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Malkhamb, Yoga, Fencing and Pittu Included in the School Sports Annual Calendar

Why in News

On July 31, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Directorate of Public Education released the revised calendar of state level school sports competitions in the annual calendar year 2022-23 by including traditional sports like Malkhambh, Yoga, Fencing and Pittu.

Key Points

- Directorate of Public Instruction has issued instructions related to the revised calendar to all the Divisional Joint Directors and District Education Officers.
- On the initiative of Minister of State for School Education (Independent Charge) and General Administration Inder Singh Parmar, these games have been included in the annual calendar year 2022-23 of the state level school sports competitions.
- Malkhamb is the 'State Game' of Madhya Pradesh. With this initiative of Minister of State Parmar, local traditional sports will get a boost in the state.
- It is worth mentioning that earlier on July 13, the list of sports for the annual calendar year 2022-23 of the state level school sports competitions was released.

Five Road Projects and One-Way Side Amenity Inaugurated in Indore

Why In News?

On August 1, 2022, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated 119 kms of Indore costing Rs. 2300 crores. He laid the foundation stone of 5 long road projects and inaugurated one-way side amenity.

Key Points

- Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Gadkari said that non-conventional source of fuel should be used in vehicles to get rid of pollution. For this,

vehicles powered by non-conventional sources such as electric, bio-gas, bio-diesel, green hydrogen, bio-methanol, etc. should be promoted.

- The Union Minister said that the roads and its adjoining structures are being developed rapidly by the Central Government. After 2014, in Madhya Pradesh alone, works worth Rs.2.5 lakh crore have been sanctioned, constructed and in progress. It will be increased to Rs.4 lakh crore by 2024 .
- He announced approval of various road related development projects in Madhya Pradesh on the request of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. This mainly includes works related to 20 flyovers and ropeways at 14 locations.
- Union Minister of State for Road Transport V.K. Addressing the program virtually, Singh said that 52 districts of Madhya Pradesh have been connected by National Highway. Roads are developing rapidly. This will benefit the Dhar-Pithampur industrial area along with the improvement of transport. The construction of roads will increase industry, trade and employment.
- Ropeway construction scheme will be started in the urban areas of Madhya Pradesh with the aim of facilitating the traffic and providing better connectivity to the tourists. To give the basic basis to this scheme, MoU was signed between Madhya Pradesh Public Works Department and National Highway Logistics Management Limited, a Government of India company at Brilliant Convention Center.
- For construction of ropeway, Madhya Pradesh government from railway station to Mahakal Mandir Ujjain, Ramraja Mandir Orchha, Gwalior Fort to Phulbagh, Kolkata to Nadra Bus Stand Bhopal via Govindpura, Gol Jod Tiraha (Kolar Road) to New Market Bhopal, Rahli Patan Marg From Tikitoria Mata Mandir Rahali, Mandu Entrance to Rupmati Mahal, Siddhavarkoot Jain Temple to Rajeshwar Ashram Omkareshwar, Narmada River Bank to Selani Island Omkareshwar, Ranehfall to Ken River Bank Khajuraho, Raisen Parking to Raisen Fort, Shiv Temple Parking to Chauragarh Shiv Temple Pachmarhi Kapil Dhara sites have been selected from Doodh Dhara in Patalkot, Tamia and Amarkantak.
- It is noteworthy that the construction of ropeway will not only develop transport in the state focusing on sustainable development and environment protection,

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but it will also fulfill the goals like minimum land acquisition, pollution control and reducing carbon footprint.

Review Meeting of the Management Plan in UNESCO's 'Historic Urban Landscape'

Why In News?

On August 1, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Principal Secretary (Tourism and Culture) Shiv Shekhar Shukla and Principal Secretary (Urban Development and Housing) Sanjay Dubey reviewed two projects related to Orchha at Hotel Taj Lakefront.

Key Points

- In this, the presentation and key points were discussed in relation to the preparation of the nomination dossier for the inclusion of Orchha in the 'UNESCO' World Heritage and the Management Plan in the 'Historic Urban Landscape' of UNESCO.
- Principal Secretary Shiv Shekhar Shukla instructed to implement the schemes only on the suggestion given by UNESCO and Drona Sanstha. At the same time, he talked about taking all possible efforts and necessary action to include Orchha in the list of UNESCO World Heritage.
- Director of 'Drona' Dr. Shikha Jain made a presentation of the nomination dossier being made to include Orchha in the UNESCO World Heritage.
- Nishant Upadhyay, Consultant, UNESCO, briefed about the management plan being prepared by UNESCO in the 'Historical Urban Landscape' and the work done on the ground.
- UNESCO New Delhi's Culture Sector Head Junhi Han said that the cultural and historical heritage of Orchha is a matter of pride not only for Madhya Pradesh but for the whole of India.
- It is noteworthy that in the year 2021, Gwalior and Orchha have been selected by UNESCO to prepare a Management Plan in Historic Urban Landscape. These cities have been selected by UNESCO for the first time not only in India but in the countries of South Asia.

Van Vihar National Park

Why In News?

Recently, forest department sources said that the design of Van Vihar National Park is being changed for the third time.

Key Points

- It may be noted that in January 2021, Chief Minister Chouhan had instructed the Forest Department officials to develop Van Vihar like Singapore Zoo in a meeting. After this, its drawing-design was made by SS Rajput, CEO of Eco Tourism Board.
- Van Vihar was being built on the lines of The Singapore's Zoo. There were to be many kinds of innovations, especially on the design of Gate No. 1. The selfie point near the waterfall that fell here, the Scoie Walk was to be made near the Leopard Enclosure. Now only the new design of Gate No.1 is being made, which will be built on the lines of Bhimbetka.
- Sources in the forest department said that in the drying-design approved by the committee, the eco-tourism officials found a number of loopholes. After that, a new design was created. The design was rejected as there was no consensus between the officials of Van Vihar and Eco Tourism.

Green Energy Corridor Project of Madhya Pradesh Transco

Why In News?

On August 2, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Energy Minister Pradyuman Singh Tomar informed that the Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has completed the final work of the project financed by Germany's KFW Bank. It has 400 KV. Ashta-Ujjain double circuit line electrified.

Key Points

- Power Minister Tomar informed that Madhya Pradesh was also selected among few states to set up Green Energy Corridor for seamless transmission of electricity generated from non-conventional energy sources throughout the country.

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- Out of the total project Rs 2100 crore, a loan of Rs 840 crore was sanctioned by the German bank KFW. Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has already completed these works before the set target.
- Superintending Engineer, Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company, M.M. Dhoke informed that under this scheme 400 KV will be constructed in the state. K three sub-stations, 220 KV K Seven sub-stations, 400 kV of 5 double circuit lines, 220 KV. 15 double circuit lines of 132 KV and of 26 double circuits totaling 2773 circuit kms. Very high pressure lines were created.
- Under this scheme 400 kV will be constructed. of 1890 MVA Capacity, 220 kV 2400 MVA in capacity and 132 KV. 498 MVA in Total 4788 MVA Additional transformation capacity was added to the transmission network of Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company.
- Under the Green Energy Corridor Scheme, Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has set up 400 KV sub-stations at Sagar, Ujjain and Mandasaur, 220 KV sub-stations at Sendhwa, Kanwan, Javra, Sailana, Gurgaon, Ratangarh and Nalkheda and two additional 132 KV sub-stations. Transformer installed and energized.

Prestigious e4m Golden Mikes Award- 2022

Why In News?

On August 3, 2022, Shiv Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary (Tourism and Culture) and Managing Director (Tourism Board), Madhya Pradesh, informed that MP Tourism has received the prestigious e4m Golden Mikes Award-2022 for its wellness radio campaign.

Key Points

- The award was received by Deputy Director Deepika Rai Chaudhary on behalf of the Tourism Department at the 10th edition of the award held at Taj Hotel, Mumbai.
- Principal Secretary Shukla informed that Madhya Pradesh Tourism has received the Bronze Award in the creative category of radio campaign 'Khushiyan Tere Paar Chale'.

- The Golden Mike Award is a major radio advertising award given by The Exchange 4 Media Group. It is given in categories including creativity, promotion, innovation, broadcaster, regional language radio.

Indore's Sirpur pond gets Ramsar Site Status

Why In News?

On August 3, 2022, 10 water sites in five states were given the status of Ramsar site by the Union Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, including Sirpur pond in Indore district of Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- With this, there are now three Ramsar sites in Madhya Pradesh. On July 26, 2022, Sankhya Sagar Lake located in Madhav National Park of Shivpuri district got the status of Ramsar site, whereas Badi Lake (Bada Talab/Bhoj Tal) of Bhopal is already declared as Ramsar site.
- The 10 new Ramsar sites designated by the Union Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change include six sites in Tamil Nadu and one each in Goa, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh and Odisha. With these, the number of Ramsar sites of international importance in India has gone up to 64. These wetlands are spread over an area of 12,50,361 hectares in the country.
- Earlier on July 26, 2022, the Union Ministry of Forests, Environment and Climate Change had declared five sites in the country as Ramsar sites. These included three wetland sites in Tamil Nadu, one in Mizoram and one in Madhya Pradesh. With these, the total number of Ramsar sites in the country had increased from 49 to 54.
- It may be mentioned that on the basis of an international treaty signed in 1971 in the city of Ramsar, Iran regarding lake conservation, a list of wetland sites of international importance is maintained. The role of The Ramsar Site in the climate imbalance and change times taking place in the world is very important in the environmental reform of the world.

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10 wetlands designated as Ramsar sites		
kingdom	Name of the wetland	Area (hectares)
Tamil Nadu	Koonthankulam Bird Sanctuary	72.04
	Gulf of Mannar Marine Biosphere Reserve	52671.88
	V e m b a n n u r Wetland Complex	19.75
	Vellode Bird Sanctuary	77.19
	Vedantangal Bird Sanctuary	40.35
	Udayamarthanapuram Bird Sanctuary	43.77
Odisha	Satkosia gorge	98196.72
Karnataka	Ranganathitu BS	517.70
Madhya Pradesh	Sirpur wetland	161
Goa	Nanda Lake	42.01
	10 Total area of wetlands	1,51,842.41
	Total area of 64 Ramsar sites in India (after designation of 10 more sites mentioned above)	12,50,361

Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project

Why In News?

Signing of contract for 600 MW Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project and Energy Assessment Guide of Urja Saksharta Abhiyan released on August 4, 2022, at Kushabhau Thackeray Hall, Bhopal.

Key points

- Contracts were signed and exchanged with NHDC Limited, AMP Energy and SJVN Limited in the presence of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said on the occasion that by 2027, the renewable energy potential of Madhya Pradesh would be 20,000 MW. The state government is on the path of making Madhya Pradesh a 'Lungs of India' with a 'Heart of India'.
- The Chief Minister said that at present there are 10 floating solar plants in the world. The Omkareshwar project will be the world's largest floating solar project to be built on water. In its first phase, a capacity of 278 MW will be installed. No land is required for the implementation of this project. As a result, no one will be displaced.
- It is scientifically proven that power generation in a water based project is higher than that of a land based solar project. Due to the installation of solar panels on the surface of the water, the water will not evaporate as steam. With this, 60 to 70 percent of water will be saved.
- Chief Minister Chouhan said that 12 lakh metric tonnes of carbon-dioxide emissions will be prevented from the project. This is equivalent to planting one crore 52 lakh trees.
- He said that the state is working in a mission mode to meet its energy needs with renewable energy by the year 2030. The State Government has started the implementation of the New Renewable Energy Policy-2022.
- The concept of green city development in the state is also being embodied. Work on solar projects is in progress in Chhatarpur, Morena, Agar, Shajapur and Neemuch districts.
- The use of solar panels is being encouraged up to the village level. Solar panels are being installed on the roofs of all government offices. By improving the land of Chambal ravines, the area will be used for solar power generation.
- The Chief Minister said that problems like global warming and climate change can be tackled only through public participation. Energy Assessment Guide of Energy Saksharta Abhiyan has also been released for the same purpose. In the campaign, school, college students and general public will have to be motivated and trained for sensitive and responsible behavior to save electricity.

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- Madhya Pradesh Urja Vikas Nigam Chairman Girraj Dandotia said that Omkareshwar project is a safe source of energy amidst the challenge of climate change. This will also save land, which can be used for setting up agriculture and other industries in the state.

Medical Colleges Based on PPP Model

Why In News?

On August 5, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang in a review meeting held to start medical colleges based on PPP model in the state decided to set up medical colleges in 5 districts of the state in the first phase.

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- In the first phase, it was decided to start medical colleges at Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Balaghat and Katni on PPP model.
- Minister Sarang directed that the medical college will be set up by a PPP partner on the DBFOT (Design, Built, Finance, Operate and Transfer) model. This will include the private investor bearing the expenses of medical colleges, hostels, residential complexes, equipment's, books and journals etc.
- Land will be provided by the state government on lease of 99 years (60 years + 39 years) to a private investor for the establishment of a medical college. Apart from this, a 300-bed hospital building will also be provided by the state government to private investors.
- In the meeting, it was decided that the medical college would be constructed at his own expense by the private investor on the land provided and it would be operated and maintained by him.
- In PPP model based hospitals, Ayushman patients as well as economically weaker patients will be able to get free treatment. At the same time, non-Ayushman patients will be able to get treatment at market rate.
- It may be mentioned that as per the policy of the Government of India to set up a medical college on PPP model, a PPP based medical college will be set up for admission of 100 MBBS seats by converting the existing medical college of the state government into a training hospital.

Pooja Ojha Won Silver Medal at World Para Canoe Championships

Why In News?

On August 5, 2022, Madhya Pradesh's para athlete Pooja Ojha won silver medal in the VL1 women's 200m race at the Para Kayaking and Canoeing Sprint World Championships held in Halifax, Canada.

Key Points

- Pooja, who hails from Bhind, has won the silver medal in **the VL1** women's 200m race with a timing of 1:34:18. Hamburg player Lillemore Koper won the gold medal with a time of 1:29.79.
- Two players from India had qualified for this competition. One is Pooja Ojha and the other Surendra Kumar. Surendra Kumar finished fifth in the VL1 men's 200m series. Surendra completed his race in 1:22.97 time.
- It is worth mentioning that Pooja has won 6 gold medals in National Championships and is the first Indian woman Para athlete to qualify for the World Championships. He is currently ranked ninth among the top para canoe players in the world.



Madhya Pradesh will Contribute \$550 Billion to Make India a \$5 Trillion Economy

Why In News?

On August 7, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, while addressing the 7th meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Rashtrapati Bhavan, said that Madhya Pradesh will contribute \$ 550 billion to make India a \$ 5 trillion economy.

Key Points

- In the meeting, the Chief Minister informed that the roadmap of self-reliant Madhya Pradesh was developed in the state in the year 2020 itself. Madhya Pradesh

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has achieved a growth rate of 19.74 percent in the year 2021-22.

- The state is spending 4 percent of the GDP and a provision of Rs 48 thousand 800 crore has been made for capital expenditure for the financial year 2022-23, which is the highest ever.
- The Chief Minister said that the area under mustard and summer moong has registered an increase in the state. Production of pulses, ragi, barley, coarse cereals, kodo-kutki, ramtil, sesame, spices, medicinal crops, fruits and vegetables is being promoted through the Agricultural Diversification Incentive Scheme in place of wheat and paddy.
- Under this scheme, 13 proposals have been received from private companies like ITC, Patanjali, Dehat in agricultural diversification in one lakh 86 thousand hectare area, out of which two proposals have been approved.
- Chief Minister Shri Chouhan informed that Devaranya Yojana has been started by the state government, in which medicinal plants will be produced in 10 thousand hectares of land in three years. In the last 5 years, bamboo has been produced in mission mode in an area of 11 thousand hectares in the state. State Natural Farming Board has been constituted in Madhya Pradesh to promote natural farming.
- Giving information about the use of modern technology in farming, the Chief Minister said that crop insurance registration has been linked to the land records of the state, which has succeeded in preventing over and duplicate insurance. Also, satellite-based remote sensing technology is being used for yield assessment in insurance payments. With these effective use of technology, there is a potential to save about Rs 2500 crore in the agriculture sector.
- E-Girdawari application has been implemented for the convenience of farmers and revenue staff. 'Farm Gate App' has also been developed to sell their produce to farmers at a reasonable price from their homes. It has been decided to pay subsidy in agricultural machinery in the state through e-RUPI vouchers.
- Discussing the implementation of the National Education Policy, the Chief Minister said that Madhya Pradesh has made a big jump in the National Achievement Survey for the year 2021 and reached the 5th position in the country. A successful campaign

is being run to connect the public in the rejuvenation of anganwadis through the 'Adopt an Anganwadi' campaign in the state.

- The Chief Minister said that from the session 2022-23, M.S.B.B.S. The study is being started in Hindi medium. Also, in 6 engineering colleges of the state, B. Tech. Arrangements have been made to study in the Hindi of the program and diploma course in 6 polytechnic colleges.
- Giving information about the initiatives being taken towards good governance in the state, the Chief Minister said that for the first time in the country, the State Statistical Commission has been constituted in the state, through which the work of collecting and analyzing data from the development block to the state level will be done. A mechanism for their development has been developed by determining 50 aspirational development blocks in the state. A new water policy and a new cooperative policy are also being formulated in the state.

Weavers and craftsmen honoured in the function organized on National Handloom Day

Why In News?

On August 7, 2022, several weavers and craftsmen, including orchard print craftsman Rashida Bi, selected for the **National Award Year-2021**, were felicitated at the **8th National Handloom Day celebrations held at Gauhar Mahal** to honour the art of handloom craftsmen and weavers and enrich the handloom industry.

Key Points

- Principal Secretary, Cottage and Village Industries Smita Bhardwaj and Commissioner--Managing Director Handlooms, Sant Ravidas Madhya Pradesh Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation Anubha Srivastava felicitated the weavers and craftsmen at the function.
- Bag print craftsman Rashida Bi, who was selected for the National Award for the year 2021, was felicitated at the ceremony. It is noteworthy that orchard craftsman Rashida Bi has been selected for the National Award

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by the Union Ministry of Textiles. He will get this award on the fine workmanship of the garden print on the sheet.

- He has mastered the art of stamp printing in village Bagh of Dhar district. Earlier, he has received state-level awards in the year 2012 and 2014. He is the world famous UNESCO Award winning master craftsman of garden print. Abdul Kader is khatri's wife.
- On the occasion of National Handloom Day, sarees developed by weavers of Chanderi, featuring khajuraho temple and sanchi stupa design and Maheshwar fort design, showcasing the unique heritage designs of carvings done on the architectural heritage and heritage of Madhya Pradesh in the traditional handloom cluster Chanderi, were felicitated.
- Among them, Kalawati Koli for the design of Khajuraho Temple, Ghanshyam Koli for the design of Sanchi Stupa, Mohammad Gufran Ahmed for the design of Maheshwar Fort and Mohammad Abdul Aman for graph design of Maheshwar Fort were honored.

Sampoorna Kayakalp Abhiyan

Why In News?

On August 8, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the '**Sampoorna Kayakalp Abhiyan**' of the Health Department at Kushabhau Thakre Sabhagruha and transferred an amount of Rs 66 crore to the accounts of in-charges of health institutions of the state in the campaign.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also honoured district hospitals and other health institutions with Kayakalp Awards and gave away awards in different categories.
- The Chief Minister gave kayakalp awards to the district hospitals for the best operation of health services. Vidisha District Hospital was given the first prize of Rs 50 lakh, District Hospital Dewas got the second prize of Rs 20 lakh and District Hospital Satna got the third prize of Rs 10 lakh.
- Minister of Public Health and Family Welfare Dr. Prabhuram Chaudhary said that the rejuvenation campaign was started in the year 2015. Earlier, 65

health institutions were awarded. In the year 2021-22, kayakalp award is being given to 395 health institutions of the state.

- He said that a complete rejuvenation campaign is being launched to make government hospitals more convenient.
- On this occasion, Additional Chief Secretary (Health) Mohammad Suleman said that under the **Sampoorna Kayakalp Abhiyan**, development of infrastructure and maintenance of buildings, availability of medical equipment and furniture, testing in institutions, adequate availability of services and medicines, development of new treatment services for dialysis and cancer, strengthening of blood bank and blood storage These include expansion of telemedicine services to address the shortage of specialists, development of beneficiary-oriented services for patients and promotion of public participation in health services.

Proposal for Investment in Electric Vehicle Industrial Sector in the State

Why In News?

On August 8, 2022, Vinod Agarwal, MD of Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicles Limited, met Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan at Kushabhau Thakre Sabhagruha and informed him about the proposed investment of Rs 1,500 crore in the state.

Key Points

- While handing over a copy of the proposed project to Chief Minister Chouhan, Vinod Agarwal apprised him of the project proposal prepared for capacity expansion of the existing units of the company.
- Volvo Eicher Commercial Vehicle Limited had set up the first unit in the state in the year 1986. At present, 8 units are operational in Pithampur and Bagroda, in which more than 32,000 people are getting direct and indirect employment.
- The material is supplied to all the units of the company by 110 auto component units of Madhya Pradesh. New product manufacturing is proposed to expand the existing capacity of the units.

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- Chief Minister Chouhan assured the MD of the company that full cooperation will be provided to the company by the state government. All necessary facilities will be provided as per the prescribed policy. He said that such industries are the need of the hour and will also provide employment to a large number of youth.

NueGo Launches Intercity Bus Service in Madhya Pradesh

Why in News?

Recently, **India's first premium electric inter-city coach services NueGo** brand announced the commencement of its operations by launching its services on the **Bhopal-Indore Electric Intercity Bus Service route**.

Key Points

- This bus service will provide a seamless booking experience, better ride quality and cabin experience for inter-city commuters while ensuring a safe and green ride.
- NueGo services will be available on the Bhopal-Indore route at a special inaugural offer of Rs 349 per seat.
- The company said that **NueGo coaches have been equipped with innovative technology**. It provides end-to-end facility for inter-city commuters, with coaches running on hourly basis between Bhopal-Indore.
- In Bhopal, the coach route will pass through ISBT, Bhopal Railway Station, Lalghati, Sehore, while in Indore it will pass through Star Square, Radisson Square, Vijay Nagar and Sarwate Bus Stand.
- Coaches of NueGo, a customer-centric brand, go through 25 rigorous safety checks including mechanical and electrical inspections. Before every trip coaches are sanitised and coach pilots are tested for breath analyzer.
- NueGo Services provides live coach tracking, drop point geo-location and in-coach CCTV surveillance. This electric coach can cover 250 km on a single charge with air conditioning in traffic conditions. These coaches have completed two lakh km of road trials in the months preceding the commencement of the services.
- NueGo will provide a complete travel experience with its world class electric coach services. Soon this service will be expanded to other cities of the country.
- Satish Mandhana, Director of Greencell Mobility, said NueGo aims to promote the use of sustainable public

transport with zero tailpipe emissions on inter-city routes. (Emissions standards for tailpipes specify the maximum amount of pollutants allowed in exhaust gases from an internal combustion engine.)

Formation of Mukhyamantri Nari Samman Kosh, Approval to Mukhyamantri Baal Ashirwad Scheme

Why in News?

In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on August 10, 2022, strengthening the Madhya Pradesh Women's Finance and Development Corporation, making a separate budget line for establishment expenditure, formation of Chief Minister Nari Samman Kosh in the corporation and its Under the Mukhyamantri Udyami Shakti Yojana, approval was given.

Key Points

- In 'Mukhyamantri Udyami Shakti Yojana', 2% interest subvention will be given on the cases approved from banks of the women beneficiaries of 'State Rural Livelihood Mission' and 'National Urban Livelihood Mission', 'Chief Minister Udyam Kranti Yojana' and 'Mukhya Mantri Mahila Sashaktikaran Yojana'.
- The cabinet approved setting up of project management unit in SRLM/NULM and project cell in the corporation to establish marketing system and backward and forward linkage of the products of women entrepreneurs funded by the above schemes.
- To bring the Tejaswini groups formed by the Corporation into the Livelihood Mission fold, out of the amount available in the Tejaswini program, it was approved to give Rs.10 crore to the Rural Livelihood Mission.
- The cabinet decided to implement the 'Mukhyamantri Bal Ashirwad Yojana'.
- Under this scheme, care leavers (after care) above the age of 18 years leaving child care institutions and orphans up to the age of 18 years living with relatives or guardians will be given financial assistance (sponsorship).
- Under this scheme, care leavers will be given Rs. 5 thousand per month for a maximum period of one

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year at the time of internship and Rs. 5000 per month for a maximum period of 2 years on completion of vocational training.

- Also, care leavers who enter the course through NEET, JEE or CLAT will be given Rs 5000 per month for their livelihood expenses.
- All financial assistance for education or internship or vocational training in after care will be given for the stipulated time period or till the age of 24 years, whichever is earlier.
- Under the sponsorship, financial assistance of Rs 2,000 will be given in the joint account of the legal guardian of the eligible children for a minimum period of one year and up to a maximum of 18 years and medical assistance under 'Ayushman Yojana'. In this way, efforts will be made to restore the orphan children in the society by giving financial and educational support.
- The cabinet decided to continue the scheme of giving short term crop loans to farmers at zero percent interest rate in 2022-23.
- This loan is given to the farmers from cooperative banks/Primary Agricultural Credit Co-operative Societies (PACS).
- The base rate for the year 2022-23 in the scheme will be 10 percent. The due date for the Kharif 2022 season will be March 28, 2023 and for Rabi 2022-23 season the due date will be June 15, 2023.
- 3% (general) interest subsidy for all farmers taking short-term crop loans in Kharif and Rabi season under the prescribed base rate of 10 percent and an additional interest subsidy of 4 percent to the farmers who repay the loan by the due date will be given by the state government as an incentive.
- This scheme is applicable from the year 2012-13. In this, the state government provides interest subvention on short term crop loans up to Rs 3 lakh.

Bamboo Plantation in 623 Hectare Area in Three Selected Districts

Why in News?

On August 11, 2022, Forest Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Kunwar Vijay Shah informed that last year bamboo was planted in 623 hectare area in three districts

- Dewas, Harda and Rewa selected for bamboo production under the 'One District - One Product' scheme.

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- The Forest Minister told that plantation work includes 263 hectares of agricultural area in all the three districts and 360 hectares of agricultural area under MNREGA scheme.
- For this financial year, a target of plantation in 1100 hectares of agricultural area in these three districts, 250 hectares in forest area under MGNREGA scheme and 750 hectares under forest department plans has been given.
- Forest Minister Dr. Shah informed that under the 'One District-One Product' scheme, 6 districts of the state have been selected in the Wooden Cluster. Among these, Betul district have been included for teak, Alirajpur and Umaria for mahua, Dewas, Harda and Rewa for bamboo production.
- Targets have been set according to the available bamboo resources by preparing a five-year roadmap for these three districts selected for bamboo.
- Betul district has been selected for teak production. The land selection process for the Wooden Cluster in the district is under process. Units will be selected for the Wooden Cluster by investing about Rs 87 crore by 71 investment arts. These units will provide direct employment to 1600 persons.
- Similarly, in Alirajpur and Umaria districts, the selection of beneficiaries for Mahua product is in process. In both these districts, outdoor plantation will be done for the production of forest produce.

Sickle Cell Anaemia Patients in Tribal Areas Get Treatment With Homeopathy Medicines

Why in News?

On August 11, 2022, it was informed by the Department of AYUSH of Madhya Pradesh that till now the Government Homeopathic Medical College and Hospital had conducted door-to-door screening tests for the identification of sickle cell anemia, in which more than 23 thousand tribal people were tested. Gone.

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- After testing, 2138 tribal persons were found positive with sickle cell disease. When these patients were re-tested, the disease was confirmed in 1656 people. Homeopathic medicines were given to the affected persons by the research team.
- Affected persons have got benefit after giving regular medicine. In this disease, the problem of blood loss and pain persisted in the affected persons. The patients got rid of it by taking the medicine. These patients needed to be given blood transfusions from time to time, patients have also been relieved from it. Along with this, their immunity has also increased.
- It is noteworthy that the Government Homeopathy Medical College and Hospital had received a special project of Rs 3.75 crore from the Government of India 3 years ago, under which people suffering from this disease are being identified and treated among the tribes of Madhya Pradesh.
- The Tribal Department of the Government of India in collaboration with the Department of AYUSH of Madhya Pradesh is running a special project for the treatment of sickle cell in Baiga and Bharia for the special backward tribes living in four districts (Dindori, Mandla, Chhindwara and Shahdol) of the state.
- In this project, the patients who are being given homeopathic medicines, their current lifestyle is also being studied regularly by the research team. In this project of Homeopathy Medical College, help of World Health Organization, AIIMS, ICMR, Indian Institute of Science and Maulana Azad National Institute of Technology Bhopal is being taken for research work.
- Sickle cell anemia is a genetic disease in which blood cells become moon (or sickle) in shape instead of round, and the body lacks blood and oxygen. This disease usually occurs in tribes and its treatment is not available in allopathy, but there are medicines in homeopathy, which start formation of new blood in the body.
- It is worth mentioning that three special backward tribes, namely Bharia, Baiga and Sahariya are residing in Madhya Pradesh. 11 Special Backward Tribal Development Agencies have been constituted by the state government, which are Mandla, Baihar (Balaghat), Dindori, Pushprajgarh (Anuppur), Shahdol, Umaria, Gwalior (including Datia district), Sheopur (including

Bhind, Morena district), Shivpuri is in Guna (including Ashoknagar district) and Tamia (Chhindwara). In 2314 villages identified in these agencies, 5.51 lakh people of special backward tribes reside.

10 Policemen from Madhya Pradesh selected for Union Home Minister's Medal

Why in News?

10 policemen from Madhya Pradesh are also included in the list of 151 policemen selected for the prestigious Union Home Minister Medal 2022 issued by the Union Home Ministry on August 12, 2022.

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- Significantly, 28 women policemen are also included in the list of 151 policemen announced for the Union Home Minister's Medal 2022.
- The list includes 15 personnel from CBI, 5 from NIA, 11 from Maharashtra Police, 10 each from Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh Police, 8 each from Kerala, Rajasthan and West Bengal Police and the rest from other states.
- Policemen who have been awarded this prestigious medal include Superintendent of Police of Madhya Pradesh Police Lokesh Kumar Sinha, Officiating Inspector Awadhesh Singh Tomar, Inspector Ravindra Kumar Chawaria, Inspector Amrit Kumar Tigga, Inspector Sakturam Maravi, Lady Inspector Shashi Vishwakarma, Inspector Santosh Kumar Pandre, Sub-Inspector Umashankar Mukti, female sub-inspector Sonam Raghuvanshi and sub-inspector Sapna Rathore.
- It is worth mentioning that the medal was instituted in 2018 by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs with the objective of promoting high professional standards in crime investigation and recognition of such excellence in investigation by investigating officers.
- Under this, this medal is given to the policemen who have displayed honesty, devotion and extraordinary courage in work by setting high standards in the investigation of any crime.
- In 2018, the then Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh had started five Police Medals to encourage

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policemen. These include Special Operations Medal, Police Internal Security Service Medal, Extraordinary Efficiency Medal, Utkrisht and Ati Utkrisht Seva Medal and Medal of Excellence in Investigation.

Ramsar Site status to Indore's Yashwant Sagar

Why in News?

On August 13, 2022, 11 water bodies in five states were given Ramsar site status by the Union Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change, including Yashwant Sagar in Indore district of Madhya Pradesh.

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- With this, there are four Ramsar sites in Madhya Pradesh now. Earlier Sirpur Talab of Indore district and Sankhya Sagar Lake located in Madhav National Park of Shivpuri district got the status of Ramsar site, whereas Badi Jheel (Bada Talab/Bhoj Tal) of Bhopal was already a Ramsar site.
- The 11 new Ramsar sites nominated by the Union Ministry of Forest, Environment and Climate Change include four in Tamil Nadu, three in Odisha, two in Jammu and Kashmir and one each in Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra. Including these, the number of Ramsar sites of international importance in India has gone up to 75. These wetlands sites are spread over an area of 13,26,678 hectares in the country.
- It is noteworthy that India is one of the contracting parties to sign the Ramsar Convention in Ramsar, Iran in 1971. India signed it on February 1, 1982. In the era of climate imbalance and change taking place in the world, the role of Ramsar site is very important in the environmental improvement of the world.
- During 1982 to 2013, a total of 26 sites were added to the list of Ramsar sites, however, during this period from 2014 to 2022, 49 new wetlands have been added to the list of Ramsar sites by the country.
- This year (2022) a total of 28 sites have been declared as Ramsar sites. Based on the date of the site mentioned in the Ramsar certificate, there are 19 sites for this year (2022) and 14 for last year (2021).
- Tamil Nadu has the maximum number of Ramsar sites (14), followed by Uttar Pradesh with 10 Ramsar sites.

Saraswati Rajamani: the 'Unsung Heroine' of Freedom

Why in News?

On August 13, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, along with two 10-year-old girls, Devyani and Shivranjani, planted saplings and released the book 'Saraswati Rajamani - Ek Bhuli-Bisri Jasoos' (Saraswati Rajamani: the 'Unsung Heroine' of Freedom) written by them.

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- In 'Azadi Ke Amrit Mahotsav', Devyani and Shivranjani introduce India's youngest female detective, Saraswati Rajamani, through their book. Devyani and Shivranjani are twin sisters.
- These girls have written an illustrated book on Saraswati Rajamani, a detective of Azad Hind Fauj, at the age of just 10. Devyani and Shivranjani say 'At this time when the country is celebrating the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, we should also remember those people, about whom not much has been written and read, who are our unsung heroes/heroines. Their contribution is important, but we hardly know about them.'
- It is noteworthy that in 2021, the first book of these girls 'Surya Namaskar' has been published, which was praised by former President Ram Nath Kovind and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Saraswati Rajamani was a spy of the Azad Hind Fauj and an anonymous revolutionary at a very young age. She greatly influenced Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.
- Saraswati Rajamani was born into an affluent and patriotic family in Burma. When she was 16 years old, she was so impressed by Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's speech that she donated all her ornaments to the Azad Hind Fauj.
- Seeing Rajamani's courage and passion, Netaji made him a part of the army. Rajamani, along with his friend Durga, spied on the British camp and gave many important information to the Azad Hind Fauj. During this, she showed her valor on many occasions but she could not get respect in her own country.
- Devyani and Shivranjani say that Saraswati Rajamani's life inspires a young Indian to realize their dreams with patriotism, dedication, bravery, loyalty and without any fear.

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Charkha-Chalk Festival Started at Gauhar Mahal

Why In News?

On August 16, 2022, under the joint aegis of Madhya Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board and Mati-Kala Board, Charkha-Chalk Festival was inaugurated by Jitendra Litoria, Chairman, Madhya Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Board at Gauhar Mahal. The festival will go on till August 28, 2022 .

Key Points

- Chairman Jitendra Litoria said that work is being done to encourage traditional soil crafts through the Mati-Kala Board. Soil craftsmen are an integral part of the social system. The work of providing market for their craftsmanship in an organized manner is being done by the board through this festival.
- Along with this, fabrics made of cotton produced through traditional charkha by handloom weavers are also being encouraged.
- It is worth mentioning that Gauhar Mahal is situated on the banks of big pond of Bhopal city of Madhya Pradesh. Located on the road near Shaukat Mahal. This three-storey building was built by the then ruler of Bhopal state, Nawab Qudsia Begum (1819-37) in 1820 AD. It is a beautiful piece of architecture. The name of Qudsia Begum was also Gauhar, hence this palace is known as 'Gauhar Mahal'.
- This palace is the first palace of the princely state of Bhopal. The specialty of this palace is that its decoration has been done by mixing Indian and Islamic architecture. This palace is a wonderful amalgamation of Hindu and Mughal art.

DPT /TD Vaccination Campaign Launched

Why In News?

On August 16, 2022, the Public Health and Family Welfare Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Prabhuram Choudhary launched the state level program of DPT/TD vaccination campaign at Kamala Nehru Girls School

Auditorium, Bhopal. Along with this, he also released a poster focused on the campaign.

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- The vaccination drive will continue till August 31 to protect against deadly diseases like DPT, tetanus and diphtheria.
- Health Minister Dr. Prabhuram Choudhary said that Madhya Pradesh is one of the leading states in the eradication of diphtheria. DPT and TD vaccines will be administered to 36 lakh adolescent girls. The vaccine is to be given to children aged 5 to 6 years, 10 years and 16 years. Free vaccines will be provided in schools and Anganwadi centres.
- The Health Minister appealed to the public representatives, teachers and parents to cooperate in getting 100 percent children vaccinated in the campaign.
- DPT (also DTP and DTwP) refers to a class of combined vaccines given to protect against three infectious diseases caused by humans (diphtheria, pertussis (whooping cough) and tetanus).
- 'D' means diphtheria, 'T' means tetanus and 'P' means pertussis. These three are serious bacterial diseases. Diphtheria and pertussis spread from person to person, while tetanus enters the body through cuts and wounds.
- The TD vaccine is given to prevent tetanus and diphtheria. It is given only for children, adolescents and adults aged 7 years and above. TD is usually given as a booster dose every 10 years, or after 5 years in the event of a severe or dirty wound or burn.
- Diphtheria is a serious bacterial infection that affects the mucous membranes of the nose and throat. It appears as a blister and its symptoms are swelling in the throat, pain in the throat, some eating and drinking pain. Vaccine is very important to avoid this infection.
- Tetanus usually causes painful tightening of muscles throughout the body. Tetanus can cause the jaw to close, as a result of which the victim cannot open or swallow his mouth.
- Pertussis (whooping cough) causes severe cough. This also makes it difficult for babies to eat, drink or breathe. Pertussis can lead to pneumonia, convulsions, brain damage, and death.

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GIFLIF Drive In Music Festival Receives WOW Award Asia 2022

Why In News?

On August 21, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Tourism's **GIFLIF** Drive in Music Festival was awarded the Gold Award of the prestigious **WOW Award Asia 2022**.

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- **The GIFLIF** Drive in Music Festival was given the award in the Best Covid Safety Event of the Year category.
- The award has been presented at the 13th edition ceremony of WOW Awards Asia 2022 at Jio World Convention Centre Mumbai.
- Principal Secretary Tourism and Culture and Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board Shiv Shekhar Shukla said that this innovation of Madhya Pradesh Tourism has been appreciated internationally. This award will inspire us to innovate more for the audience and tourists.
- The Principal Secretary informed that this was India's first drive-in music festival in the time of COVID-19, in which all the norms of Covid-19 and social distancing were followed.
- It is organised by MP Tourism, Mansarovar Global University and White Walls Media. The festival was organized in collaboration with **GIFLIF** organization while keeping out of the box thinking.
- The comedy and music fest, The Great Indian Film and Literature Festival (**GIFLIF**) took place on March 26 and 27, 2022, at MPT DDX Drive-in-Cinema. Renowned artists and music bands of the country Bombay Bandook, Balli Maran, Char Hazari and Agni had given their performances at the festival.
- **WOW** Awards is Asia's largest business and recognition platform in the experimental marketing, **MICE**, live entertainment and wedding industry.

12th National Science Film Festival

Why In News?

On August 22, 2022, Science and Technology Minister Omprakash Sakhlecha presented Prof. Jagdish Chandra Basu inaugurated the 12th National Science

Film Festival of India by lighting the lamp in the auditorium.

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- It is noteworthy that 71 films will be screened in this film festival organized by Mapcast. The film festival will continue till August 26. Except for the inaugural session, the film will be screened at Ravindra Bhavan on other days.
- Minister Om Prakash Sakhlecha, while inaugurating the festival, announced that in order to make India self-reliant and vishwaguru and to take science to the masses, science films will be screened as a festival in the divisional headquarters of Madhya Pradesh in the next one year.
- The Vigyan Film Festival began with the screening of a documentary on the great Indian scientist P.C Ray. Produced by Vigyan Bharati and the Ministry of Culture, the film focused on Prafulla Chandra Ray, the father of modern chemistry, his extraordinary contribution to academia, employment, poverty alleviation and development of the chemical industry in India before independence.
- The second documentary on oceans focuses on the dangers hovering over and saving the amazing biodiversity of the oceans.
- Prizes worth around Rs 16 lakh will be distributed in various categories for various events to be held during the ceremony.
- Documentary films, short films, animation films, documentary dramas, science fiction are invited in the following competitive categories in the National Science Film Festival and cash prizes of about Rs 16 lakhs are invited in Interface, Fusion Category (Independent Film Makers), Out of Boxes are given by the Government of India in the category-college students, rainbow category (school students) etc.

All Government Colleges and Universities of the State will be Connected with e-Granthalaya Software

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On August 23, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Higher Education Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that all the 528

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government colleges and 16 government universities of the state will be directly connected to the e-Granthalaya Software of NIC of the Government of India.

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- Higher Education Minister Dr. The MoU in this regard was signed by officials of NIC and higher education department at mantralaya in the presence of Yadav.
- The Higher Education Minister said that 16 lakh students of the state studying in higher education will benefit from the e-Granthalaya Software. With this software, rare books will also be available to the students to read in digital format. This will improve academic quality.
- At present, 28,000 educational institutions in the country are connected to the e-Granthalaya Software. It is also available on mobile. Students can take advantage of this facility by registering online.
- The resources available in the college and university libraries can be uploaded on it, so that other colleges, universities can take advantage of them.
- NIC officials said that training would also be provided to the staff and professors posted in the library of the college regarding the use of the software.

Gandhi Medical College to Start MBBS through Hindi

Why In News?

On August 24, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that MBBS first year studies are being started through Hindi the session 2022-23 at Gandhi Medical College, Bhopal.

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- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan gave this information by joining the Education Summit-2022 organized by a newspaper group in New Delhi virtually from the residence office.
- The Chief Minister said that from July 2022, arrangements have been made to teach in mother tongue Hindi in 6 engineering colleges of the state and in diploma courses in 6 polytechnic colleges.
- The Chief Minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has described 5-C (Critical Thinking, Creativity, Collaboration, Curiosity and Communication) as

important for better education. Work is being done on all these in the field of education in the state.

- The National Policy on Education lays special emphasis on study and teaching in the mother tongue. The new education policy is a triveni confluence of knowledge, skills and values in the true sense. The importance of knowledge has been included in 5 forms in the new education policy.
- This includes handing over the Indian knowledge and philosophy tradition to new generations through studies, concept-based education system and converting education free from number games and cut-throat competition into grading and healthy competition. At the same time, promotion of research and research and making education multi-dimensional is also an important part of the new education policy.
- The Chief Minister said that effective work is going on in the state to link education with skill development and employment. A Global Skill Park is being set up in Bhopal for international level skill education. 10 divisional ITIs in the state The ideal I.T.I. as is being developed. A new startup policy has been implemented in the state.
- Biographies of great men, stories of immortal martyrs and moral education have been included in the curriculum of schools and colleges. It is our endeavor that three percent of the total students studying in the state should participate in the National Cadet Corps.
- Giving information about 'Mukhyamantri Medhavi Vidyarthi Protsahan' scheme and 'Mukhyamantri Chhatra Griha' scheme, the Chief Minister said that CM Rise School started in the state would usher in a revolution in the field of education.

Asia's first Paper Factory Reopens

Why In News?

On August 23, 2022, Union Minister of Heavy Industries Mahendra Nath Pandey inaugurated Asia's first paper mill NEPA Limited at Burhanpur. It has been revived after seven years.

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- Significantly, it was completely closed for renovation in 2015. The mill has been renovated with a revival

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package of about Rs 469 crore received from the central government.

- Earlier the production capacity of the mill was 88 thousand metric tonnes per annum, which has now been increased to more than 1 lakh metric tonnes per annum. Modern machines have been installed here.
- Two types of paper will be prepared here. The first news print, which will be of 44-45 GSM. This waste will be prepared by making pulp from paper, while the second will be writing printing paper.
- Nepa Limited was started as a private enterprise by Nair Press Syndicate Limited on January 26, 1947. The company, named 'The National News Print and Paper Mills Limited' for news print production, was the only news print manufacturing unit in India till 1981.
- In October 1949, the management of the company was acquired by the then state government of Central Provinces and Berar (present-day Madhya Pradesh). With the commencement of commercial production at the mill, the country's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru dedicated it to the nation on April 26, 1959. On February 21, 1989, the company's name was changed to Nepa Limited.

National Teacher Award

Why In News?

On August 25, 2022, the Ministry of Education, Government of India released the final list of names of 46 teachers from different states of the country selected for the National Teacher Awards 2022. It also includes the names of two teachers from Madhya Pradesh.

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- President Draupadi Murmu will present the National Awards for the year 2022 to selected teachers and teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day on September 5, 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and a silver medal.
- Two teachers of Madhya Pradesh selected for the National Teacher Award given by the Ministry of Education, Government of India on Teacher's Day, Neeraj Saxena, teacher of Salegarh, Government Primary School of Raisen district and Om Prakash Patidar, lecturer of Government Excellence Higher Secondary School of Shajapur district. Are included.

- On the occasion of Teachers' Day, the Department of School Education and Literacy of the Ministry of Education organizes a national function every year on September 5, in which national awards are given to the best teachers of the country.
- The selection of teachers for the awards is done in a transparent manner through an online three-tier selection process.
- The objective of conferring the National Award to Teachers is to underline the unique contribution of the teachers of the country and to honor such teachers, who have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students with their commitment and hard work. has done.

'Mandu' honored with Best Heritage Destination Award

Why In News?

The famous tourist destination of Madhya Pradesh 'Mandu' has been awarded the Outlook Traveler Jury Award for Best Heritage Destination at the 19th Annual Outlook Traveler Awards ceremony held in New Delhi on August 24, 2022.

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- Union Minister of Culture and Tourism The Outlook Traveller Awards were given in the presence of Kishan Reddy, Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh Tourism Corporation S. Viswanathan received the award.
- This year marks the 19th year of the awards. At the same time, the theme of the Summit of the Outlook Group this year is 'Third Era of Travel'.
- The award this year was decided on the basis of a travel survey by a research agency and scrutiny of responses by jury members.

Foundation Stone of the First Toy Cluster of Central India

Why In News?

On August 27, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan laid the virtual foundation stone of the first toy cluster of Central India '**Indore International Toy Cluster**' in the Employment Day program organized at Amardas Hall, Indore.

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- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also launched an e-learning module for entrepreneurship development training.
- The Chief Minister said that 42 clusters have been sanctioned in the state, out of which this toy cluster built at a cost of Rs 2.84 crore was inaugurated in Indore. In this first toy cluster of Central India, 20 small units will be set up and more than two thousand people will get employment opportunities.
- An investment of Rs 80 crore is expected in the first phase of this cluster. Similarly, through various clusters, not only will investment increase in the state, but employment opportunities will be provided many times faster.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced to celebrate Employment Day every month across the state and connect 2.5 lakh unemployed with employment.
- The Chief Minister distributed checks and loan sanction letters to the beneficiaries under the self-employment scheme. For self-employment, assistance of Rs 466 crore was provided to more than 75 thousand beneficiaries. Benefit certificates were also distributed to the selected beneficiaries by the Chief Minister.
- It is noteworthy that on January 12, 2022, the first Employment Day was organized in Madhya Pradesh, in which more than 5 lakh people of the state were provided employment under various schemes. By March 31, 2022, loans worth Rs 7 thousand crore were sanctioned to about 13 lakh beneficiaries by giving benefits of various schemes.

Gwalior International Literature Festival

Why In News?

On August 27, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Higher Education Minister Mohan Yadav inaugurated the four-day '**Gwalior International Literature Festival**' at the Indian Institute of Tourism and Travel Management (IITM).

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- In the 25th year of its establishment, Udbhav Cultural and Sports Institute is organizing '**First International Gwalior Literature Festival**' in collaboration with

Kendriya Academy School and Akhil Bhartiya Sahitya Parishad under the aegis of its newly formed project '**Udbhav Literary Forum**' from August 27 to 30, 2022.

- This literature festival is being organized with the aim of bringing the spiritual practice of literature seekers of Gwalior Chambal region to the international stage.
- In this literature festival, the litterateurs of the region will have interviews with national and international litterateurs.

State's First GIS Ultra High Pressure Substation made in Indore

Why In News?

On August 29, 2022, Engineer Sunil Tiwari, Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company informed that Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has innovated the state's first GIS (Gas Insulated Switch Gear) to provide strength and reliability to the transmission network of metropolitan Indore. sub-station) has been energized.

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- Managing Director Sunil Tiwari said that in view of the increasing demand for electricity in Indore, Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company felt the need for construction of additional sub-stations in Indore city. Due to non-availability of sufficient land for construction of conventional sub-stations in dense population like Indore, Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company decided to prepare GIS sub-station (Gas Insulated Switch Gear Sub-station) at Indore.
- 50 MVA in Mahalaxmi Nagar, Indore constructed at an estimated cost of about Rs.36 crore 50 lakh. This sub-station has been energized with capacity.
- This is the first GIS of Madhya Pradesh. It is a very high-pressure sub-station, which is connected to the transmission network of Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company.
- With the commissioning of this sub-station, the power transmission system in the eastern region of Indore has been strengthened, Indore has got another option of ultra-high-pressure sub-station.

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- GIS The construction of a substation requires less land than conventional air insulated substations. The budget for construction of sub-station with this technology is about two and a half times more than that of conventional sub-station, but Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has approved this construction keeping in view the need of Indore. Being in a gas insulated chamber, the equipment of these substations is less prone to malfunction. These are also called 'maintenance free' sub-stations.

Important Decisions of Madhya Pradesh Council of Ministers

Why In News?

On August 30, 2022, in the meeting of the State Council of Ministers chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, along with the ratification of the formation of Madhya Pradesh Yoga Commission, many other important decisions were taken.

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- The Council of Ministers approved the formation of Madhya Pradesh Yoga Commission with the aim of providing facilities to every citizen of the state to lead a healthy lifestyle and healthy life.
 - The commission will conduct its activities through Maharishi Patanjali Sanskrit Sansthan. The administrative department of Madhya Pradesh Yoga Commission will be the School Education Department.
 - In the commission, non-government persons working in the field of yoga nominated by the state government and making very special contributions will be the chairman.
 - Maharishi Patanjali Sanskrit Sansthan will be the chairman (ex-officio) of yoga as vice-chairman of the commission. 5 persons with experience in the field of yoga nominated by the state government will remain as non-government members. The director of Maharishi Patanjali Sanskrit Sansthan will act as ex-officio secretary.
 - The Yoga Commission will be registered under the Societies Act. Additional Chief Secretaries, Principal Secretaries and Secretaries of School Education, Higher Education, Technical Education,

AYUSH, Medical Education, Social Justice, Sports and Youth Welfare, Tribal Affairs and Scheduled Caste Development and Backward Classes Minority Welfare Department will be government members.

- The term of the non-official members will be 5 years.
- Considering it a special case, the Cabinet decided to give Rs 10 lakh as incentive to badminton player Priyanshu Rajawat for earning gold medal in Thomas Cup.
- The Cabinet has approved the 'Resolution Plan' for recovery of mineral revenue dues in the Mineral Resources Department.
 - Under the scheme, the interest payable on mineral revenue arrears from 1960-61 to 2009-10 has been completely waived.
 - It was decided to waive the interest payable on outstanding amount up to Rs 5 lakh for the period from 2010-11 to 2019-20 and 18 percent rebate on interest payable on outstanding amounts above Rs 5 lakh. According to this, after giving exemption, recovery of rs 66 crore 48 lakh with interest against the principal outstanding amount of Rs 60 crore 7 lakh will be ensured.
 - The resolution plan will remain in force till October 31, 2022. If court suits are in operation against mineral arrears, the suit can be withdrawn on deposit of the amount in this scheme.
 - With the implementation of the scheme, the recovery of pending arrears from the year 1960-61 to the year 2019-20 will be ensured.
- The Cabinet approved the draft to restore the Madhya Pradesh Private Universities (Establishment and Operation) Amendment Bill, 2022.
 - According to the Amendment Bill, 2022, Prestige University Indore, Times University Bhopal, Dr. Preeti Global University Shivpuri and L.N.C.T. Vidyapeeth University Indore has been established.
 - Along with this, the draft of the bill was approved for the establishment of 3 other private universities: Amaltas University Dewas, Aryavart University Sehore and Vikrant University Gwalior.
- It is noteworthy that in order to promote research and comprehensive study in the teaching field of Sanskrit language and its literature, Maharishi Patanjali Sanskrit Sansthan was established in 2008 through an Act for other subjects related to it to regulate Sanskrit education at the school level. It is headquartered in MP Nagar Bhopal.



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