancer, bone cancer and thyroid disease using AI technology and AI based digital pathology Dimensions of patient testing will be developed.
- Various algorithms for testing and treatment will be developed by software based machine learning by collecting data of patients' examination and treatment in medical college hospitals, which will help doctors and medical students in the treatment of patients.
- Incubation center will be developed at Gandhi Medical College for research and development of new medical devices through the Medical Knowledge Sharing Machine, which will give opportunity to doctors and medical students to research and develop new medical devices according to the needs of the patients.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Vikas Yojna, a skill development program will be started to provide special training to medical, nursing and para-medical students to provide them skills in their field of work.
- Efforts will also be made to connect international level institutions including World Health Organization, UNICEF, World Bank with the aim of establishing a Medical Knowledge Sharing Mission on the global platform.

'Ram Rajya' Art Gallery

Why In News?

- On April 10, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated '**Shri Ram**

Rajya Art Gallery' at **Shri Ram Raja Sarkar Temple Complex, Orchha** on the auspicious occasion of Ram Navami.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Five lakh lamps were lit simultaneously in Deepotsav on the banks of the holy Betwa river to pay homage to Lord Shri Ram.
- The festival of Ram Navami was celebrated with enthusiasm and reverence throughout the state. A grand celebration of Shri Ram Janmotsav was organized at 12 places in the state including **Orchha, Chitrakoot, Ujjain, Umari, Shahdol, Vidisha, Rajgarh, Shivpuri, Neemuch, Ratlam, Chhindwara and Panna**.
- A '**Ram Rajya**' art gallery focused on Lord Shri Ram has been prepared by the Culture Department in Shri Ram Raja Sarkar Temple Complex, Orchha.
- In this, each form of Lord Shri Ram has been depicted in the folklore style of almost all the states of India. The 36 qualities of Lord Rama and his uniqueness are expressed through paintings in this art gallery.
- Along with this, his coronation program has been artistically displayed in the form of a tableau. **Lord Rama is revered in the whole country as a king only in Orchha.**

Tikam Joshi

Why In News?

- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award to **Tikam Joshi for his distinguished contribution in the field of theater** at the award distribution ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on April 9, 2022.

Key Points

- Tikam Joshi from Bhopal completed his graduation from National School of Drama in 2001 with specialization in acting.
- It is worth noting that on March 30, the Culture Department of the Government of Madhya Pradesh has appointed Joshi as the Director of MP School of Drama (MPSD).
- **Apart from Joshi, Arjun Singh Dhurve has also been awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for Folk and Tribal Dance.**

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Knowledge exchange program launched

Why In News?

- On April 11, 2022, Madhya Pradesh's Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang launched the Medical Knowledge Exchange Program, as well as released a brochure, from the auditorium of Gandhi Medical College.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Medical Education Minister announced that the auditorium of GMC would be air-conditioned. Re-creation centers will be set up in all medical colleges for the convenience of the students. The emergency department of Hamidia will be made number one.
- Through this knowledge exchange program, the intellectual potential of each other will be exchanged. Through this, MoU is also being done with the expert doctors including the institute, who will share the knowledge through their disciplines.
- The Medical Education Minister appealed to the young doctors to connect more and more through MPGov and knowledge sharing portal.
- Commissioner Medical Education Nishant Varwade informed that a knowledge sharing mission cell based on 13 points has been established. Work is being done in this direction so that the entire country should benefit from the innovations of Madhya Pradesh.
- Medical Incubation Center will be started with IIT Indore. Madhya Pradesh will be the first state in the country to start this centre.

Rural transport policy pilot project to be launched soon

Why In News?

- On April 11, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Transport Commissioner Mukesh Jain, during a discussion with the officials on the implementation of rural transport policy, said that under the proposed new transport policy, the Rural Transport Credit (RTC) model will be implemented as a pilot project from May 1, 2022, for the next 6 months. Instructions have been given

by the state government to implement this project in Vidisha district.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that in order to provide easy and cheap public transport service in rural areas, a new rural transport policy has been proposed by the Transport Department in collaboration with Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis, Bhopal. If this pilot project is successful, it is planned to be rolled out in the entire state.
- It is noteworthy that the Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had given instructions to bring a transport policy for the smooth functioning of the transport system in rural areas.
- A total of 76 rural roads have been identified in Vidisha district for rural transport, whose total length is 1513 km.
- 546 villages are located in and around these rural roads, which will benefit 4 lakh 70 thousand rural population from the proposed policy.
- Under the proposed rural transport policy, vehicles of 7+1 to 20+1 seating capacity will be allowed to operate on the route.
- Vehicles operated for this rural transport service will be fully exempted from the monthly motor vehicle tax payable under the Madhya Pradesh Motor Vehicles Act, 1991.
- Apart from this, against the rural transport credit earned by the operators of the vehicles operated continuously for 6 months as a transport service, the incentive amount will be provided to the vehicle operator in the next 6 months.
- Under this scheme interested vehicle operators can apply for a permit to operate a vehicle on any one of the 76 rural roads or on more than one interconnected route by coming to the District Transport Office or visiting the website of the Transport Department on having a valid form.

Jal Abhishek Abhiyan started

Why In News?

- On April 11, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Jal Abhishek Abhiyan at the Jal Sansad organized in Kahula village of Garatganj tehsil of Raisen district.

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Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also launched the virtual launch of 5000 Amrit Sarovar in 52 districts of the state and 10,000 works under Pushkar Dharohar Samridhi Abhiyan.
- The Chief Minister also released the plan of Jal Shakti Abhiyan. He honored three water-warriors out of 551 water-warriors who built ponds in their fields for water harvesting.
- It is noteworthy that this year more than 5000 Amrit Sarovar will be built in the state. Their work will be completed by the month of June or by the month of March next year. For the sake of water conservation, the work of conserving a large number of small water structures will also be done.

195th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule

Why In News?

- On April 11, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan made various announcements at the 195th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, the Jannayak of Backward Classes Welfare in Damoh.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced that every year on the birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, there will be a voluntary holiday for the government employees.
- Mahatma Jyotiba Phule and his wife Savitri Bai Phule did important work for the upliftment of the poor, downtrodden and girl child, including backward classes, so keeping their views in view, the Madhya Pradesh government will include their biography in the educational curriculum.
- One CM approved for Damoh district. Rise School will be named after Mahatma Jyotiba Phule. The Chief Minister announced that now every year the birth anniversary of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule will be celebrated with great pomp at different places. He also announced to give the form of Nagar Panchayat to Batiyagarh Gram Panchayat of Damoh district.
- The entire life of Mahatma Jyotiba Phule was spent in the struggle for women, poor and farmers. She created a new revolution in the field of women's education

and campaigned for widow marriage. This was the reason that he was given the title of 'Mahatma' in the Kisan Sabha held in Mumbai in the year 1888.

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister distributed the Madhya Pradesh Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Backward Classes Service State Awards for the last three years. Dr. Hukum Singh Kushwaha of Dabra for the year 2017-18, B.R. of Umaria for the year 2018-19; Satpute and RN of Rewa for the year 2019-20; Patil was presented with a cheque and a citation worth Rs 2 lakh each.

'Accenture' to Implement Business Transformation of Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company

Why in News?

- On April 12, 2022, Accenture was selected by Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company for implementation of Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) for Business Transformation and Digitization.

Key Points

- The ERP project of **Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company** was started at a function a day ago.
- Accenture is a global management consulting and professional services firm, providing strategy, consulting, digital, technology and operations services.
- Accenture is a fortune global company. Accenture, one of the world's leading IT companies, has vast experience in ERP implementation in the power generation sector.

Champions of Change Award

Why in News?

- On April 12, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel honored Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and others with the **Champions of Change Award** at the Kushabhau Thackeray International Convention Center.

Key Points

- **Champions of Change** is an Indian award, for promoting Gandhian values, (Swachata), community service

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and social development (in Aspirational district in India). The award is given by **Interactive Forum on Indian Economy (IFIE)**.

- The Interactive Forum on Indian Economy organizes the Champions of Change Awards in India every year at the International, National and State levels. The award is usually presented by the President, Vice President, Prime Minister, Governor or a prominent figure of India. **Award winners are selected by constitutional jury members headed by K. G. Balakrishnan (Former Chief Justice of India and Former Chairman NHRC).**
- Interactive Forum on Indian economy (IFIE) is a Government of India recognized (80G, 12A, 8A compliant), non-profitable company dedicated for the development and welfare of women and children of rural India including 115 Aspirational districts promoting the values of Mahatma Gandhi. The organisation is currently headed by Nandan Jha and it was founded in 2011. IFIE organizes "Champions of Change Awards at International National and State Level.
- The **Champions of Change Madhya Pradesh Award is a state award for promoting the values of courage, community service and inclusive social development.** The award has been **initiated by taking inspiration from the vision of women freedom fighter Rani Lakshmibai.** The award winners are selected by the members of the Constitutional Jury headed by Justice Gyan Sudha Mishra (former Judge of the Supreme Court).

Skoch Silver Award for Smart Meter Project

Why in News?

- On April 12, 2022, the **Madhya Pradesh West Zone Electricity Distribution Company**, which is running the first of its kind and the most modern radio frequency smart meter project in the country, **received the country's prestigious Scotch Silver Award.**

Key Points

- Various power companies of the country, energy departments of the states, banks, government service providing institutions and technical institutions etc. were involved for this award.
- West Zone Electricity Distribution Company has bagged the Silver Award **for best services, best presentation**

of planning works with scotch team, meeting voting and other parameters.

- It is worth mentioning that **Mhow (Indore) is the first city of Madhya Pradesh to have 100% smart meters**, while three lakh smart meters have been installed in Indore, Ujjain, Ratlam, Dewas, Khargone etc. so far.
- The SKOCH Award, established in 2003, is given to individuals, projects and institutions that put forth extra effort to make India a better nation.

State and district level awards will be given in energy literacy

Why in News?

- Recently, the Madhya Pradesh government has decided to give state and district level awards to encourage those who take active part in the Urja Saksharta Abhiyan (USHA).

Key Points

- 6 categories have been fixed for the state level award. On the basis of registration number in the campaign every month, the first district of the state will be rewarded in the category of **'Excellent District Registration'**. Similarly, on the basis of certification number every month, the first district of the state will be rewarded in the category of **'Excellent District Certification'**.
- Outstanding buildings adopting Energy Conservation Building Codes and other buildings that demonstrate proven energy savings will be rewarded in the category **'Outstanding Buildings Adopting Energy Conservation Building Codes'**.
- Universities, departments, industries, etc., who have done excellent work in the implementation of the campaign at the state level, will be rewarded in the category of **'Institutions doing excellent work'**.
- In the District Renewable Energy Officer category, the best performing Renewable Energy Officer in the state will be rewarded for performing outstandingly in the field of energy efficiency.
- Degree, Polytechnic, Engineering and Medical colleges will be selected in the **'Most Excellence College'** category every month.
- The most outstanding performing government office in the Energy Literacy Campaign **USHA** will also be rewarded.

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- In the category of the most outstanding person/institution adopting energy efficiency, the award will be given to the person or organization doing excellent work in the field of energy efficiency at the district level.
- The farmer will be rewarded for joining the UShA in the 'Energy Saksharta Abhiyan' excellent farmer category and giving authentic information about adopting energy efficiency in the agriculture sector. Similarly, such housewives, who are associated with UShA, are not in any government job and have given advanced suggestions for energy saving, will be rewarded.
- Apart from this, the award in other special achievement categories will be given for the outstanding performance, special cooperation and achievement of any person, institution, government office, school, college etc. in the energy literacy campaign at the district level.
- All information related to UShA Award-State and UShA Award-District will be uploaded on the website of Madhya Pradesh UShA Development Corporation. The award will be given only to selected categories of schools, colleges, offices, institutions and individuals located in the state. Energy efficient appliances (fans, star rated LED tube lights, bulbs and other BEE-star rated appliances) and certificates will be given in the form of award.
- It is noteworthy that to deal with the challenges of global warming and climate change, the Madhya Pradesh government has started the world's unique Energy Literacy Campaign (UShA), ensuring public participation. In this, information about energy saving, benefits and conservation is being given to the people through training and active participation through mobile apps, web portals etc.

National Vanmali Story Award

Why In News?

- On April 17, 2022, the three-day National Vanmali Katha Award ceremony was held at Rabindra Bhawan, Bhopal.

Key Points

- This literary award has been instituted by Vanmali Srijan Peeth and Rabindranath Thakur University (RNTU) in the memory of Hindi writer Jagannath Prasad Choubey Vanmali.

- It is worth noting that these awards were announced on April 14, 2022, under which Vanmali Katha Apex Samman Prof. Dhananjay Verma and Vanmali National Story Award was given to Geetanjali Shree. The two awards were given a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh each, a shawl and a citation.
- Apart from this Vanmali Katha Madhya Pradesh Samman was given to Bhopal's famous writer Hari Bhatnagar, Vanmali Yuva Katha Samman to Bangalore's young writer Chandan Pandey, Vanmali Katha criticism award to Vaibhav Singh of Delhi and Vanmali literature magazine Samman to Kathadesh, a monthly magazine published from Delhi.
- The two new categories included this year include Vanmali Pravasi Bharatiya Katha Samman, London's Divya Mathur and Vanmali Science fiction award to Delhi-based science writer Devendra Mewari. The awards included a cash prize of Rs 51,000, a shawl and a citation.

Women SHGs outlet inaugurated at Raja Bhoj Airport

Why In News?

- On April 17, 2022, Union Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the allotted outlet at the airport to promote women **self-help groups** at Raja Bhoj Airport, Bhopal.

Key Points

- This women self-help group outlet has been launched under the Opportunity Program of the Government of India.
- It is noteworthy that this scheme has been started to make local products available for sale at all airports and to provide new employment opportunities to the local people.
- Its purpose is to encourage the talents of women and craftsmen as well as provide them suitable opportunities.
- Under this scheme, space is being allotted to self-help groups one by one for a period of 15 days in a designated area of 100-200 square feet in Airports operated by **Airports Authority of India (AAI)**.

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Indore got 6 awards in Smart City Conference

Why In News?

- Indore received 6 awards in different categories in the India Smart Cities Awards contest organized by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs at Surat, Gujarat on 18th April, 2022.

Key Points

- Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri distributed awards to the smart cities doing remarkable work in various themes in the **'India Smart Cities Awards Contest, 2020'**.
- **Madhya Pradesh has secured the second position** in the state award in this contest. Apart from this, Bhopal, Gwalior, Jabalpur and Sagar have also won awards.
- **Surat has been chosen along with Indore as the overall winner** in all the competitions of **India Smart Cities Award Contest (ISAC), 2020**, while Jabalpur has been ranked third.
- **Indore and Chandigarh were jointly declared winners in the culture theme.** Gwalior has got the third place for building a digital museum on the same theme. Indore has received this award for better conservation of heritage.
- Also **Indore was declared the winner jointly with Tirupati for Municipal Waste Management System** on the theme of cleanliness.
- Indore was awarded for **Carbon Credit Financing Mechanism on Economy Theme**, Chappan Dukan on **Built Environment Theme**, Carbon Credit Financing Mechanism in Innovation Award and Indore and Surat were jointly awarded overall winners in City Award.
- **Bhopal and Chennai were jointly declared winners in the Urban Environment theme.** Bhopal has received this award for doing remarkable work in clean energy. In the City Award, Jabalpur got third place in Round-1 and Sagar got second position in Round-3.

Ladli Laxmi Utsav

Why in News?

- On April 19, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, in a meeting of the Ministry of Women and Child Development, directed senior officers to

complete all necessary preparations for the state level Ladli Laxmi Utsav.

Key Points

- Ladli Laxmi Utsav will be organized on May 2, 2022 in the capital Bhopal. In this, the beneficiary girls of Ladli Laxmi Yojana will be invited.
- In this program, giving driving licenses to girls and selected girls in 'Maa Tujhe Pranam Yojana' will be sent to travel across the borders of the country.
- Apart from this, the Utsav will also be organized at the panchayat level across the state from May 3 to 11, 2022. In this, Ladli Laxmis will be connected with various activities at the local level in different districts, such as health check-up of girls, distribution of folic acid tablets, rangoli and sports along with other competitions.
- It is worth mentioning that Ladli Laxmi Yojana was started in the state from April 1, 2007 for the empowerment of the girl child. It has proved to be very useful in achieving the goals set under this scheme, such as improvement in sex ratio, development of positive attitude towards the birth of girl child, upgradation of educational level of girl child and improvement in health etc.

Madhya Pradesh will become the first state to subscribe to the National Cancer Grid

Why In News?

- Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang held a virtual meeting with the operator of Tata Memorial Hospital, Mumbai under the Medical Knowledge Sharing Mission launched by the Department of Medical Education on 20 April 2022 for expansion of health facilities in a series of innovations.

Key Points

- Decision was taken in the meeting to connect Madhya Pradesh with National Cancer Grid and sign MoU with Tata Memorial Hospital in Medical Knowledge Sharing Mission.
- With this, cancer patients of the state will get better treatment as well as promotion of cancer research and high level training will be given to the doctors of the state.

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- It is worth noting that under the National Cancer Grid (NCG), 266 centers are being operated in the country, where work is being done for the treatment and research of cancer.
- Apart from this, a digital portal has also been started by Grid, in which patients can consult expert doctors by uploading their medical reports and other information.

Datia District Received Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration

Why in News?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi honored Datia district administration with the Prime Minister's Award for excellence in public administration and promotion of public participation in the nutrition campaign on Civil Services Day (April 21, 2022).

Key Points

- Datia District Collector Sanjay Kumar received this award in a program organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Along with this, three other officers of Madhya Pradesh cadre were also conferred with PM Excellence Award.
- In Datia district, 'Mera Bachha Abhiyan' was started in the nutrition campaign through public participation. In the campaign, malnourished mothers and children were identified and included in the 'Malnutrition to Nutrition' program.
- The objective of this program is to remove underweight, stunting and physical wasting in children and to treat anemia in women. Along with this, the community was also motivated to provide food support to the families of malnourished children in the district under the theme 'Poshan Matka'.
- Indore District Collector Manish Singh has been honored with PM Excellence Award, 2020 for citizen-government interface for 'Clean Indore Abhiyan'.
- Madhya Pradesh MSME operator Vishesh Gadhpale has been awarded PM Excellence Award, 2019 for developing a software for different interface between government and citizen for day to day activities.
- In the same sequence, Ajay Tirkey, IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh, who is currently on deputation in the post of Secretary in the Central Land Resources

Department, for the innovation of developing 'One Nation-One Software' application for registration of property documents and works etc. PM Excellence Award, 2021 given.

406 Mobile Veterinary Units Approved for Madhya Pradesh

Why in News?

- On April 21, 2022, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister of Madhya Pradesh Prem Singh Patel informed that 406 mobile veterinary units have been approved by the Central Government at the rate of 4 crore 6 lakh livestock in the state.

Key Points

- A new component of the Veterinary Unit run by the Government of India has been included in the scheme for establishment and strengthening of Central Veterinary Hospitals and Dispensaries in the year 2021-22. Under the scheme, one mobile veterinary unit will be operated for every one lakh livestock.
- The vehicle of the Mobile Veterinary Unit will be fully equipped with modern equipment and staff. The vehicle will have a Veterinarian, a Paravet and a Driver Co-Assistant. Apart from this, necessary equipment related to veterinary, minor surgery, artificial insemination, disease investigation will be installed in the vehicle. Projectors, speakers etc. will also be installed for publicity.
- A provision of Rs 18 lakh 72 thousand per mobile veterinary unit has been made per year for the necessary human resources available in the vehicle, medicine, POL for the vehicle and maintenance etc. It will have 60 percent central share and 40 percent state share.
- A provision of Rs 16 lakh has also been made for vehicles, vehicle decoration, equipment required for veterinary medicine, publicity equipment and fabrication. This amount is based on 100% central assistance.
- A call center will also be set up for a mobile veterinary unit. Call Operators and Veterinary Doctors will be appointed in the Call Center. A provision of 60 percent central share and 40 percent state share has been made for the centre.

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48th All India Police Science Congress

Why In News?

- On April 22, 2022, Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressed the inaugural session of the 48th All India Police Science Congress in Bhopal.

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- The Union Home Minister said that the All India Police Science Congress has an important contribution in the police system of the country from two perspectives.
- The first would be coordination between police across the country to deal with similar challenges and the second would be the use of technology to stay two steps ahead of criminals.
- The Police Science Congress is the ideal forum to discuss and work out a common strategy and coordination, the meetings of which are held under the aegis of BPR&D.
- He said that the practice of 10-year policing strategy and annual review should be institutionalized in the police departments, because now such crimes are taking place against modernization of police, training, coordination between police in states, and police outside the state. Fighting is not possible without coordination and assimilation of technology.

CSI SIG e-Governance Award

Why In News?

- In the 19th CSI-SIG Awards ceremony held at Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Prayagraj on 23rd April, 2022, MP Tenders Portal received the prestigious National Level '**CSI SIG e-Governance**' Award of Appreciation for the year 2021 in Project Category.

Key Points

- 19th 'CSI SIG e-Governance' Award 2021 as 'Award of Appreciation' for tenders is a milestone for Madhya Pradesh Government e-Procurement System MPSEDC.
- The work was started in the year 2006 with the participation of MPSEDC as the nodal agency for the online e-tendering system. This achievement has proved to be a visionary project for Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation (MPSEDC).

- MPSEDC has created stable solutions for foolproof programs with minimal human involvement. The organization has achieved this success through transparency, modern technology, strong infrastructure and strong team.
- The organization aims to deliver value-based services to its partners, adoption of sound project management ideas, consistent training, a data analysis dashboard feature and focus on all its stakeholders to help the firm reach its goals.
- The organization has implemented the latest technological developments to make its project easier. It has also improved by using data analytics as a tool by taking advantage of the asymmetries and helping to find the root cause of the problems.
- It may be mentioned that the CSI SIG e-Governance Award is a prestigious national level award given by the Computer Society of India to recognize the best innovations in e-Governance.

Maa Tujhe Pranam Scheme

Why In News?

- On 23 April 2022, Madhya Pradesh Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia said that 'Maa Tujhe Pranam Yojana' is being restarted after the Covid period. This year, for the first time in the scheme, Ladli Laxmis of the state will travel to the border of the country.

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- In order to realize the dream of a strong India and self-reliant Madhya Pradesh, '**Maa Tujhe Pranam Scheme**' is aimed at bringing awareness among the youth towards the security of the country's borders, devotion to the nation and attracting the youth towards the army and paramilitary forces.
- The minister said that on May 2, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan would flag off 200 Ladli Laxmis to visit the Bagha border in the 'Ladli Laxmi Utsav', which would run from May 2 to 11.
- This journey will not only inculcate the feeling of patriotism among the adolescent girls, but they will also be successful in making themselves self-reliant by serving the country in future.
- It is noteworthy that in the 'Maa Tujhe Pranam Yojana' of the Sports and Youth Welfare Department, the selection

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committee constituted under the chairmanship of the District Collector, selected through lottery, the youth are taken in different groups for a tour of the international border of the country.

- In the borderlands, tributes are paid to the martyrs with the water carried by the youth from their place of residence. Animal husbandry, agribusiness, industry, irrigation facilities, geographical features, cultural customs, beliefs, festivals, etc., are also studied by the youth with the help of the residents of the international border area.
- Leh-Ladakh, Kargil-Drass, RS Pura, Bagha-Hussainiwala, Tanot Mata Temple, Longowal, Kochi, Bikaner, Barmer, Nathula, so far 12 thousand 672 youths of the state have been given Maa Tujhe Pranam Yojana starting from the year 2013. Travels have been made to Darra, Petrapole, Tura, Jaigaon, Andaman and Nicobar and Kanyakumari.
- In this scheme of the Sports and Youth Welfare Department, selected youth are provided travel fare, daily allowance, accommodation, food, local transport system, rail reservation system, track suit, T-shirt and kit bag.

Webinar on Bhimbetka Rock Painting and Shelter

Why In News?

- Recently a webinar was organized by the Ministry of Tourism on Bhimbetka Rock Painting and Shelter, a World Heritage Site and one of the oldest rock paintings in the world.

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- Guides, archaeologists and history lovers from the country and the state participated in this webinar.
- In the webinar, Ajay Singh Chauhan, Regional Guide of Central India, Bhopal told that 4 colors (red, white, green and yellow) have been used in Bhimbetka rock painting. All these colors are made from natural sources like leaves, stones, hematite etc.
- Bhimbetka depicts dance and music, body art, hunting and animals. These types of paintings are called pictographs.
- The Bhimbetka rock painting and shelter depicts the journey of human life, showing the day-to-day

activities of life, animals, hunting, collecting useful things in the forest, etc.

- It is worth mentioning that Bhimbetka Rock Painting and Shelter is a **UNESCO World Heritage Rock Site** in India. It is very popular for prehistoric rock paintings and rock shelters.
- According to the Archaeological Survey of India's carbon dating process, the rock paintings of Bhimbetka are 30 to 35 thousand years old. The famous archaeologist **Vishnu Sridhar Wakankar** discovered Bhimbetka in the Vindhya mountain range during his visit to Nagpur in 1957-58.
- Recently, the team of the Geological Survey of India has discovered a fossil from Bhimbetka, which is about 25 million years old. Such fossils have also been found in Ukraine, Russia and China.

Honors of Celebrities in 'Madhya Pradesh Ratna Alankaran Ceremony'

Why In News?

- On April 25, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel felicitated various personalities at the '**Madhya Pradesh Ratna Investiture Ceremony**' organised by the Madhya Pradesh Press Club at kushabhau thakre international convention centre.

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- The Governor presented the madhya pradesh navratna samman at the investiture ceremony with the country's renowned journalist Padma Shri Alok Mehta, param vishisht seva medal (retd) Air Marshal Pradeep Padmakar Bapat, screenwriter and filmmaker Rumi Jaffrey, professor Lokendra Trivedi of the National School of Drama, Sanjeev Saran, who was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award in the industrial world by the Government of India. The short and documentary producer-director Devendra Khandelwal, senior social activist Nirmal Das Narang, dancer (choreographer) Dr. Tina Deole Tambe, poet and editor Dr Sudhir Saxena were felicitated.
- Dr. Laxmi Sharma (Literature and Art), Dr. A.K. Dwivedi (Homoeopathy Medicine), Dr. Vaibhav Chaturvedi (Mental Medicine), Dr. Mamta Singh, Suresh Singh Bhadauria, Dr. Deepti Singh Hada (Medical and Medical

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Education), Dr. Devish Jain (Education- Industry and Agriculture), Harneet Kaur Rana (Education), Avadhesh Dave (Higher Education), Rajkumar Sabu (Industry and Trade), Engineer Amit Ojha (Mathematics Education) and Social Sevi Manoj Nandkishore Panchal were honoured with Pratibha Samman.

- The Madhya Pradesh Press Club was established on April 18, 1992. Its founding president was late L.N. Verma and Presently its President is Dr. Naveen Anand Joshi and General Secretary is Bhai Nitin Verma and Vice President is Mahendra Sharma.
- The Madhya Pradesh Press Club organisation continues to organize various workshops and seminars besides programmes related to social concerns. This event is also a sequel to this series.

Chief Minister virtually participated in the National Workshop on Innovative Agriculture of NITI Aayog

Why In News?

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan virtually attended the National Workshop on **Innovative Agriculture** organized by **NITI Aayog** at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi at The Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi on April 25, 2022.

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- The first session was chaired by Dr. Ravi Kumar, Vice Chairman, NITI Aayog. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy also shared his views virtually.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the Natural Agriculture Development Board has been constituted to promote natural farming in the state. The State Government is taking several steps to create an environment up to the village level to adopt natural farming and to help the farmers in it.
- There are 52 districts in Madhya Pradesh. Initially, special activities will be carried out to encourage natural farming in 100 villages of each district. The current kharif crop will start natural farming activities in 5,200 villages of the state.
- In order to create an environment, state-level workshops will be organized in the state in the month of May

for officials of agriculture related departments under the guidance of Gujarat Governor Acharya Devvrat. So far, 1 lakh 65 thousand farmers of the state have shown interest in natural farming.

- The Chief Minister said that just as subsidy on chemical fertilizers and other assistance was provided to the farmers for the Green Revolution, it is necessary to encourage and cooperate with the farmers to adopt natural farming.
- The desi cow is essential for natural farming. It is from the desi cow that the necessary jeevamrit and dhanjivamrit for natural farming can be made. 900 per month i.e. 10 thousand 800 rupees per annum will be provided to the farmers who adopt natural farming for keeping the desi cow. At the same time, 75 per cent of the amount will be provided to the farmers by the government for taking natural agricultural kits.
- The services of 5 full-time workers will be provided in each development block to guide natural farming. Each village will also have arrangements of kisan mitras and kisan didis, who will act as master trainers of natural farming. Honorarium will also be given to the workers and master trainers.
- It is worth mentioning that Madhya Pradesh is suitable for natural farming, where 17 lakh hectares of tribal dominated area traditionally does not use chemical fertilizers.

Madhya Pradesh is the first in the country in redressal of complaints in Madhya Pradesh 'Ayushman Bharat'

Why In News?

- On April 25, 2022, The Minister of Public Health and Family Welfare of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Prabhuram Chaudhary informed that in the National Health Authority's report for 2021-22, Madhya Pradesh secured the first position in the country in the field of redressal of grievances in the '**Ayushman Bharat**' scheme by scoring 86 marks in grievance redressal.

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- Minister Dr. Prabhuram Chaudhary said that the National Health Authority in its progress report for the year 2021-22 has collected Rs. 1.57 crore by imposing

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penalty in the complaints received against 67 hospitals in the state under the grievance redressal system.

- The scheme fulfilled the objective of free treatment by refunding Rs.59 lakh 2 thousand through bank accounts on the basis of complaints received from 140 beneficiaries.
- Under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, the eligible beneficiaries of the state have been getting quality health services for more than 3 years. Under the scheme, treatment upto Rs.5 lakh per family is being provided to eligible beneficiaries from 1,000 government and private hospitals per year.

Madhya Pradesh got respect in malaria control

Why In News?

- On April 25, 2022, Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya conferred the 'Certificate of Appreciation' to Madhya Pradesh for its outstanding work in malaria control at a function held in Delhi on Malaria Day.

Key Point

- Madhya Pradesh's Public Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr Prabhuram Chaudhary said that as of 2015, more than one malaria case per thousand population was found in 25 districts in the state, which has come down to .03 per thousand in 2021.
- There is no longer a single district in Madhya Pradesh which has more than one malaria case per thousand population.
- The work done by the Health Department has made the state a place in category-1 from category-3 states in 2015 to category-1 states.

Important decisions of the Madhya Pradesh Council of Ministers meeting

Why In News?

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on April 26, 2022, many important decisions were taken including the formation of Madhya Pradesh Natural Agriculture Development Board.

Key Points

- In order to increase the spread of natural agriculture in the state and with the objective of providing encouragement and cooperation to the farmers with continuous guidance, it was decided to constitute '**Madhya Pradesh Natural Agriculture Development Board**' as an independent organization.
- For monitoring and review in the board, an apex body headed by the Chief Minister and a task force under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary will be constituted at the state level.
- The State Project Director of the Board will be Additional Chief Secretary, Farmers Welfare and Agriculture Development Department and Executive Director. The headquarter of the board will be in Bhopal.
- At the district level, the scheme will be implemented by the District Project Director, Aatma, under the direction of the Atma Governing Board, headed by the Collector.
- The cabinet decided to implement an incentive scheme for crop diversification in Madhya Pradesh in view of the increase in the area and production of wheat and paddy in the state, increase in the cost of procurement on support price and environmental imbalance in the state due to these crops. took.
- According to the proposal of the scheme, the proposals received from the applicant company/institution will be examined by the Director, Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development and approved by the Council of Ministers Committee on Investment Promotion (CCIP) after the recommendation of the State Level Project Testing Committee headed by the Chief Secretary.
- The implementation of the proposals approved in the scheme will be done by the Monitoring Director, Farmer Welfare and Agriculture Development.
- Under the scheme, non-MSP sown in place of wheat and paddy. Crops will be covered.
- This will reduce the dependence on chemical fertilizers in the state and environmental protection, biodiversity and sustainable farming will be possible. Also, there will be reduction in procurement on support price and dependence on import of pulses and oilseeds will be reduced.
- The cabinet decided to amend the Madhya Pradesh Work (Allotment) Rules to change the name of '**Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes Department**' to '**Vimukt, Nomadic and Ardh Nomadic Welfare Department**'.

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- Apart from this, the cabinet approved the establishment of the Motor Transport School in Datia district and creation of new posts.

Action will be taken on leaving cattle open in public place in Madhya Pradesh

Why In News?

- On April 26, 2022, the draft Of The **Madhya Pradesh Municipal Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022** was approved by the Cabinet.

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- Under this Ordinance, if any cattle or other animal is deliberately or negligently released or tied on the road or in a public place in the urban areas of Madhya Pradesh, a fine of one thousand rupees will be levied from the person concerned.
- The fine amount proposed by the Urban Development and Housing Department was Rs.5,000, but on the suggestion of the Ministers, it was reduced to Rs.1,000.
- It may be recalled that a number of petitions were filed in the Madhya Pradesh High Court on the growing problem of leaving animals open in public places in the urban areas of the state, on which the court, while hearing the court had directed the state government to take regular action in respect of stray animals and fix the amount of torture.

Tendu leaves collection rate is now 3 thousand rupees per standard bag

Why In News?

- On April 27, 2022, the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department issued orders for fixing the **tendu leaf collection rate at Rs 3,000 per standard sack for the 2022 storage period for 45 lakh tendu leaf collectors in the state.**

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- It may be recalled that on April 22, 2022, in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the

Forest Committees Conference, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had announced to increase the rate of tendu leaf collection.

- The collection rate till 2021 was Rs.2500 per standard sack. A target of 16.29 lakh standard bora has been set this year.
- Pushkar Singh, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh State Small Forest Produce Association, said that the work of collection of tendu leaves is done by the State Small Forest Produce Association. This collection is done through 60 District Forest Produce Cooperative Unions and 1066 Primary Forest Produce Cooperative Societies in the State.
- At present there are 45 lakh tendu leaf collectors in the state. Of these, more than 50 per cent of the 23 lakh collectors belong to the tribal category. Similarly, 40 per cent are women collectors.
- The increase in the rate of tenduleaf collection this year will result in a collection remuneration of Rs.500 crores to the collectors engaged in the collection work. This will be an additional remuneration of Rs.81 crores as compared to the previous year, which will help in providing additional means of employment in the summer season.
- Managing Director Pushkar Singh said that the amount of dividend is also distributed to the tenduleaf collectors. It has been decided earlier to increase the net dividend from 70 per cent to 75 per cent directly to tendu leaf collectors from this year.

Contract signed between Department of Energy and KFW Development Bank Germany for loans and grants

Why In News?

- On April 29, 2022, the Department of Energy signed a contract with KFW Development Bank Germany for loans and grants to upgrade the energy sector of Madhya Pradesh by equipping it with modern technology.

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- Separate loan contracts, separate grant contracts and project contracts were signed for financing Rs. 1400

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crore for various development works proposed in the three power distribution companies of the State namely East Zone Power Distribution Company, Central Region Power Distribution Company and West Zone Power Distribution Company.

- Power Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar said that in this mega scheme, a loan of Rs.1120 crore will be given by KFW Development Bank and the government will provide the remaining amount of Rs.280 crore to the Department of Energy.
- These efforts to improve power will enable the work of smart metering, feeder separation to be done in the domain of the three power distribution companies of Madhya Pradesh.
- It may be mentioned that the Ministry of Finance, Government of India, had signed a loan agreement and grant agreement with KFW Development Bank, Germany on December 23, 2021. The Government of Madhya Pradesh is making efforts to strengthen the power sector of the State on the basis of this contract.

Three-day 'MP Auto-Show-2022' in Indore

Why In News?

- On April 28, 2022, a three-day auto expo '**Madhya Pradesh Auto-Show-2022**' was launched in Indore to promote auto industries in Madhya Pradesh. The auto-show will be held till April 30 at The Super Corridor and Natrex Auto Testing Track, Pithampur.

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- To make Madhya Pradesh an automobile hub, the three-day auto-show is being organized by the state government in Indore through the **Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation (MPIDC)**.

- The main objective of the show is to promote the auto sector in the state, so that investment and employment opportunities can increase in the state.
- About 100 most reputed automobile manufacturing and automobile component manufacturing companies from across the country and abroad are participating in the auto-show. All these companies will display their products.
- It will display all types of vehicles such as e-vehicles, fuelled passenger cars, commercial vehicles, agricultural vehicles, agricultural vehicles and earthmoving and construction vehicles.
- The special equipment that makes Indore number one in cleanliness, which are used by municipal corporation Indore, will also be showcased at the auto-show. Around 10 auto companies will launch their products at the Auto Expo.
- In order to encourage startups in Madhya Pradesh, a separate startup zone has been created in auto-shows in which various startups belonging to the auto sector have been provided space at no charge.
- To encourage investment in the state, the auto-show will have sessions on various sectors including various meetings such as buyers' seller meet, business-to-government meet, business-to-business meet, as well as the policies of the state.
- Through AutoShow-2022, various auto companies will be briefed about Asia's largest auto testing track Natrex developed at Pithampur. At the same time, the facilities available in Natrex will be made aware of how testing facilities can be availed in their business.
- Recreational events like super car and super bike rally, drag race, demo of various testing tracks and go-cart will also be held at Pithampur, the Natrex auto testing track.



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