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## Rajya Sabha Elections, 2022

#### Why in News?

On June 3, 2022, the Returning Officer of Madhya Pradesh declared candidates of all the three Rajya Sabha seats elected unopposed for the biennial elections.

#### **Key Points**

- > The elected members include Kavita Patidar, Sumitra Balmik of the BJP and Vivek Krishna Tankha of the Indian National Congress.
- > These members have been declared elected unopposed under the Conduct of Elections Rules, 1961.
- The three Members of the Rajya Sabha will replace the three members who are retiring on 29th June, 2022 at the expiry of their term of office.
- > The maximum number of members of the Rajya Sabha is 250, of which 238 members are elected indirectly from states and Union Territories and 12 are nominated by the President.
- The current strength in the House is 245. 229 members represent member states, 4 members represent Union Territories and 12 are nominated by the President.

# State-level programme on the theme 'This Is One Earth'

#### Why in News?

On June 5, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan addressed a state-level programme on the theme 'This is one earth' at Kushabhau Thakre Auditorium on World Environment Day. All the districts were connected virtually to this programme.

#### **Key Points**

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that all government offices have been instructed to reduce the consumption of electricity by 10 per cent, solar panels will be installed in government offices where solar energy can be used.
- At the same time, the Chief Minister felicitated the institutions and citizens working for environment conservation and also released the book 'Conservation of Catchment of River Narmada-Plantation Campaign, 2022' of the concerned Forest Department, the scheme of tree plantation on the banks of river Narmada.

- It is worth mentioning that World Environment Day is being celebrated as Tree Plantation Resolution Day. The Chief Minister said amarkantak will be declared as a reserve forest. Eco-sensitive and suitable species of plants will be planted according to the surroundings in place of eucalyptus trees planted around the origin of Narmada adverse to the local environment.
- The Chief Minister made five resolutions to the citizens of the state on Environment Day, which include being active for tree plantation, saving electricity for energy conservation, pooling of vehicles to ensure frugal use of vehicles, adoption of public transport and observance of triple R i.e. refuge, reuse and recycle in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's mantra.
- The Chief Minister appealed to the general public to plant trees in every village, panchayat, development block, district headquarters on the day of Hariyali Amavasya to protect the environment.
- It is known that so far 16 lakh 50 thousand saplings have been planted by the people of the state in the ankur campaign launched for tree plantation in the state.
- The event included Bhopal Railway Station, Hydelberg Cement Damoh, Ipca Laboratories Ratlam, Neelam Welfare Society Shahdol, Police Training Centre, Indore, for the year 2020-21 under the Annual Environment Awards Scheme for outstanding work in the field of environment protection. Kamal Patel of Village Nawadpura of Nagar Parishad Piplia Mandi Mandsaur and Village Nawadapura of Dhar were felicitated.
- In order to conserve the river Narmada, the forest department has set a target of planting one crore 32 lakh saplings in a total area of 18 thousand 406 hectares to convert the damaged forests into good forests in 33 forest divisions of 24 districts.

# **Indore Stood at First** Place in Eat Right Challenge

#### Why in News?

> At a function held in New Delhi on the occasion of World Food Security Day (June 7, 2022) Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya presented the first prize of the Eat Right Challenge competition to Indore.



#### **Key Points**

- Under the 'Eat Right Challenge for Cities and Districts', 75 cities and districts of the country have been chosen as winners with the objective of recognizing the efforts to adopt food security initiatives, promote rules and change.
- ➤ In this competition, 188 cities of the country had registered themselves, out of which Indore has secured the first position with the highest marks.
- Along with this, 7 other districts of the state Bhopal, Ujjain, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Rewa, Sagar and Satna - were also awarded for positive change in food security under the Eat Right Challenge for Cities and Districts.
- Bhopal, Ujjain, Jabalpur have secured 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> position respectively. Gwalior has been ranked 12<sup>th</sup>, Rewa 17<sup>th</sup>, Sagar 23<sup>rd</sup> and Satna 74<sup>th</sup>.
- At the event, 4 smart cities of Madhya Pradesh -Indore, Jabalpur, Sagar and Ujjain - were awarded for being ranked in the top 11 smart cities in the Eat Smart Cities Challenge.
- Indore Smart City was awarded for its policy of domestic recycling and donating surplus food under the Eat Smart Cities Challenge.
- Jabalpur Smart City was honoured for its initiative on behaviour change initiated by cartoon characters to tackle the problem of obesity among children.
- Sagar Smart City was awarded for creating video games and youth nutrition ambassadors for imparting food safety training to children, while Ujjain Smart City was awarded for promoting hydroponics.

# Gwalior Arm-Wrestling Team wins 25 medals in National Tournament

#### Why in News?

Recently, the Gwalior arm-wrestling team won 25 medals in a stellar performance at the 44thNational Arm-Wrestling Championships held in Hyderabad.

#### **Key Points**

The 44<sup>th</sup> National Arm-Wrestling Championship was held from May 31 to June 6, 2022 at the Gachibowli Sports Complex Stadium in Hyderabad. More than 900 players from 25 states participated in this competition.

- Madhya Pradesh finished second after Kerala in the championship. Gwalior team has broken its 44-year-old record by winning 25 medals in the championships.
- Keshav Pandey, president of Gwalior Arm-Wrestling Federation, said vikram award winner Manish Kumar; World silver medallist Arvind Rajak; Niranjan Gurjar; Rajendra Mahore; Sachin Goel; Sujit Mahore; Umesh Pal; Yogendra Yadav; Pooja Bhadauria; Ayush Kaushal and Shivam Gurjar won gold medals. Also, some of them won silver and bronze medals.
- Keshav Pandey informed that Gwalior Arm-Wrestling Academy is the first full-fledged academy in the country for arm-wrestling.

# MoU between Jan Abhiyan Parishad and Isha Foundation

#### Why in News?

On June 10, 2022, in the presence of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Sadhguru Vasudev Jaggi, an MoU was signed between the state government and Isha Foundation to save the soil.

#### **Key Points**

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the message of saving soil of Sadguru Vasudev Jaggi would be taken to every village and block of the state. The state government will work in this direction in collaboration with the Isha Foundation.
- To save soil, public awareness activities will be run by Madhya Pradesh Jan-Abhiyan Parishad in the Save Soil campaign. To save the soil, the roadmap prepared by the state government and Isha Foundation will be implemented jointly by Jan Abhiyan Parishad and Isha Foundation.

# Madhya Pradesh: Overall Champion in Malkhamb of Khelo India Youth Games

#### Why in News?

On June 12, 2022, Madhya Pradesh won 12 medals at the Khelo India Youth Games, 2022, with a stellar



performance in the Malkhamb Games. With this, Madhya Pradesh became the overall champions in Malkhamb.

#### **Key Points**

- It is worth mentioning that Malkhamb has been included for the first time in the Khelo India Youth Games and Madhya Pradesh has become the champion for the first time. In Malkhamb, Madhya Pradesh won a total of 12 medals including 5 gold medals.
- Pankaj Gargma, an 18-year-old youngster from Khachrod in Ujjain, won 3 out of 5 golds. He is the first player from the state to win three golds in a day at Khelo India. Pankaj scored 9.10 out of 10 points in poll, rope and overall, all three.
- In the final of Pol Malkhamb, Harshita Kandkar of Madhya Pradesh won gold and Siddhi Gupta won silver medal. In Rope Malkhamb, Harshita shared the third position with Sarita Payam of Chhattisgarh.
- In boys' pole Malkhamb, Indrajit Nagar and Pranav Kori jointly finished second with Monu Netam of Chhattisgarh. In Rope Malkhamb, Pankaj Gargama secured the top spot, followed by Nagar at the second spot. In Hanging Malkhamb also, Gargama won the gold medal while at the top.
- In the boys' poll Malkhamb, Inderjit Nagar and Pranav Kori jointly finished second along with Monu Netam of Chhattisgarh. In Rope Malkhamb, Pankaj Gargma secured the top position, followed by Nagar at the second position. In Hanging Malkhamb also, Gargma won the gold medal while on top.
- The Khelo India Youth Games are being held from June 4 to June 13, 2022 in Chandigarh, Delhi, Shahabad and Ambala, including the Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Panchkula.

# SISTec Gets NBA Recognition

#### Why in News?

Recently, the National Accreditation Board (NBA) has given its recognition to Sagar Group's Bhopal-based Sagar Institute of Science and Technology (SISTec).

#### **Key Points**

> The Department of Mechanical Engineering of SISTec and the Department of Electrical and Electronics

- Engineering have received recognition from the National Accreditation Board.
- The NBA Peer team visited THE SISTec and evaluated the college strictly on a number of parameters. During the tour, the team appreciated the honesty, infrastructure, management, faculty, student contributions, teachinglearning process, institutional values and best practices adopted in the college.
- NBA India has been set up by AICTE to assess the qualitative potential of programmes offered by the educational institution to promote international quality standards for technical education with new procedures, standards and norms.

# **Unusual Titanosaurid Dinosaur** egg found in Madhya Pradesh

#### Why in News?

Recently, for the first time in the Bagh area of Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh, a team of Indian researchers has discovered egg-in-egg or unusual Titanosaurid dinosaur egg.

#### **Key Points**

- This finding was published in the latest issue of nature group journal-Scientific Reports. The study is titled 'First ovum-in-ovo pathological Titanosaurid egg throws light on the reproductive biology of sauropod dinosaurs'.
- Researchers recently documented a large number of Titanosaurid Sauropod nests near the village of Padalia, near the town of Bagh. Studying these nests, researchers have discovered the nest of a Sauropod dinosaur containing 10 eggs, including an unusual dinosaur egg.
- The abnormal egg has two continuous and spherical egg shell layers, separated by a wide gap, reminiscent of the deformity of the ovum-in-ovo (an egg inside the other egg) birds.
- Pathological eggs in the same nest and the microscopic structure of adjacent eggs identify it with Titanosaurid Sauropod dinosaurs.
- This is the first egg-in-egg unusual fossil egg discovery in India. Never before has India found an unusual fossil egg of eggs-in-eggs of other reptiles, including dinosaurs, lizards, turtles and crocodiles.



- The pathological egg was discovered during PhD fieldwork by the lead author Dr. Harsh Dhiman (Department of Geology, University of Delhi) in this area. Apart from Dhiman, the team includes Vishal Verma (Higher Secondary School, Bakner, Dhar District) and corresponding author Prof. Guntupalli VR Prasad (Department of Geology, University of Delhi).
- Dr. Harsh Dhiman said the discovery of ovumin-oovo eggs from the Titanosaurid nest opens up the possibility that the Sauropod dinosaurs had a ovulatory morphology similar to crocodiles or birds and could adapt to a way of egg-laying characteristic of birds.
- Prof. Guntupalli v. R. Prasad said the discovery brings out important information about whether dinosaurs had the same reproductive biology as turtles and lizards or their nearest crocodiles and birds.
- It was previously suggested that the reproductive function of dinosaurs, in contrast to the fragmented reproductive tract of crocodiles and birds, is similar to that of turtles and other reptiles (unbroken oviductunsegmented oviduct).
- Crocodiles however ovulate and release all eggs together, like turtles and other reptiles, in contrast to the sequential ovulation of birds, which lay one egg at a time.
- > The new discovery suggests that there is a lot of potential for dinosaur fossils in central and western India, which can provide important information on the diversity of dinosaur species and the behavior and reproductive biology of their nests.

# DS Group Launches Hydro Economic Zone

#### Why in News?

Recently DS (Dharampal Satyapal) group launched the second 'Jal Economic Zone' (an integrated watershed development project) in Khandwa and Betul districts of Madhya Pradesh.

#### **Key Points**

The DS Group has launched this development project in Madhya Pradesh after successfully implementing the first programme (hydro economic zone) in Alsegarh and Kurabad watershed areas in Udaipur.

- ➤ The proposed intervention will be implemented in 3000-hectare area of Barud gram panchayat in Chaigaon Makhan block of Khandwa district and 2400-hectare area of Dabhona gram panchayat in Athener block of Betul district.
- The company has partnered with grassroots organizations - Arpan Seva Sansthan and Haritika for the implementation of the project in these two districts.
- The 'Creation of Hydro Economic Zone' through integrated watershed development projects focuses on enhancing natural resources, especially water and soil, to increase its productivity.
- These projects include construction of recharging and storage structures, renovation of existing inert or underutilized water bodies, soil conservation measures, introduction of efficient irrigation practices and creation of institutions for long-term sustainability.
- Water availability at the surface and subsurface level increases manifold due to watershed structures, leading to an increase in irrigated area and improved crop productivity, resulting in improved economic conditions of communities in intervention zones.
- > The project promotes efficient use of water through better irrigation practices such as drip irrigation and rain guns along with harvesting of climate-friendly crops.
- To ensure long-term sustainability, the company empowers local communities and builds institutions such as water use groups, farmers' groups, or any other appropriate community institutions.
- It may be mentioned that DS Group, established in the year 1929, is a multi-business corporation and one of the leading FMCG (Fast Moving Consumer Goods) groups with a strong Indian and international presence.

# Van Vihar Website Launched in New Form

#### Why in News

The newly redesigned and redeveloped website (www.vanviharnationalpark.org) of Van Vihar National Park and Zoo has been launched on June 18, 2022. This new website has been designed to keep the public up to date with the latest events and news in Van Vihar.



#### **Key Points**

- > The website has a modern responsive coding and design keeping pace with the modern times. The website will automatically adjust itself to the size of the screen of that device on whichever device the website is opened on.
- All social media pages of Van Vihar have also been linked to the new website. The general public can access Van Vihar's Facebook, Instagram and Twitter profiles from the website itself.
- > The website will be updated almost on a daily basis and the public will be able to view it within a few minutes of uploading. There will be a waiting period of about zero minutes to update the latest information.
- > The latest news related to Van Vihar will be compiled and displayed as a group on the home page as well as a separate detailed page for each news.
- > The latest and important documents such as brochures etc. will be available for download to the public. The gallery section will be updated regularly with the latest photos.

### Sickle Cell Disease

#### Why in News

On the occasion of World Sickle Cell Anemia Awareness Day on June 19, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya attended a workshop on holistic management of sickle cell disease organized at Indian Institute of Information Technology Designing and Mindfulness (Triple ITDM) in Jabalpur.

#### **Key Points**

- The workshop has been organized by ICMR, National Institute of Tribal Health Research and Department of Public Health and Family Welfare.
- It may be recalled that a campaign is being launched for prevention and prevention of Sickle Cell Anemia in 14 tribal-dominated districts of Madhya Pradesh, in which health, marriage and rehabilitation assistance of sick persons are also being taken care of.
- Sickle Cell Disease (SCD) is a genetic disorder of blood, which is found in abundance in many tribal groups distributed in the States/Regions of Jharkhand,

- Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Western Odisha, Eastern Gujarat and Northern Tamil Nadu and Kerala etc.
- It may be mentioned that the Unmukt Project is being implemented by the Central Government to strengthen screening and timely management of Sickle Cell Anemia.

### Kuno-Palpur Wildlife Century

#### Why in News?

Recently, experts from South Africa and Namibia came to see the preparations for the settlement of cheetahs in the Kuno Palpur Century and the member secretary of the National Tiger Conservation Authority, S.P. Yadav has recommended a complete shutdown of tourism activities around the cheetah enclosure.

#### **Key Points**

- Experts say that the cheetahs in Kuno are 5 square kilometers. It will be kept in the enclosure, around which neither entry should be given to the tourists nor any kind of tourism proposal should be approved for it.
- Not only this, the expert has also recommended to cover the fencing of the enclosure built for cheetahs with a green mat. The African expert said that if the green matis not installed, they will try to cross the fencing. Therefore, they will be made to feel that there is nothing after fencing by applying green mats.
- ➤ It is being recommended for the time being to ban tourism activities till the cheetahs remain in the enclosure. The proposal has dealt a blow to the state's forest and environment ministry's efforts to promote tourism.
- It is worth mentioning that the Tourism Department of Madhya Pradesh was making preparations to promote tourism in Kuno after the arrival of the cheetahs. Under this, the tourism plan of The Kuno Century was prepared. It was said to give entry to a maximum of 100 vehicles of tourists every day.
- The cheetahs coming from Africa are expected to arrive at the Kuno Sanctuary by August, 2022. Madhya Pradesh has been making efforts for the settlement of cheetahs in Kuno for the last 27 years. After 70 years of independence, an attempt is being made to establish this extinct creature once again in the country.



# Madhya Pradesh Honored in IDSP's National Review Meeting

#### Why in News?

On June 21, 2022, Madhya Pradesh was honoured at the national level for its outstanding work in Integrated Disease Surveillance Program (IDSP) and IHIP (Integrated Health Information Platform) for the purpose of control and prevention by obtaining immediate information about infectious diseases under it.

#### **Key Points**

- At the national review meeting of IDSP held in New Delhi, Union Health Secretary Rajesh Bhushan met the Deputy Director of IDSP, Dr. Yogesh Kaurav and Dr. M. P. s. He presented a letter of honour to Chauhan.
- > It is worth mentioning that Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country to achieve the target of completely paperless on October 1, 2021 in the first phase of the IHIP programme.
- ➤ In the meeting, IHIP Joint Director Dr. Himanshu Chauhan said that Madhya Pradesh has been successful in making the entire information related to the detection, prevention and prevention of infectious diseases under IDSP paperless in the first phase in IHIP.
- He also asked other States to follow Madhya Pradesh to become paperless in IHIPs.

# Shailendra and Tushar Won Gold and Silver Medals Respectively

#### Why in News?

Bhopal's powerlifters Shailendra Sevatia and Tushar Kadam won gold and silver medals by performing brilliantly in the Senior Asian Powerlifting Competition held in Coimbatore from June 17 to 21, 2022.

#### **Key Points**

In the 74 kg weight class of the competition, Shailendra Sevatia won the squat event with 280 kg, 185 kg in benchpress and 275 kg in deadlift. Thus, he lifted a total weight of 740 kg to give the country a gold medal. Similarly, 66 kg of the competition. In the weight category, Bhopal's power lifter Tushar Kadam won 240 kg in squat, 155 kg in bench press. and 230 kg in the deadskit event, thus making a total of 625 kg. Won silver medal for the country by lifting weights.

# The Ban on 27 Percent Reservation Remains Intact

#### Why in News?

On June 23, 2022, the Madhya Pradesh High Court refused to amend the order of interim stay on giving 27 percent reservation to OBC category in PSC (Public Service Commission).

#### **Key Points**

- All the petitions filed regarding OBC reservation were heard by a double bench of Justice Sheel Nagu and Justice A.K. Sharma.
- It may be recalled that more than 60 petitions were filed on behalf of Ashita Dubey and others against the state government's 27 percent OBC reservation and in Favour. The High Court had stayed the grant of 27 percent OBC reservation on several pending petitions.
- An application was filed by the government to withdraw the stay order. The High Court had on September 1, 2021, refused to withdraw the stay order and issued directions for final hearing to the respective petitions.
- The General Administration Department of the State Government had issued orders for appointment of medical officers through PG NEET 2019-20, PSC on the basis of the opinion given by the Advocate General on August 25, 2021 and 27 per cent reservation to OBC category in other departments except teacher recruitment. A petition was also filed in the High Court against the said order.
- The petitions against reservation had said that the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court had given clear orders in the matter of Indira Sawhney in 1993 and Maratha reservation in 2021 that the limit of reservation should not exceed 50 percent. With the OBC reservation of 27 percent in the state, the limit of reservation will go up to 63 percent.
- During the hearing of the petition, the reply filed by the government had said that as per the 2011 census, the number of OBC category in the state is about 51



percent. During the hearing, the bench was requested to modify the interim stay order issued regarding 27 percent reservation for OBC category in PSC. The bench passed the said orders rejecting the request.

### NABL Certificate

#### Why in News?

On June 24, 2022, the National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL) has approved the second testing lab of Madhya Pradesh Paschim Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company (MPPKVVCL).

#### **Key Points**

- > The state-of-the-art lab of Regional Meter Testing at Ujjain has received the NABL certificate.
- Amit Tomar, Managing Director, MPPKVVCL Indore, said that earlier, lab, which tested transformers, cables and conductors at Indore Pologround, had also received NABL certificate last year.
- In both the laboratories of Indore and Ujjain, testing of important electrical equipment is being done in a state-of-the-art manner. Both the labs were manufactured under the self-reliant India campaign.
- Apart from this, all the steps have been completed to get the state-of-the-art lab of meter testing located at Pologround, Indore as NABL status. Indore's Meter Testing Lab is also likely to get the NABL certificate in two weeks.
- NABL is a constituent board of the Quality Council of India, an autonomous body set up under the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.
- NABL is the only body to give national level recognition to testing laboratories in the country.

# Madhya Pradesh becomes winner of Ranji Trophy, 2022

#### Why In News?

On June 26, 2022, Madhya Pradesh won their maiden Ranji Trophy title by defeating Mumbai by six wickets in the final at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.

#### **Key Point**

- Madhya Pradesh last played a Ranji Trophy final in 1988-1989 at the M. Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru.
- Madhya Pradesh's Shubham Sharma was adjudged 'Man of the Match' in the final for scoring 116 in the first innings and 30 in the second innings of the final, while Mumbai's Sarfaraz Khan, who scored 982 runs in the entire tournament, was adjudged the 'Man of the Tournament'.
- The captain of the Madhya Pradesh team in the Ranji Trophy was Aditya Srivastava, who with this victory became the first captain of Madhya Pradesh to win the Ranji Trophy.
- > At the same time, Chandrakant Pandit is the coach of Madhya Pradesh, who led Madhya Pradesh to the Ranji Trophy in 1988-1989. This is his sixth Ranji title as coach.

# Youngest Sarpanch of Madhya Pradesh

#### Why In News?

In the recently concluded three-tier panchayat elections in Madhya Pradesh, 21-year-old Lakshika Dagar from Ujjain has won a landslide victory to become the youngest sarpanch (head of a village) of Madhya Pradesh.

#### **Key Point**

- Lakshika Dagar, 21, has achieved this distinction by winning the election from Chintaman Jawasiya gram panchayat of Ujjain district.
- Lakshika won the victory by defeating her rival candidate by 487 votes.
- > Lakshika has worked as a radio jockey and news anchor in Ujjain after her Post Graduate Diploma in Mass Communication.
- It may be recalled that in order to establish democracy at the grassroots level, through the 73rdConstitution Amendment Act, 1992, the Panchayati Raj Institutions were given constitutional status and entrusted with the task of rural development in the country.
- A three tier system of Panchayats has been introduced at village, intermediate (block/taluka/mandal) and district levels except in those States having a population of less than 20 lakh (Article 243B).



- The seats at all levels are to be filled by direct election [Article 243C(2)]
- There shall be an independent Election Commission in each State for superintendence, direction and control of electoral rolls (Article 243K).

# Important Decisions of the State Council of Ministers Meeting

#### Why in News?

➢ In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on June 28, 2022, along with in-principle approval for the establishment of two new medical colleges in the state, many other important decisions were taken.

#### **Kev Point**

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers, it was approved to increase the fixed annual limit for the Chief Minister's voluntary grant item from Rs 150 crore to Rs 200 crore for the financial year 2022-23 and the coming financial years.
- The Council of Ministers decided to increase the MLA Area Development Fund Scheme (Capital) from Rs.1.85 crore to Rs.2.50 crore under MLA Fund and from Rs.15 lakh to Rs.50 lakh in MLA Volunteer Grant Scheme.
- The Council of Ministers has approved 100 MBBS in Budni Tehsil located in Sehore district. In-principle consent was given to set up a medical college with seat admission capacity and 500-bed affiliated hospital, along with setting up a nursing college of 60 seat admission capacity for nursing courses and a paramedical college with 60 seat admission capacity for paramedical courses.
- Similarly, in order to increase the number of seats of undergraduate courses to set up a new medical college in Ujjain, the Council of Ministers gave inprinciple consent.
- Council of Ministers approves setting up of Rural Technology Park at Morena.
- On the recommendation of the Kundu Taskforce Committee, the Council of Ministers decided to set up a State Statistical Commission on the lines of the National Statistical Commission. The Kundu Task Force was constituted to submit recommendations for the

strengthening of the statistical system in the state. The Commission will be headed by an eminent statistical expert having 20 years of experience in this field. In the Commission, 1 member will be nominated by the State Government and maximum 6 members will be special invitees as subject experts.

## **Election Mobile App**

#### Why in News?

On June 29, 2022, the 'Election' mobile app (Android Based) has been updated for the convenience of voters and candidates for the general election year-2022 of Madhya Pradesh urban bodies and three-tier panchayats.

#### **Key Points**

- Election related information can be obtained through this app.
- > State Election Commission Secretary Rakesh Singh informed that in the 'Election' app, the information of voters, candidates for the post of mayor, councilor, district panchayat member and district panchayat member is available as per the summary of the affidavit.
- In this app the election results of Mayor, Councilor, Zilla Panchayat member and Janpad Panchayat member will also be available.

# Institutional Check-up and Care During Pregnancy

#### Why in News?

According to the recently released National Family Health Survey-4 (2015) and National Family Health Survey-5 (2020-21) comparative data, the number of expectant mothers who have been examined and taken care of in health institutions during pregnancy in Madhya Pradesh is Significant growth has been registered in 5 years.

#### **Key Points**

The National Family Health Survey-5 report states that 75 percent of pregnant women are women who were examined and taken care of at a health institution in the first trimester of pregnancy. In the National Family Health Survey-4 of 2015, the number of such women was 53 percent.



- > The Survey-5 report also states that more than half (58 percent) of expectant mothers had access to check-up and care in health institutions 4 or more times before delivery. The number of urban women doing so was higher than that of rural women.
- ➤ In Madhya Pradesh, 91 percent of the deliveries took place with health facilities. The increase in births with health facilities has increased from 81 percent to 91
- percent in Health Survey-5 as compared to National Family Health Survey-4.
- ➤ It is worth mentioning that in May 2022, the report of the National Family Health Survey-5 was released.
- ➤ The National Family Health Survey (NFHS) is a multilevel survey conducted on a large scale, which is carried out as a representative sample of households across India.

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