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MoU Between MSME Department and Walmart and Flipkart

Why in News

- On November 30, 2021, under a well-planned policy to make the state self-reliant, the MSME Department signed MoU with Walmart and Flipkart to make products of international quality and to create a competitive and marketing chain of more than 14 lakh new entrepreneurs of Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- The MoU was signed and exchanged between Department Secretary P Narhari and Walmart Director Joseph Julian in the presence of Minister for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Omprakash Sakhlecha. Flipkart Regional Head D.P. Vankani was also present on the occasion.
- The MSME Minister said that the new entrepreneurs will get support from this MoU. This MoU will also train the innovators in retail and wholesale marketing as well as in order to ensure product packaging, competitiveness, quality and cost at a consumer level.
- Commissioner and MSME Secretary P Narhari said that this MoU will open new doors for the products of the entrepreneurs of Madhya Pradesh among the consumers at the country and international level. In this MoU, new modules, development of industries, training, seminars etc. have also been included. The new entrepreneurs of the state will be benefited from this.
- Walmart Vriddhi director Joseph Julian said they would conduct training programs for industries to develop, market and compete.

3rd National Masters Championship

Why in News

- Shweta Nema, who participated as a participant of the Madhya Pradesh team in the 3rd National Masters Championship held at the Sports Stadium of Dr. Sampurnanand Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi from November 27-30, won one gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

Key Points

- In this Masters Athletics Championship held in Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh, Shweta won gold in 400 meters race, silver in race walk and bronze in 400 × 4 relay and second bronze in 100 × 4 relay race.
- In this 4-day 3rd National Masters Athletics Championships, only participants above 30 years of age from across the country participated in the Masters Athletics Championships.
- Shweta is a PhD researcher in the Department of Yoga and Ayurveda in the University. Shweta Nema recently created a Guinness record for doing yoga in turtle pose at SATI College, Vidisha. Shweta gives free yogasana training to the people of Vidisha and Raisen.

Female Constable Got Permission to Change Gender

Why in News

- Recently, for the first time in Madhya Pradesh, the Home Department has allowed a woman to undergo a gender change.

Key Points

- This female constable had sought permission to change gender to become a man. Those who have been given permission by the Director General of Police to get the gender changed.
- National level psychiatrists have confirmed that the female constable has had gender identity disorder since childhood.
- Women constables have done police work like men in their district. Also duly applied and submitted an affidavit.
- The notification of intention to change gender was published in the Gazette of India in 2019. Only after this the application was sent to the Police Headquarters. The Police Headquarters had sought permission from the Home Department on this application.
- The Law Department, in its advisory to the Home Department, had said that Indian citizens have the freedom to choose their gender regardless of their religion or caste. After this Anita has no problem in allowing gender change.
- Five years ago, 29-year-old lady constable Lalita Salve from Beed had sought permission to change

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the gender. It was the first case in the country. After removing all the legal hurdles, she became Lalit Salve from Lalita Salve.

- Gender Identity Disorder/Gender Dysphoria is a condition in which a person feels that their natural gender does not match their gender identity.

Dubai Expo-2020

Why In News

- Madhya Pradesh 'State Week' is being organized at Dubai Expo-2020 from December 3-9, 2021, in which the Minister of Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion Rajvardhan Singh Dattigaon inaugurated the 'Madhya Pradesh Pavilion'.

Key Points

- The 'State Week' will see various industry-specific expert sessions, round table discussions as well as cultural performances.
- The Madhya Pradesh Week at Dubai Expo will see various meetings to discuss business prospects for the state and investment opportunities in key sectors including textiles manufacturing, automobiles, EVs, food processing, pharmaceuticals, IT.
- During the expo, a 14-member delegation of the state, headed by the Minister of Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion, Rajvardhan Singh Dattigaon, Government of Madhya Pradesh, to provide new investment, new technologies, gainful employment in the state with the aim of promoting and providing economic activities. Will hold talks with industry houses and industry associations to bring up new projects.
- The Madhya Pradesh delegation will also interact with representatives of the UAE Government's Annual Investment Meeting (AIM), the world's leading forum for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI).

Gram Panchayat Barodiakalan became Municipal Council

Why In News

- On December 3, 2021, by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh, Gram Panchayat Barodiakalan of Tehsil Malthoun of Sagar district was made a city council. Information in this regard has been published in the Madhya Pradesh Gazette.

Key Points

- Under the Madhya Pradesh Municipal Act, 1961, Barodiakalan has been made a Municipal Council by merging 22 villages of 7 Gram Panchayats.
- In this, along with Gram Panchayat Barodiakalan, Dabdera, Bikorkalan, Dari, Rajwans, Bankhiriya and Umrai Gram Panchayats have been included.
- The citizens of Barodiakalan region thanked Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh for this achievement.

Tantya Bhil Balidan Diwas

Why in News

- On December 4, 2021, Governor Mangubhai Patel and Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan unveiled a grand statue of Jannayak Tantya Mama made of Ashtadhatu on the sacrifice day of Kranti Surya Jannayak Tantya Mama at Patalpani.

Key Points

- The Navteerth Sthal will be built at Patalpani at a cost of Rs 4 crore 55 lakh. A meditation center will be established here, where bravery will be worshipped, which will inspire the coming generations to patriotism.
- A fair will be organized every year in Patalpani on 4th December, 2021 on the sacrifice day of Jannayak Tantya Mama.
- Tantya Bhil was born in the year 1840 in the house of Bhausingh Bhil in the village of Bardahir in Pandhana tehsil of East Nimar (Khandwa district) of the then Central Province. Somewhere in the year 1842, the mention of his birth is also found.
- The real name of Tantya Bhil was Tautia. He was also affectionately called by the name of Tantya Mama. He was reverently called 'Mama' by people of all age groups.
- Tantya Bhil was arrested by the British because of the betrayal of some trusted people. He was kept in the Central India Agency Jail in the British Residency area in Indore. Later he was kept in Jabalpur Jail. Sessions Court Jabalpur sentenced him to death on 19 October 1889 and was hanged again on 4 December 1889.
- After the execution, on the Khandwa railway route near Indore, near Patalpani railway station, fearing that the revolt broke out in the surrounding villages,

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they quietly left in the night by throwing his dead body at the place where his wooden effigies were kept.

- This place i.e. Patalpani is known today as 'Samadhi Sthal of Tanya Bhil'.

Naveen Adarsh Gram Yojna

Why in News

- Recently, the Central Government has approved the **Naveen Adarsh Gram Yojana** for Madhya Pradesh for the integrated development of tribal villages.

Key Points

- In this, the work of improving infrastructure, socio-economic indicators, welfare of tribals and capacity development of public representatives will be done.
- In Madhya Pradesh, this scheme will be implemented through convergence of central and state government schemes.
- Under the scheme, various works will be done by selecting such villages, which have at least 50 percent population of tribal class and such population is at least 500. A total of 7307 villages have been selected.
- In this, 100 percent grant-in-aid will be given from the center. In the first phase, works will be done in 1204 villages. Out of these villages, three villages will be selected for the best works in the state and awards of Rs 5 lakh each will be given.
- At the national level also, three villages will be selected for the best work, which will be given prizes of Rs.10 lakh each.

75th Home Guards Raising Day Celebrations

Why in News

- On December 6, 2021, the 75th Raising Day celebrations of Home Guards, Civil Defense and Disaster Emergency Response Force were celebrated in Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- Home Minister Dr. Narottam Mishra inaugurated and visited the photo-gallery based on the excellent work done by Home Guard jawans at Home Guard Parade Ground.

- The Home Minister honored the officers/employees for saving lives and property while doing excellent work at the time of disaster. He rewarded Kumari Anshika Kanojia with a check of Rs 10,000 and a citation for her excellent performance in soft tennis competition at the international and national level.
- On this occasion, 12 thousand 591 soldiers and officers were awarded the Karmaveer Yoddha Medals for the outstanding work done by the Home Guards in the year 2020-21 during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- It is noteworthy that the Home Guard Organization in Madhya Pradesh was established in the year 1947 under the Madhya Pradesh Home Guard Act 1947.

Council of Ministers' meeting under the chairmanship of Chief Minister

Why in News

- On December 7, 2021, in a meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by the Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the amount of compensation per family in the state plan for the **rehabilitation of villages from the corridors of national parks/sanctuaries (protected areas) and tiger reserves** was approved to increase from Rs.10 lakh to Rs.15 lakh.

Key Points

- An amount of 75 crores was approved for the year 2021-22 to 2025-26 for the 'compensation' scheme for the rehabilitation of the villages of the forest department.
- Approval was also given to issue an approval of Rs 285 crore for a total of 4 years from the financial year 2022-23 to 2025-26 from the CAMPA fund.
- The cabinet decided to allot 57.952 hectares of government land, at zero interest and one rupee annual land rent, located in village Loharpur tehsil Murar, district Gwalior, to Airports Authority of India, Gwalior for expansion of the airport.
- The proposed amendment bill to **rename 'Chhindwara University, Chhindwara' as 'Raja Shankar Shah University, Chhindwara'** was approved by the Council of Ministers.

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- The Council of Ministers approved the Gwalior Trade Fair Authority (Amendment) Bill 2021 with a view to conduct the Gwalior Trade Fair, Gwalior smoothly.
 - The '**Gwalior Trade Fair Authority Act**' seeks to replace the phrase 'Department of Commerce and Industry' with 'Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises'.
- The Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises has been authorized to take all the steps to get this bill introduced in the Legislative Assembly.

Armed Forces Flag Day

Why in News

- On December 7, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan was presented with a flag and a symbol of the day was presented by Director Sainik Welfare Directorate, Brigadier Arun Sehgal on **Armed Forces Flag Day**.

Key Points

- Soldiers of the Indian Armed Forces attain Veergati while performing their duty in defense of the country, internal security and natural calamities. To remember these soldiers, to honor them and to show respect for the soldiers by the citizens of the country, every year **since 1949, 7 December** is celebrated as Armed Forces Flag Day.
- On this day, financial assistance schemes related to the welfare and rehabilitation of dependent families of martyr soldiers, disabled soldiers, ex-servicemen, serving soldiers and their dependents are operated from the amount collected by distributing car flags and emblem flags in motor vehicles.

Madhya Pradesh HSVN to join Handloom Export Promotion Council

Why in News

- Recently, in the **138th meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation** under the **chairmanship of Madhya Pradesh Public Works, Cottage and Village Industries Minister Gopal Bhargava, Madhya Pradesh Handicrafts and Handloom Development**

Corporation decided to take the membership of **Handloom Development Corporation, New Delhi** in order to provide national and international market for the handloom products produced.

Key Points

- Minister Gopal Bhargava said that the role of Mrignayani Emporium in providing a market for handloom and handicraft products of the state is commendable. In this sequence, membership of the Handloom Export Promotion Council is being taken.
- Decisions were also taken on the compliance report of the 137th meeting of the Board of Directors, contracts of outsourced employees, appointments in the Chief Minister's Covid-19 **Compassionate Appointment Scheme**.
- In the meeting, Anubha Srivastava the Managing Director of Sant Ravidas Madhya Pradesh Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation gave information regarding the activities of the corporation.

State's first solar city Sanchi will have 6 thousand kilowatt solar system

Why in News

- In the meeting held in Sanchi in the presence of New and Renewable Energy Minister Hardeep Singh Dung and Public Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Prabhuram Chaudhary, an action plan was prepared to make Sanchi a Solar City and it was announced to install a solar system of 6 thousand kilowatt capacity in the Sanchi Grid under Solar City Project.

Key Points

- 20 acres of land has been identified in Nagori village to make Sanchi a ground-mounted solar system. Additional 4 hectares of land will be identified for setting up phase 1.5 MW of solar system capacity.
- It is worth mentioning that the central government has planned to develop one city in each state as a solar city.
- Keeping in view the tourism and proximity to the capital, the Madhya Pradesh government has decided to develop **Sanchi as a solar city**.

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- Every household, agriculture and industry in Sanchi will be connected to the solar system. This will give a boost to the local economy along with reducing the need for electricity bills, pollution, and government subsidies.
- Sanchi will become an exemplary model for other cities. Along with tourism, Sanchi will also have a different identity in the field of solar energy.

National Education Policy 2020 Task Force meeting

Why in News

- On December 7, 2021, a meeting of the **Task Force constituted for the National Education Policy 2020** was held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

Key Points

- In this meeting, the Chief Minister said that **Yoga would be developed as a sport** and included in the curriculum of school education. A **Yoga Commission** will be formed in the state for the expansion of Yoga to the people.
- **Integrating the education of yoga at the school level** will help in making education interesting and promoting health of the students.
- The Chief Minister said that implementation of effective methods of imparting moral education along with vocational education would be ensured in the National Education Policy in the state. **The National Education Policy has clear provisions for learning of local skills and important vocational crafts.**
- To reduce the number of dropouts in class 6 and class 9, **'School Chalen Abhiyan'** will be run for admission in class 5th to 6th and class 8th to 9th.
- Inder Singh Parmar, Minister of State (Independent Charge) for School Education said that a task force has been constituted for the implementation of National Education Policy 2020 in the state. In this, **4 Framework Groups for State Curriculum** and **25 Focus Groups** have been constituted at the State level for the development of **State Curriculum Framework**. There are **24 non-official members and 26 government members in the task force.**

State Policy Conclave-2021

Why in News

- On December 7, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan virtually interacted with the ministry in the **State Policy Conclave- 2021 organized by PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry at Hotel Le Meridien New Delhi.**

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that the country will become self-reliant only when the states are self-reliant. **A four-point based road map** has been prepared for **self-reliant Madhya Pradesh**. These 4 points are -
 - Physical infrastructure
 - Good governance
 - Health and education
 - Economy and employment.
- The Madhya Pradesh government has **two major goals-**
 - First, to develop entrepreneurship qualities in the youth of Madhya Pradesh, so that they become job creators and not job seekers.
 - Second, to make Madhya Pradesh the most attractive state for investment.
- **Atal Expressway and Narmada Expressway** are being constructed **from the east to west border of the state** with the aim of giving a **better environment for investment** to the investors in the state.
 - **Industrial centers and industrial townships** will be developed around the expressway.
- **With the aim of providing skilled human resources** in the state, a **Global Skill Park** is being built in collaboration with Singapore.
- The concept of **'Start Your Business in 30 Days'** is being implemented. In this, permission will be given to set up industry in 30 days.
 - Madhya Pradesh is a **state providing surplus electricity.**
- In the first phase of **Bharatmala** project, it has been decided to set up **multi modal logistic parks at Indore and Bhopal.**
- In the era of Covid, there has been **an increase of 49 percent in industrial units** in Madhya Pradesh in comparison to 2019 in 2021. There has been an increase of 33 per cent in allotment of land to

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industries, 67 per cent in proposed investment and 39 per cent in employment.

- Madhya Pradesh is **among the first 5 states to avail additional loan amount** due to successful implementation of **Ease of Doing Business reforms**.
- Madhya Pradesh has secured **first position in the western region**. This has provided additional financial resources of Rs 2,373 crore to the state. To accelerate industrial development, '**Dewas Investment Zone**' and '**Ratlam Investment Zone**' have been created.
- The **Medical Device Park** has been **approved by the Government of India** in the **Mohasa-Babai industrial area of Hoshangabad district of Madhya Pradesh**.
- **16 clusters** have been identified for **laying a network of micro, small and medium industries** in the state, out of which **13 clusters have been approved by the central government**. In these activities like furniture, textile, powerloom, toys, jaggery, namkeen will be encouraged. **Approval has been given for a furniture cluster in Indore**.
- In order to make **vocal from local**, specific products have been selected for each district of the state under the '**One District-One Product**' scheme.
- For **guidance and publicity** to exporters, '**MP Trade Portal**' and '**Export Helpline**' have been launched.
- The state of **Madhya Pradesh has successfully implemented 1,896 reforms** to reduce the regulatory compliance burden while remaining among the leading states. Online land allotment process has been implemented in industrial areas with a **GIS based land allotment system**.

Ken-Betwa River Linking National Project got Approval

Why in News

- On December 8, 2021, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the financing and implementation of the Ken-Betwa river interlinking project.

Key Points

- Chhatarpur, Panna, Tikamgarh, Niwari, Damoh, Sagar, Datia, Shivpuri, Vidisha and Raisen districts of Madhya Pradesh will be benefited under Bundelkhand region on completion of this project costing Rs 44,605 crore.

In addition, 103 MW of hydropower and 27 MW of solar power will be generated.

- An amount of Rs.39,317 crore has been approved for this project as central support, Rs.36,290 crore as grant-in-aid and Rs.3,027 crore as loan. This project will also pave the way for other river interlinking projects in India.
- It is worth noting that the Ken-Betwa link project, which is taking shape under the National River Interlinking Project, is an ambitious national project in the form of the dream of former Prime Minister of India, Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- The following will be the benefits of this project-
 - With the implementation of the project, irrigation facilities will be available in 8 lakh 11 thousand hectare area in Bundelkhand region of Madhya Pradesh, which will increase agricultural production and end the problem of drought.
 - 41 lakh population of the state affected by the water crisis will get drinking water facility.
 - The project will improve the ground water level.
 - The project will generate 103 MW of electricity, which will be fully utilized by Madhya Pradesh.
 - Industrialization and investment will be encouraged in Bundelkhand region with water supply and employment opportunities will be available.
 - At the local level, there will be self-reliance among the general public and migration of people from the area will stop. Tourism will be boosted in Bundelkhand region.

Care Kit and Compostable Bag Program Launched

Why in News

- On December 8, 2021, Madhya Pradesh's Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh launched 'Dular Kit', compostable carry bag and home composting made under the innovation Recycle, Reduce, Reuse started by Municipal Corporation Bhopal.

Key Points

- Traders will be encouraged to use compostable carry bags in other markets including vegetable markets. This carry bag is certified by the Central and State Pollution Control Board, which easily ends up underground in a few days.

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- After collecting old unused clean clothes from homes, cleaning and sanitizing them properly, 'Dular Kit' is made for newborn children and mothers by the cleanliness brand ambassador organization 'Mannat' of Municipal Corporation Bhopal. The 'Dular Kit' will be distributed free of cost to the needy.
- It is worth noting that the Municipal Corporation Bhopal is running a campaign to segregate the waste at home through composting and make compost from wet waste.

Postal Service Award-2021

Why in News

- On December 9, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel rewarded the employees-officers of Madhya Pradesh Postal Circle in eight different categories at the Postal Service Award-2021 function of Madhya Pradesh Postal Circle at Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma Auditorium of Dak Bhawan.

Key Points

- In the award ceremony, the Governor presented the Technical Excellence Award to Gramin Dak Sevak Arvind Dhalse, Postman Chandra Kirti Prasad, Postal Assistant Helen Damor, Supervisor Brajesh Sharma, IP and ASP cadre Narendra Savita, Group A and B cadre SK Jhanwar, Accounts Officer in-charge CS Kushwaha.
- Awarded the Best Female Employee Award for outstanding work to Kumari Yasmin Khan.
- The Governor appreciated the efforts of Madhya Pradesh Postal Circle for Sukanya Samridhi, implementation of Postal Life Insurance, door-to-door delivery of financial services by postmen and Gramin Dak Sevaks during the COVID pandemic.

State Level Painting Competition Prizes Distributed

Why in News

- On December 10, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel distributed prizes to the winners at the prize distribution function of the state level painting competition held at Sandipani Auditorium of Raj Bhavan.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that the state level painting competition on energy conservation was organized by **Narmada HydroElectric Development Corporation** in various schools of the state.
- In Group A of the competition, the Governor presented the first prize to Vedika Jain, a student of DPS Neelbad, Bhopal, the second prize to Aditi Kumari, a student of Kendriya Vidyalaya BSF Indore, and the third prize to Lakshya Shakya, a student of Ideal Higher Secondary School, Bhopal.
- In Group-B, the first prize was awarded to Bhavishya Acharya, a student of Billabong High International School, Bhopal, the second prize to Rajan Jangid, a student of SICA School, Indore, and the third prize to Priyanshu Yadav, a student of Kendriya Vidyalaya Shivaji Nagar Bhopal, and 10-10 consolation prizes in both the categories.
- Vijay Kumar Sinha, Managing Director, Narmada HydroElectric Development Corporation said that to promote the awareness and creativity among children about energy conservation, competitions were organized in two categories from class 5 to 7 and class 8 to 10.

India International Science Festival-2021

Why in News

- On December 10, 2021, the **seventh edition of India International Science Festival (IISF) began in Panaji, Goa**, in which Omprakash Sakhlecha, Minister of Science and Technology, Government of Madhya Pradesh inaugurated several sessions.

Key Points

- This edition focuses on the theme '**Celebrating Creativity and Innovation in Science and Technology for a Prosperous India**'.
- Minister Omprakash Sakhlecha inaugurated the festival section on '**New Age of Technology**'. This section is meant to disseminate information on the growing areas of frontier technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Virtual Reality and their application in daily life.

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- He also inaugurated the 'Eco Festival', which deals with technologies, strategies and actions that lead to ecologically sustainable living.
- Remote sensing innovation is special in the exhibition. Along with this, the workmanship and craftsmanship of the state has been displayed. It includes many items like tiger prints, bamboo products, iron products and artwork made by Agaria artisans.
- IITF-2021 aims to take Indian traditional arts and crafts to the international stage. Minister Omprakash Sakhlecha also inaugurated the 'Traditional Crafts and Artisans Festival' under IISF along with Goa's traditional craftsman, Panshree Vinayak Khedekar.

State's First 'Drone Fair'

Why in News

- On December 11, 2021, the first drone fair of the state was organized on the initiative of Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia at Madhav Institute of Technology and Science (MITS) in Gwalior city of Madhya Pradesh. Around 20 companies displayed their drones in this fair.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, while addressing the youth and farmers present at 'Drone Mela' in Gwalior, said that Madhya Pradesh will be made a leading state by using drone technology in the field of development and welfare. Drones are such a revolutionary technology, which can be used for public welfare and good governance.
- Drone technology can be used to spray fertilizers and pesticides in the fields. With this, farmers can avoid the ill-effects of harmful chemicals. This technology is less expensive. Drone technology saves up to 25 percent of manure.
- Along with this, he also announced the opening of Drone Excellence Center at MITS, Gwalior. For this an MoU has also been signed with a company. Other companies have also signed MoUs in the drone fair.

E-Vehicles Road Show

Why in News

- On December 11, 2021, on the occasion of **National Energy Conservation Day** (December 14), Bhopal

Municipal Corporation organized an Electric Vehicle Road-show in Bhopal with a view to create awareness about the utility of electric vehicles and to create awareness among the general public.

Key Points

- The main objective of this road show is to make every citizen aware about energy-conservation management and its use in the energy literacy campaign started by the Madhya Pradesh government. Apart from this, e-vehicle is to be encouraged to prevent environmental pollution and to control the expenditure on petrol and diesel.
- **E-mobility mission** has been launched by the Government of India with a view to encourage electric vehicles. Apart from this, the **Bureau of Energy Efficiency** (BEE) Government of India has started '**Go-Electric Campaign**' to promote electric vehicles.
- Bhopal Municipal Corporation's Chief Engineer Bhuvnesh Kumar Patel said that **18 percent of the total energy is spent in the transport sector, in which about 94 million tonnes of oil is consumed**. Promoting 'Electric Vehicles' will save oil as well as save foreign exchange. The Government of India has also launched **FAME (Faster Adoption and Manufacturing of Electric Vehicles)** to promote electric vehicles.

Increase in the Rate of Dearness Relief to Pensioners

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- On December 14, 2021, the Madhya Pradesh government issued an order to increase the rate of dearness relief to the pensioners of the state. This new arrangement will be considered effective from October 1, 2021.

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- The Madhya Pradesh Finance Department has increased the dearness relief to the pensioners of the state government by 10 percent. Those who were getting pension under the 6th pay scale, their dearness relief has increased by 10 percent to 164 percent. Similarly, those whose pension was getting under the seventh pay scale, their dearness relief will increase by 5 percent to 17 percent.

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- Dearness relief on family pension will not be eligible if a person is placed in service on compassionate grounds due to the death of his spouse, but if the spouse is in service at the time of his death, then the husband He/she will be eligible for dearness relief on the family pension payable on account of the death of the wife.
- Dearness relief will also be admissible on the additional pension payable to the pensioners of the age of 80 years or more.
- Employees dismissed or removed from service will also be eligible for this dearness relief on the compassionate allowance accepted.
- Such pensioners, who have got a part of their pension commuted, will be given dearness relief on their basic pension (pre-commutation pension).
- This order will also be applicable to such retired employees of the state government, who have drawn lump sum amounts on civilians in undertakings, self-governing institutions, boards / corporations etc. and who have become eligible for repatriation of one-third of the pension under the Finance Department.

EDII Got the Status of 'Center of Excellence' in Entrepreneurship

Why in News

- On December 14, 2021, Sunil Shukla, Director General, Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship Development (EDII), Ahmedabad informed that EDII has recently received the status of 'Center of Excellence' in Entrepreneurship by the Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Skill Development, Government of India.

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- The Indian Institute of Entrepreneurship Development, Ahmedabad, has been engaged since 1983 in promoting entrepreneurship at the national and international level through education, research, training and institution building.
- It works through its Central Regional Office in Bhopal for inclusive growth and to create a conducive ecosystem for entrepreneurship in Central India.
- It makes collective efforts to create an environment of interdependence and cooperation between educational institutions, government and industry to

promote entrepreneurship education, research. Also, it provides assistance to the MSME sector in Madhya Pradesh and its surrounding areas, especially with the aim of upliftment of rural youth, women, students, artisans, agriculturists etc.

- EDII is engaged in extensive development works in the handicrafts and handloom sectors at several locations in Madhya Pradesh, with a focus on handlooms in Chanderi and Maheshwar, terracotta in Betul and carpets in Gwalior.
- EDII is engaged in developing entrepreneurs from science and technology backgrounds with the support of DST, Government of India and developing the pool of human resources through faculty development programmes.

Vaccination Mahabhiyan-10

Why in news

- **Vaccination Mahabhiyan-10** was conducted in Madhya Pradesh on December 16, 2021, in which the state has once again set a record by administering 15 lakh vaccine doses in a day to provide protection against corona infection.

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- In the vaccination campaign-10 till 9 pm, 14 lakh 89 thousand 331 citizens were given vaccine doses. The people-participation model of Madhya Pradesh has played an important role in this achievement of the state.
- In this vaccination campaign all arrangements for vaccination were made at more than 11,000 immunization centers. Vaccination started at the centers at 9 AM, which continued throughout the day.
- So far, 5 crore 18 lakh 5 thousand 926 citizens have been given the first dose of vaccine and 4 crore 52 lakh 42 thousand 372 citizens have been given both doses of vaccine.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that **the target of the state government is to get all the citizens of Madhya Pradesh both doses of anti-Covid vaccine at the earliest.** To achieve this goal, a series of vaccination campaigns is being run in the state from June 21, 2021.
- People's representatives, officials of social organizations, crisis management committees, workers of Jan Abhiyan

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Parishad and people of the health department are working to make the vaccination campaign a success.

Madhya Pradesh Police Foundation Day

Why in News

- On December 17, 2021 **Madhya Pradesh Police Foundation Day** function was celebrated at Motilal Nehru Stadium in Bhopal. As the chief guest Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inspected the parade and presented medals to the police officers for their excellent service after the march past.

Key Points

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that women's safety, complete elimination of drug mafia and effective action on cyber crime are the major challenges before the Madhya Pradesh Police. Whatever responsibility has been entrusted to the Madhya Pradesh Police, it has been performed with full efficiency, determination, devotion and responsibility.
- The Chief Minister said that 877 police personnel have been martyred from the year 1956 to 2020, while discharging their duties with indomitable courage and devotion. These policemen established a great tradition of keeping the people of the state safe.
- The Chief Minister said that from the year 1956 to January 26, 2021 429 gallantry, 229 distinguished service and 1508 meritorious medals have been received by the members of the police.
- The Chief Minister presented the **President's Police Medal for Gallantry to Arvind Saxena** (Additional Transport Commissioner), **Dharamvir Singh** (Superintendent of Police, Satna).
- The Chief Minister also released the Madhya Pradesh Police Anthem on the occasion.

'Architecture Composition Competition'

Why in News

- On December 17, 2021, **Madhya Pradesh Science and Technology Minister Omprakash Sakhlecha** launched a **national level architectural creation competition**

on the **theme "Contribution of Indian Scientists in India's Freedom Movement"** in the auditorium of Civil Department, MANIT.

Key Points

- The main objective of this architectural creation competition being organized at the national level is not only to honor and recognize the incomparable contribution of Indian scientists in India's freedom struggle by presenting it in the form of a memorial and museum, but also to present it to the present generations of Indians. Contribution has to be presented in a very creative manner.
- This competition will give a unique opportunity to the currently studying school students as well as the studying and working architects and planners, so that they can present these great personalities and their incomparable contributions on a large scale by their creativity and create a rage among the general public about their lives.
- Under this competition, the concept of memorial and museum will be proposed for a space of 6 acres located in the planetarium complex of Ujjain.
- It is noteworthy that this competition, which is going to be held under the Amrit Festival of Independence, is being organized by MANIT, Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology, Vigyan Bharti, IPS. Academy Indore and All India Council of Technical Education are jointly organizing.

'India Today State of the States Conclave-2021'

Why in News

- On December 18, 2021, Senior Associate Editor of India Today presented the '**Most Improved Big State in Agriculture**' award to Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan at the 'India Today State of the States Conclave 2021' on behalf of India Today Group.

Key Points

- Every year the states are awarded in two categories in the agriculture sector by India Today. These categories are Overall Best and Most Improved State in Agriculture. Madhya Pradesh has been awarded this award for its efforts towards adopting latest

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technologies for increasing income from agriculture and making market facilities accessible to farmers.

- Madhya Pradesh has received this award for the fourth time in a row in the Most Improved Big State in Agriculture.
- To increase agricultural production in Madhya Pradesh, along with various incentive schemes, the procurement of agricultural produce at the minimum support price has been ensured. Along with this, special efforts are being made on value addition while working towards increasing the income from agriculture of the farmers.
- For the purpose of providing necessary advice for value addition in respect of seven major crops, the services of experts have been taken. The procurement process has also been simplified in the state through the app. Grants are being made available to the farmers in the state on the latest equipment for agriculture.

Chitra Bharati National Short Film Festival-2022 Mobile App

Why in News

- On December 19, 2021, the Minister of Medical Education, Government of Madhya Pradesh, Vishwas Sarang, launched the app of the prestigious 'Chitra Bharati National Short Film Festival-2022 (CBFF-2022)' of Bharatiya Chitra Sadhana.

Key Points

- Minister Sarang said that cinema not only tells the society its status but also tells how the society should be. The meaning of cinema is to give direction to society. He said that a person associated with films should consider that his personality should be such that he should take the younger generation on the right path, because young film actors take inspiration from them.
- This app of Chitra Bharti can be downloaded for free. The app can be used on mobile phones with Android and iOS operating systems. Complete information about the film festival will be available on this app.
- The app allows participants to access master classes, screenings of films, venues, upcoming films, actors, actors and subject experts. Also, by registering on the app, you can become a volunteer of the film festival. Participants can also give their feedback regarding various events and share their story regarding the festival.

- Atul Gangwar, General Secretary, Bhartiya Chitra Sadhna informed that more than 600 short films have been received from across the country for this short film festival to be held in Bhopal from February 18 to 20, 2022. Efforts are being made to bring youth with new energy in the field of film through Chitra Bharati. In this film festival, there will be an opportunity to meet the big film artists and filmmakers of the country.

Vikramotsav-2021

Why in News

- On December 20, 2021, the three-day 'Vikramotsav-2021' focused on India's flourishing and re-awakening was inaugurated by Maharaja Vikramaditya Shodh Peeth with the presentation of the great drama 'Samrat Vikramaditya' in the Tribal Museum.

Key Points

- Shri Ram Tiwari, director of Maharaja Vikramaditya Shodhpeeth, said that the events centered on Emperor Vikramaditya have often been confined to Ujjain, whereas Vikram Kirti has been universal. With this view, Vikramotsav series is being brought out of Ujjain's park and brought to Bhopal for the first time.
- Apart from Bhopal, this function series will also be organized at cultural centers like Pune, Varanasi, Prayagraj, Patna, Ahmedabad, Chandigarh etc.
- Tiwari said that a series of lectures titled Bharat-Vikram has been started in Ujjain in the past, which will be organized in all the universities of Madhya Pradesh. This lecture series focused on India's Utkarsh and Renaissance is also planned to be organized in major cities of the country.
- On the first day of Vikramotsav, Vishala Cultural and Lokhit Samiti, Ujjain under the direction of Sanjay Malviya presented the great drama 'Samrat Vikramaditya'. Two more plays will be performed in the Vikramotsav, which will continue for three consecutive days.

Dev Shrimali's book 'Bichde Kai Bari Bari' Released

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- Senior journalist Dev Shrimali's book 'Bichde Kai Bari

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Bari' was released on December 20, 2021 in Mansarovar Auditorium of Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly.

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- This book is based on the contribution of those journalists who have lost their lives during the discharge of their duty during the Corona period.
- On this occasion, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Girish Gautam said that this book is a kind of story in itself. Dev Shrimali has written this book to keep the memory of Corona warriors forever.
- The Speaker said that during the Corona period, many sections have played an important role in working together with the government, in which journalists are also prominent.
- While the media played an important role in making the general public aware of Corona, on the other hand the government was also warned from time to time. Today Madhya Pradesh is in a much better position in Covid-19 vaccination and the media has also played its role in making it a mass campaign.

'Nirjharini Festival'

Why in News

- On December 20, 2021, the three-day '**Nirjharini Mahotsav**' was launched by the Madhya Pradesh Government Culture Department in collaboration with the District Administration- Alirajpur.

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- Dedicated to the Amrit Mahotsav of 75th Independence of the country and to express gratitude towards the memory of Amar Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad and rivers, this festival is being organized in Rajwada campus from 20 to 22 December.
- On 20th December, cultural education arts center committee, Rewa presented a presentation on tribal Bhagoria dance, Korku tribal Gadli-Thapti dance, Malwa folk dance, Gond tribal Dhandar dance, Rathwa tribal dance of Gujarat. Apart from this, a focused presentation was also given on the play 'Gagan Damama Bajyo', the contribution of megastar Chandrashekhar Azad and Bhagat Singh in the freedom struggle.
- On the second day on December 21, Bhil tribal dance, Nimar folk dance and forest resident Leela Natya Bhaktimati Shabari will be presented.

- On the third day on December 22, Bhil tribal dance, Bhariya tribal Bhadam dance and Vanvasi Leela Natya Nishadraj Guhya will be performed.

First Phase of Khelo India Women's Hockey League concludes

Why in News

- The first leg of the **Khelo India Women's Hockey League** (U-21) played at the **Major Dhyan Chand Hockey Stadium** in New Delhi from December 15 to 21, 2021 came to an end. Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy played 6 matches.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that the Women's Hockey League is being played in three phases, the first phase of which ended on December 21.
- The final match of the first leg ended in a 1-1 draw between Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy and Haryana Hockey Academy. Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy has scored 22 goals in six matches played so far. Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy drew three matches and the academy won three matches.
- Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy stood second in Group B with 12 points, while Haryana Hockey Academy stood first with 16 points.
- **Khelo India Youth Games** (KIYG) formerly **Khelo India School Games** (KISG) are annual national level games organized in India for two categories, namely Under-17 Year School Students and Under-21 Year College Students.

Governor Inaugurates Central Diagnostic Laboratory at Aurobindo University

Why in News

- On December 20, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel launched the Sickle Cell Anemia Project at Sri Aurobindo University, Indore. Also inaugurated Sickle Cell Clinic, Ultrasound Simulator Lab and Central Diagnostic Laboratory.

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- Governor Mangubhai Patel said that this campaign will give a new direction in making Madhya Pradesh free from sickle cell anemia.
- Vinod Bhandari, founder of Sri Aurobindo University said that through the Sickle Cell Anemia Project, efforts would be made to provide free treatment to the people of the tribal belt suffering from anemia disease of the state.
- He said that with the participation of the state government, administration and society, the concept of making a sickle cell anemia free state can be given a meaningful shape.

Vikramotsav-21 Concludes with the Presentation of 'Varataan Vikramajit Di'

Why in News

- The three-day Vikramotsav-2021, the prestige event of Maharaja Vikramaditya Shodh Peeth, formally concluded with the presentation of 'Varataan Vikramajit Di' on 22 December 2021. Vikramotsav-2021 saw the participation of a large number of Kalarsikas to watch the theatrical performances on all three days in the midst of severe cold.

Key Points

- On the first day of Vikramotsav-2021, Mahanaty 'Samrat Vikramaditya' was presented under the direction of color director Sanjeev Malviya. This great play once took place at Lal Parade Ground in Bhopal, which was presented in a duration of about two hours by director Malviya in a traditional and 3D system.
- In this episode, the second presentation of 'Raja Vikram' of Khel Mach in the **Mach style** of Malwa was done under the direction of Pandit Omprakash Sharma.
- The third and final presentation of Vikramotsav-2021 was '**Varataan Vikramajit Di**'. In this presentation by senior theatrical director Rajiv Singh, Vikramaditya has beautifully presented Punjabi folk songs. Through this play it is also established that the fame of Vikramaditya is not limited only to **Malvanchal**, but is in every state of the country.
- Shri Ram Tiwari, director of Maharaja Vikramaditya Shodh Peeth, said that Vikramotsav will now be

organized in major cities of the country – Ayodhya, Patna, Banaras, Agra, Mathura, Chandigarh, Pune, Jaipur, Delhi and Bangalore. Along with this, a series of lectures focused on India's flourishing and innovation titled '**Bharat Vikram**' is also planned to be organized in major cities of the country.

- He said that the purpose of conducting Vikramotsav in other cities of the country is to acquaint the society with Vikram Kirti. Vikram Kirti has been universal and the same thing has to be conveyed to the society.

Five-Day International Forest Fair Inaugurated

Why in News

- On 22 December 2021, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the five-day International Forest Fair to be organized at Lal Parade Ground in Bhopal. The fair will continue till December 26, 2021.

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- This International Forest Fair is being organized by Madhya Pradesh State Minor Forest Produce Association. The theme of the fair is '**Health Protection from Minor Forest Produce**'.
- The main objective of organizing this is to provide a better market and maximum value of forest produce to the beneficiaries associated with forest produce. Subject experts from Bhutan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka will participate in a virtual way.
- An exhibition focused on the schemes of the Forest Department has been put on at the International Fair. In the fair, rare varieties of herbs and products prepared by forest committees and Van Dhan centers will be available to the common people.

Release of Book 'Revolution of 1857 aur Neemuch'

Why in News

- On December 23, 2021, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan released the book '**1857 Ki Kranti Aur Neemuch**' written by Dr. Surendra Shaktawat in the Chief Minister's room located in the Vidhan Sabha.

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- The author of the book, Dr. Surendra Shaktawat, is the convener of the Itihas Sankalp Samiti, Neemuch and a member of the Neemuch District Archeological Association. Shaktawat Balkavi is the principal of Bairagi College, Kanavati.
- Dr. Shaktawat has written books like **Village Gatha Pipliya Raoji, freedom fighters of Neemuch district in the eyes of history, Lok Natya Manch of Malwa and other genres, painting of Malwa etc.**
- In the present book, the fire of Bhumiya Khedi, a symbol of the cruelty of the British, the murder of innocent Patel Tarachand of Nimbahera and the hanging of Taty, the author has proved that Neemuch's revolution is not only a military rebellion, but a self-evident pole of English justice. There was a mass revolution, in which the participation of the local population was also there.
- According to Dr. Vikas Dave, director of Madhya Pradesh Sahitya Akademi, the book written by Dr. Surendra Shaktawat is an important document of regional history. The revolutionaries of Neemuch played a special role in the first freedom struggle of 1857.
- The first revolution in Madhya Pradesh was initiated by Mohammad Ali Beg on June 3, 1857 from the red soil of Neemuch. Krantiveer Alibeg reached Agra via Chittoor, Banera, Nasirabad, Deoli with a victory flag from Neemuch, where he conquered the British.

'Tansen Ceremony'

Why in News

- On December 26, 2021, the most prestigious festival of the country and the world in the field of Indian classical music, the World Sangeet Samagam '**Tansen Samaroh**' was inaugurated in a grand and colorful way at Sangeetdhani Gwalior.

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- The Tansen ceremony was duly inaugurated by the guests on a grand and attractive stage built on the theme of Omkareshwar, the Siddheshwar temple near the Samadhi of Sangeet Samrat Tansen at Hazira, Gwalior.
- The country's eminent sitar player Pt. Karthik Kumar (Mumbai) and eminent ghatma player P. Vikku Vinayakram (Chennai) were honored with the

'**National Kalidas Samman**' for the year 2013 and 2014 respectively.

- Both the eminent music seekers were presented with an income tax-free honor amount of Rs 2 lakh, citation plaque and shawl-shriphal in the form of Rashtriya Kalidas Samman.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has increased the honor amount of Tansen adornment and Kalidas adornment to Rs 5 lakh each and on the lines of Tansen ceremony, organized '**Baiju Bawra Samaroh**' in memory of the great music sage Baiju Bawra, contemporary of Sangeet Samrat Tansen. also announced the launch.
- The Chief Minister said that the centenary celebrations of Tansen Samaroh, to be organized in the memory of the great music sage Tansen, would be celebrated with pomp and grandeur in the year 2024.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar and Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia along with other guests also released a book focused on Pt. Ravi Shankar.
- It is worth mentioning that the Tansen ceremony was started in the year 1924 during Scindia's reign itself. This is the 97th Tansen ceremony.

Madhya Pradesh in Good Governance Index, 2021

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- On the occasion of **Good Governance Day on December 25, 2021**, the Good Governance Index was released by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, in which **Madhya Pradesh has got the first rank in Group 'B'**.

Key Points

- In the GGI-2021, the ranking has been given by dividing the states and union territories into four categories - Group A, Group B, North Eastern and Hill States, Union Territories. 58 indicators from 10 sectors have been considered for preparing GGI-2021.
- Madhya Pradesh has secured first rank in Group 'B' with a score of 4.887 in the overall ranking of Good Governance Index, while Gujarat has secured first rank in Group 'A'.

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- **Madhya Pradesh has increased its score by 0.7 percent as compared to the previous index (2019).** Last time its score was 4.85, which has now increased to 4.89.
- **Madhya Pradesh has basically made reforms in the public infrastructure and utility sector and social welfare and development sector.**
- The Good Governance Index is based on 10 sectors, in which the ranking and score of Madhya Pradesh are as follows-

Sectors	Madhya Pradesh Ranking	Score
1. Agriculture and Allied Sectors	1st	0.652
2. Commerce and Industry Sector	4th	0.646
3. Human Resource Development Sector	8th	0.380
4. Public Health Sector	7th	0.185
5. Public Infrastructure and Utility Sectors	2nd	0.662
6. Economic Governance Sector	2nd	0.477
7. Social Welfare and Development	2nd	0.666
8. Judicial and Public Security	5th	0.282
9. Environmental Sector	6th	0.308
10. Citizen Centric Governance	5th	0.627

Madhya Pradesh in NITI Aayog Health Index 2021

Why in News

- On December 27, 2021, government think tank **NITI Aayog** released the fourth edition of its health index for 2019-20, ranking states on the basis of overall health performance. In this, **Madhya Pradesh is ranked 17th in terms of overall health performance among large states, while Kerala is at the top.**

Key Points

- The report was **divided into three parts - large states, small states and union territories.** Among the **smaller states, Mizoram was the best performing state while Nagaland remained at the bottom.**
- According to the NITI Aayog report, Chandigarh tops the Union Territories, followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli at number two and Delhi at number three.

- In terms of overall health performance among large states, Madhya Pradesh ranks 17th out of 19 states with a score of 36.72. On the other hand, Kerala is ranked first with 82.20, Tamil Nadu is second with 72.42 and Telangana is third with 69.96.
- NITI Aayog's Health Index is a weighted composite score consisting of 24 indicators covering key aspects of health performance.

Satellite Campus of IIT Indore Will Open in Ujjain

Why in News

- The Higher Education Minister of Madhya Pradesh said that the satellite campus of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Indore will be opened in Ujjain to establish it as a major learning center of technology and knowledge science in line with the ancient glorious knowledge tradition.

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- Established on 100 acres of land, this campus will provide an international standard research center and higher education at par with standards. It will be the first educational institute of its kind in the country. This campus will also play an important role in promotion of employment and self-employment.
- The Higher Education Minister said that this campus would be free for all administrative, academic decisions. The campus will also have hostels and accommodation for teachers. International level research facilities and courses will be conducted here. It is also proposed to open four national level learning centers and industrial research parks in the initial phase.
- Industrial Research Park will play an important role in creating employment and self-employment in the Malwa region. It is also proposed to do research on the devices and equipment used in sports in sports science.
- He said that this would be an important center for water resource management. Where research work on water resources will be done along with educational activities related to water. Courses based on water management will also be conducted. This will help the center to enhance water conservation technology and prepare water-related educational programs in Madhya Pradesh.

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- Keeping in view the importance of Ujjain in time calculation and astronomical science, this center is being established. Research and laboratory will also be established here along with courses in space technology, space engineering and astrophysics.
- Focusing on the Indian knowledge tradition, this center will become the country's model in the national education policy, in which research will be done on topics like agriculture, knowledge tradition, holistic medicine, preserving ancient knowledge.

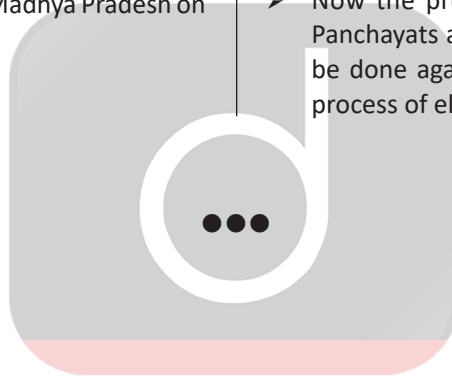
Panchayats will Be Delimited Again

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- The Madhya Pradesh Panchayat Raj and Gram Swaraj (Second Amendment) Ordinance, 2021 was promulgated by the Governor of Madhya Pradesh on December 30, 2021.

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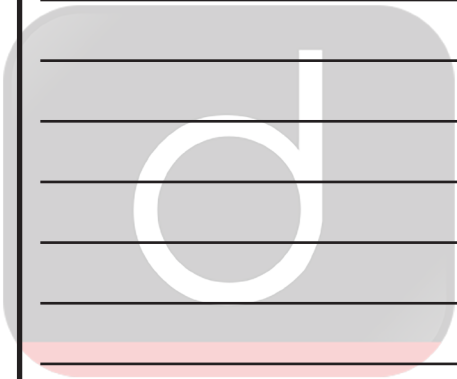
- Through this ordinance, a new section 10A has been added in the **Madhya Pradesh Panchayat Raj and Village Swaraj Act, 1993**.
- It is hereby provided that if the notification of election is issued by the State Election Commission for any reason within eighteen months from the date of publication of the **delimitation** or division of Panchayats or their wards or constituencies done before the expiry of the tenure of Panchayats. is not made, such delimitation or partition shall be deemed to have been canceled on the expiry of the period of eighteen months.
- In such a case the delimitation or division of these Panchayats and their wards and constituencies will be done afresh.
- Delimitation proceedings were taken in September 2019 for the general election of Panchayats for the year 2020 in the state, which has been canceled as a result of this ordinance.
- Now the process of delimitation and division of Panchayats and their wards and constituencies will be done again, on the basis of which the pending process of election will be completed.



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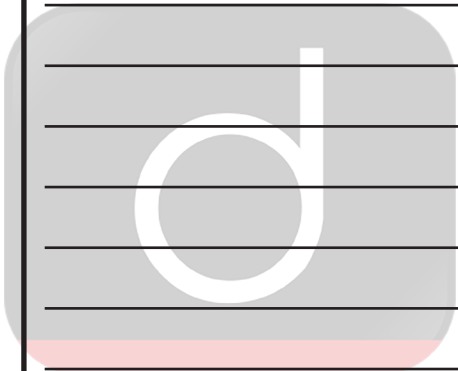
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