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Shilp Upvan Inaugurated at Home Guard Headquarters

Why in News

- On January 31, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel and Home Minister Dr. Narottam Mishra inaugurated Shilp Upvan at Home Guard Headquarters.

Key Points

- In the Shilp Upvan of the Shilp Home Guard Headquarters, the top craftsmen of the country have carved stones in the Home Guard line.
- In the Shilp Upvan, the best living substitutes of stones like Ganesha, Kamdhenu, Shabd Brahma, cunning bird, Shivshakti, Prakriti and meteorite have been substituted. These panoramic crafts made in stone (stones) make a great sense of the relationship between God, nature and man.
- The keys of the multi utility vehicle were handed over to the 4 divisions of the state in the inauguration ceremony of Shilp Upvan. Manish Singh Chauhan, Divisional Commandant of Gwalior, Rohitash Pathak of Jabalpur, Usha Damor of Bhopal and Preeti Bala Singh of Ujjain received the keys.
- On this occasion tablets were provided to all the districts to make the work of disaster management technologically advanced.
- In this program, tablets were given symbolically to officials of 10 districts- Bhopal, Indore, Damoh, Gwalior, Sheopur, Hoshangabad, Shajapur, Satna, Umari and Katni.
- Governor Mangubhai Patel and Home Minister Dr. Narottam Mishra saw a photo exhibition focused on the excellent work done by the Home Guard and SDRF personnel in the time of disaster at the Home Guard Headquarters. Apart from this, he also observed the modern tools of disaster management in use in times of crisis.

27% OBC Reservation Implemented in Direct Recruitment in Madhya Pradesh

Why in News

- On January 30, 2022, the Madhya Pradesh State Government issued an order to implement OBC 27 percent reservation in state level and district level direct recruitment.

Key Points

- According to the order of the General Administration Department (GAD), the posts which are left vacant are 16% for SC, 20% for ST, 27% for Other Backward Classes (OBC), 10% for EWS and the rest will be filled from the posts under unreserved category. Along with this, a total of 33 percent posts will be reserved for women.
- The Madhya Pradesh government had increased the reservation for OBCs from 14% to 27%. This reservation will be considered effective from the date of March 8, 2019. Similarly, EWS reservation will be deemed to be applicable from July 2, 2019.
- Earlier on September 9, 2019, the Madhya Pradesh government had implemented an enhanced 27% reservation for Other Backward Classes (OBC) in all departments except for the recruitment of School Education, Health and Medical Education Department, on which the Madhya Pradesh High Court had implemented was banned.
- It is noteworthy that earlier in Madhya Pradesh, OBC category used to get 14 percent reservation in direct recruitment. At the same time, EWS did not get any reservation.

Ram Van Gaman Path Review Book Released

Why in News

- On February 1, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan released the book 'Ram Van Gaman Path Punravlokan' at his residence office.

Key Points

- On this occasion the author of this book Dr. Ram Gopal Soni and publisher Pushkar Baheti of Ujjain were present. Dr Soni is a retired officer of the Indian Forest Service. He has retired as Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.
- The author of the book, Dr. Ram Gopal Soni told that this book will pave the way for the real path of Ram

Note:

Van Gaman, on the one hand, people will be able to know the ashrams of prominent saints and their importance.

- Later this book will also be helpful in promoting religious tourism in these areas.
- This book is divided into 11 chapters consisting of 316 pages. Various ashrams have also been described in this book.
- In this book, detailed mention of Ram-Lakshman's journey to the forest with Vishwamitra, Ayodhya to Chitrakoot, Chitrakoot to Amarkantak, Amarkantak to Dandakaranya, Panchavati to Kishkindha, Pravarshan Parvat to Lanka, Setu Bandh and Pushpak Vimana from Lanka to Ayodhya are mentioned in detail.

State-of-the-Art Indoor Shooting Range of International Standard will be Built in the State Shooting Academy Campus

Why in News

- On February 1, 2022, Madhya Pradesh's Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia informed that a state-of-the-art Indoor Final Shooting Range of international standard would be constructed in the State Shooting Academy.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that Madhya Pradesh has sent a proposal to host the Shooting World Cup. Once this range is built, the World Cup can be organized in Madhya Pradesh.
- The Sports Minister said that talent search will be done again in the entire state for shooting. Not only the children of Bhopal, Indore, new talents will be discovered and groomed even from remote areas.
- He directed the coaches to continuously monitor the positive and weak side of the game of each player and to inform the sports operator about the lack of administrative and arrangements.
- Sports Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia, while reviewing the slalom mode of the WaterSports Academy, said that an artificial slalom course would be developed in Bhopal on the lines of the Olympics.

Increase in the Monthly Contribution of the Company in the Pension Scheme of Electricians

Why in News

- The Energy Minister of Madhya Pradesh has informed that for the eligible employees of National Pension Scheme appointed on or after January 1, 2005 under MP Power Management Company area, 14 percent of the monthly contribution, salary and dearness allowance by the company has been made.

Key Points

- This order will be effective from 1st April, 2021. The monthly contribution payable by the employees will remain the same as 10 percent of salary and dearness allowance.
- The amount of company contribution at the increased rate will start accruing with the payment of salary for the month of February 2022.
- The outstanding amount of company contribution for the period from 1st April, 2021 to 31st January, 2022 will be deposited in two equal installments in March and April 2022.

Winter Bird Count Completed in Ramsar Site Bhoj Wetland

Why in News

- On February 2, 2022, Environment Minister of Madhya Pradesh Hardeep Singh Dung concluded the bird-counting for the last 45 days at Ramsar Site Bhoj Wetland in Madhya Pradesh on World Wetland Day.

Key Points

- More than 200 participants from across the country participated in the eight-stage bird census under the joint aegis of State Wetland Bhopal Birds, Van Vihar National Park, State Wetland Authority and VNS Nature Savors. The participants included senior forest officials, ornithologists, ornithologists, photographers, students and bird lovers from states like Maharashtra, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Bihar etc.

Note:

- In the autumn bird census conducted in Bhoj wetland, 207 species of birds were identified. This time in Bhopal's Van Vihar, the migratory birds also include rare birds that come after traveling thousands of kilometers.
- Migratory birds include Bar Headed Geese, Gray Leg Geese, Red Crested Pochard, Common Pochard, Eurasian Vision, Northern Showler, Common Coot, Comb Duck, Ruddy Shelduck, Common Teal, Little Grebe, Spot-billed Duck, Cotton Teal, Gray Headed Lapwing, Common Snipe, Red-naped Ibis, Glossy Ibis, Black-headed Ibis, Painted Stork, Open Billed Stork, Blue Throat, Eurasian Rhinebeck, Black Red Start, Black Bittern, Chestnut Bittern, Long-tailed Minivet, Booted Warbler, Asian Brown Flycatcher, Black-headed Bunting, Red Headed Bunting, Brown Headed Gull, Palash Gull etc. were identified.
- AK Jain, assistant director of **Van Vihar National Park**, said that Bhoj Wetland was divided into five zones for the purpose of enumeration – Vishankhedi to Bilkheda, Bamhori, Chhote Talab to Bairagarh, Borkhan and Nilbad to Khajuri. This time rare species of migratory birds Gray Leg Geese, Bar Headed Geese, Black Bittern, Chestnut Bittern, Gray Headed Lep Wing, Pere Green Falcon and Long Tailed Mini Wet Birds were also seen roaming freely in Van Vihar situated on the edge of Bhoj Wetland.

Digital Transaction: East Zone Electricity Distribution Company Tops in the Country

Why in News

- According to the recently released data, Madhya Pradesh Poorva Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company Limited, Jabalpur has secured the first position among all the electricity distribution companies in the country, registering 91.13 percent of the total transactions in the form of digital transactions in December 2021.

Key Points

- The Government of Goa Electricity Department stood second and M/s Tata Power Mumbai third after Madhya Pradesh's Purva Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company Limited, Jabalpur.
- According to the data recorded in the East Zone Electricity Distribution Company, out of a total of 24,78,282 transactions, 22,58,460 transactions were

done through digital medium. Out of the total revenue amount of Rs 519.11 crore collected by the company in the month of December, Rs 390.45 crore has been deposited by the consumers through digital means.

- Various payment gateways have been authorized by Madhya Pradesh Poorva Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company Limited, Jabalpur for payment of electricity bills. In this, payment can be made safely and easily through various digital means like Credit Card, Debit Card, Payment Wallets, Internet Banking, UPI etc.

Center Approves Change of Names of Three Places of Madhya Pradesh

Why in News

- Recently, the Central Government has approved the proposal of the State Government to change the names of three places of Madhya Pradesh- Hoshangabad, Shivpuri and Babai.

Key Points

- The proposal to rename Hoshangabad as 'Narmadapuram', Shivpuri's 'Kundeshwar Dham' and Babai's 'Makhan Nagar' was sent by the Madhya Pradesh government to the Central Government in the year 2021, which has been accepted by the Central Government.
- It is noteworthy that for renaming railway stations, villages, towns and cities, it is mandatory for the state government to obtain NOC from the Union Home Ministry.
- Hoshangabad, located on the southern bank of the Narmada river, was named after the ruler of Malwa, Hoshangshah, while Babai is the birthplace of Makhanlal Chaturvedi, the eminent cinematographer of Indian poetry.

Preparations Started for Teaching Medical Course in Hindi in Madhya Pradesh

Why in News

- On February 3, 2022, Madhya Pradesh's Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang informed that action has been started by the Medical Education

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Department for the implementation of the course of medical education in the state in Hindi.

Key Points

- It will be started from Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal in the course of the process of teaching medical courses in Hindi in medical colleges run under the Medical Education Department of the state.
- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, in his message to the people of the state on Republic Day, had announced plans to conduct a medical education course in Hindi in the state.
- After completion of this action, Madhya Pradesh will be the first state in the country where the course and teaching of medical education will be in Hindi.
- In the first phase, Hindi language will be used more and more by the medical teachers while teaching the course of medical education. In addition, first year medical students will be studied and assessed. First, students from Hindi background will be assessed for reading and reading for 2 months through English medium and for 2 months using Hindi language.
- In the second phase, supplementary reference books of 3 subjects (Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry) of MBBS first year will be prepared in Hindi language. Three committees have been formed to complete this action plan.
- A committee has been constituted to prepare an action plan for the use of Hindi in medical courses and preparation of supplementary reference books in Hindi. Guidance of Atal Bihari Hindi Vishwavidyalaya will be obtained to give concrete shape to the action plan. This will ensure the implementation of this project.
- A sub-committee has been constituted to prepare supplementary reference books in Hindi for MBBS first year subjects Anatomy, Physiology and Biochemistry.
- A verification sub-committee has also been constituted to refine the subject prepared in Hindi by the second sub-committee again.

The State Government will start 'Madhya Pradesh Ratna', 'MP Gaurav' and 'MP Shri' Awards From This Year

Why in News

- On February 4, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the Madhya Pradesh government would start 'Madhya Pradesh Ratna', 'Madhya Pradesh Gaurav' and 'Madhya Pradesh Shri' awards from this year. This year these awards will be given in the month of November.

Key Points

- These awards will be given to those who have done excellent work in the fields of art, culture, literature, science, medicine, education etc.
- Chief Minister Chouhan said these things at his residence while honoring the personalities of the state who were selected for Padma Shri award this year and had received Padma awards in the last years.
- The Chief Minister honored the personalities of the state who received Padma honors this year - Dr. NP Mishra (his son Sunil Mishra), Durgabai Vyam, Arjun Singh Dhurve and Pt. Ramshay Pandey, as well as Bhajju Shyam, the personalities of Madhya Pradesh who were honored with Padma honors in the last years. Vijay Dutt Sridhar, Kapil Tiwari and Bhuri Bai were also honored.
- It is worth mentioning that Dr. NP Mishra has made the state and the country proud at the international level in the medical field. Bhajju Shyam and Durgabai Vyam are distinguished names in the field of Gondi painting. His paintings based on nature and folk arts are very special.
- Arjun Singh Dhurve has made an invaluable contribution in giving special recognition to the tribal culture. Ramshai Pandey has given a new form and respect to Rai dance in the world.
- Vijaydutt Sridhar has a different identity in the country in the field of journalism and writing. He has established the Sapre Museum. Kapil Tiwari has made an invaluable contribution in the preservation and development of tribal culture.

Startup Expo-2022

Why in News

- A two day Startup Expo-2022 was organized by the Entrepreneurship Cell of Maulana Azad Institute of Technology, MANIT Bhopal on 5-6 February, 2022. The expo was inaugurated by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

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Key Points

- Through this expo, the work was done to increase entrepreneurship among the youth of the age group of 17 to 25 years and to provide guidance for setting up startups. An Entrepreneurship Cell has been set up to connect MANIT students, entrepreneurs, investors and promoters from home and abroad.
- The Chief Minister has said that Madhya Pradesh will soon prepare a new startup policy and implement it. Apart from this, the idea of Global Startup Investors Summit will also be taken on the ground. This year, efforts will be made to give Unicorn Startup status to at least two startups out of the startups established in Madhya Pradesh.
- It is noteworthy that unicorns are made with a market value of more than one billion dollars. At present, there are more than 80 unicorns in the country. Going a step ahead, Decacorn companies have also started setting up in India. Decacorn is made possible by a market value of over \$10 billion.
- It is noteworthy that at present about 1800 startups have been established in Madhya Pradesh. Out of this, 40 percent of startups have been set up by women.

Virtually Launch of Project Mirai

Why in News

- On February 5, 2022, Omprakash Sakhlecha, Minister of Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises Science and Technology of Madhya Pradesh launched 'Project Mirai' virtually.

Key Points

- 60 students from 20 higher secondary schools of Javad block of Neemuch district have been selected to learn Japanese language in Project Mirai.
- In 'Project Mirai', 200 students of Javad block were selected whose skill test was done online by Infosys.
- After the test, 60 students were selected on the basis of merit, who will be given a Japanese language course by giving online and offline training of 2 hours daily in two clusters of Javad block from February 7.
- After this course, students will get the opportunity to go to Japan for graduation, where these students will get employment along with graduation.

- It is to be noted that 'Project Mirai' has been implemented as a pilot project in Javad region in collaboration with Infosys Spring Board and Construction Organization.
- The objective of 'Project Mirai' is to nurture Indo-Japanese entrepreneurs by imparting training in Japanese language to aspiring students of Neemuch district and encouraging them to pursue graduate studies in Japan.

Music Academy and Museum named after Swar Kokila Lata Mangeshkar

Why in News

- On February 7, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the setting up of a Sangeet Academy and museum in the name of Swar Kokila Lata Mangeshkar along with her statue in Indore.

Key Points

- Music education will be provided to the children in this academy, while all their songs will be stored in the museum. At the same time, the Lata Mangeshkar Award will also be given on his birth anniversary.
- Significantly, Lata Mangeshkar was born on 28 September 1929 in Indore, Madhya Pradesh. He died on 6 February 2022 at Breach Candy Hospital in Mumbai of complications related to Covid.
- In view of his achievements in the field of music, he was awarded Padma Bhushan in 1969, Padma Vibhushan in 1999 and Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award in 2001.

4 New City Councils Constituted by the State Government

Why in News

- On February 8, 2022, Madhya Pradesh's Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh has informed that on the demand of the local people, four new city councils have been formed by the state government as per the instructions of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

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Key Points

- Nagar Parishad Bargawan (Amlai) has been constituted in Anuppur district, Sarai and Bargawan in Singrauli district and Karrapur Municipal Council in Sagar district.
- The boundary of the Nagar Palika Parishad of Sagar district, Gadhakota has been increased. In this, the non-urban areas of Gram Panchayat Magardha and Village Magadha, Village Bhaurdahar of Gram Panchayat Belai, Majhguwan, Village Ranguwan of Gram Panchayat Sanjra, Village Basari of Gram Panchayat Basari and Village Hinauta of Gram Panchayat Barkhera Gautam have been included.

Important Decisions of the Madhya Pradesh Council of Ministers

Why in News

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on February 9, 2022, many important decisions were taken including the development of two new industrial parks in the state.

Key Points

- Approval was given in the meeting regarding effective control over illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals. Rule 53 of the Madhya Pradesh Minor Mineral Rules, 1996 and Rule 20 of the Madhya Pradesh Sand (Mining, Transport, Storage and Trade) Rules, 2019 have been repealed with respect to illegal mining, transportation and storage of minerals.
- The newly proposed Madhya Pradesh Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transport and Storage) Rules, 2021 were approved while completely repealing the Madhya Pradesh Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transport and Storage) Rules, 2006.
- Apart from this, other technical improvements have been made in the Madhya Pradesh Minerals (Prevention of Illegal Mining, Transport and Storage) Rules, 2021. With these reforms, there will be effective control over illegal mining, transportation and storage in the state and due to the unified provision in the above rules, transparency and ease in disposal of cases will be possible.

- The cabinet decided to include all 412 (407 urban bodies and 5 cantonment councils) urban bodies in the state under Atal Renewal and Urban Transformation Mission (AMRUT 2.0) scheme.
- The cabinet gave in-principle approval to the project cost amount of Rs.2141.85 crore for the construction of 108 feet high multi-metal statue of Acharya Shankar, Shankar Museum and infrastructure of Acharya Shankar International Advaita Vedanta Sansthan at Omkareshwar.
- In the cabinet meeting, administrative approval of Rs 551.20 crore was given for the Dam Strengthening and Upgradation Project Phase-II. Under this project, the work of strengthening and upgradation of 27 dams of the state will be done. The project will be funded by the Government of India in the ratio of 70:30 (World Bank: State Government) for Drip-II with the help of World Bank.
- The cabinet decided to develop two new industrial parks in the state at Bhopal (Bagrauda, Gokalkundi) and Sehore (Badhiyakhedi) at a cost of Rs.59 crore 89 lakh.
- The Council of Ministers introduced an amendment ordinance regarding the establishment of four new private universities- Prestige University (Indore), Times University, (Bhopal), Dr. Preeti Global University (Shivpuri) and LNCT Vidyapeeth University (Indore) through the proposed ordinance, Approved the departmental proposal to take effect from 2022. The Higher Education Department was authorized to take legal action incidental to issuing the ordinance.

Outstanding Cooperative Societies Awarded

Why in News

- On February 9, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Cooperative and Public Service Management Minister Dr. Arvind Singh Bhadauria presented Regional Excellence and Merit Awards-2021 to cooperative societies doing excellent work in the state under the joint aegis of **National Cooperative Development Corporation** and Department of Cooperation in Mantralaya.

Key Points

- In order to promote cooperative development programs in various sectors, cooperative institutions doing excellent work in these areas were rewarded.

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- The first prize for Best Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Society (PACS) was given to Tribal-caste Service Cooperative Society Maryadit Gogawan, District Khargone and second prize was given to Service Cooperative Society Maryadit Jamsawali, District Chhindwara.
- The first prize in Best Primary Society (Credit) was given to Sadguru Credit Sahakari Sanstha Maryadit District Dhar and the second prize was given to Gujarati Rami Mali Samaj Navyuvak Sahakari Sahakari Sanstha Maryadit Naugaon, District Dhar.
- In the field of Best Primary Society (Pro-edition), first prize was given to Primary Forest Produce Co-operative Society Maryadit, Rehti, District Sehore and in Best Women Co-operative Society (Women) the first prize was given to Self Shreyas Mahila Credit Co-operative Society Maryadit of Indore district.

Dinosaur Eggs Found in Madhya Pradesh

Why in News

- Recently, fossils related to dinosaur eggs have been found in the forest of Varla tehsil of Sendhwa block of Barwani district of Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- After examining 10 oval rocks found in the forest of Barwani, archeologist Dr. DP Pandey said that these are dinosaur eggs, which can be 60 lakh to 10 million years old.
- The largest of these eggs weighs about 40 kg, while the others are up to 25 kg. Out of these, 3 eggs will be kept in the museum located in Indore.
- Dinosaur fossils were also found in Dhar district in 2007, which have been kept in the Fossil Park in Mandu.
- It is noteworthy that Ghughuwa Fossil Park is a national park located near Shahpura in Dindori district of Madhya Pradesh, in which fossils of plants of 31 genera of 18 zoological families have been found.

National Award for Innovation in Educational Administration

Why in News?

- On February 10, 2022, the National Institute of

Educational Planning and Administration (NIPA), New Delhi under the Ministry of Education, Government of India has awarded six officers of the Education Department of Madhya Pradesh with the National Award for innovation in educational administration.

Key Points

- For this honor, Neepa have selected then DPC of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan Gopal Singh Baghel (Seoni), then DPC RS Tiwari (Harda), then DPC Kamal Kumar Nagar (Rajgarh), Shoaib Khan BRCC (Mandsaur), Ramanuj Sharma BEO/BRCC (Alirajpur) and Praveen Chandra Upadhyay BRCC (Mandla) from Madhya Pradesh.
- All these officers participated in the virtual honor ceremony held in New Delhi. Union Minister of State for Education Subhash Sarkar presented digital citations.

Baby Feeding Center in Gwalior

Why in News?

- On February 10, 2022, the Vice Chancellor of Jiwaji University Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh), Prof. Avinash Tiwari and Registrar Dr. Sushil Manderia launched the **first baby feeding center 'Dular' in the university.**

Key Points

- Jiwaji University has become the first university in the state to make this unique initiative.
- Vice Chancellor Prof. Avinash Tiwari said that after understanding the sensations of mother and child coming during the examination, instructions have been given to make this feeding center in the examination hall itself.
- This feeding center has been named '**Dular**'.

Workshop on Institutional Development Plan (IDP) for Higher Education Institute

Why in News?

- On February 10, 2022, a one-day workshop on '**Institutional Development Plan for Higher Education Institution**' was organized in Bhopal under the joint aegis of **Madhya Pradesh Private University Regulatory Commission** and **Vidya Bharati Institute of Higher Education.**

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Key Points

- There were three technical sessions in this workshop. In the first session the concept and need of Institutional Development Plan for higher education institutions was discussed, the second session was based on the institute campus design and space planning and in the third session the essentials of an ideal IDP were discussed.
- On this occasion, Secretary, University Grants Commission, Rajnish Jain said that the **Institutional Development Plan (IDP)** is very important and necessary for academic quality and excellence. This is the vision document of IDP Education.
- **The University Grants Commission** has prepared the Institutional Development Plan (IDP). **This allows educational institutions to improve their goals and infrastructure.** The IDP will also help in increasing the **Gross Enrollment Rate of Higher Education.**
- The basic objective of the Institutional Development Scheme is to make students a successful citizen by improving the quality and infrastructure of educational institutions. In the **National Policy on Education**, it will be mandatory for every educational institution to prepare an institutional development plan.
- It is noteworthy that for the first time such a workshop has been organized in the country on Institutional Development Plan for higher education institutions.

40th Anniversary Celebrations of Bharat Bhavan Inaugurated

Why in News

- On February 13, 2022, Usha Thakur, Minister of Culture, Tourism and Spirituality of Madhya Pradesh inaugurated the various arts festival on the 40th anniversary of Bharat Bhavan.

Key Points

- Minister Usha Thakur honored artists, litterateurs and theater artists in various categories for the National Kalidas Samman and Rajya Shikhar Samman at the Bharat Bhavan Muktakash Manch. Along with this, an exhibition of paintings of Durga Bai Vyam selected for Padma Shri, Illustration Art Exhibition- Surekha and works of eminent artists were also inaugurated.

- National Kalidas Samman for Roopankar Arts was given to Jyoti Bhate of Gujarat for the year 2017, Ira Choudhary of New Delhi for 2018, Paramjit Singh of New Delhi for 2019 and Dhruv Mistry of Baroda for the year 2020.
- National Kalidas Samman for Rangkarma was given to Dr. Anil Rastogi of Lucknow for the year 2019 and Vaman Kendra of Mumbai for the year 2020.
- For the year 2019 and 2020, the following persons were awarded the Rajya Shikhar Samman in various subjects-

Subject	2019	2020
Hindi Literature	Shaiwal Satyarthi (Gwalior)	Hari Joshi (Bhopal)
Urdu Literature	Naeem Kausar (Bhopal)	Devisharan (Bhopal)
Sanskrit Literature	Dr. Rameshwar Prasad Gupta (Datia)	Pro. Rahas Bihari Dwivedi (Jabalpur)
Classical Music	Pt. Prabhakar Laxman Gohadkar (Gwalior)	Pt. Sajjan Lal Brahmabhate (Bhopal)
Metaphorical Arts	Devi Lal Patidar (Bhopal)	Manish Pushkale (New Delhi)
Drama	Vaishali Gupta (Bhopal)	KG Trivedi (Bhopal)
Tribal and Folk Arts	Agnesh Kerketa (Bhopal)	Poornima Chaturvedi
Rare Instrument	Babulal Bhola (Sagar)	Dr. Varsha Agarwal (Ujjain)

- On the first day of this function, under the direction of Santosh Sant, the artists of Swara Venu Gurukul Indore gave a melodious musical performance of flute saptak.
- The five-day event will see cultural activities like smooth music, engaging dance, slide shows, dance drama and poetry recitation at Bahukala Kendra Bharat Bhawan from 13 February to 17 February 2022.

Vindhya and Mahakaushal Region Got the Gift of New Trains

Why in News

- On February 12, 2022, Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav gave the gift of many new trains to Madhya Pradesh

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through virtual medium from Delhi. Along with this, State Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang flagged off these trains from Rani Kamlapati station.

Key Points

- The newly operated trains include Train No. 02195 Rani Kamlapati- Rewa, Train No. 02196 Rewa-Rani Kamlapati Weekly Superfast Train and Train No. 05713 Jabalpur-Nenpur Passenger Train from Rani Kamlapati Railway Station, Bhopal.
- The people of Vindhya and Mahakaushal region of Madhya Pradesh will be benefited by the operation of these trains.
- Rewa - Rani Kamlapati Weekly Superfast train will cover 9 stations from Kamlapati station to Rewa.
- With the introduction of these new train services, the areas of Satna, Maihar, Katni, Mudhwar, Damoh, Sagar, Bina, Vidisha will be progressively developed and the people, students, business and tourism of these areas will be benefited.
- At the same time, Jabalpur-Nenpur passenger train has been restored for smooth rail travel of passengers. Jabalpur-Nenpur Passenger train will cover a total 19 stations.

'Community Radio Karmaveer' to be Established in Journalism University

Why in News

- On the occasion of World Radio Day on February 13, 2022, the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. KG Suresh, informed that the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting of the Central Government has provided a letter of intent for the establishment of Community Radio Karmaveer in the newly constructed campus of Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication at Vishakhedi.

Key Points

- Necessary process for community radio stations has been expedited by the university.
- It is to be known that the community radio movement started in India in 1995 when the Supreme Court declared airwaves as public property.

- Each community radio station gives priority to the languages of its own community, the language which is not found in the common TV channels or in the newspapers is found in the community radio station.
- A community radio station can broadcast in a radius of 15 km.
- The theme of World Radio Day-2022 is 'Radio and Faith'.
- It is noteworthy that on November 3, 2011, the 36th session of UNESCO declared World Radio Day to be celebrated on February 13, as UN Radio was established by the United Nations on February 13, 1946.

East Zone Electricity Company Implemented Pension Management System

Why in News

- Pension Management System has been implemented with the objective of providing all the information related to pension to all the concerned officers and employees on a single platform on February 14, 2022, to the officers and employees retiring from Madhya Pradesh Poorva Kshetra Vidyut Vitaran Company Limited.

Key Points

- With the implementation of the Pension Management System, now officers and employees will not have to make rounds of offices to get information related to pension cases. The process of pension determination has been made simple, transparent and automatic by the company.
- From the submission of applications of officers and employees retiring from the company to the issuance of Pension Order (PO), Pension Payment Order (PPO), information will be available on the portal.
- Approval of the application submitted in this system and issuance of order will be sent to the concerned pensioner through SMS.
- A separate portal pms.mpez.co.in has been created for the pension management system. By logging on to it, complete information related to the pension case can be easily obtained.

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Mohammad Arshad Khan of Madhya Pradesh Included in Mumbai Indians Team of IPL

Why in News

- Recently, all-rounder cricketer Mohammad Arshad Khan, resident of Gopalganj village of Seoni district of Madhya Pradesh has become a part of the Mumbai Indians team of IPL in the Mega Auction of the 15th season of IPL 2022 held in Bangalore.

Key Points

- Mumbai Indians have included Mohammad Arshad Khan in their team for a base price of Rs 20 lakh.
- Arshad Khan joined the Ranji team of Madhya Pradesh in the same year.
- He started playing cricket at the district level from the year 2006. In the year 2012, he became a part of the Under-16 team of Madhya Pradesh. After this he joined the Under-19 team in 2015. In the year 2017-18, he became a part of the Under-23 team.
- Arshad took 36 wickets in 10 matches and also scored 400 runs in the Under-23 VK Naidu tournament organized by BCCI in the year 2020. Apart from this, he also performed well in the Vijay Hazare Trophy and Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy in the year 2020 itself.

Electron Mobility Transistor

Why in News

- Recently, the Indian Institute of Technology located in Indore, Madhya Pradesh has received a patent for the High Electron Mobility Transistor.

Key Points

- The **High Electron Mobility Transistor (HEMT)** is generally an OFF device, which can convert up to 4 amps of current and operate at 600 volts. HEMTs are used as digital on-off switches in integrated circuits.
- HEMT transistors are able to operate at higher frequencies up to millimeter wave frequencies than ordinary transistors.
- It will have the following benefits-
 - In devices related to 5G and 6G technology
 - in the manufacture of modern electronic equipment

- In low power amplifiers and the defense industry
- In high-frequency products, such as cell phones, satellite television receivers, voltage converters and radar equipment

Online Portal for Registration of Colonizers

Why in News?

- On February 15, 2022, **Madhya Pradesh's Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh** launched the online portal for registration.

Key Points

- Through this online portal, **colonizers will now be able to do construction work in the entire state on a single registration**. Colonizers will get relief from registering in different urban bodies. Along with this, the relevant certificates will be issued within the time limit of 30 days.
- The Urban Development and Housing Minister said that the online registration will make all the process simpler and the development of the state would accelerate. It is noteworthy that the State Government has also made provisions for regularization of illegal colonies through **Madhya Pradesh Municipality Colony Development Rules 2021**.
- The facility of application will be available on **e-municipal portal, MP Urban website, e-service portal**. It will facilitate online payment of registration fee, tracking application status, online document uploading, online approval process, digitally signed certificates, information to the applicant through SMS and WhatsApp, facility to provide certificates through WhatsApp.
- The new integrated registration of colonizers will now be done online at the Directorate level, which will be valid for all municipal bodies.

Ken-Betwa Link Project

Why in News?

- Recently, a **Steering Committee and Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority (KBLPA) have been constituted by the Central Government** to implement the **Ken-Betwa Link Project (Uttar Pradesh-Madhya Pradesh)** under the **National River Linking Policy**.

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Key Points

- This 20-member committee **will be headed by the Secretary, Ministry of Jal Shakti**. The **Chief Engineer of National Water Development Authority will be its member secretary**.
- The Steering Committee will ensure compliance with the provisions of the MoU, approve fundamental administrative policies, bye-laws and norms for the KBLPA, approve and examine its annual budget, financial statements, and decide on its obligations and loan proposals.
- As per the notification issued by the government, **Ken-Betwa Link Project Authority will be responsible for execution of Daudhan Dam, Power House, Ken-Betwa Link Water Carrier Canal, Tunnel, Lower Project, Kotha Barrage and Bina Complex Multipurpose Project**.
- The KBLPA will be **headed by a Chief Executive Officer** of the rank of Additional Secretary to the Government of India.
- The Ken-Betwa link project covers **13 districts of Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh**. These include **9 districts of Madhya Pradesh – Panna, Tikamgarh, Chhatarpur, Sagar, Damoh, Datia, Vidisha, Shivpuri and Raisen**. There are **Banda, Mahoba, Jhansi and Lalitpur districts of Uttar Pradesh**.
- With this entire scheme, about **10 lakh hectares of land will be irrigated** in all these districts and **62 lakh people will get clean drinking water**. Under this project, **103 MW hydro power and 27 MW solar plant** will also be built.

Global Skill Park Renamed as Sant Shiromani Ravidas Ji Maharaj

Why in News

- On the occasion of Sant Ravidas Jayanti, **Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced to name the Global Skill Park in Bhopal after Sant Shiromani Ravidas Ji Maharaj**.

Key Points

- Youth will be able to become self-dependent by getting training in various disciplines in the Global Skill Park to be set up in Bhopal.

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced the start of **Sant Ravidas Self-Employment Scheme, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Economic Welfare Scheme and Chief Minister Scheduled Caste Special Project and Financing Scheme** to provide employment to the youth.
- **Sant Ravidas Community Halls will be constructed in Scheduled Caste dominated areas of each district of Madhya Pradesh**. With this, public programs will be organized.
- It is noteworthy that Sant Ravidas Jayanti program has been organized at every Gram Panchayat, Janpad Panchayat and District Headquarters of Madhya Pradesh.
- **Sant Ravidas (Raidas) was born in Kashi** on Magha Purnima. That is why the birth anniversary of Sant Ravidas is celebrated every year on the full moon date of Magha month.
- His father's name was Raghu and mother's name was Ghurwiniya while his wife's name is said to be Lona.
- His parents were cobblers. Despite adopting his ancestral work for livelihood, he was always absorbed in the devotion of God.
- After Kabir, Ravidas became very famous among the disciples of Sant Ramanand.
- His verses are collected in the holy book 'Guru Granth Sahib' also.
- The speech (Vani) of Sant Ravidas was succinct, unique and influential. He inspired the people for the importance of labour, equality, and service to the helpless.
- In Madhya Pradesh, a special initiative has been started for the employment of youths belonging to scheduled castes. Under the **Sant Ravidas Self-Employment Scheme**, a **loan assistance of one lakh to 50 lakh will be provided to the scheduled caste youth** for setting up a manufacturing unit. Interest subsidy at the rate of 5 percent will be given for the project.
- Similarly, for service sector and retail trade, there will be a provision of loan from one lakh to 25 lakh rupees in the scheme. The scheme will be operated through **Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation**.
- The Chief Minister said that under the **Chief Minister's Scheduled Caste Special Project Financing Scheme**, a **grant of up to Rs.2 crore** would be given to the youth of the Scheduled Castes for self-employment, skill up-gradation, promotion and innovation.

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- **Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Economic Welfare Scheme** is being started with the aim of providing loans up to one lakh rupees for low cost equipment or working capital to the micro, small and medium scale industries already established by the beneficiaries of the scheduled caste category. The schemes will be operated through the Madhya Pradesh State Cooperative Scheduled Castes Finance and Development Corporation.

Stay on 27 Percent OBC Reservation in MPPSC Exam

Why in News

- Recently, the Madhya Pradesh High Court has **stayed the 27 percent reservation of Backward Classes (OBC) in the MPPSC exam.**

Key Points

- The High Court, while issuing notices to the Madhya Pradesh government and MPPSC, has directed to give 14 percent reservation to OBCs. Along with this, clarification has also been sought on giving reservation to 27 percent OBCs.
- It was said in the petition that by giving 27 percent reservation to OBC category, the total reservation would be 63 percent. Which is a **violation of the order given in the Indira Sawhney case.**
- It is noteworthy that Niharika Tripathi, a student from general category, had filed a petition in the Madhya Pradesh High Court, Jabalpur against the 27 percent reservation, challenging the exam results released by the MPPSC on December 31, 2021.
- In August 2021, the Madhya Pradesh government increased the reservation of students **from 14 percent to 27 percent** for backward classes in the state.
- Hearing the petition filed against the government's increase from 14 percent to 27 percent reservation for OBCs, the Madhya Pradesh High Court gave an interim order in March 2019 to continue the 14 percent reservation for backward class students in the field of medical education as before. Along with this, the High Court had also given an interim order to give 14 percent reservation to OBCs in the selection list of various posts examinations by MPPSC.
- The High Court, while hearing four other petitions, had stayed the 27 percent OBC reservation.

- Petitions were also filed in the Madhya Pradesh High Court in support of OBC reservation, regarding EWS reservation, 27 percent OBC reservation in judicial service, NHM recruitment and women's reservation. All these petitions are being heard in the High Court. Despite this, the Madhya Pradesh government had released the MPPSC exam result with 27 percent reservation on December 31, 2021.

Madhya Pradesh High Court gets 6 New Judges

Why in News

- Recently, Chief Justice of Jabalpur Bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court Ravi Kumar Malimath administered the oath of office and secrecy to 6 new judges.

Key Points

- Significantly, the Supreme Court Collegium had recommended to the President the appointment of 6 new judges in the Madhya Pradesh High Court. These new judges include 3 senior advocates and 3 judicial officers.
- In the advocate category, senior advocate Maninder Singh Batey of Jabalpur, advocate DD Bansal of Gwalior and advocate Milind Ramesh Phadke of Indore have been appointed as judges in the High Court.
- On the other hand, in the judicial officers category, Chief District Judge of Ujjain Prakash Chandra Gupta, Indore Judicial Officer Dinesh Kumar Paliwal and Balaghat District Judge Amarnath Kesarwani have been made High Court judges.
- **The sanctioned strength of judges in the Madhya Pradesh High Court is 53**, but there were 29 judges working; after the appointment of 6 new judges, the number of judges in the MP High Court has increased to 35.

Important Decisions Taken in the Meeting of the Council of Ministers

Why in News

- On February 18, 2022, a meeting of the Council of Ministers was held under the chairmanship of Madhya

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Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, in which various important decisions were taken.

Key Points

- The State Council of Ministers approved the proposed Narmada Expressway as Narmada Pragati Path in Madhya Pradesh.
- Along with this, approval was given to authorize the Department of Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion to prepare an action plan for the purpose of financing development and investment promotion of industrial areas on the Narmada Pragati Path.
- The cabinet approved the collection of consumer fee for five years through a contracting agency on 17 pre-constructed roads under Madhya Pradesh Road Development Corporation.
- In order to encourage startups in the state, MP Startup Policy and Implementation Plan 2022 cum process and guidelines have been approved. Under the policy, provision has been made for financial and non-financial facilities and assistance and facilitation to startups and incubators.
- The cabinet approved an estimated expenditure of Rs 50 lakh to send equestrian Faraj Khan to Germany for training for the preparation of the 19th Asian Games 2022 (China).
- The cabinet gave its approval to change the name of 'Madhya Pradesh Professional Examination Board' to 'Madhya Pradesh Staff Selection Board' and hand over the related work to the General Administration Department.

Jal Jeevan Mission

Why in News

- On February 18, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Public Health Engineering Department approved ISA for water supply schemes of rural areas of the state in Jal Jeevan Mission. Approval of Rs 44 crore 65 lakh has been given for the appointment.

Key Points

- Implementation Support Agency (ISA) is selected as per the guidelines of Jal Jeevan Mission. This agency will provide its services for drinking water and community management, water quality, rain water harvesting / recharge, water resource management,

capacity building and awareness generation, public health engineering and water in the water supply scheme area.

- In order to provide water to the entire rural population of Madhya Pradesh through tap connections, water supply schemes are being run under the National Jal Jeevan Mission.
- Under Jal Jeevan Mission, ISA for water supply schemes of 10 thousand 261 villages in 13 districts of the state- Bhind, Morena, Sheopur, Sagar, Damoh, Panna, Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh, Gwalior, Datia, Guna, Ashoknagar and Shivpuri respectively. Appointment has been made. This amount can be spent on the services of these districts.

Establishment of Digital and Skill University in the state

Why in News

- On February 23, 2022, the Higher Education Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mohan Yadav announced the establishment of Digital and Skill University in the state to provide quality education to the youth.

Key Points

- The Higher Education Minister said that there is a proposal to set up Digital University in Ujjain and Skill University in Bhopal.
- The minister has directed the professor and departmental officer of Ujjain University to visit Kerala University and prepare and present the concept paper. It is noteworthy that **the country's first digital university is established in Kerala.**
- Youth have become familiar with digital education in the Corona Period. Door to door education will be accessible through Digital University. Students will also be able to get education in different regional languages.

Tourism Board signed MoU with Saahas

Why in News

- On 20 February 2022, in the presence of Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel, the pilot project 'Clean Destination' was launched in the Responsible

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Tourism Mission of Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board at Khajuraho.

- To operate this project, an MoU was signed between the Tourism Board and partner organization 'Saahas' at Karnavati Interpretation Center, Madla.

Key Points

- In the first phase of the pilot project, 30 villages around Panna National Park will be developed as clean destinations.
- Under this project, work will be done in the direction of solid waste management. Tourist places and nearby villages will be developed as clean destinations through community awareness, cleanliness and waste management.
- The calendar of District Tourism, Culture and Archaeological Council Panna was also released on this occasion.

48th Khajuraho Dance Festival-2022

Why in News

- On February 20, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangu Bhai Patel inaugurated the 48th 'Khajuraho Dance Festival-2022' at world famous tourist destination Khajuraho on the occasion of 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav'. The event will be organized till 26 February.

Key Points

- The Khajuraho dance festival was started in 1975 from the temple premises itself. It was not allowed to be performed in the temple premises only after two-three years, as a result this ceremony was performed outside the temple premises. Last year, the Culture Department's effort to organize this program in the temple premises was successful and this year also this function is being done in the temple premises itself.
- This year a 5-km 'Dil Khel Ke Ghoomo' marathon was also organized under the banner of 'Safe Tourism Project for Women' at the event. It aims to create a sense of security among women in tourist destinations with the slogan 'Hindustan Ke Dil Mein Aap Safe Hain'.
- Culture and Tourism Minister Usha Thakur announced that in view of the greatness of dance and its contribution in human life, a center of classical dance would be established in Khajuraho.

- Ambassadors and High Commissioners of 8 countries attended the family function to witness the performances of the 48th Khajuraho Dance Festival. These include ambassadors and high commissioners from Korea, Argentina, Vietnam, Brunei, Finland, Malaysia, Thailand and Lao.
- In the ceremony, Sunayana Hazari Lal was awarded the National Kalidas Samman for the year 2019-20 and Shanta and VP Dhananjayan for the year 2020-21. They were presented a prize money of Rs 2 lakh, a plaque, a shawl and a quince.
- Along with this, State Rupankar Kala Puraskars were given for the year 2022, which are as follows-

Award	Winner
Devkrishna Jata Shankar Joshi Award	Priya Sisodia (Badnawar)
Mukund Sakharam Bhand Award	Swapan Tarafdar (Indore)
Syed Haider Raza Award	Durgesh Birthare (Jabalpur)
Dattatreya Damodar Devlalikar Award	Narendra Jatav (Ashoknagar)
Jagdish Swaminathan Award	Sanjay Dhawale (Ashoknagar)
Vishnu Chinchalkar Award	Muni Sharma (Gwalior)
Narayan Shridhar Bendre Award	Agnesh Kerketta (Bhopal)
Raghunath Krishna Rao Phadke Award	Rituraj Srivastava (Jabalpur)
Ram Manohar Sinha Award	Jyoti Singh (Sagar)
Laxmi Shankar Rajput Award	Dr. Sonali Pithawe Chouhan (Dewas)

- This dance festival is being organized with the joint effort of Ustad Alauddin Khan Sangeet and Kala Akademi Madhya Pradesh Sanskriti Parishad of Culture Department, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board, Archaeological Survey of India and District Administration Chhatarpur. It is the topmost festival of the country focusing on Indian classical dance forms, and is well known nationally and internationally.

Gobar-Dhan Bio CNG Plant

Why in News

- On February 19, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi

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inaugurated Asia's largest Gobar-Dhan Bio-CNG Plant at Devguradia area of Indore via virtual medium from Delhi.

Key Points

- The vision of a waste-to-wealth and circular economy has come true with the construction of Gobar-Dhan Bio-CNG Plant in Indore. This will give new strength to India's cleanliness campaign Part-II, under which in the coming 2 years all the cities of the country will be made green zone by freeing them from the mountains of garbage.
- Apart from CNG, 100 tonnes of organic manure will also be received daily from the Indore plant. With this, about 400 buses will be run every day in Indore city.
- This plant is the largest and the first plant in the country for Bio-CNG from organic waste in the entire Asian continent.
- Bio CNG Plant is based on the PPP model. On the one hand, the Municipal Corporation, Indore is not having to bear any financial burden on the establishment of this plant, on the other hand, the agency setting up the plant, IEISL, New Delhi, is paid Rs 2.5 crore per annum as premium to the Municipal Corporation, Indore.
- In this plant, 550 MT of wet waste (domestic organic waste) will be treated daily, which will generate 17 thousand 500 kg of Bio-CNG Gas and 100 tonnes of high quality organic compost will be produced.
- Out of the bio-CNG generated from this plant, 50 percent gas will be available to Municipal Corporation, Indore for the use of public transport buses, the remaining 50 percent gas can be sold to various industrial and commercial consumers.
- Since the waste segregation of Indore city is of excellent quality, it has been decided to set up this plant in Indore. Before the decision to set up the plant, the said company got the wet waste tested by taking more than 200 samples in the last one year. Based on the test results, it was revealed that only 0.5 to 0.9 percent of the rejects are available in wet waste, which was found to be of high quality as compared to other European countries.
- The Chief Minister informed that Jholadhari Indori campaign has also been started in Indore. Work is being done continuously to develop slum settlements of Indore urban area as green slums.
- The Chief Minister said that this plant would be a money making plant by purchasing cow dung and other

waste from the cattle rearers and farmers from the nearby villages of Indore. Many families are getting permanent employment from this plant.

- The dung along with the waste will be used for processing to develop bacteria. In Indore, CNG will be available for city buses at Rs 5 per kg less than the market price.
- The plant will use 21 percent solar energy in the initial phase and 100 percent in the next three years. Indore city will get the benefit of carbon credit. Along with this, Indore Municipal Corporation will continue to get 2 crore 52 lakh premium per year from this plant for the next 20 years.

Solution to the Problem of Fake Fingerprints

Why in News

- Recently, scientists from IIT Indore and Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) DAVV have developed such a fingerprint biometric system which can prevent crimes using fake fingerprints. This important research has been patented.

Key Points

- With the help of this technology, such a sensor can be installed in the biometric machines, which will identify the real and fake fingerprints. As soon as the person puts his finger on the scanner, the sensor will also read his pulse. This will also eliminate the possibility of using the fingerprint of a dead person.
- Success in identifying fake and genuine fingerprints will only improve the security of Aadhaar and all types of biometric devices.
- It is noteworthy that along with the banking sector, biometric machines are used in many offices and homes to prevent theft. Biometric machines are also used in many competitive and recruitment exams. Once new biometric machines are produced on the basis of research, fingerprints of fake or dead person will not be used.
- Many times hackers try to steal the fingerprint image and use it in Aadhaar, SIM and banking areas. Currently, biometric machines read the fingerprints of the finger and allow further processing. After placing a finger on the new type of machines, the sensor will also detect the cells and pulse of the blood.

Note:

- Professor of the Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) of Devi Ahilya University, who worked on research. Shashi Prakash and IIT Indore Prof. I am Vimal Bhatia.
- Those working on the research are Professor Shashi Prakash of the Institute of Engineering and Technology (IET) of Devi Ahilya University and Professor Vimal Bhatia of IIT Indore.

Indore ranks first in the high risk group of HIV and AIDS in Madhya Pradesh

Why in News

- Recently, the Madhya Pradesh AIDS Control Society has released a report. The report states that Indore ranks first in the high risk group of AIDS, that is, the risk is highest here.

Key Points

- Indore has more female sex workers than other cities, but the most surprising thing is that there are more GAY. In the cases of GAY, Gwalior is second, Jabalpur is third and Bhopal is at number four.
- Madhya Pradesh AIDS Control Society is working through non-governmental organizations for the prevention of HIV and AIDS among 55 thousand people of high risk groups in the state. The society creates awareness among people in the high risk category and also works to conduct HIV screening, and treatment is provided to those who are HIV positive.
- HIV screening is also done for sex partners and children of HIV positive patients, so that the infection can be prevented from spreading.
- There are about 12,000 MSM (Men who have Sex with Men) in the High Risk Group in Madhya Pradesh. Maximum 1570 are recorded in Indore district. 849 in Gwalior, 795 in Jabalpur and 766 in Bhopal, while 8 people in Agar-Malwa and 2 in Sidhi are in the record of dead category.
- Indore is also ranks one in the case of Female Sex Workers (FSW). The information of about 35,000 female sex workers in the state is registered with the AIDS Control Society. The maximum number of FSW in Indore is 2513. After this there are 2464 FSWs in Chhindwara.

- Number of Injecting Drug Users (IDUs) i.e. people who are intoxicated through injection syringes has been recorded to be about 8 thousand. The maximum number of people belonging to the IDU category are 1303 in Jabalpur district, 1223 in Bhopal and 1089 in Rewa.
- KD Tripathi, Project Director, Madhya Pradesh AIDS Control Society said that about 68 targeted intervention projects are being run to reach different groups in the high risk category.
- Work is being done to provide regular medicines and treatment to HIV infected by linking them with AET centers.
- About 1652 FICTC (Facilitated Integrated Counseling and Testing Center) are operating in Madhya Pradesh for the screening of HIV.

Restoration of Bateswar Temples

Why in News

- Recently, Infosys has resumed the restoration of 200 temple clusters of Bateswar located in Morena, Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- The work of conservation of Bateswar temple groups was started in the year 2005 by the then Regional Superintendent of Archaeological Survey of India KK Muhammad.
- Between 2005 and 2011, 60 temples were renovated.
- These temples are dedicated to Shiva, Vishnu and Shakti, that is they represent the three major traditions of Hinduism (Shaiva, Vaishnava and Shakta).
- According to the Archaeological Directorate of Madhya Pradesh, this group of 200 temples was built during the reign of the Gurjara-Pratihara dynasty.

National Skoch Award for 'Vaidya Aapke Dwar' Telemedicine App

Why in News

- On February 22, 2022, Madhya Pradesh AYUSH Department's telemedicine app 'AYUSH Cure' was

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awarded Silver Award at All India level by the prestigious Skoch Award.

Key Points

- The Ayush Cure App developed under the 'Vaidya Aapke Dwar' scheme has been appreciated by subject matter experts and management experts at various stages of the competition. It has also been suggested to publicize it as much as possible among the general public.
- Through this app citizens can get consultation from AYUSH doctors sitting at home. The facility to send reports and get treatment related guidelines has also been made available through the app itself.
- Ayush Cure App has been downloaded by more than 37 thousand users in Madhya Pradesh so far. 88 percent of those who booked on the app have received medical advice.
- Through the 'Vaidya Aapke Dwar' scheme launched by the Department of AYUSH, free medical consultation is being done through live video call from AYUSH medical specialists sitting at home.
- In this scheme, all three disciplines of AYUSH – Ayurveda, Homeopathy and Unani can be taken advantage of.
- The Department of AYUSH has made this scheme available through telemedicine app for the purpose of providing AYUSH health services to the general public easily at home.

Country's First Government Women's Cricket Academy

Why in News

- On February 24, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia informed that the country's first government women's cricket academy will be opened in Shivpuri for the young daughters of the state.

Key Points

- This will be the 11th academy of the state. Till now there are athletics, shooting, horse riding, water sports, martial arts, men's hockey, women's hockey, badminton, archery and men's cricket academies in Madhya Pradesh.
- The talent search for Madhya Pradesh State Women's

Cricket Academy will start from February 28. Players between the ages of 14 and 21 can participate in this talent search program. The first talent search for the academy will be held in Indore on February 28 and March 1. Players from all the districts of Indore and Ujjain divisions will be involved in this.

- Talent search will be held on March 2 and 3 in Bhopal for the districts of Bhopal, Narmadapuram and Sagar divisions, on March 4 and 5 in Jabalpur for the districts of Jabalpur division and on March 7 and 8 in Shivpuri for the districts of Gwalior and Chambal divisions.
- The facilities of education, accommodation, food, training kit are provided free of cost to the selected players in all the academies by the Sports Department.

Pilot Project of MBBS Course in Hindi

Why in News

- On February 24, 2022, in the meeting of the Hindi Curriculum High Committee constituted in connection with the introduction of courses in Hindi in Madhya Pradesh, State Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang said that the pilot project of MBBS studies in Hindi will be started from Gandhi Medical College.

Key Points

- Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang informed that a systematic course is being prepared by duly constituting a Hindi cell. It includes experts from different fields.
- In parallel, this arrangement is being made as an aid to the students studying in Hindi medium. Along with English, preparations are also being made to provide Hindi books.
- As an innovation, the books of 3 subjects of the first year are being adapted keeping in mind the practical side. Tools and platforms are being provided to the students using Devanagari.
- The Faculty of Medical College has also been instructed to take classes in Hindi while explaining to the students. Three war-rooms are being built for three subjects.
- He said that Madhya Pradesh would be the first state in the country which started this innovation and Madhya Pradesh would be the leader in implementing it in future also.

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Launch of the Booklet 'Our Teacher Our Inspiration'

Why in the News

- On February 25, 2022, Dhanaraju S, Director of State Education Center of Madhya Pradesh, virtually launched the third and fourth editions of the booklet '**Our teacher, our inspiration source**', prepared in collaboration with the organization 'People', from the EDUSAT video conferencing room of the center.

Key Points

- This booklet has been prepared by the State Education Center in collaboration with the partner organization '**People**' to share the new educational information, academic experiences and ideas received by the teachers with other teachers and to inspire their

efforts. It is Based on the training programs available on the **Diksha** portal.

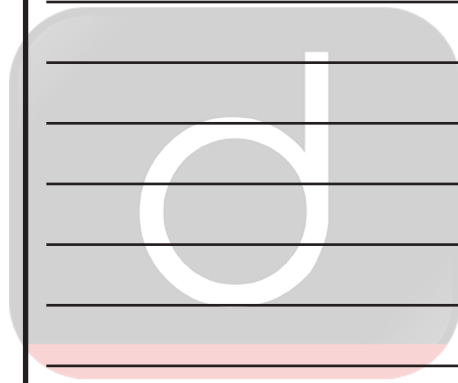
- At present, 4 editions have been prepared under the booklet 'Our teacher, our inspiration source', in which the thoughts, academic efforts of 235 teachers of the state have been compiled.
- In view of the professional up-gradation of teachers by the School Education Department, CM Rise Teacher Professional Upgradation Program is being conducted. A total of 49 quality digital trainings have been conducted on **DIKSHA** portal of Government of India to continuously strengthen the knowledge, skills and attitudes of teachers as an important component of the programme.
- It provides training to teachers on difficult concepts and subject wise learning methods in an interesting and enjoyable manner at their own pace through digital mediums.



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