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## Task Force Submitted Report to Chief Minister

### Why in News?

- On June 30, 2022, the head of the task force set up to reduce maternal and child mortality in Madhya Pradesh, Prof. Shamika Ravi submitted the final report to Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

### Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that the Government of Madhya Pradesh has been in the Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council. The task force was constituted in the month of January last under the chairmanship of Shamika Ravi. The task force has submitted the report on the scheduled period of June 30.
- Implementation of the recommendations of this report of the Task Force will help in reducing the mortality rate of mothers and infants.
- NITI Aayog has placed Madhya Pradesh in the category of good performing states in the SDG India Index report, which is a sign of good work has been done in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals of health in Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh took special initiative by forming a task force as compared to other states.
- The report of the Task Force consists of seven chapters. These include the role of nutrition, monitoring of health data, study of health care and resources, improvement in the care of infants and mothers, current status and background, expenditure on health and improvement in this sector through good governance and other measures are included.
- The Report also contains suggestions relating to elimination of malnutrition among children and addressing the shortage of physical infrastructure and resources for better outcomes in the field of maternal and child welfare, infant supplements, regular immunization, prevention of diseases, expansion of blood bank facilities, referral system for newborns and transportation facility.
- Apart from this, the efforts of the Madhya Pradesh government to provide malnutrition, health education and rituals to the children of Anganwadi centres and the campaign run by the people's cooperation under the leadership of the Chief Minister are mentioned.
- The maternal mortality rate in Madhya Pradesh is declining at a rate of 5.8 percent, while the national average is 7.5 percent. Similarly, in Madhya Pradesh, the infant mortality rate is declining at a rate of 0.6%, while the national average rate is 3.8%.
- The Task Force has identified 5 key areas to achieve the goals in the field of maternal and child health, which are as under:
  - Regular review at governance level: Regular review is useful in eliminating the shortcomings to improve the overall system of public healthcare in Madhya Pradesh.
  - Physical Infrastructure and Resources: This Report provides one such roadmap. This includes reforms such as **ending preventable maternal** mortality frameworks and packages along with the India Newborn Action Plan. The report also analyses the availability of resources as per the population.
  - Nutrition- The report states that malnutrition has a negative impact on the health of mothers and babies. The anemia is worrying. Efforts should be made to bring good results by intervening as per the suggestion of UNICEF for the determinants of malnutrition. Along with the consumption of well-nourished diet, the emphasis is on prevention of diseases through vaccination, food security, complementary feeding system and related publicity.
  - Finance Arrangements- The report on expenditure incurred in the health sector by Madhya Pradesh has advised to increase the assistance to the lower strata of the society, financial assistance for OPD care in the form of family health account. The report also suggests creation of a Health Outcome Fund.
  - Data access – The report highlights the need for data entry, backend validation and timely identification of problems in improving the data architecture. Anmol, Samagra, Contact and Nutrition Tracker; All these data are portal guidelines. With these, the state government is using data to secure the health and nutrition services provided to the beneficiaries and use it to ensure the accessibility of the schemes. The present challenges of data systems have also been highlighted in the report.
- The Task Force has made specific recommendations for various reforms, which ensure better public services for civic health and nutrition.

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## Madhya Pradesh State Election Commission

### Why in News?

- On July 3, 2022, the Madhya Pradesh State Election Commission has issued detailed instructions regarding the maintenance of EVMs to be used for elections.

### Key Points

- Secretary, State Election Commission, Rakesh Singh has given instructions regarding the delivery of EVMs to the Collector and the District Election Officer, and how to maintain them after counting, it has been clarified that fair, fearless, transparent and reliable elections. What should be the arrangement of EVM machines till the District Election Officer, Returning Officer and polling station, counting place and strong room for the process.
- The Secretary of the State Election Commission has also said that all the trucks of EVMs allotted for the election by the Returning Officer will have to be stored in the selected temporary EVM strong room in the presence of the representatives of recognized political parties in the prescribed manner. For the purpose of training and public awareness, the supplied EVMs will be reserved and maintained in a separate room from the strong room, which is in the same building.
- The polling station allotted in RO Randomization and Ward Reserve cum Commissioning Reserve, while removing the EVMs for commissioning, will be called in the prescribed manner in the presence of the candidates and their agents.
- After commissioning, the EVMs prepared for the polling station and ward-wise reserve will be kept in the temporary strong room as prescribed and the strong room will be sealed in the prescribed manner.
- EVMs found to be non-working during commissioning and the remaining Commissioning Reserve EVMs with the Returning Officer, which are not being used for voting, are kept in a separate room from the strong room, in which the EVMs allotted for training and public awareness will also be kept, will be maintained in.
- On the day of material distribution, the strong room will be opened in the presence of the candidates and their agents in the presence of the candidates and their agents to supply the EVMs belonging to

their polling stations to the polling parties and ward wise reserve EVMs of their respective sectors to the Sector/Zonal Magistrates.

## Coordination Committee

### Why in News?

- On July 4, 2022, the Madhya Pradesh government organized a coordination committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for the hospitality, accommodation, security arrangements for the international participants during the G-20 group meetings to be held in two cities of the state- Indore and Bhopal has constituted.

### Key Points

- In the coordination committee, Additional Chief Secretary General Administration, Home, Principal Secretary Industrial Policy and Promotion, Chief Executive Officer Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis, Bhopal will be members. Principal Secretary Tourism has been made Member Secretary and Nodal Officer.
- It may be mentioned that India will chair the G-20 grouping in the period from December 1, 2022 to November 30, 2023. More than 190 meetings are to be held at various places in the country during this period.

## 44<sup>th</sup> Chess Olympiad

### Why in News?

- On July 4, 2022, under the leadership of Grand Master Anurag Mahamal, the torch of 44th Chess Olympiad reached T.T Nagar Stadium, Bhopal, which was welcomed by Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia.

### Key Points

- It may be recalled that this torch was launched and flagged off by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on June 19, 2022 from The Indira Gandhi Stadium in Delhi.
- The Chess Olympiad is being held for the first time in India. Around 2,000 players from around 187 countries will perform their game from July 28, 2022 to August 10, 2022 at Mahabalipuram in Tamil Nadu.

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- The Chess Olympiad torch will travel to major locations of Ujjain, Indore, Bhopal, Sanchi and Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh and leave for New Delhi.

## Madhya Pradesh Ranked 6<sup>th</sup> in 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'

### Why in News?

- In the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Madhya Pradesh has been ranked at the sixth position in the entire country. Odisha ranks first in this index.

### Key Points

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal released the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among the general category states, Odisha topped the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.836, while Uttar Pradesh is second with a score of 0.797 and Andhra Pradesh is third with a score of 0.794.
- Madhya Pradesh is at the 6th position with a score of 0.786 in the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' among the general category states.
- Among special category states/UTs, Tripura is at the first position with a score of 0.788, followed by Himachal Pradesh with a score of 0.758 and Sikkim third with a score of 0.710.
- Further, among the three Union Territories, where direct benefit transfer (DBT) is cash-driven, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu are at the top spot with a score of 0.802.
- The index seeks to document the status and progress of implementation of NFSA and various reform initiatives across the country after consultation with the States.
- It highlights the reforms undertaken by the States and Union Territories and creates a cross-learning environment and scale-up reform measures by all the States and Union Territories.
- The current index is largely focused on nfsa distribution and will include future purchases, PMGKAY distribution.
- The index for ranking of States and UTs is built on three key pillars, which cover end-to-end implementation

of NFSA through TPDS. These pillars are- i) NFSA-coverage, targeting and provisions of the Act, ii) delivery platforms, and iii) nutrition initiatives.

## 'Rustamji Award'

### Why in News?

- On July 7, 2022, the Home Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Narottam Mishra said that the state government has decided to re-confer the 'Rustamji Award' to the outstanding officers and employees of the state.

### Key Points

- The Home Minister informed that 61 police personnel of the state will be given this award in three categories, which will include prize money ranging from Rs 50,000 to Rs 5 lakh.
- The award will be given to officers and employees of the Police Department who have done excellent work in anti-Naxal operations, anti-terrorist activities, communal tension and serious law and order situations.
- Certificates will also be given along with 5 awards of Rs 5 lakh each in the 'Param Vishesh' category, 6 awards in the 'Ati Vishisht' category of Rs 2 lakh each and 50 prizes of Rs 50,000 each in the 'Vishisht' category.
- It is noteworthy that the Rustamji Award was closed in the state for two years. There are three categories under this award. In this, cash prizes and certificates are given for the 'Param Vishisht', 'Ati Vishisht' and 'Vishisht' category.

## World Class Hernia Conference

### Why in News?

- From July 9 to 10, 2022, a two-day world-class Hernia Conference of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Government Medical College, Vidisha and Hernia Society of India was held at Jahanuma Palace in the capital, which was inaugurated by the Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang on 9 July.

### Key Points

- More than 500 doctors and medical students from different states of the country participated in the two-day conference. The conference also featured a live telecast of the robot surgery in Ahmedabad.

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- Speaking on the occasion, Minister Sarang said that 'Medical Knowledge Sharing Mission' has also been launched by the Medical Education Department in Madhya Pradesh. Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country to launch this mission.
- Through this Mission, the latest techniques, innovations and research of medical education and medical treatment at the national and international level are being extended to the doctors and medical students of Madhya Pradesh.
- Minister Sarang said Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country where a medical incubation center has been set up. The incubation center is being developed at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal, which will give an opportunity to doctors and medical students of the state to research and develop new medical devices.
- The Minister said that in order to promote the use of medical robotics in the field of surgery, training will be given for the use of medical robots in various surgical procedures of orthopedic, urology, neuro surgery by entering into MoUs with various government and private sector medical institutions of the country.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the use of 3D printing will be used in surgery by producing replicas in the context of development of prosthesis, specific diseases of teeth, bones and various organs, which will lead to better results.

## **Mineral Development Award**

### **Why in News?**

- On July 11, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Mineral Resources and Labour Minister Brijendra Pratap Singh informed that Madhya Pradesh will be awarded at the 6th National Conclave to be held in New Delhi for the policies and outstanding work being adopted by the Central Government for mineral development.

### **Key Points**

- Minister Brijendra Pratap Singh informed that Madhya Pradesh will be given the first and second awards respectively in 2 categories by the central government. An incentive of Rs.2 crore will also be given to the State Government.
- It may be mentioned that after the amendment made by the Central Government to the Central Act since

2015, a transparent process of allocation of blocks of major minerals through auction is being followed.

- The Government of Madhya Pradesh has taken up the auction process by acting expeditiously in this direction and so far the mineral blocks of 52 major minerals have been auctioned. These include blocks of minerals such as Diamond, Limestone, manganese, Bauxite, Iron Ore, Rock Phosphate, etc. Out of these, 27 mineral blocks have been successfully auctioned.
- If the mine becomes operational after the auction, the State Government will have a revenue potential of Rs.47 crore and Rs.219 crore in the next 50 years. The auction of 27 blocks of major minerals in the state in the coming phase is in progress.
- The 6th National Conclave to be held in New Delhi will be inaugurated by Union Minister for Coal and Mines Prahad Joshi. In this National Conclave, the State Governments are being encouraged to implement the mineral auction process successfully.

## **Madhya Pradesh Rewarded for Mineral Development**

### **Why in News?**

- Madhya Pradesh was awarded first and second prize in two categories at the 6th National Conclave at Dr. Ambedkar International Center in New Delhi on July 12, 2022. Minister of Mineral Resources and Labor of state Brijendra Pratap Singh received the awards.

### **Key Points**

- It may be recalled that two categories were prescribed by the central government for the award, in which Madhya Pradesh was awarded the first prize of Rs 3 crore in the category of excavation, auction, operation of mines and best performing states.
- At the same time, the second prize of Rs 2 crore was also awarded in the category of the states which took initiative in the excavation, auction, operation of mines and the best performing states in it. Madhya Pradesh received Rs 2 crore as incentive award for successful auction of mines.
- Minister of Mineral Resources and Labor of state Brijendra Pratap Singh said that Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country to receive an amount of Rs 7 crore as incentive.

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## Power Supply from Towers Built on Pile Foundation

### Why in News?

- Recently Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company, in the expansion of its transmission network for the first time in the state, has supplied electricity from very high-pressure towers on pile foundation.

### Key Points

- At a cost of around Rs 31 crore, the company has successfully used the technology in the construction of four towers in the middle of the 2.5 km length of the 132 KV Budhni Mohasa (Bavai) DCDS (Double Circuit Double Stringing) line.
- These towers have been built in the Tawa River passing near Mohasa village. This line of total 32.9 km was recently electrified.
- The construction of very high-pressure lines by crossing rivers, ponds, drains etc. has always been challenging in front of the company. They were often constructed with long spans at either end of the river. This caused problems in construction as well as in maintenance. By adopting this new technology, now these towers have been constructed by making a pile foundation inside the river itself.
- Engineer Sanjay Kulshreshtha, Chief Engineer, Faculty of Planning and Designing of the company, said that this technology being used by the company for the first time will prove to be a milestone for construction of transmission line. For this, the company has prepared special design foundations.
- This technology provides considerable flexibility to the construction work in an area of submerged and uneven geographical conditions, leading to changes in the construction of the lines as needed and subsequent ease of maintenance.

## Madhav Vigyan Mahavidyalaya, Ujjain

### Why in News?

- On July 13, 2022, Madhav Vigyan Mahavidyalaya of Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh has become the first government college in the country to get the highest

grade A++ marks in the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) in the state.

### Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that there are only 28 colleges in this category in the entire country. Madhav Vigyan Mahavidyalaya is the only government college. The rest are all private colleges.
- Madhav Vigyan Mahavidyalaya has received 3.58 CGPA, which is the highest in the marks received by any government college in the state so far.
- State Higher Education Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that the grading of the college was done wrong by NAAC in the past. Counting of PhD holder professors and guest faculty of the college was wrongly done by NAAC. Appeal was made by the college, after which the college has been awarded A++ grade by NAAC.

## Madhya Pradesh Tourism Quiz Competition, 2022

### Why in News?

- On July 14, 2022 Principal Secretary, Tourism and Managing Director Tourism Board Shiv Shekhar Shukla informed that Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board has been set up 'Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board' with the objective of acquainting the school students with the tourism of the state and developing the process of learning through tourism. State Tourism Quiz Competition, 2022' is being organized.

### Key Points

- This competition is being organized by Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board in association with School Education Tourism Development Corporation, District Administration and District Archaeological Tourism and Culture Council.
- Through this competition, students will get acquainted with the rich history, traditions, historical heritage, cultural colors, local art, natural richness, great personalities and possibilities of tourism importance etc.
- The competition will enhance tourism related information among the children along with the attraction of different regions of Madhya Pradesh for tourism.
- Students studying in classes 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> from Government, Non-Government, CBSE and Central Schools will be able to participate in the competition.

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- The winners and runner-up teams of the competition will be given certificates and medals along with tour packages of the hotels of Tourism Corporation. This competition is being organized every year by the Tourism Board except during the Covid period.
- The tourism quiz competition will be held at two levels. The first phase of the district level competition will be held on August 24. The 3-member team participating in the district level competition will be selected by the principals of the school concerned at the school level.
- The first three winning teams from each district will be given a coupon for a free stay of 2 nights and 3 days and the three runner-up teams for one night and 2 days at the Tourism Development Corporation hotel. This will include the cost of travel, food, local excursions etc. to the tourist place. The team that comes first at the district level will participate in the competition at the state level in the second phase.
- The district level competition will be held in two phases. The first stage will consist of a written quiz and the second stage will consist of audio-visual questions. The 6 teams securing the highest marks in the written quiz will be admitted to the audio-visual stage.
- In both the phases, there will be questions related to the tourism and tourism sector of the state, art, promotion, spirituality, historical heritage, natural, cultural environment and films filmed in the state etc. In the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav', questions related to places related to the freedom struggle of Madhya Pradesh and freedom fighters will also be included.

## Important Decisions of Council of Ministers

### Why in News?

- Many important decisions were taken in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on July 15, 2022.

### Key Points

- It was decided in the meeting of the Council of Ministers that approval and continuation of the State Hemoglobinopathy Mission Scheme should be given.
- Under the scheme, genetic counselling, community level screening for sickle cell anemia, thalassemia and other hemoglobinopathies development, to reduce

the morbidity and mortality of sickle cell patients and to prevent the spread of haemoglobinopathies, ensure necessary management of the disease by identifying the disease.

- It is known that the Hemoglobinopathy Mission in the state was formed in June 2021. The scheme will be extended to all the 89 tribal development blocks of the state. The scheme will be implemented in the years 2022-23 to 2023-24.
- The cabinet gave administrative approval of Rs.116 crore 90 lac for the increase of PG seats in Medical College, Bhopal. A total of 134 PG seats will be increased for postgraduate courses in medical field in various departments of Medical College, Bhopal.
- The Council of Ministers agreed to use and trade Naphtha for 5 years with effect from November 19, 2020, under the First Right of Refugee as per the MoU using Naphtha produced by India-Oman Refinery Limited.
- The Council of Ministers signed an MoU on the use of Naphtha produced by India-Oman Refinery Limited. As per the First Right of Refugee, from November 19, 2020, it has agreed to use and trade Naphtha for 5 years.
- Under the project, Rabi irrigation facility will be provided through pressurized method in 15 villages of Majhgawan tehsil of Satna district through pressurized method and necessary water will be available for continuous flow of Mandakini river.

## Security Operations Center

### Why in News?

- On July 15, 2022, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, it was decided to set up a Security Operations Center in Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation for the security of the applications/data under the Data Center of state .

### Key Points

- It is known that the Madhya Pradesh State Data Centre (MPSDC) operates in Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh.
- A Security Operations Centre in the State will be operated on managed security service provider model for cyber security of software applications operated/

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maintained by various departments in the State Data Centre and for cyber security of sensitive and other data related to them.

- The Security Operation Center (SOC) will provide direct support to the State Computer Security Incident Response Operation Center (CSIRT) at Madhya Pradesh State Data Center (MPSDC) under the Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation Limited (MPSEDC) under the Department of Science and Technology.
- The members of the Security Operations Center perform various IT security systems infrastructure and operations in Information Technology.
- The Network Operation Center as well as the SoC will also fulfill the various goals of IT Security by following the orders of the Infra team on a day-to-day basis.
- It is worth mentioning that the Security Operations Centre will act as an assistant in avoiding serious risks related to applications and application hosts at the State Data Centre in Madhya Pradesh.

## State Industrial Land and Building Management Rules, 2019

### Why in News?

- On July 15, 2022, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Council of Ministers approved the new Madhya Pradesh State Industrial Land and Building Management Rules, 2019 for proper and efficient management of developed/ under development and undeveloped land under the Department of Industrial Policy, Investment Promotion. Decided to modify.

### Key Points

- In this clause 12 (ii) c, the allocation of land/buildings in industrial areas should be transparent and fair and revenue should be increased, for this, instead of 'first come first serve', a provision has been made for 'e-bidding' process.
- clause **12(ii)** (d), clause **13(ii)** clause **13(III)**, clause **13(a)** The time limit for letter of intent, allotment order, lease deed execution, occupancy etc.

- clause **13(vii)** Provision has been made for payment in instalments for vacant land stretch in identified industrial areas.
- Clause **19(b)(II)** The transfer cases include an option of Rs.50 crores with a minimum amount of 25% investment amount and a separate transfer fee has been provided as per the status of investment made in the proposed project.
- clause 20 has been revised to clause 20(A) and 20(B). For transfer of unusable land of the units operating in clause 20(A), provision has been made for division and transfer of unused land of the units closed in clause 20(a) instead of 500 sqm to 1000 sqm and in clause 20(b).
- clause 24(a) In the event of surrender of the plot of land, a provision has been made for refund of the sum assured after a period of 6 years in the case of SSI and after 7 years but also after surrendering before 9 years in case of medium and large scale industries.
- clause 34 The jurisdiction of land allotment for industrially ancillary purpose has been delegated to the Board of Directors.

## Madhya Pradesh District Mineral Establishment Rules, 2016

### Why in News?

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on July 15, 2022 approval was accorded by the Council of Ministers regarding the proposed amendment to the Madhya Pradesh District Mineral Establishment Rules, 2016 under the Department of Mineral Resources.

### Key Points

- It will have the District Collector as chairman of the District Mineral Establishment Board and executive committee. The Board and Executive Committee will include a member of the Lok Sabha and the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly as members of the Lok Sabha and the Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly as members of the Rajya Sabha.
- The Madhya Pradesh District Mineral Establishment Rules, 2016 presently provide for transfer of the amount deposited in the District Mineral Establishment to the State Mineral Fund as per Rule 13(2)(e).

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- As per the direction of the Government of India, the provision of State Mineral Fund is being done away with, therefore, earlier, there is a provision in the Rules for utilization of deposits in the State Mineral Fund under the District Mineral Establishment.
- In addition to the above, other technical improvements have been made in the Madhya Pradesh District Mineral Establishments Rules, 2016. As per the objective of the establishment, with the implementation of various developmental and welfare schemes in the mining affected areas, employment opportunities will be created for the local people.

## Minor Minerals Rules, 1996

### Why in News?

- The council of ministers meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on July 15, 2022, approved by the Council of Ministers regarding amendment to the Madhya Pradesh Minor Minerals Rules, 1996.

### Key Points

- At present, the rules lay down the procedure for grant of quarrying lease through e-tender. Now, the rules for allotment of excavated lease and consolidated licence from e-tender have been amended separately.
- In private land, the present rule provides for allotment of quarrying lease of Schedule-V to the land owner or his consenting holder. The present provision also makes it mandatory for the land owner to undertake prospecting licence before granting the excavation lease.
- The present laid down procedure is consolidated licence, therefore, the rules provide for inclusion of the word "consolidated licence" in place of the word 'grant of excavation lease on private land'.
- The present rules do not require royalty and transport permit for use of their own works on the mud, siltation emanating from government ponds and other structures constructed/maintained by government ponds and other structures with the permission of the Government Department and the ponds and other structures constructed/maintained by them with the permission of the Gram Panchayat. Now royalty and transport permit will not be required even on soil along with the sludge, silt that is coming out.
- The existing rules provide for one-time deposit of advance dead tax due by the 20th of the first month

of the year for the excavation lease. Now, provisions have been made to deposit this amount from the lessees in two instalments in advance.

- Interest of 12 percent per annum can be paid on late payment of research (compulsory rent, ownership, surface rent, amount of District Mineral Establishment and other dues) of minerals specified in Schedule-I, Schedule-II and Schedule-V.
- Apart from the above, other technical reforms have been made in the Madhya Pradesh Minor Minerals Rules, 1996, which will enable speeding up of allocation of mines in the State, encouraging investment in the State and creating employment opportunities with increase in mineral revenue.

## 'Bright India, Bright Future Energy 2047' Celebration

### Why in News?

- On July 20, 2022, Ganesh Shankar Mishra, Managing Director of Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company, Bhopal, informed that according to the instructions of the Union Ministry of Power, from 25 to 30 July, 2022 in 16 districts of Bhopal, Narmadapuram, Gwalior and Chambal divisions of the company's work area. In the Amrit Mahotsav of Madhya Azadi, **Bright India, Bright Future Energy 2047'** celebrations will be organized.

### Key Points

- Managing Director Ganesh Shankar Mishra said that under the Bhopal division of the company's work area, Tarawali Kala, Bhainsakheri in Bhopal district, Kurwai and Ganjbasoda cities in Vidisha district, Raisen and Silwani cities in Raisen district, Sehore and Budhni cities in Sehore district and Celebrations will be organized at Mangal Bhawan and Panchayat Bhawan in Rajgarh district.
- Under Gwalior division, celebrations will be held in Gwalior and Bilhati in Gwalior district, Sevdha and Datia city in Datia district, Ashoknagar city and Mungawali village in Ashoknagar district, Guna city and Myna town in Guna district and Shivpuri city and Karera in Shivpuri district.
- Under Narmadapuram division, itarsi and Pachmarhi cities in Narmadapuram district, Harda and Timarni cities in Harda district and Nandu village in Betul district, Ghoradongri and Amdhana village tehsil Bhimpur.

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- Celebrations will be held in Sheopur and Vijaypur city in Sheopur district under Chambal division, Morena Town Hall in Morena district, Rajoudha Panchayat auditorium and Mehgaon city and Phuf in Bind district.
- It is worth mentioning that in the **Bright Bharat, Bright Future Energy, 2047'** ceremony, the Ministry of Power, Government of India in coordination with Central Power Sector Enterprises (CPSE's) display banners, posters, audios of achievements, schemes etc. of the energy and renewable energy sector. Visuals, street plays etc. will be displayed in the function through the district administration.

## The Country's Animal Training Program 'A-HELP'

### Why in News?

- According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Madhya Pradesh on July 20, 2022, **'A-HELP' training program** will be jointly launched in the country from Bhopal on July 23 by the Union Ministry of Rural Development and Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.

### Key Points

- This program will be held in the Golden Jubilee Auditorium of the Academy of Administration. A symbol will also be released in it.
- In the program, such women members of self-help groups registered in the State Rural Livelihood Mission, who are helping in various animal husbandry activities in the form of Pashu Sakhi, are known as **'A-HELP' (Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production)**. will be trained in
- 'A-HELP' are community based women activists, who assist veterinarians in local departmental work, help livestock farmers to take loans for entrepreneurship development, fill applications, mark the ear tagging of animals and register them on the INAF portal Will help with insurance etc.
- The help of 'A-HELP' can be taken for cooperation in the implementation of various schemes and in providing information to the livestock farmers at the grassroots level. This will also provide a source of income to 'A-HELP'.

## Revised Schemes in Jal Jeevan Mission

### Why In News?

- On 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2022, the Public Health Mechanics Department of Madhya Pradesh approved **25 clusters of water supply schemes revised under the Jal Jeevan Mission** amounting to Rs.11,100 crore 72 lakh.

### Key points

- Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam is taking up the construction of these water supply schemes. These schemes will provide water to the rural population of **18 districts of Bhopal, Ujjain, Jabalpur, Indore, Narmadapuram, Sagar and Gwalior divisions** from tap connection to every household.
- More than **9 lakh 34 thousand households in 6 thousand 26 villages** will get drinking water from the water supply schemes of the mission.
- These schemes are Bhopal, Vidisha, Raisen, Ujjain, Mandsaur, Neemuch, Ratlam, Chhindwara, Mandla, Khargone, Khandwa, Betul, Sagar, Damoh, Tikamgarh, Chhatarpur, Datia and Shivpuri will meet the drinking water needs of more than 71 lakh rural population of the district.
- It may be mentioned that more than 51 lakh 15 thousand rural households have been provided tap water at their homes so far due to the work being done in the Jal Jeevan Mission in the state. There are about 5,300 villages in which tap water has been provided to each family.
- In the Mission, the work of water supply schemes is going on at a large scale to provide water to the rural population of the state through tap connection at their home. Of these, 70 to 90 percent of the works in more than 8,000 villages and 70 per cent of the works of 16,300 villages are nearing completion. From this month onwards, drinking water supply works of more than 6,000 villages are being taken up.

## Madhya Pradesh gets 'Most Film Friendly State' Award

### Why In News?

- The 68<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards 2020 were announced at the National Media Centre in New Delhi on July 22,

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2022. In this, Madhya Pradesh was given the 'Most Film Friendly State' award.

### Key Points

- For the second time since 2017, Madhya Pradesh has been awarded this award. Thirteen states participated in this category of National Film Awards.
- Apart from this, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand were given the award of 'Most Film Friendly State (Special Mention)'.
- In another achievement, the award for Best Ethnographic Film in the Non-Feature Film category went to the film Mandal Ke Bol directed by Rajendra Jangle. The film has been produced by Madhya Pradesh Tribal Museum. The film depicts the Baiga tribal life and their rural environment.
- It is noteworthy that in order to attract and invite filmmakers, according to the Film Tourism Policy, 2020 in the state, various types of grants and exemptions are given along with the facility of single window system for filming permission.
- There is a provision of financial grant of up to Rs.10 crore for international films, TV serials and web series, 25% or Rs.2 crores for national feature films and 25% or Rs.1 crore for TV serials and web series. Also, a maximum financial grant of Rs.40 lakh will be given for the documentary.
- There is a provision of additional financial grant of up to Rs.25 lakh to take local artistes of the state into filmmaking. A discount of 40% is provided for film crews to stay in hotels and resorts of the Tourism Department with a financial grant of up to 30% on film infrastructure development.
- Land reserved for private investors is available for setting up of film cities, film studios, skill development centres, etc. for the development of film industry in the state. At the same time, various workshops are organized in the state to enhance the skills of local artists. Due to all these efforts, more than 250 films, web series, serials etc. have been shot in the state.

## Shree Singaji Thermal Power Station

### Why In News?

- On July 22, 2022, unit number four of 660 MW capacity of power station no.2 of Shri Singaji Thermal

Power Station Khandwa of Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company set a record of generating 100 consecutive days of power generation.

### Key Points

- The plant load factor (PLF) of the unit during this period was 76.3 percent. The unit became operational on March 28, 2019.
- It is noteworthy that in Shree Singaji Thermal Power House Khandwa there are two units of 600-600 MW in power house number one and two units of 660-660 MW in power house number two.
- It is worth mentioning that the thermal power plants of Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company are continuously making records of uninterrupted power generation in the current financial year. Unit number one of 600 MW capacity of Shree Singaji Thermal Power Station has set a record of continuous uninterrupted power generation for 233 days.
- Similarly, unit number 10 of 250 MW capacity of Satpura Thermal Power House Sarni has created records of uninterrupted power generation for 130 days in 186 and 11 for 202 days and unit number 4 of 210 MW of Sanjay Gandhi Thermal Power House, Birsingpur.

## Burhanpur becomes country's first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified district

### Why In News?

- On July 22, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said **burhanpur district has become the first 'Har Ghar Jal' certified district** in the country, achieving the unprecedented and proud feat of providing tap-pure drinking water to every household through jal jeevan mission.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that under the Jal Jeevan Mission, so far more than 51 lakh 15 thousand rural households of the state are being provided tap water.
- All the 254 villages of Burhanpur district are being supplied with water from the 'Har Ghar Jal' scheme. These villages have been certified 'Every House Water'.
- Significantly, the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' launched in the year 2019 envisages supplying 55 liters of water per

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person per day to each rural household by the year 2024 through 'Functional Household Tap Connections' (FHTC).

- The mission, which comes under the 'Ministry of Jal Shakti', aims to develop water as a movement, so as to make it a priority of the people.
- In the Union Budget for the financial year 2021-22, as per The Sustainable Development Goal-6 (SDG-6), Jal Jeevan mission (urban) scheme has been announced under the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs to provide universal coverage of water supply to households through functional taps in all cities.

## Direct Flight Launched between Jabalpur-Kolkata

### Why In News?

- On July 22, 2022, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and Minister of State for Civil Aviation General V.K. Singh (retd) launched a direct flight between Jabalpur and Kolkata by SpiceJet.

### Key Points

- Speaking on the occasion, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia said that there has been a massive expansion in air services in the country in the last one year. In Madhya Pradesh, which was operating 554 aircraft per week in July 2021, the figure has now gone up to 980.
- Providing direct air connectivity to the people of Jabalpur and its surrounding areas will facilitate smooth movement of passengers. The new direct flight will give a new option to the general public to travel, which will boost tourism potential and accelerate the economic activities of both the regions.
- He said Jabalpur was already connected to nine cities — Bengaluru, Delhi, Bilaspur, Hyderabad, Indore, Mumbai, Pune, Chennai and Bhopal. It is now being linked to the 10th city of Kolkata.
- The air traffic in Jabalpur has increased to 182. Gwalior was connected to 4 cities in July 2021 with the movement of 56 aircraft, now this figure has increased to 100. Similarly, 308 aircraft were moving in Indore, which has increased to 468 and now it is connected to 20 cities.
- The state capital Bhopal, which had air connectivity with five cities in July 2021, has now been connected

to 13 cities and is carrying 226 aircraft. Khajuraho is also connected to Delhi and has 4 flights per week operating from here.

## India Innovation Index, 2021

### Why In News?

- Madhya Pradesh has been ranked 13th in the India Innovation Index-2021 released by NITI Aayog vice chairman Suman Beri on July 21, 2022 in the category of 17 major states.

### Key Points

- In NITI Aayog's 3<sup>rd</sup> India Innovation Index, the states and union territories were categorized into 17 major states, 10 northeastern and hill states and 9 union territories and city-states for an effective comparison of their performance.
- In the category of 17 major states, Karnataka topped the list with 18.01 points, followed by Telangana with 17.66 points and Haryana at the third position with 16.35 points. Whereas Chhattisgarh is ranked 17th (last) with 10.97 marks.
- Madhya Pradesh is ranked 13th in the category of 17 major states with 12.74 points.
- Manipur topped the northeastern and hill states category with 19.37 points. Uttarakhand (17.67 points) is at the second spot in this category, while Nagaland (11.00 points) is at the bottom.
- Chandigarh (27.88 marks) has topped the union territories and city-states category. In this category, Delhi (27.00 points) is at the second position, while Ladakh (5.91 points) is at the bottom.
- It is noteworthy that the India Innovation Index prepared by NITI Aayog and Competitiveness Institute is a means of evaluating and developing the country's innovation ecosystem. It ranks the states and union territories in order of their innovation performance, so that there is healthy competition among them.
- This innovation index has been prepared on the lines of Global Innovation Index. The analysis was based on 36 indicators in the previous editions, but this time used 66 indicators. The first and second innovation indexes were released in October 2019 and January 2021, respectively.

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## **Tendu Leaves Storage**

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

- On July 24, 2022, Pushkar Singh, Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh State Small Forest Produce Association, informed that 110 percent more tendu leaves have been collected against the target this year in the state.

### ***Key Points***

- This year the target was 16 lakh 29 thousand standard bags, against which 18 lakh 2 thousand standard bags of tendu leaves were collected. In the year 2021, 16 lakh 60 thousand standard bags of tendu leaves were collected.
- Tendu leaf collection from 80 District Unions and 1071 Primary Forestry Cooperative Societies is being carried out by the State Minor Forest Produce Association in the State. There are 35 lakh collectors connected to it. Out of these, 50 per cent of the collectors belong to ST families and 40 per cent of the collectors are women.
- It may be mentioned that tendu leaf storage in the state is a major source of livelihood in tribal dominated areas.
- Managing Director Pushkar Singh informed that in the conference of forest committees and tendu leaf collectors held on April 22, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had announced an increase of Rs 500 in the tendu leaf collection rate by Rs 500, as a result of which the standard bora rate has been fixed at Rs 3,000 per standard. This increase has also increased the remuneration of collectors.
- This year, an amount of about Rs.540 crores has started being disbursed to the tenduleaf collectors directly into their accounts as remuneration, which is more than Rs.100 crores as compared to last year.
- The selling price of Rs.600 crore in 2020 and Rs.843 crore in 2021 was achieved from tendu leaf collection.

## **1142 Water-Supply Schemes more Involved in Jal Jeevan Mission**

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

- On July 24, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Public Health Engineering Department issued approval for single

water supply schemes for 1142 villages at a cost of Rs.608 crore 55 lakh 87 thousand for rural tap-water supply under Jal Jeevan Mission.

### ***Key Points***

- These single village schemes of water supply also include retrofitting.
- The rural population of Narmadapuram, Raisen, Betul, Ujjain, Shajapur, Ratlam, Dewas, Dhar, Barwani, Gwalior, Guna, Datia, Katni, Chhindwara, Seoni, Mandla, Dindori, Narsinghpur, Umaria and Anuppur will be benefited from the works of these sanctioned water supply schemes.
- On completion of the proposed water supply schemes, rural households residing in these districts will be provided water from tap connection at their home.
- Under this scheme, about 51 lakh 20 thousand rural households of the state have been ensured the availability of water in their homes. Similarly, there are 5,382 villages whose drinking water has been provided to all the households.
- In the Mission, water supply schemes of more than 23 thousand 700 villages have been completed by 70 to 90 per cent and group and single water supply schemes for more than 7 thousand 300 villages are being taken up.

## **Youth Mahapanchayat**

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

- From 23 to 24 July 2022, the first Youth Mahapanchayat was organized at the Rabindra Bhawan Convention Hall in Bhopal to commemorate the 116th birth anniversary of Amar Shaheed Chandrashekhar Azad.

### ***Key Points***

- On July 23, 2022, the state's Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had launched this first Youth Mahapanchayat.
- In this first Youth Mahapanchayat programme, youth from all the districts of the state participated online.
- The State level Youth Mahapanchayat was attended by six youths selected from 52 districts and cadets of NCC, National Service Scheme etc.
- Environment and Youth, Next Gen, in the two-day Youth Mahapanchayat. Sessions were held on Startups, Mera MP-Mera Gaurav, Youth and Social Development, Youth Champions of MP and Youth and Democracy.

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## State's First 200 MVA Transformer Energized at Damoh

### Why in News?

- On July 25, 2022, The Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company upgraded the **state's** first 200 MVA capacity power transformer designed with special design in place of 160 MVA capacity at 220 KV sub-station Damoh.

### Key Points

- Chief Engineer Procurement, Jabalpur Engineer Ajay Srivastava, said that power transformers of traditional 120 MVA or 160 MVA were installed in Madhya Pradesh. In its place, it is the first power transformer of 200 MVA capacity.
- The installation of this transformer at Damoh will benefit the power consumers connected to the 132 KV sub-stations of Hatta, Tejgarh, Batiagarh and Patera of the district as well as the sub-stations of Sagar, Chhatarpur, Tikamgarh districts. In case of an emergency, 220 KV sub-station can be supplied from Damoh.
- It is worth mentioning that Damoh used to be the main load center of the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Board in the past. From Damoh, power was supplied to a number of cement factories and railways including sagar, tikamgarh, chhatarpur, bijawar, bina etc.
- The first ultra-high pressure sub-station in Damoh district was commissioned on June 16, 1967 with a capacity of 12.5 MVA. At present, power is supplied in Damoh district with five sub-stations of 220 KV one and 132 KV each.
- Damoh has a strong transformation capacity of 360 MVA of 220 KV side and 530 MVA of 132 KV side, which is capable of supplying uninterrupted power of reasonable quality to the consumers of the district.

## Best Employer Brand Award'

### Why in News?

- Recently, the Madhya Pradesh State Open School Education Board, Bhopal has been awarded the 'Best Employer Brand Award 2022'.

### Key Points

- Minister of State for School Education (Independent Charge) and General Administration and Chairman, Madhya Pradesh State Open School Education Board Inder Singh Parmar was apprised of the achievement by The Director, State Open Education Board, Prabhat Raj Tiwari, by submitting a certificate.
- Director Prabhat Raj Tiwari said that the award has been given by Dr. R.L. Bhatia, Director, World HRD Congress at the Marriott Hotel in Indore.
- The State Board of Open School Education has been selected by the jury. The Board has ranked the highest in the last few years in the excellent implementation of the new scheme, transparent administration and beneficiary services.
- It may be mentioned that the Madhya Pradesh State Board of Mutth School Education has gained a lot of fame with the innovations made in the past. The Education Board was awarded the best office in the category of Corporations, Mandals in the year 2018 by the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance. The Education Board has also received the ISO certificate in the year 2022.

## New Karmajiri Sanctuary

### Why In News?

- On July 26, 2022, a notification has been issued by the State Government for setting up of a new Karmajhiri Sanctuary covering the border forest area of Pench Tiger Reserve.

### Key Points

- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) Jasbir Singh Chauhan informed that 1410.420-hectare forest area of Seoni district has been included in the newly formed Karmajiri Sanctuary.
- Its formation will strengthen the management of the Tiger Reserve and will provide additional habitat for vegetarian and non-vegetarian wildlife. Along with this, the area of protected area will increase by including wildlife-dominated area in the state.
- At present there are 24 sanctuaries in the state. The Karera Sanctuary in Shivpuri has been denotified. Thus, after the formation of the Karmajhiri Sanctuary, the total number will remain 24.

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- After the approval received from the Government of India, the state government issued another important notification in Karera of Shivpuri district, 202.21 sq.km. The wildlife sanctuary built in the area has been abolished. This has fulfilled the long standing demand of the people of this area.
- It is noteworthy that Karera Wildlife Sanctuary was formed in 1981 for the protection of Son Chidiya. It included only revenue and private land. The sale and purchase of land included in the notification was banned after the notification of the sanctuary.

## Shivpuri's Sankhya Sagar Lake

### Why In News?

- Sankhya Sagar Lake located in Madhav National Park in Shivpuri district of Madhya Pradesh has also been included in the newly announced five Ramsar sites in the country on July 26, 2022.

### Key Points

- Madhya Pradesh gets second Ramsar site after two decades. Earlier, Bhopal's Bada Talab (Bhojtal) has got the status of Ramsar site.
- It is worth mentioning that a proposal was sent to the Government of India to declare three wetlands of the state, Sirpur wetland of Indore and Yashwant Sagar and Sankhya Sagar as Ramsar sites.
- The Union Ministry of Forests, Environment and Climate has designated five new wetland sites of international importance under the Ramsar Treaty, including three wetland sites in Tamil Nadu (Karikili Bird Sanctuary, Pallikaranai Marsh Reserve Forest and Pichavaram Mangrove), one in Mizoram (pala wetland). and a wetland site (Sankhya Sagar) in Madhya Pradesh. Thus, the total number of Ramsar sites in the country has increased from 49 to 54.
- It is noteworthy that the list of wetland sites of international importance is maintained on the basis of an international treaty signed in the year 1971 in Ramsar city of Iran regarding lake conservation.

## MP Kisan App

### Why In News?

- On July 28, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that in 'Meri Girdawari - Mera Adhikar', farmers will now be able to enter their crop information through **the MP Kisan App**.

### Key Points

- This information will be used for crop loss, Minimum Support Price Scheme, Bhavantar Yojana, Kisan Credit Card and Agriculture Loan.
- Farmers can register their crop information from August 1 to August 15, 2022. This information of the farmer will be verified by Artificial Intelligence and Patwari.
- In 'Meri Girdawari- Mera Adhikar', the farmer has been provided with the facility that he can register himself by registering the crop information on the MP Kisan App from his farm itself.
- Farmers can login to this app and add their fields by clicking on the crop self-declaration, claim option.
- After adding the account, all the khasra information of the account will be available in the app. Any of the available measles information will make the information available through AI (Artificial Intelligence) on clicking on measles.
- If the farmer agrees, the information of the crop can be recorded with one click. If you disagree with the information of the possible crop, the information of the crop sown in the field can be recorded with a live photo by being present in the field.

## World Travel Market Responsible Tourism India Award

### Why In New?

- On July 27, 2022, Principal Secretary (Tourism and Culture) and Managing Director Tourism Board of Madhya Pradesh Shiv Shekhar Shukla informed that Bhopal will host the World Travel Market Responsive Tourism India Award.

### Key Points

- An international seminar on Responsive Tourism will also be organized by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board in collaboration with **the ADTOI-MP** Chopper Association of Domestic Tour Operators of India.

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- These programs, which started on August 30, 2022, will run till September 10, 2022. Under this, an ICRT team comprising representatives from different countries including UK, Australia, South Africa, France will visit various destinations in Madhya Pradesh. The team will be led by Dr. Harold Goodwin, Founding Director of ICRT and Managing Director of Responsible Tourism Partnership.
- The team will visit the rich heritage sites of the state and developed villages of rural tourism. He will also participate in village-stay, local excursions, traditional cuisine and cultural programmes in various districts of the state.
- The team will also review Project Clean Destination (Solid Waste Management), Project Responsive Sovenier at Mandla and Project Humsafar at Orchha.
- It is noteworthy that the International Center for Responsible Tourism (ICRT) is a network of intellectuals who support the Cape Town Declaration. It has many affiliate organizations and affiliated centres. It was founded in 2002 by Harold Goodwin as a result of the Responsible Tourism in Tourism Declaration and the Cape Town Declaration of 2002.
- Members of the ICRT network strive to develop and promote the concept of responsive tourism. The World Responding Tourism Award was instituted by the International Centre for Responsive Tourism in the year 2004 .
- The objective of this award is to promote responsive tourism in the world and to create awareness about the good work being done by the institutions in this field.
- The World Responsive Tourism Award is given in 10 different categories. So far, this award event is in London. T. M. it was in. For the first time, the award for India and Sub-Continent is going to be held outside London in Bhopal.
- Apart from India, Pakistan, Sri-Lanka, Indonesia, Bhutan, Malaysia and Nepal will participate in this award. The winner of the award will be selected by the International Jury, whose chairman Dr. Harald will be Goodwin.
- The major categories of this award are as under:
  - Decarbonizing Travel and Tourism
  - Sustaining Employees and Community Through Pandemic
  - Destination Building Back Better Post Covid

- Increase Diversity in Tourism, How Inclusive is Our Industries
- Reducing Plastic Waste in the Environment
- Growing the Local Economic Benefit
- Access to the Defrontally Abled S Travelers, Employees and Holiday Makers
- Increase Tourism Contribution to Natural Heritage and Bio Diversity
- Conserving Water and Improving Water Security and Supply for Neighbors
- Negotiating to Cultural Heritage

## Government Sector Initiative Award to Promote Digital Learning

### Why In News?

- The Department of Higher Education of Madhya Pradesh has received the 'Government Sector Initiative Award to Promote Digital Learning' at the 24th World Education Summit in Hyderabad on July 28, 2022.

### Key Points

- Higher Education Commissioner Deepak Singh received the award at an international function on the theme of Innovation in Education.
- Deepak Singh said that the state has received this award for its outstanding work in the field of digital learning in the context of National Education Policy. With this incentive, the state will be able to do better work in the field of higher education in the future also.
- The Department has implemented the National Policy on Education and also to connect the students with employment through activities such as vocational subjects, projects, internships, apprenticeships and community engagement for skill development.
- It is known that in Madhya Pradesh, the system of Digi locker is available in all the government universities. This will enable the students to get their mark list, degree, duplicate mark sheet, migration etc. certificates anywhere.
- The department is undertaking innovations, digital initiatives, creation of an integrated portal, online entry, e-learning, e-content creation, online training, virtual classes and teaching activities through Doordarshan.

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## Air Ventilated Flower Dome

### Why In News?

- On July 28, 2022, the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers of the Union Government approved the proposal of The Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Horticulture and Food Processing, Bharat Singh Kushwah, to set up Madhya Pradesh's first air-ventilated flower dome for flowers in the Karond Mandi complex of Bhopal.

### Key Points

- Minister of State Bharat Singh Kushwah said that the construction of air-ventilated flower dome will help the farmers cultivating flowers to get a reasonable price for their crops.
- The farmers who come to the mandi will get the facility to keep the flowers in case they do not get good price and if they get good price, the farmers will be able to sell them. This will also free the farmers from the exploitation of middlemen and the cultivation of flowers will become a profitable business.
- The Minister of State said that this air-ventilated flower dome will be built in Bhopal at a cost of Rs 180.51 lakh. This is the first dome of the state. It has been included in the MIDH scheme of the Department. Along with this, air-ventilated flower domes will be built at other places as per the requirement.

## Madhya Pradesh wins 2 awards at ITCTA Conclave, Chandigarh

### Why in news?

- Madhya Pradesh Tourism won two national level awards at the 8th edition of **International Tourism Conclave and Travel Awards in Chandigarh** on July 29, 2022.

### Key Point

- Madhya Pradesh Tourism was awarded the award for **promoting its Fairs Festivals and Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation for well-placed hotels.**
- On behalf of Madhya Pradesh Tourism, deputy director Yuvraj Padole and General Manager Surendra Pratap Singh received the awards.

- Deputy Director (Organizing and Marketing) Tourism Board Yuvraj Padole briefed the PPT on tourism destinations of the state and other aspects of tourist attractions.
- He informed that madhya pradesh has immense potential for wildlife safaris, natural beauty, adventure activities, camping, water sports, delicious cuisine, heritage sites, tribal culture, handicrafts, wellness and mindful tourism.

## District-wise Financial Inclusion Index Report Released

### Why in news?

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on July 29, 2022 released the **district-wise Financial Inclusion Index report prepared by Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis** at Kushabhau Thakre Auditorium.

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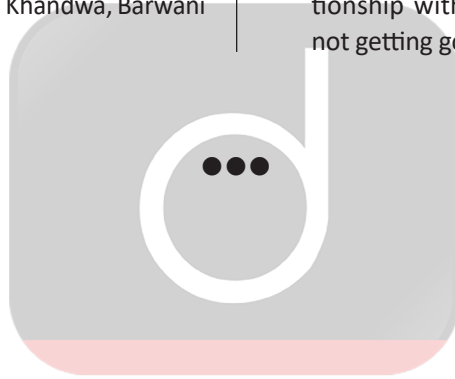
- **Nabard booklet was also released at the event.**
- This is the **first financial inclusion report of Madhya Pradesh.** The report has been prepared by The Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis (AGPA). This report will serve as a **guide in the development of the state.**
- **Reserve Bank of India** Deputy Governor Mahesh Kumar Jain said Madhya Pradesh should adopt a **5-C approach (Content, Capacity, Community, Communication and Collaboration)** for financial inclusion and focus on strengthening regional rural banks.
- The Chief Executive Officer of the Institute G. V. Rashmi informed that the Financial Inclusion Index has been prepared for the financial years 2019-20 and 2020-21. The indices include the case of progress made in financial inclusion in the State and the demand and supply indicators.
- Access, dimensions of use and constraints have been used in the use of financial services to assess the level of financial inclusion.
- The index gives a score of zero to one on various aspects of financial inclusion. The state has improved its financial inclusion score from 0.238 to 0.283 in the last 2 years.

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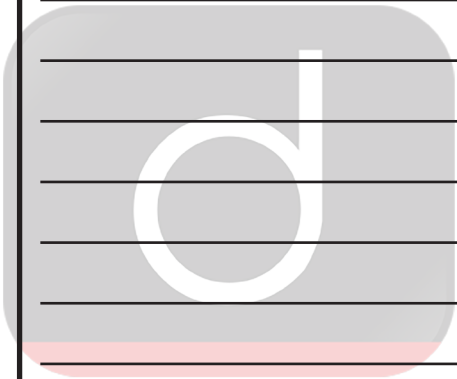
- According to this report, 16 districts like Shajapur, Mandla, Barwani, Bhind, Morena, Satna, Datia are lagging behind in banking facility. Among these, the tribal dominated districts are more, while 17 districts including Bhopal, Indore, Raisen, Dhar have performed well.
- In terms of financial transactions, use of ATMs and digital banking, including opening of bank accounts, the report has been prepared by classifying the districts into three categories (High Financial Inclusion District, Medium Financial Inclusion District and Low Financial Inclusion District).
- The average index of this report has been kept at 0.268. With an index of 0.640, Bhopal district has secured the leading position in the financial inclusion index. There are 17 districts in this category, which have scored 0.319 to 0.640 marks.
- In this study, the NITI Aayog has also presented the status of the identified aspirational districts (Vidisha, Rajgarh, Damoh, Guna, Chhatarpur, Khandwa, Barwani and Singrauli).
- **High Financial Inclusion Districts:** Bhopal, Indore, Hoshangabad, Harda, Dhar, Jabalpur, Sehore, Ujjain, Ratlam, Gwalior, Neemuch, Dewas, Raisen, Chhindwara, Jhabua, Narsinghpur and Rajgarh.
- **Medium Financial Inclusion Districts:** Shahdol, Balaghat, Damoh, Sagar, Mandsaur, Katni, Panna, Sidhi, Chhatarpur, Anuppur, Betul, Vidisha, Umaria, Seoni, Ashoknagar, Guna and Khargone districts are included. These districts have scored 0.229 to 0.316 marks.
- **Low financial inclusion districts:** Shajapur, Mandla, Barwani, Khandwa, Datia, Dindori, Satna, Tikamgarh, Sheopur, Alirajpur, Burhanpur, Rewa, Shivpuri, Singrauli, Bhind and Morena districts are included. These districts have scored 0.101 to 0.222 marks.
- The study has pointed out that due to reluctance in interacting with bank officials, people from tribal communities avoid going to the bank. Their relationship with the customer service centres is also not getting good.



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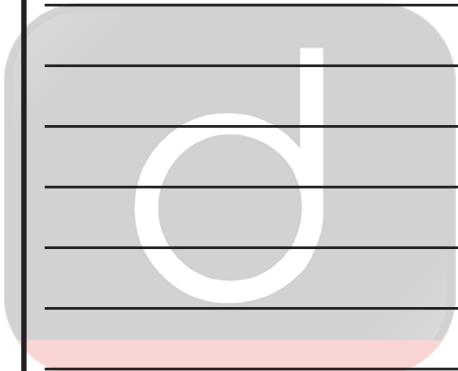


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**Summary**