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# Budhni Toy Festival

#### Why in news

The Budhni Toy Festival was virtually launched by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on November 1, 2021.

#### **Key Points**

- Budhni Toy Festival will be organized from 1<sup>st</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> November, 2021 at Dussehra Ground in Budhni.
- It is worth mentioning that Budhni is famous for wooden toys. In such a situation, the Chief Minister has spoken of taking initiative by the government for the betterment of the wood craftsmen of Budhni and to bring fame to Budhni's toys at national and international level.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister said that with a view to promote the toy art of Budhni and to create employment opportunities, a toy cluster would be formed in Budhni.

# COVID-19 Treatment and Management Plan

#### Why in News

On November 2, 2021, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan through video conferencing, approval was given to the Covid-19 treatment and management plan.

#### **Key Points**

- Under this scheme, health infrastructure upgradation, human resource management, purchase of medicines and other equipment, free treatment of covid patients, testing and sampling arrangements, covid friendly behavior-awareness and publicity, covid care center operation, waste management of hospitals, Home isolation monitoring and medical kit distribution etc. have been included.
- ➤ A total of Rs 480 crore is proposed for the implementation of the scheme, out of which Rs 75 crore is currently available through re-appropriation.

## Madhya Pradesh got 3 gold medals in Indian Skills 2021 Regional Competition

#### Why in News

In the recently concluded Indian Skills, 2021 Regional Competition (West Zone), Madhya Pradesh has bagged 3 gold and one silver medal. The competition was held in Gandhinagar and Ahmedabad over the period 29 October 2021 to 1 November 2021.

#### **Key Points**

- In this competition Avani Patil in Cooking, Sanskar Singh in Bakery and Shubham Prajapati in Web Technology got gold medal. Rohit Kumar Kushwaha got silver medal in bricklaying.
- The winners were awarded by Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Bhai Patel with a citation, medal and cash amount.
- In this competition, 230 participants from Goa, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat demonstrated skill in various skills.
- In the next phase, these participants will showcase their skills at the National Level Indian Skills, 2021.

# Kurawar Became a New Electrical Sub-Division

#### Why in News

Recently, Madhya Kshetra Vidyut Vitran Company has made Kurawar of Rajgarh district electricity subdivision. This new subdivision has been created by reorganizing the existing Narsinghgarh (O&M) subdivision under the Narsinghgarh division.

#### **Key Points**

- > The newly created Kurawar sub-division will include Kurawar, Iklera, Talen, Jhalda and Narsinghgarh (Rural), Boda and Gadia distribution centers under Narsinghgarh (O&M) sub-division.
- Company's Managing Director Ganesh Shankar Mishra said that making Kurawar a sub-division would ensure uninterrupted and quality power supply to the consumers of the area. Also, faster and better services will be available to the consumers.



# Madhya Pradesh Tourism Gets Three International Awards

#### Why in News

Recently, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board's Rural Tourism Project was presented with three awards including the 'Best Project' award at the International level at the World Travel Mart (WTM) World Responsible Tourism Awards-2021 ceremony in London. The ceremony was held in London from November 1 to 3.

#### **Key Points**

- The International Responsible Tourism Center gave this award for 'Best Project' in the category of 'Best Post-Covid Tourism Destination Development'.
- In the same category, Madhya Pradesh Rural Tourism was also given 'Gold Award' at the zonal level. In another category 'Diversity in Tourism', Madhya Pradesh's concept of 'Safe Tourism for Women' project was awarded for recognition of the best project.
- On behalf of the Tourism Board, Managing Director State Tourism Development Corporation S Vishwanathan and Deputy Director Tourism Board Yuvraj Padole received the award.
- ➢ Before conferring the World Responsible Tourism Award-2021, 'Gold Awards' are given at the zonal level in India, Australia, Europe and the Middle East by dividing all the countries into four zones at the international level. The 'International Award' is given by selecting the best project out of the 'Gold Award', which was given to Madhya Pradesh Rural Tourism for the year 2021.
- Under the Rural Tourism Project, 100 villages are being developed as tourism villages in the state. Tourism activities will be conducted in these villages with the participation of the community.
- In the project 'Safe Tourist Places for Women', the number of women working at 50 selected tourist places will be increased. Activities like infrastructure development for women tourists, capacity building of local stakeholders, creation of community based organizations and self-protection training for women etc. will be implemented.
- > WTM is a world class organization of tourism, of which the International Responsible Tourism Center

- is an important part. The International Responsible Tourism Center has announced awards in six categories for 2021.
- Held every year in London, the World Travel Market, London (WTM London) is a major event in the field of tourism, in which organizations working in the field of tour, travel and tourism from around the world participate. It is a big platform in the world, in which people working in the field of tourism get recognition, as well as opportunities to increase the market and business.

## Silver Medal in International Wrestling Event

#### Why in News

Ms. Shivani, resident of village Umreth in Chhindwara district of Madhya Pradesh has won silver medal in 50 kg weight category in the International Women's Wrestling Championship held in Republic of Serbia from 1<sup>st</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2021.

#### **Key Points**

- In this championship, 30 players from India and only one player from Madhya Pradesh Shivani participated.
- Prior to this, he had won a gold medal in the National Senior Wrestling event held in Amethi in September.
- This Dangal girl from Madhya Pradesh, who made it to the Under 23 Championship, is training in Delhi.

# Inauguration of Oxygen Generating Plant at AIIMS Bhopal

#### Why in News

On November 7, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang and AIIMS Bhopal President Prof. Dr. Y.K. Gupta inaugurated the PSA Plant (Oxygen Generating Plant) at AIIMS.

#### **Key Points**

> This plant has been set up with the help of Coal India under the **CSR scheme.** Oxygen generating plant produces oxygen from atmospheric air.



- The plant has a capacity of 1000 liters, which will supply oxygen to the trauma center and emergency block and 300 beds of patients will be benefited from it.
- This plant will reduce the dependence on liquid medical oxygen at AIIMS, Bhopal. Now AIIMS Bhopal will have all different modalities of oxygen resources like Oxygen Cylinder, Manifold, 30 KL Liquid Medical Tank and PSA Plant and more than 150 Oxygen Concentrators.

# Virtual Dedication Flood Relief Residences

#### Why in News

On November 6, 2021, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated more than 400 houses constructed under the Chief Minister's Flood Relief Housing Scheme in 40 villages of Budhni tehsil from village Somalwada and got virtual home entrance to the beneficiaries.

#### **Key Points**

- It may be mentioned that around 40 villages of Budhni were badly affected by the floods last year. In these villages 626 houses were sanctioned under Mukhyamantri Rahat Awas Yojna, out of which more than 400 houses were inaugurated and the beneficiaries were given home entry.
- Many villages virtually participated in the Griha Pravesh program held in Somalwada. 95 thousand rupees were given as Chief Minister relief for each house, 17 thousand rupees for construction of toilets and 90 days employment from MGNREGA.
- On the demand of the villagers, the Chief Minister announced construction of a mini Anganwadi and school building in Somalwada along with road and bridge connecting 6 villages from Nandmer to Somalwada.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that in order to link the products and skills of the village to the economy, along with training to the self-help groups of women, financial help would be provided from the bank and the market would also be made available by making clusters of the products.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister directed the District Collector to arrange loan and training from banks to women self-help groups in all other villages including Somalwada.

### Four Persons from Madhya Pradesh Got Padma Shri

#### Why in News

On 8 November 2021, President Ram Nath Kovind honored 4 persons from Madhya Pradesh with the Padma Shri award for the year 2020.

#### **Key Points**

- Dr. Purushottam Dadhich, an 83-year-old Kathak dancer from Indore, has been honored with the Padma Shri award for his outstanding contribution in the field of art (classical dance).
- At the same time, Abdul Jabbar, an activist who fought for the victims of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy-1984, has been given the Padma Shri award posthumously.
- Industrialist Dr. Nemnath Jain has been awarded Padma Shri for his outstanding work in the field of trade and industry.
- > Dr. Leela Joshi, a gynecologist resident of Ratlam, Madhya Pradesh, has been awarded the Padma Shri award for her outstanding work in the field of medicine at the age of 82. She is also known as 'Mother Teresa' of Madhya Pradesh.
- A total of 141 people were selected for the Padma Awards for the year 2020, out of which 7 people were selected for Padma Vibhushan, 16 for Padma Bhushan and 118 for Padma Shri.

### **Council of Ministers Meeting**

#### Why in News

On November 9, 2021, a meeting of the Council of Ministers was held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, in which many important decisions were taken.

#### **Key Points**

- In this meeting, two new tehsils Kilaud and Mundi in district Khandwa, one new tehsil Digouda in district Tikamgarh and one new tehsil Dhulkot in district Burhanpur were ratified.
- The cabinet approved to start 11 new government colleges in the state. These include Government College Udayanagar (District- Dewas), Sh. College Raigaon (District- Satna), Government College Ghuwara



(District- Chhatarpur), Government College Pichhore (District- Gwalior), Government College Jaisinagar (District- Sagar), Government College Gormi (District-Bhind), Government College Rajodha (District- Morena), Government College Anuppur (District - Anuppur), Government College Dimani (District - Morena), Government College Rithora Kalan (District - Morena) and Government College Dinara (District - Morena).

- Approval was given to start new science and commerce faculties in five already run government colleges and to start three new subjects at postgraduate level in one government college.
- According to the Madhya Pradesh University (Amendment) Ordinance, the proposal to rename 'Chhindwara University, Chhindwara' as 'Raja Shankar Shah University Chhindwara' was approved by the Council of Ministers. The Higher Education Department has been authorized to pass the ordinance in the form of a bill in the upcoming assembly session.

# Three Eminent Personalities from Madhya Pradesh get Padma Awards

#### Why in News

On November 9, 2021, President Ram Nath Kovind presented Padma awards for the year 2021 to three eminent personalities of Madhya Pradesh in a program organized at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

#### **Key Points**

- President Ram Nath Kovind honored former MP Sumitra Mahajan with Padma Bhushan, Bhopal's Kapil Tiwari and tribal painter Bhuri Bai with Padma Shri for the year 2021.
- Former MP Sumitra Mahajan has been honored with Padma Bhushan 2021 for her special contribution in the public sector. She was the speaker of the 16th Lok Sabha and is the first woman in India, who has been an MP for 8 consecutive terms.
- Kapil Tiwari of Bhopal has made a special contribution in the field of manifestation of Ramayana based art in tribal culture. They have an important role in saving and promoting the folk arts of the state.
- Bhuri Bai, a tribal painter of Jhabua, is a Bhil painter of international repute.

Former Union Minister Sushma Swaraj was posthumously awarded the Padma Vibhushan for the year 2020 by President Ram Nath Kovind on November 8, 2021. Also Abdul Jabbar Khan of Bhopal (posthumously), Purushottam Dadhich and Nemnath Jain of Indore and Dr. Leela Joshi of Ratlam were honored with Padma Shri.

# Madhya Pradesh First in the Country in Prime Minister-Svanidhi Yojana

#### Why in News

On November 10, 2021, the Minister of Urban Development and Housing of Madhya Pradesh informed that Madhya Pradesh has achieved the first place in the country by fulfilling the target given by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs for the year 2021-22 in the Pradhan Mantri-Svanidhi Yojana.

#### **Key Points**

- He informed that 4 lakh 5 thousand street vendors have been benefited as per the target set in the scheme.
- Street vendors in particular were in bad shape in an economy hit by the Covid-19. PM-Svanidhi Yojana was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 2, 2020, with the aim of re-establishing their employment. In this, interest free loan of Rs 10,000 is given to street vendors.
- Under the scheme, there is a provision to sanction a loan of Rs 20,000 and then Rs 50,000 in the second phase to the street vendors who repay the loan of Rs 10,000. Madhya Pradesh is top in the country in the implementation of the second phase.

### 'Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu-Adhikar Yojana'

#### Why in News

On November 11, 2021, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu-Adhikar Yojana from Prithvipur (Niwari). Along with this, the Chief Minister also inaugurated various development works and performed Bhoomi-Poojan in Prithvipur.



#### **Key Points**

- The main objective of this scheme is to provide free plots to such houses in which more than one family is residing and if they do not have any plot of land to live in.
- Apart from this, loans can also be obtained from banks on the plots provided through this scheme, so that the economic condition of the citizens of the state will also improve.
- > Through this scheme, the citizens of the state will be able to lead a respectable life with minimum basic necessities. Every citizen will be able to have his own house.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister distributed land rights letters to 5 beneficiaries of 'Mukhyamantri Awasiya Bhu-Adhikar Yojna'. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had announced this scheme on October 30, 2021.
- ➤ The Chief Minister distributed benefits to 13 thousand 397 beneficiaries of various government schemes and inaugurated 223 construction works costing Rs 6 crore 68 lakh 43 thousand and performed bhoomi-pujan of 23 works costing Rs 34 crore.

# Daredevil Show of BSFJawans

#### Why in News

A 52-member BSF team led by Inspector Awadhesh Kumar performed an astonishing DareDevil-Show on a motor-cycle at Motilal Nehru Stadium, Bhopal on the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi on November 12, 2021.

#### **Key Points**

- Home Minister Dr. Narottam Mishra described it as a wonderful and unforgettable moment to witness the daredevil show of the brave team of **Border** Security Force (BSF) in Bhopal. He honored team leader Awadhesh Kumar in the program.
- The BSF bands also gave mesmerizing performances on patriotic tunes at the function. Inspector General of Police Vivek Johri, DIG BSF Koraput, Commandant 151<sup>st</sup> Corps along with other senior officers were present in the ceremony.

### Devi Prasad Sharma Award

#### Why in News

On November 12, 2021, Madhya Pradesh's Minister of State for School Education (Independent Charge) and General Administration Inder Singh Parmar presented the Devi Prasad Sharma Award for the year 2019-20 to Rajkumar Patel, an officer posted in the Department of Public Health Engineering in Mantralaya.

#### **Key Points**

- For this award, the fourth class employee of the ministry is selected by the committee on the basis of devotion to work, punctuality, attendance, perseverance and excellence.
- A check of Rs 1 lakh and a certificate was presented as the award. It is to be known that Devi Prasad Sharma State Level Award was started in the year 2017.
- Minister Inder Singh Parmar said that the award scheme will strengthen the commitment towards work and commitment to work on time among all employees and colleagues. There will be a feeling in everyone's mind that the more good work you do, the more respect you will get.
- Additional Chief Secretary (General Administration)
  Vinod Kumar said that the award inspires and encourages
  everyone to do their work with engrossment. Receiving
  prizes develops competition for doing excellent work.
  With this, everyone tries to contribute their hundred
  percent in their work.

# Sanchi Medical Insurance Scheme

#### Why in News

On November 12, 2021, the Sanchi Medical Assistance Insurance Scheme has been approved by the Madhya Pradesh Co-operative Dairy Federation for the members of milk societies and their families.

#### **Key Points**

In the scheme, there is a provision of sum insured of Rs. 1 lakh for the treatment of common diseases and Rs. 2 lakh for serious diseases per family per year for the milk supplier members and their dependent families.



The sum insured will be paid by New India Insurance Company. Milk supplier members and 3 families dependent on them will be benefited under the scheme. Relatives include a spouse and 2 children in the age group of 3 months to 25 years.

# Sports and Adventure Awards, 2021

#### Why in News

On November 13, 2021, President Ram Nath Kovind distributed Sports and Adventure Awards-2021 at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in which Madhya Pradesh hockey player Vivek Sagar Prasad was honored with Arjuna Award-2021.

#### **Key Points**

- > This award has been given to Vivek Sagar Prasad in recognition of his outstanding achievements in the field of hockey.
- Born in February, 2000 in Itarsi, Vivek Sagar Prasad is one of the most outstanding players in the field of hockey. He won the bronze medal in the Tokyo Olympics, 2020.
- Established in the year 1961, the Arjuna Award is given to those sportspersons who have consistently excelled at the international level in the last four years, along with the qualities of leadership, sportsmanship and spirit of discipline. The awardee is given a statuette, certificate, ceremonial dress and Rs. 15.00 lakh in cash.

### **International Trade Fair**

#### Why in News

The Madhya Pradesh Pavilion was inaugurated by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises Minister Om Prakash Sakhlecha at the India International Trade Fair-2021 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi on November 14, 2021.

#### **Key Points**

Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises, MP Tourism, Horticulture and Food Processing Department, Small Industries Corporation, Mrignayani Emporium,

- Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Information Technology Department participated in this pavilion and displayed their products.
- Prominent products include Kodo-Kutki and Panja dari from Sidhi district, brass products from Tikamgarh, cloth jackets from Shivpuri, handicraft products from Bhopal, Ratlami sev and products by Mrignayani emporium. Also Inventohack, an agriculture based startup also participated in the exhibition.
- It is to be known that this fair is organized every year from 14 to 27 November at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. This fair is participated by various states, union territories, ministries of the Government of India, among other countries.
- The 40<sup>th</sup> Indian International Trade Fair-2021, organized on the 'Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav' in 75 years of the country's independence, focuses on the theme of self-reliant India. This event will boost investment and self-reliance in the country.

## Film 'Ulgulan – Ek Kranti' Released Digitally

#### Why in News

 On November 13, 2021, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan digitally released the feature film 'Ulgulan
 Ek Kranti' on the portal of the Public Relations Department.

#### **Key Points**

- The film is shot in Bhagwan Birsa Munda's Karma Kshetra Khunti, Jharkhand. Madhya Pradesh is the first state, which is releasing this film digitally. The writer of the film is Pandit Bhushan and former Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker Kadiya Munda.
- The film's producer-director Ashok Sharan told that Birsa Munda had declared the first Ulgulan, i.e. revolution, on December 24-25, 1898. The feature film 'Ulgulan - Ek Kranti' based on the life of Bhagwan Birsa Munda has been made in 35mm cinema scope Dolby Digital sound. Famous Bollywood actors have acted in the film.
- It is known that Birsa Munda was born in the year 1875 in Ulihatu, Khunti, Jharkhand. Birsa Munda fought for the independence of India and for the protection of tribal religion and culture.



He died on 9 June 1900 in the Ranchi Central Jail due to poisoning by the British. Birsa Munda could not even complete the age of 25. As a result of the sacrifice of Birsa Munda and the resolve to protect the water-jungle-land, he was considered as God.

### Rani Kamlapati Railway Station

#### Why in News

On November 15, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the redeveloped world class Rani Kamalapati (formerly Habibganj) railway station in Bhopal.

#### **Key Points**

- Rani Kamlapati Railway Station is the country's first ISO certified and developed railway station on PPP model. This station is the first in the state and the second world class railway station in the country.
- A short film focusing on the projects developed by the Indian Railways was screened during this period. The film was about the state-of-the-art facilities available at the station.
- Rani Kamlapati Railway Station has been redeveloped on PPP model. The total cost of this project is Rs 450 crore. This railway station is the first model station in the country to be built under public-private partnership.
- Rani Kamalapati was a Gond queen who was married to the Raja of Ginnaurgarh. She is considered the last Hindu queen of the Gond dynasty.

### Goat Milk

#### Why in News

Recently, Madhya Pradesh Animal Husbandry and Dairy Minister Prem Singh Patel launched goat milk sale in the state during the state level program of Barwani from Tribal Pride Day.

#### **Key Points**

It is worth noting that goat's milk is rich in nutritious minerals. Being an excellent source of carbohydrates, proteins, fats, vitamins, calcium, magnesium, potassium, copper, zinc etc., it is helpful in increasing the body's immunity.

- In this, the fat particles are smaller than other milk, which is quickly and easily digested. Increases bone density by supplying 33% of the recommended daily value of calcium to the body.
- Goat's milk contains medium-grade fatty acids, but it does not get stored as fat in spite of giving more energy to the body. This keeps the weight under control. It is also helpful in treating intestinal disorders and coronary disease.
- Goat's milk controls bad cholesterol and blood pressure by increasing the level of good cholesterol in the body.
- Goat's milk being a metabolic agent can also metabolize copper and iron. It is also helpful in relieving digestion and constipation problems and bloating. The fats and triglycerides available in goat's milk brighten the human skin. Keeps skin soft and healthy. Vitamin-A present in it removes the pimples and acne of the face and enhances the complexion.
- Foat's milk protects against dengue by controlling platelets in the blood. Goat's milk is a good option for lactose intolerant people. Goat's milk is a good option for people who are allergic to milk sugar. Goat's milk mostly contains a protein called A&2 (Casein), which is not allergic and provides protection against colitis, irritability and intestinal syndrome etc. Goat's milk also prevents osteoporosis.

### Mukhya Mantri Udyam Kranti Yojana

#### Why in News

In a meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on November 16, 2021, approval was given to start 'Mukhyamantri Udyami Kranti Yojana' to connect the educated youth of the state with selfemployment.

#### **Key Points**

- ➤ The benefit of this scheme will be available to the minimum 12th class pass youth of Madhya Pradesh between the age of 18 to 40 years.
- Under this scheme, projects ranging from one lakh to 50 lakh rupees for manufacturing units and one lakh to 25 lakh rupees for service units or retail business will be approved.



- Interest subsidy at the rate of three percent per annum and loan guarantee fee will be given to the beneficiary at the prevailing rate for a maximum of 7 years on the loan disbursed by the state government as financial assistance.
- The implementation of this scheme will be done through an online portal. Through this scheme, youth who want to set up industry, service or business will get loans at low interest rates through banks. Also, no collateral security will have to be given for bank loans.

## National Tulsi and Goddess Ahilya Samman declared

#### Why in News

On November 17, 2021, the Madhya Pradesh Culture Department declared the National Tulsi Samman for the years 2017 to 2020 and the National Goddess Ahilya Samman for 2019 and 2020. The artists to be honored will be adorned by Tourism, Culture and Spiritual Minister Usha Thakur at the inauguration of Nimar Utsav starting from November 19 in Maheshwar.

#### **Key Points**

- Among the artists who were honored with the National Tulsi Samman, the year 2017 was awarded to the eminent painter Kailash Chand Sharma of Jaipur, the year 2018 was awarded to Vikram Yadav, the famous flute player of Rajnandgaon district of Chhattisgarh, the year 2019 was awarded to the famous Kabir singer of Raipur district of Chhattisgarh. The award for the year 2020 will be given to Dr. Bharti brothers and eminent tribal artist Tilakram Pendram.
- Among the artists to be honored with the National Goddess Ahilya Samman, this prestigious honor of the year 2019 will be given to Shanti Bai Maravi, a tribal artist of Mandla and the honor of the year 2020 will be given to the famous folk singer Malini Awasthi of Awadhi, Bhojpuri and Bundelkhandi style of Lucknow.
- Artists who are honored with the National Tulsi and Devi Ahilya Samman are given an honorarium of 2 lakhs, an honor plague and a shawl-shriphal.
- It is noteworthy that the annual National Tulsi Samman was established in the year 1983 by the Culture Department of Madhya Pradesh to honor excellence and best achievement in tribal, folk and traditional arts,

- which is awarded only to male artists. Rashtriya Tulsi Samman is given twice in three years for performing arts and once for Rupankar arts.
- Similarly, to honor women artists in the field of tribal, folk and traditional arts, the National Goddess Ahilya Samman was established by the department in 1996.

## Madhya Pradesh Ranks First in PM Svanidhi Yojana

#### Why in News

On November 18, 2021, Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh informed that Madhya Pradesh has secured first place in the country by achieving 101.60 percent achievement under Pradhan Mantri Svanidhi Yojana.

#### **Key Points**

- In this scheme by the Union Housing and Urban Ministry, Madhya Pradesh was given a target to benefit 4 lakh 5 thousand street vendors for the year 2021-22. Against the target, 4 lakh 11 thousand 481 street vendors in Madhya Pradesh have been disbursed 10 thousand rupees interest free loan.
- It is noteworthy that in this scheme, there is a provision to sanction a loan of 20 thousand and then 50 thousand rupees to the street vendors who repay the loan of 10 thousand rupees on time.
- Commissioner, Urban Administration and Development Nikunj Kumar Srivastava informed that Telangana is second, Uttar Pradesh third, Andhra Pradesh fourth, Karnataka fifth and Chhattisgarh sixth in the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Svanidhi Yojana.
- > The second phase of the scheme started from August 18, 2021. Under the scheme, the urban street vendors of the first phase, who fully repay the loan of Rs 10 thousand, become eligible for a loan of Rs 20 thousand.
- ➤ In this phase, a loan of Rs 20,000 has been distributed to 600 street vendors in the state, whereas loans have been distributed to only 1200 beneficiaries across the country. In this way, Madhya Pradesh ranks first in the country in the implementation of PM Svanidhi Phase II.
- It is to be known that the decision to start the Svanidhi scheme was taken by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in the meeting of the Union Cabinet on June 1, 2020. Under this scheme, a loan of up to Rs 10000 is being



provided by the central government to the street vendors (small street vendors) of the country to start their own work afresh. This Svanidhi scheme is also known as 'Prime Minister's Street Vendors Self-Reliant Fund'

### 28th Nimar Festival Begins

#### Why in News

On November 19, 2021, Culture, Tourism and Spirituality Minister Usha Thakur inaugurated the 28th Nimar festival in the moonlight of Kartik Purnima on the banks of river Narmada in Maheshwar. The festival will be held till November 21.

#### **Key Points**

- Along with this, the 116th issue of Chaumasa magazine published by Tribal Folk Kala and Boli Vikas Akademi and the route made for handloom walk were also released.
- On this occasion, Minister Usha Thakur said that soon a unique and cultural competition based on Shri RamcharitManas would be organized in the state. The winners of its four student category and 4 winners of the general public category will be given aerial views of Ayodhya.
- Nimar Utsav is organized every year by Tribal Folk Arts and Language Development Academy and District Archeology, Tourism and Culture Council Khargone under the Department of Culture, Government of Madhya Pradesh to honor excellence and best achievements in tribal folk and traditional arts.
- ➤ For the first time, demos of three innovative sporting disciplines Malkhamb, Kayaking and Martial Art have been included in this Nimar festival.
- During this festival, the National Tulsi Samman for the years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020 and the National Goddess Ahilya Samman for 2019 and 2020 were conferred by the Department of Culture.
- The National Tulsi Samman for the year 2017 was given to the eminent painter Kailash Chand Sharma of Jaipur, the year 2018 to the eminent flute player Vikram Yadav, the year 2019 to the eminent Kabir singer Dr Bharti Bandhu and the year 2020 to the tribal artist Tilakram Pendram.
- The National Goddess Ahilya Samman for the year 2019 was given to Shanti Bai Maravi, a tribal artist

- of Mandla and the honor of the year 2020 was given to Malini Awasthi, a famous folk singer of Awadhi, Bhojpuri and Bundelkhandi style of Lucknow.
- The artists who were honored in the National Tulsi and Devi Ahilya Samman were given an honorarium of Rs 2 lakh, a plaque and a shawl-shriphal.
- National Tulsi Samman was established in 1983. Rashtriya Tulsi Samman is given twice in three years for performing arts and once for Rupankar arts. National Goddess Ahilya Samman was established in the year 1996 to honor women artists in the field of tribal, folk and traditional art.

# Water Festival 2021-22 in Hanuwantia

#### Why in News

On November 20, 2021, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Jal Mahotsav 2021-22 at Hanuwantiya, a tourist destination in Khandwa district.

#### **Key Points**

- > Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that Hanuwantia is as beautiful as Sentosa Island in Singapore. It was during his visit to Sentosa Island that he got the inspiration to develop Hanuwantia as a tourist destination. The deep blue water here is like the ocean.
- The Chief Minister said that along with cultural activities, various adventure activities like scuba diving, joy ride, hot air balloon etc. would be started in Hanuwantia. Tourists will also be able to enjoy sitting in a helicopter.
- The Nimar region tells the glory story of tribal heroes like Tantya Bhil, Bhima Nayak, Khajya Nayak etc. This is the birthplace of Tantya Mama and her kadhas are kept here.

# Police Commissioner System will be Implemented in Indore and Bhopal

#### Why in News

On November 21, 2021, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan decided to start a Police Commissioner



System (Police Commissioner System) in two big cities of Madhya Pradesh- Bhopal and Indore.

#### **Key Points**

- The Chief Minister said that this decision has been taken in view of the law and order requirements arising due to increasing population, geographical expansion and technology in the state capital Bhopal and commercial capital Indore, the cleanest city of the country.
- Along with Bhopal and Indore, police and administration together have achieved many achievements in the state, but the urban population is increasing rapidly. The metropolis is also expanding geographically. Hence some new problems of law and order are arising. For their solution and to control criminals, a decision has been taken to implement a police commissioner system in two cities.
- Indore and Bhopal are the two big metropolitan cities of the state. Police commissioner system is being implemented for better control over criminals. The work of improving the already good law and order will be done through this system.

# Indore First for the Fifth Time in Swachh Survekshan 2021

#### Why in News

On November 20, 2021, President Ram Nath Kovind presented the Safai Mitra Safety Challenge and the best clean city in the country to Indore under Swachh Survekshan-2021 at the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav organized at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

#### **Key Points**

- Indore has raised the flag of cleanliness in the country for the fifth time in a row while maintaining its sovereignty. Indore city also got 5 star city certification. Along with this, Madhya Pradesh has received the third cleanest state award.
- Four cities of Madhya Pradesh are included in the 20 top cities of the country in the category of population more than one million in the year 2021 Swachhta Samman. Among these, Indore got first, Bhopal seventh, Gwalior got 15<sup>th</sup> and Jabalpur got 20<sup>th</sup>.

- Madhya Pradesh has been ranked third in the category of states having more than 100 urban bodies for its urban bodies and following various sanitation procedures.
- Six cities of Madhya Pradesh namely Indore, Bhopal, Ujjain, Dewas, Hoshangabad and Barwaha and Pachmarhi were awarded for the Cantt Excellence Award category. Apart from this, 27 cities got star ratings.
- Along with Indore, Dewas and Bhopal have also secured the best position in the Safai Mitra Safety Challenge.
- The city of Ujjain has got the award of best city in the civic response among the cities with population of 1 to 10 lakhs. The city of Hoshangabad has got the honor of being the fastest growing city in the cities of 1 to 3 lakh population and Dewas has got the honor of innovation among the cities of the same category.
- Bhopal has retained its self-sustainable capital last year's title. In addition, Bhopal has been ranked third in the country in the Safai Mitra Safety Challenge.
- In the small towns category, Barwaha of Khargone district has been adjudged the fastest growing city in the zonal ranking.

### Urja Saksharta Abhiyan

#### Why in News

A meeting of the Council of Ministers was held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on November 23, 2021. It was decided by the cabinet that "Urja Saksharta Abhiyan" would be launched at the state level to make all the citizens of the state energy literate. Through the campaign, the citizens of the state will be given information about energy saving.

#### **Key Points**

- Taking a step towards tackling the effects of global warming and climate change, the state government is starting an "Urja Literacy Campaign" (Urja Saksharta Abhiyan).
- > Efforts will be made to make all the citizens of the state energy literate according to the time bound action plan under the Urja Saksharta Abhiyan.
- In this, to develop an understanding of the expenditure and dissipation of energy in the general public, to



give information about traditional and alternative sources of energy and to create an understanding of their impact on the environment, meaningful dialogue about the use of energy and energy, about energy conservation and management, Organized activities such as creating awareness about the impacts of energy use, making decisions for its efficient use based on understanding the consequences, mitigating environmental risks and negative impacts of climate change and enabling selection of different energy technologies.

- Through this unique campaign, the students of schools and colleges and the general public will be given information about energy and energy saving.
- > The campaign will be **implemented as a mission.**

# Balaghat ranks first in the country in the field of fish production

#### Why in News

Recently, Balaghat district of Madhya Pradesh has got the first place in the country for excellent work in the field of fisheries development.

#### **Key Points**

- Balaghat district was given the first prize on World Fisheries Day (21 November) in Bhubaneswar, the capital of Odisha. The survey covered 70 districts of the country.
- Rs.3 lakh and Memento was given by the Government of India as a reward. Director Fisheries Bharat Singh and Deputy Director Fisheries Industry Balaghat Shashi Prabha received this award.
- Bharat Singh informed that Balaghat district has received the Best Inland State award for doing excellent work for RAS, Biofloc, Cage and economic progress of women and children.
- Balaghat has distributed/established 2 feed mills, 23 retail markets, 2 kiosks, 10 Biofloc, 280 two wheelers, 5 three wheelers, 160 cage cultures etc in the last three years. Under PMMSY scheme, 2288 beneficiaries have been benefited and in Savings-cum-Relief scheme, 7292 beneficiaries have been benefited.

## IISF-2021 Curtain Razor Launched

#### Why in News

The Curtain Razor of India International Science Festival (IISF) 2021 was launched by Om Prakash Sakhlecha, Minister of Science & Technology and MSME, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 23rd November, 2021.

#### **Key Points**

- This festival was organized under the joint aegis of Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology and Madhya Pradesh Private University Regulatory Commission.
- This time the festival will be organized in both virtual and direct mode. The celebration will also highlight the contribution of Indian scientists on the occasion of 75 years of independence.
- Dr. Anil Kothari, Director General of Madhya Pradesh Science Council said that this is the biggest science festival in Asia.
- The five pillars of the science festival are Freedom Struggle (it will introduce Indian scientists associated with the freedom struggle), Ideas at Seventy Five (inviting new ideas from the youth), Achievements at Seventy Five (in this 75 years of achievements), Action at Seventy Five (It will have 75 action plans for New India), Resolve at Seventy Five (It will have 75 resolutions for self-reliant India).
- Chief Scientist of the Council Dr. Rakesh Kumar Arya told in the presentation on IISF 2021 that the 7th Science Festival will be held in Panaji from 10-13 December. There will be 12 events including Science Film and Science Literature Festival and Mega Science and Technology Expo exhibition will also be organized.

# 64th National Shooting (Rifle) Championship-2021 Inaugurated

#### Why in News

On November 25, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia and Chief Secretary Iqbal Singh Bains inaugurated the 64th National Shooting (Rifle) Championship.



#### **Key Points**

- This competition is being organized at Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy, Bisankhedi (Goragaon), Bhopal under the joint aegis of Sports and Youth Welfare Department and National Rifle Association of India.
- Olympic and International level players are participating in the championship. These include 6 Arjuna Awardees. This includes players from a total of 41 units of the country.
- Top 8 players will be selected from this championship, who will represent India in national and international tournaments.
- A 256-member team from the host Madhya Pradesh is participating in the competition. The largest party is from Maharashtra (518 members). Apart from this, 440 players from Uttar Pradesh, 368 from Rajasthan, 344 from Haryana and 221 from Punjab are participating. 70 gold medals will be at stake in the championship.
- Madhya Pradesh Shooting Academy is fully air-conditioned and has been designed keeping in mind the international competition. It has 60 lanes of 50m, 70 lanes of 10m and 50 lanes of 25m. The same 3 lanes of trap shooting have been prepared.
- ➤ A 50 meter shooting range and three trap and skeet ranges have been set up at Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy, Bhopal. 50 lanes have been made in the 50 meter range. It is a world class shooting range and has been developed into a high performance centre.

# Announcement of Prestigious Honors of the Department of Culture

#### Why In News

On November 24, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Culture Department has awarded National Kabir Samman, Kalidas Samman, Ashok Kumar Samman, Lata Mangeshkar Samman, Maithilisharan Gupta Samman, Iqbal Samman, Sharad Joshi Samman, Nanaji Deshmukh Samman, Kumar Gandharva Samman for the year 2019 and 2020.

#### **Key Points**

Madhya Pradesh Tourism, Culture and Spirituality Minister Usha Thakur said that the Madhya Pradesh

- government is reputed in the country for honoring excellence, creativity and multifarious contribution in the multi-faceted fields of literature, culture, cinema, social harmony, harmony etc.
- ➤ At present, 23 national and 9 state honors are conferred by the Department of Culture in the field of multidisciplinary disciplines.
- For the year 2019 and 2020, the announced honor, honor amount and recommended institution / litterateur / writer / artist are-
  - National Kabir Samman (Rs 3 lakh) Dr. Binay
     Rajaram (Bhopal) and Manoj Srivastava (Bhopal)
  - Kalidas Samman (Classical Music) (Rs 2 lakh) Pt.
     Abhay Narayan Malik (Noida) and Pt. Bhajan
     Sopori (Delhi)
  - Kalidas Samman (Classical Dance) (Rs 2 lakh)
     Sunaina Hazarilal (Mumbai) and Shanta-V.P.
     Dhananjayan (Chennai)
  - Kalidas Samman (Rupankar Arts) (Rs 2 lakh) Paramjit Singh (Delhi) and Dhruv Mistry (Baroda)
  - Kalidas Samman (Range Karma) (Rs 2 lakh) Dr. Anil Rastogi (Lucknow) and Vaman Kendra (Mumbai)
  - Maithilisharan Gupt Samman (Rs 2 lakh) Dr. Shivkumar Tiwari (Jabalpur) and Dr. Satchidanand Joshi (New Delhi)
  - Kishore Kumar Samman (Rs 2 lakh) Ashok Mishra (Mumbai) and Amitabh Bhattacharya (Mumbai)
  - Lata Mangeshkar Samman (Rs 2 lakh) Shailendra Singh (Mumbai) and Anand-Milind (Mumbai)
  - Iqbal Samman (Rs 2 lakh) Zakia Mashadi (Patna) and Prof. Ali Ahmed Fatmi (Prayagraj)
  - Sharad Joshi Samman (Rs 2 lakh) Kailash Mandlekar (Harda) and Vijay Manohar Tiwari (Bhopal)
  - Nanaji Deshmukh Samman (Rs 2 lakh) Narmada (Khargone) and Gaumukhi Seva Dham (Korba)
  - Kumar Gandharva Samman (Rs 1.25 lakh) Meeta Pandit (Delhi) and Suchismita-Debopriya (Thane, Maharashtra)
  - Shikhar Samman (Hindi Literature) (Rs 1 lakh) –
     Shawal Satyarthi (Gwalior) and Hari Joshi (Bhopal)
  - Shikhar Samman (Urdu Literature) (Rs 1 lakh) Naeem Kausar (Bhopal) and Devi Sharan (Bhopal)
  - Shikhar Samman (Sanskrit Literature) (Rs. 1 lakh)
     Prof. Rameshwar Prasar Gupta (Datia) and Prof.
     Rash Behari Dwivedi (Jabalpur)



- Shikhar Samman (Drama) (Rs 1 lakh) Vaishali Gupta (Bhopal) and K.G. Trivedi (Bhopal)
- Shikhar Samman (Dance) (Rs 1 lakh) Chandramadhav Barik (Bhopal) and Alpana Vajpayee (Bhopal)
- Shikhar Samman (Music) (Rs 1 lakh) Pt. Prabhakar Laxman Gohadkar (Gwalior) and Pt. Sajjan Lal Bramhabhte (Bhopal)
- Shikhar Samman (Tribal and Folk Arts) (Rs 1 lakh) -Agnesh Kerketa (Bhopal) and Poornima Chaturvedi (Bhopal)
- Shikhar Samman (rare instrument) (Rs. 1 lakh)
   Babulal Bhola (Sagar) and Dr. Varsha Agarwal (Indore)

# Significant Progress of Madhya Pradesh in NFHS-5

#### Why in News

Recently, in the data of National Family Health Survey-5 released by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, the state has made remarkable progress in many areas in comparison to the National Family Health Survey-4 of the year 2015-16.

#### **Key Points**

- According to the report of National Family Health Survey-5, the child sex ratio in Madhya Pradesh has improved to 956 in the year 2020-21, as compared to 927 in the year 2015-16. There has also been an improvement in the overall sex ratio. It was 948 in the year 2015-16 which has increased to 970 now.
- According to the NFHS-5, the rates of all types of malnutrition among children in the age group of 5 years have come down in the state. NFHS-4 in the state has improved more than the national average in Survey-5 as compared to 2015-16.
- Due to the coordinated and effective implementation of departmental schemes in the state, the rate of severe malnutrition has come down by 29.3 percent. The position of Madhya Pradesh has improved by 13 ranks as compared to other states of the country. In this survey, Madhya Pradesh has moved from 30<sup>th</sup> place to 17<sup>th</sup> place. While the rate of very severe malnutrition in the country has increased by 2.7 percent, Madhya Pradesh has registered a decline of 29.3 percent.

- ➤ The state ranks third in terms of improvement in westing among other states. The country has improved by 8.1 percent, while Madhya Pradesh has improved by 26.4 percent. The state was ranked 32nd in NFHS-4, which has now come down to 24th.
- The state ranks second in the country in improving the underweight category. There has been an improvement of 10.3 percent in the country, while in Madhya Pradesh there has been an improvement of 22.9 percent. The state was ranked 33rd in NFHS-4, now it has come to 31st position.
- ➤ Madhya Pradesh ranks sixth among the states with maximum improvement in stunting. There has been an improvement of 7.8 percent in the country, while there has been an improvement of 15 percent in the state. The state was ranked 32nd in NFHS-4, which has now come down to 30th.
- The rate of child marriage has declined by 13.1 percent in the country, while Madhya Pradesh has registered a decline of 28.7 percent.
- Apart from this, the sex ratio at birth has improved by
   1.1 percent in the country, while in Madhya Pradesh it has registered an improvement of 3.1 percent.

# State Level Technical Committee Reconstituted

#### Why in News

On November 26, 2021, the State Level Technical Committee was reconstituted by the Urban Development and Housing Department on the instructions of Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh with the objective of expediting the work of urban development.

#### **Key Points**

- The head of the State Level Technical Committee will be the Chief Engineer / Chief Engineer, Directorate of Urban Administration and Development. The member secretary of this committee will be the superintending engineer/executive engineer, Directorate of Urban Administration and Development.
- The scope of the State Level Technical Committee will include UIDSSMT Scheme, Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Chief Minister Urban Drinking Water Scheme,



State Disaster Mitigation Item (SMDF), National Urban Livelihood Mission, Chief Minister Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme etc.

Announcement to Change the Name of Minto Hall

#### Why in News

In the BJP State Working Committee meeting held on November 26, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced to name the famous historical building Minto Hall in Bhopal after the late Kushabhau Thackeray, the founder member of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

#### **Key Points**

- Earlier, there was a demand to change the name of Minto Hall to Dr Harisingh Gaur. After the independence of India and after the formation of Madhya Pradesh, this building was used as the state assembly hall. In the year 2018, this hall was converted as a convention center.
- Minto Hall was built by Nawab Sultan Jahan Begum in 1909. It is said that Jahan Begum was the last Begum of Bhopal. He named this hall 'Minto Hall' to honor Lord Minto.
- Kushabhau Thackeray was born on 15 August 1922 in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh. His education was also initiated in Gwalior and Dhar.
- ➤ Kushabhau Thackeray joined the Sangh in 1942. He became the pracharak of Neemuch in 1942 and became the organization secretary after the formation of Jana Sangh in 1956. In 1977, Thackeray was the President of the Madhya Pradesh Janata Party and from 1998 to 2000, he was the President of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Kushabhau Thackeray died on 28 December 2003.

# Madhya Pradesh Pavilion Receives Bronze Medal in International Trade Fair of India

#### Why in News

> The Pavilion of Madhya Pradesh won the bronze

medal at the closing ceremony of the 40th edition of India International Trade Fair at Pragati Maidan in Delhi on November 27, 2021.

#### **Key Points**

- Union Minister for Minority Affairs Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi presented the medal to the state. On behalf of the state government, Deputy Chief General Manager of Laghu Udyog Nigam BN Tiwari and Electronics Development Corporation and IT Park in-charge Ajay Malik received the medal.
- The fair was also organized as a part of the newly constructed Hall of International Exhibition cum Convention Center (IECC) and the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi from 14th to 27th November, 2021.
- This year the Indian International Fair was organized by the India Trade Promotion Organization on the theme of 'Self-reliant India'.
- In this fair, the Madhya Pradesh Pavilion was also displayed under the theme 'Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh'. In Madhya Pradesh's pavilion, the visitors also got an opportunity to know how Madhya Pradesh is progressing in various fields becoming self-reliant. These included topics such as physical infrastructure, good governance, health and education, economy, employment, tourism, arts and crafts, women's empowerment, skill development, MSME, smart cities, agriculture-sector and horticulture.
- Apart from this, there is also a 'Shaurya Smarak' of Bhopal as part of the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi, which is a tribute to the freedom fighters of Madhya Pradesh. Visitors to the pavilion also got acquainted with the food, culture, music and heritage of the state.
- The past is also combined with the glorious potential of the future in the Madhya Pradesh Pavilion. The pavilion was also presenting the picture of how the Mega Skill Development Park being set up in Bhopal in collaboration with technology and ITEES, Singapore will transform Madhya Pradesh.
- Major products of all the districts of Madhya Pradesh were presented in the pavilion under 'One District - One Product'. Kodo-Kutki processed food prepared by women self-help groups were presented.



# Mukhyamantri Udyami Kranti Yojana

#### Why in News

On November 29, 2021, 'Mukhyamantri Udyami Kranti Yojana' was launched by the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises for the youth of the state to establish their own industry, service or business.

#### **Key Points**

- Secretary, Department of Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises P Narhari presented the scheme in the Collector-Commissioner conference.
- Under this new scheme, a loan of Rs 1 lakh to 50 lakh will be given to the youth setting up manufacturing units and enterprises, while for the service sector, a loan of Rs 1 lakh to 25 lakh will be given.
- The benefit of Mukhyamantri Udyam Kranti Yojana will be available only for the establishment of new enterprises. The provisions of the scheme will remain the same for all categories of applicants. For financial assistance in this scheme, the applicant's age should

- be 18 to 40 years and the applicant should have passed the minimum 12<sup>th</sup> class as an educational qualification.
- The annual income of the family should not exceed Rs.12 lakhs. Eligibility will be given to those applicants who are not themselves defaulters of any bank or any financial institution. Similarly, the applicant should not be a beneficiary of any other self-employment scheme of the State or Central Government at present.
- In this scheme, under the interest subsidy scheme, interest subsidy at the rate of 3 percent per annum will be given to all categories of beneficiaries on the remaining loan disbursed by the bank, with a maximum moratorium period of 7 years.
- No interest subsidy will be admissible for the period during which the loan account of the beneficiary remains NPA. Reimbursement of interest subsidy will be given on an annual basis.
- Under the scheme, the guarantee fee will be given at the prevailing rate for a maximum period of 7 years along with the moratorium period. The scheme will be implemented by the Department of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises. The implementation of this scheme will be done through a consolidated portal.



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