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'Shiv Jyoti Arpanam' program

Why in News

- On the occasion of Mahashivratri on March 1, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan along with his wife Sadhna Singh started the 'Shiv Jyoti Arpanam' program by lighting 15 diyas at Ramghat of Kshipra river in Ujjain.

Key Points

- In the 'Shiv Jyoti Arpanam' program, the work of lighting the lamp started at Ramghat. The people of Ujjain registered the name of Ujjain in the Guinness Book of World Records by lighting 11 lakh 71 thousand 78 diyas together at Ramghat, Datta Akhara, Narsingh Ghat, Guru Nanak Ghat, Sunhari Ghat.
- Representative of Guinness Book of World Records Nischal Barot handed over the certificate to the Chief Minister.
- Ujjain set a new record in the Guinness Book of World Records by breaking the record of 9 lakh 41 thousand lamp lighting set in Ayodhya last November.

Agricultural Excellence Center

Why in News

- On March 3, 2022, Israel's Consulate General Kobi Shoshani, during his meeting with Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, informed that Israel has proposed to set up two centers of excellence in Madhya Pradesh (out of 29 agricultural centers in India).

Key Points

- Among the proposed centers, orange production in Chhindwara and vegetable production in Morena will be promoted.
- Presently some establishments of Israeli companies are functioning at Malanpur and Mandideep in Madhya Pradesh.
- The Chief Minister said that the suggestion received by Israel would be considered and implemented. Industrial investment prospects in Madhya Pradesh will also be promoted in collaboration with Israeli companies.
- In the irrigation sector, India and Israel are working on water projects in the Bundelkhand region of

Madhya Pradesh. In particular, both countries look forward to cooperation in other potential areas of water management.

- Officials of the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture, Madhya Pradesh will be benefited in a fortnightly specialization course in Israel.
- Chief Minister Chouhan said that the Bundelkhand region would be rejuvenated by the implementation of Ken-Betwa project. Madhya Pradesh is inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's philosophy of 'Per Drop More Crop' and the farming style of Israel.

Solar Power Park

Why in News

- Omkareshwar Floating Solar Park (600 MW) approved in the Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Parks (UMREPPS) mode under the Solar Energy Park Scheme of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on March 3, 2022.) and Chhatarpur Solar Power Park (950 MW) has been approved.

Key Points

- Rewa Ultra Mega Solar Limited (RUMSL) will be the Solar Park Project Developer (SPPD) for the development of these parks.
- The proposed 600 MW capacity floating solar project on Omkareshwar reservoir is the world's largest floating solar project in the present scenario.
- This project will be developed as a multipurpose project, in which it will be possible to fulfill the objectives of land conservation, water conservation etc. useful for tourism, agriculture and industry.
- The power generated from the solar projects will be purchased by the Madhya Pradesh Power Management Company Limited (MPPMCL) for the supply of solar RPO of the state and for the use of the state. The rest of the electricity will be purchased by other public institutions for use in the state or outside the state.
- The above projects will also prove helpful in fulfilling the renewable energy bond with low cost environment friendly electricity to the state.

Note:

- It is noteworthy that in the COP 26 conference organized by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Glasgow, the country has set a target of setting up renewable energy projects of 500 GW (five lakh MW) by the year 2030.

14 Days' Handloom Expo at Gauhar Mahal

Why in News

- The 14-day Handloom Expo was inaugurated by Padmashree Bhuribai as part of the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav at Urban Haat Gauhar Mahal on March 3, 2022. The expo will run till March 15, 2022.

Key Points

- This special handloom expo is being organized by Sant Ravidas Madhya Pradesh Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation Limited, Bhopal in collaboration with Union Ministry of Textiles at Urban Haat Gauhar Mahal.
- The expo brings together quality and diverse handloom products from weavers from Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra and Gujarat, all under one roof, at discounted rates.
- An additional 25 temporary shops have been constructed along with 35 permanent available shops in the Urban Haat Gauhar Mahal complex. In this way, handloom cloth weavers from different states are available for sale in 60 shops.
- Cultural programs will also be held daily in this 14 day handloom ex-po. Entry and parking arrangements have been made free of cost for the customers in the ex-po.

Trade Promotion Council

why in the news

- On March 4, 2022, '**Madhya Pradesh Trade Promotion Council**' under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan was constituted to increase the state's share in national and international trade, to promote exports and to formulate policy regarding employment generation.

key points

- The Trade Promotion Council will give acceptance and approval primarily on the agenda presented by the Working Committee. This council will also make policy regarding quality enhancement and value addition of selected products as per national and international trade.
- Ministers of Finance, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Forest, Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion, Transport, Tourism, Science and Technology, Horticulture and Food Processing, Cottage and Village Industries, Agriculture, Technical Education and Skill Development and Labor Department Will be members of this council.
- Deputy Chairman and Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh State Planning Commission, Agriculture and Food Processing, Pharmaceutical, Textile and Garment, AutoMobile and Engineering and IT, Representatives of state level institutions and State Export Commissioner (Managing Director MPIDC) were also made members in the council.
- The principal secretary will be the member secretary of the Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion Council.

State Level Vigilance Monitoring Committee

why in the news

- On March 3, 2022, the State Government has canceled the **State Level Vigilance Monitoring Committee** constituted on August 21, 2019 under the **Scheduled Castes and Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Rules** with immediate effect and formed a new committee under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.

key points

- Ministers, MPs, MLAs and concerned officers have been made members in the new committee constituted under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Principal Secretary Scheduled Castes Welfare has been made the convening member secretary.
- According to the notification of the committee issued by the Scheduled Castes Welfare Department, the committee consists of Home, Jail, Parliamentary Affairs,

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Law and Legislative Affairs Minister Dr. Narottam Mishra, Scheduled Caste Welfare and Tribal Affairs Minister Meena Singh and 3 MPs – Gajendra Singh Patel, Himadri Singh and Mahendra Singh Solanki has been nominated as a member.

- Similarly, 9 MLAs- Kunwar Singh Tekam, Sulochana Rawat, Ram Dangore, Manisha Singh, Harishankar Khatik, Raghunath Malviya, Dr. Yogesh Pandagre, Gopilal Jatav and Rajesh Prajapati and Chief Secretary to Madhya Pradesh Government, Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary Home, Police Director General and Director/Deputy Director National Commission for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes have been nominated as members.

Asian Fencing Championship

why in the news

- Recently, swordsman Pragma Singh of Madhya Pradesh State Fencing Academy has won a silver medal in Asian Fencing Championship held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.

key points

- The Asian Fencing Championship was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan from February 24 to March 3, 2022.
- Pragma Singh achieved this success in the EP event of Fencing. She won the silver medal in the final with a score of 45-36 against a player from Uzbekistan.
- It is noteworthy that recently Pragma Singh has been a part of the Indian team in the Senior Grampy-2022.

Launch of MPT Southern Spices

Why in News

- On March 6, 2022, **Usha Thakur, Minister of Tourism, Culture and Religious Trust and Endowment of Madhya Pradesh** launched 'MPT Southern Spices' at Hotel Palash Residency.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Minister Usha Thakur said that this innovation of Tourism Corporation will give authentic taste of South Indian cuisine to the tourists and general public visiting Bhimbetka, Sanchi and Bhopal, as well as increase the business of the corporation.

- On the success of the cafeteria, it will be extended to other hotels of the corporation as well.
- The cafeteria has been specially refurbished for South Indian cuisine with a South India theme.
- All state-of-the-art and useful kitchen equipment has also been installed in the cafeteria to specially prepare the South Indian cuisine. The MPT Southern Spices has a capacity of 40 persons, built on an area of about 1200 square feet. The capacity can be increased as the number of guests increases.
- The main attraction of 'MPT Southern Spices' is the South Indian thali, which is available in both veg and non-veg menu. Along with this, the visiting tourists and general public will also get the delicious taste of Appam, Poote, Idiyappam, Kerala Paratha, Paruppu Vada, Podi Idli, Vadai, Banana Bajji, Mirchi Bajji and Payasam Kheer from South India.

Budhni: Country's First Water Plus and Wonderful City

Why in News

- On 6th March, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan while inaugurating various development works and performing Bhoomi-Poojan on the occasion of Pride Day of Budhni town of Sehore district said that Budhni would be made the country's first water plus and wonderful city.

Key Points

- Indore has become the first water plus metropolis of the country. Budhni will also be made the first water plus city in the category of small cities of the country. Apart from making the city of Budhni clean and beautiful, excellent work will also be done here in the field of health, environment, education and employment.
- Earlier in Budhni, the sewerage system built at a cost of Rs. 44 crore 56 lakh and construction and development works worth Rs 59 crore was inaugurated and Bhumi-Poojan was done.
- Bhoomi-pujan of private sector 'Vihaan Food Industry' was done in Jarrapur of Budhni. This agro-based industry will give better prices to the farmers of the

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region and increase employment opportunities. 900 people will get employment from the food industry.

- The Chief Minister honored citizens, businessmen and representatives of social organizations who became partners in the development of the city, as well as distributed benefits in various schemes of the government.
- The Chief Minister also announced to organize a 3-day program on Budhni's Pride Day from next year, to give national recognition to Budhni's toy business and to open CM Rise School at Budhni.
- He said that in a month the water of all the houses would be connected to the sewerage plant. The Chief Minister appealed to the citizens to take a pledge to give up open defecation, throwing garbage on the road and use of polythene etc.

'Milawat Se Mukti Abhiyan'

Why in News

- On March 6, 2022, on the birthday of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, MP State Cooperative Dairy Federation Limited launched the facility of milk testing at 1600 Sanchi milk parlors in the 'Milawat Se Mukti Abhiyan'.

Key Points

- Testing kits have been made available at all Sanchi parlors to check adulteration in milk. Strips to test for Urea, Detergent/Soap, Maltose, Glucose, Sucrose have been provided in the testing kit, so that consumers can get information about adulteration in milk immediately.
- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Shivraj Singh and Health Minister Dr. Prabhuram Choudhary had started the 'Milawat Se Mukti Abhiyan' (Freedom from Adulteration Campaign) in the state on November 11, 2020 from the capital Bhopal.
- Presently 15 mobile laboratories are being run under this campaign. On February 8, 2022, State Health Minister Dr. Prabhuram Chaudhary had given the gift of three new mobile laboratories for Chhindwara, Neemuch and Bhind.
- In these mobile laboratories, citizens can easily get food items tested for a fee of Rs.10.

Asian Sailing Championship

Why in News

- MP State Sailing Academy players Ritika Dangi and Neha Thakur won gold and bronze medals respectively in the Asian Sailing Championship held in Abu Dhabi from February 27 to March 6, 2022.

Key Points

- Ritika Dangi won gold medal in ILCA-4 (Laser 4.7 class boat) event, while Neha Thakur brought laurels to the country and the state by winning a bronze medal in this event.
- With this the Indian sailing team has qualified for the Asian Games.
- Ritika Dangi is a resident of village Tajpura, Narsingharh Tehsil, District Rajgarh, while Neha Thakur is a resident of Amaltaj village of Hatpipliya Tehsil of Dewas district.
- Chief coach of MP State Sailing Academy, Mr. Arjun and Vishwamitra awardee GL Yadav said that both Ritika and Neha are strong contenders for medals in Asian Games. In two of the three trials held so far, both the players are in first and second place.

Virtual International Conference on Women Entrepreneurship

Why in News

- Recently, a three-day international e-conference was organized by the Management Faculty of Rabindranath Tagore University, Bhopal through a virtual medium on Women Entrepreneurship Transformation, Initiation and Global Potential.

Key Points

- Eminent speakers from home and abroad delivered their lectures in this three-day international e-conference.
- The conference was organized under the aegis of Women Indian Chamber of Commerce and Industry (WCCI), MP Coaching Council, Entrepreneurship Development Institute of India (EDII) and Atal Incubation Center (AIC-RNTU).

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- A large number of academicians, researchers, students and industry professionals from India and abroad participated in this international e-convention. The 'Best Research Paper' was also announced on the last day of the e-conference.
- The research papers included in the conference will be brought in the form of ISBN book.

Times Passion Tribal Trail and Taj Tribal Food Festival

Why in News

- On March 8, 2022, Governor Mangubhai Patel inaugurated the Times Passion Tribal Trail and Taj Tribal Food Festival organized by Madhya Pradesh Tourism, Times of India and Taj Group.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Tribal Affairs and Scheduled Castes Welfare Minister Meena Singh said that this event is a worthwhile initiative in the direction of making efforts for proper marketing of crafts, arts and food items of the tribal society.
- Kanika Hasrat, General Manager, Taj Group, said that the organization of this food festival is the result of intensive study, research and training arrangements of the living and food habits of the tribal society.
- On this occasion, Pandwani singer Dr. Teejan Bai of Chhattisgarh, who was awarded by folk artist Padma Vibhushan, presented the incident of Dushasan slaughter of Mahabharata through her special velocity and communication.
- In the function, Anuppur District Magistrate Sonia Meena presented the first copy of the book 'Anuppur Food Culture and Tourism' to Governor Mangubhai Patel.

Tripartite MoU Between Skill Development, Siemens India and GIZ India

Why in News

- On March 8, 2022, a tripartite MoU was signed between Madhya Pradesh Skill Development, Siemens India and GIZ India for the Indo-German Initiative for Technical

Education Program (IGNITE) in the Skill Strengthening Scheme (STRIVE) for Industrial Value Addition.

Key Points

- The MoU was signed by Jitendra Singh Raje, Director, Skill Development, Madhya Pradesh, Dharamvir Singh of Siemens India and Usha Ganesh of GIZ India.
- Director Jitendra Singh informed that the objective of Indo-German Initiative for Technical Education Program (IGNITE) is to create a framework for high quality training in India based on the German dual vocational education and training model.
- He informed that four industry clusters of Madhya Pradesh and 34 government ITIs concerned have been selected for the IGNITE program. In this, 7 government ITIs have been selected in Gwalior-Shivpuri Industry Cluster and 9-9 government ITIs in Jabalpur-Katni Cluster, Sagar-Damoh Cluster and Rewa-Satna Industry Cluster.
- Under this MoU, Siemens India and GIZ. (GIZ) by the experts of ITI Principal, Institution Head, Training and Placement Officer, Training Officers of the trades and capacity building of ITI's 5 trades Electrician, Fitter, Turner, Machinist and Electronics Mechanic in the Industry Cluster 'In Plant Training' and 'Green Skills'.

Announcements on the Occasion of International Women's Day

Why in News

- On March 8, 2022, on the occasion of International Women's Day, various programs were started by the Women and Child Development Department of Madhya Pradesh for the economic, physical and mental upliftment of the women of the state.

Key Points

- Keeping in view the procedural difficulties faced by women from banks, the Department of Women and Child Development has launched a special scheme to provide loans in collaboration with Punjab National Bank and Central Bank of India to overcome the paucity of funds. Under this, a loan of Rs 180 crore was made available to about 7136 women groups of the state.

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- Aparajita martial arts training program was also started by the department for teenage girls. In this, 150 teenage girls of each district will be given 10 days training in Boxing, Judo, Karate, Taekwondo and Wrestling in collaboration with the Sports and Youth Welfare Department.
- A health test camp has also been started for the testing and treatment of the health and nutritional level of the women field staff of the Women and Child Development Department.
- Additional Chief Secretary Ashok Shah distributed symbolic keys of 8 autos and one e-rickshaw in collaboration with the bank to the beneficiaries of self-help groups on International Women's Day.
- Director Women and Child Development Dr. Ram Rao Bhosale informed that so far more than 41 lakh children in the state have got the benefit of Ladli Laxmi Yojana and this process is going on continuously. He said that the Panchayat which will celebrate the birth of daughters will be declared as 'Ladli Friendly'.

GPS tagging of Vultures in Panna Tiger Reserve

Why in News

- On March 8, 2022, Uttam Kumar Sharma, Area Director of Panna Tiger Reserve informed that for the first time in the country a unique initiative has been taken in collecting authentic information about the behavior and habitat of vultures in Panna Tiger Reserve in the state. Here GPS tagging is being done by catching the vultures.

Key Points

- The work of GPS tagging on vultures in Panna Tiger Reserve was carried out by a team of researchers from Panna Tiger Reserve and Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun during winters in 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- The 25 vultures available in the Panna Tiger Reserve have been tagged with solar powered GPS devices. It includes 3D acceleration sensors. The GPS tag data is being tracked via satellite.
- This is a major achievement of the Vulture Telemetry Project. Vulture tagging is a well-planned initiative to prevent and conserve India's Old World vultures from extinction.

- With this unique initiative, 14 vulture species have been tagged and studied in 24 countries so far. None of this is from India. There are 9 species of vultures in India. The state has got good results in the conservation of vulture species. The number of vultures has increased to 9446 in the year 2021.
- Out of 9 species of vultures available in India, 3 species are endangered. Out of these 7 species are available in Panna Tiger Reserve. These include migratory species such as the Himalayan griffon/vulture, the Eurasian griffon and the sinnerus, and migratory species such as the Indian long-billed vulture, the white-backed king vulture, and the Egyptian vulture.
- The number of vultures has decreased drastically in the last few decades. Efforts to conserve vultures started around 10-12 years ago across the country and the telemetry based project is a meaningful step in this direction.
- Through GPS tagging, important information about the movement of vultures, information about the route of migration and habitat etc. is available. This will ensure scientific management of vultures.
- In this system, blood samples have been taken in the health test of vultures along with GPS tagging. This will help to know the health status of the vultures. This information of vultures will prove to be important in making vulture management policies in future.

4 Important Decisions for Women Empowerment

Why in News

- On March 8, 2022, on the occasion of International Women's Day, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan made 4 important announcements for women empowerment in the women empowerment-credit linkage program organized in Dewas.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that Women Finance Development Corporation would be strengthened in the state, Mukhyamantri Nari Samman Kosh would be established at a cost of Rs 100 crore, Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyam Shakti Yojana would be started and industrial parks would be set up in Indore and Bhopal to encourage women's enterprise.

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- Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyam Shakti Yojana will help women to start their own enterprise and they will be able to become self-reliant.
- In order to encourage women's enterprise, industrial parks for women only will be built in Indore and Bhopal.
- Chief Minister Chouhan and BJP's National President JP Nadda handed over the keys to the Nutrition Food Plant to women self-help groups and distributed a loan of Rs 300 crore to them.
- Along with this, toolkits were provided to women to work in the Jal Jeevan Mission. Women's cluster level organizations were rewarded and a booklet of success stories of self-help groups was also released.

Jodhaiya Bai Baiga of Madhya Pradesh Honored with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar'

Why in News

- On the occasion of International Women's Day President Ram Nath Kovind honored Jodhaiya Bai Baiga of Madhya Pradesh with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' for her extraordinary work towards women empowerment.

Key Points

- The President presented the Nari Shakti Puraskar to 29 women at a special function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. For the years 2020 and 2021, 14-14 awards were given and one award was given jointly to two women.
- These awards are given to women who have done remarkable work in the field of entrepreneurship, agriculture, innovation, social work, art, handicrafts, wildlife conservation, linguistics, merchant navy, education, literature, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and rights of persons with disabilities.
- Jodhaiya Bai Baiga of Madhya Pradesh was honored with Nari Shakti Puraskar for promoting tribal Baiga art at the global level. The work of Jodhaiya Bai Baiga, which depicts tribal culture on canvas, has been exhibited internationally in Italy and France.
- It is noteworthy that women who have done exceptional and outstanding work towards the empowerment of weak and marginalized women are honored with Nari

Shakti Puraskar every year. The Nari Shakti Puraskar ceremony of 2020 could not be held due to the Corona epidemic.

Mahila Mate Samman Utsav

Why in News

- In the context of International Women's Day on March 9, 2022, Mahila Mate Samman Utsav, working under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA scheme, was organized.

Key Points

- In the Samman Utsav, 75 such women mates were honored, who have done excellent work in their field. Certificates were distributed to them in the program.
- This program was organized in collaboration with the organization 'Pradhan'.
- On this occasion, MGNREGA Commissioner Sufia Farooqui Wali said that in the beginning of MGNREGA scheme only men were employed as mates, but now women are also being given work as mates.
- To increase the participation and entitlement of women under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, work is being given in the scheme by selecting female mates in the state.
- The main responsibility of women as mates is to help the workers in demanding employment, attendance at work and payment of wages on time.
- These women are paid as per the rate applicable for semi-skilled workers.

ITF Tennis Tournament

Why in News

- On March 8, 2022, Madhya Pradesh's Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia inaugurated the ITF Men's World Tennis Tournament at Bhopal's Arera Club by blowing up colorful balloons.

Key Points

- A total of 6 countries are participating in this tournament. These include 2 players from France, 2 from Great Britain and one each from Germany, Poland, Japan and Czechoslovakia.
- The winner of this competition will be given a prize of 15 thousand dollars.

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- It is worth mentioning that this tournament is being organized continuously for 6 years in which eminent tennis players of the world participate.

Deendayal Antyodaya Rasoī Yojana

Why in News

- On March 8, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh informed that in the second phase of Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana, one crore food plates have been distributed since February 26, 2021.

Key Points

- During the second wave of the Covid epidemic, 27 lakh 19 thousand people were fed food from kitchen centers in the lockdown implemented from April 12 to June 27, 2021. The distribution of food from kitchen centers is going on continuously.
- It is noteworthy that Deendayal Antyodaya Rasoī Yojana (Phase II) was launched on February 26, 2021 with the objective of providing nutritious food at affordable rates to the poor and needy persons of the state. In this, operation of 100 kitchen centers has been started in 52 district headquarters and 6 religious cities of the state- Maihar, Omkareshwar, Maheshwar, Amarkantak, Orchha and Chitrakoot.
- In the kitchen center, Chapati/Roti, seasonal vegetables, pulses and rice are made available to the general public in the form of clean and nutritious food. In the kitchen centers, daily lunch is being arranged per person at the rate of Rs 10 per plate from 10 am to 3 pm.
- The food grains used in the kitchen centers are wheat and rice at Re 1 per kg. Provided by the Food Department through the Fair Price Shop at the rate of Rs.

Selfie Point Prepared Under West to Wonder

Why in News

- On March 8, 2022, Madhya Pradesh's Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang inaugurated a 20

feet high selfie point built under 'West to Wonder' at Prabhat crossroads in the capital Bhopal.

Key Points

- In this selfie point with the shape of corona vaccine and syringe, such unusable items have been used, which were junk. This selfie point has been prepared by Bhopal Municipal Corporation from about 30 thousand waste bottles and about 3 tonnes of junk.
- Giving the message of public awareness, this selfie point will inspire people to get the corona vaccine, as well as give a message of awareness about environmental protection.
- Minister Sarang said that Selfie Point will give the message that there is protection from vaccines only, the person who is eligible must get the vaccine.

32nd National Canoe Sprint National Competition

Why in News

- On March 10, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 32nd National Canoe Sprint, 15th Para Canoe and 1st Standup Paddling National Competition 2021-22 at Chote Talab, Bhopal.

Key Points

- This competition is being organized in the memory of Late Sanjeev Kumar Singh, a senior IPS officer. This is the first time that this national competition is being organized in the name of an individual.
- The Secretary of Indian Kayaking and Canoeing said that the senior IPS officer, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar has made a special contribution to sports, so this competition is being organized in his name.
- About 750 players from 27 states are participating in this competition, which will run from March 10 to 13. 47 players from the host Madhya Pradesh are participating in this competition. There will be competitions for a total of 285 medals.
- The 15th Para Canoe and 1st Standup Paddling Championship are also being organized on this occasion. The most important thing is that on the basis of this competition, the Indian team is also to be selected, which will participate in the Beijing Asian Games.

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First Drone School of the State

Why in News

- On March 10, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the first drone school of the state by flying a remote drone at MITS ground in Gwalior.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that on December 11, an announcement was made to open five drone schools in the state, out of which the first school has been launched in Gwalior.
- Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said that 40 to 50 children will be trained in drone technology every month in this drone school. The youth trained in drone pilot training will be able to earn an average income of 30 thousand rupees every month.
- He said that about 2.5 thousand (500 per school) drone pilots would be ready in a year when all the five drone schools of Madhya Pradesh are started.
- He said that about 2.5 thousand (500 per school) drone pilots would be ready in a year when all the five drone schools of Madhya Pradesh are started.
- Madhya Pradesh is currently one of the leading states across the country in the use of drone technology.
- Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said that special promotion is being given to drone technology in the field of agriculture in the country. In the near future, revolutionary progress will emerge from the use of this technology.
- He said that the Agriculture Department of the Government of India has released the Drone Policy, in which 12th pass children can get good employment as a drone pilot by getting a grant of up to Rs 4 lakh.
- Similarly, if agricultural graduates want to set up a unit of drone technology, they can get a grant of up to Rs 5 lakh. Apart from this, institutions can also get up to 100 percent grant in agriculture drone policy.
- Tomar said that drone technology is playing an important role in getting home ownership rights to the people of rural areas. Similarly, drone technology has proved to be revolutionary in thwarting the locust attack.

1652 Wild Animals in Van Vihar National Park

Why in News

- On March 11, 2022, the director of Van Vihar National Park Zoo, Bhopal, H.C. Gupta said that the number of herbivorous wild animals living freely in the Van Vihar National Park Zoo and kept in the enclosures is 1652.

Key Points

- The Director said that in the census conducted on February 24, 25 and 26 this year, 1516 wild animals were found to move freely. These include 522 chital, 362 sambar, 81 nilgai, 90 wild boar, 257 peacock, 51 jackal, 60 langur, 71 black deer, 3 chausingha, 3 sehi, 11 reindeer, 3 wild cat and one chinkara and pegolin each.
- In the last 3 years, there has been an increase in the number of chital, wild boar, peacock, langur, reindeer, gharial and mountain tortoise etc. So far this year 38 chitals have been shifted to Gandhi Sagar, Mandsaur and Seoni sanctuaries.
- 3 lions, 13 tigers, 1 white tiger, 10 leopards, 20 bears, 1 hyena, 13 crocodiles, 2 gaur, 28 mountain tortoises, 33 aquatic tortoises and 6 alligators have been found in the park. 6 wildlife have gone to the Quarantine Center. These include 1 leopard and 5 African tortoises (court case).

Raageshwari Anjana of Bhopal Got First Place in National Youth Parliament

Why in News

- On March 11, 2022, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla presented awards to the winners of the third edition of the National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF). Among them, Raageshwari Anjana of Bhopal got the first position.

Key Points

- Addressing the participants, the Speaker said that the National Youth Parliament is an innovative program to acquaint the youth with parliamentary procedures and democratic processes.

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- In the National Youth Parliament Festival 2022, Siddharth Joshi of Dungarpur, Rajasthan got the second position and Amarpreet Kaur of Bathinda got the third position.
- In the National Youth Parliament, Rageshwari spoke on the topic 'Importance of patriotism in nation building'. Rageshwari is a student of BUIT, Bhopal, she is also a member of NSS Cadet Corps.
- NYPF is organized to elicit the views of the youth who will be involved in various careers including public services in the coming years.
- The first edition of NYPF was conducted from January 12 to February 27, 2019 and the second edition from December 23, 2020 to January 12, 2022.
- The third edition of NYPF was launched on 14th February, 2022 through virtual medium at the district level. From 23rd to 27th February, 2022, more than 2.44 lakh youth from across the country participated in the State Youth Parliaments followed by the District Youth Parliaments through virtual medium.
- Certificates and prizes (Rs. 2,00,000, Rs. 150,000 and Rs. 100,000 respectively) were given to the top three national winners and consolation prizes of Rs. 50,000 were given to the 2 participants.

Film 'The Kashmir Files' Tax Free in Madhya Pradesh

Why in News

- The State Government has exempted the Hindi feature film 'The Kashmir Files' from the State Goods and Services Tax for its exhibition in Madhya Pradesh, keeping in view the plot and other special social useful qualities.

Key Points

- In the order issued by the Commercial Tax Department, this exemption has been given from March 14 to September 13. This relaxation for the audience will be applicable on film screenings at all locations including single screen theaters and multiplexes.
- It is worth mentioning that the Haryana govt. has already made this film tax free. Along with Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat has also made this film tax free.

- The Film is directed by Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri, a member of the Central Board of Film Certification.
- Tickets of the film will be sold to the audience by deducting the amount of State Goods Service Tax (SGST) by the respective cinemas/multiplexes to take advantage of the reimbursement in the exemption given on this film.
- There will be no increase in the prevailing general admission fee of the respective cinemas/multiplexes for the screening of the film. The amount of State Goods and Services Tax payable on this service will be borne by the multiplex/theatre itself.
- An amount equal to the share of State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) due and paid will be reimbursed by the State Government.
- 'The Kashmir Files' tells the story of pain, suffering, struggle, migration and trauma of Kashmiri Hindus.
- The director of the film Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri is originally from Madhya Pradesh. He has also lived in Bhopal for many years. The film, directed by him, has other actors including noted actor Anupam Kher.

Indore-Gondia-Hyderabad Flight Launched

Why in News

- On March 13, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Indore-Gondia-Hyderabad flight through video conferencing. This flight has been started by Fly Big Airlines.

Key Points

- Flights have been started from Indore to Ahmedabad, Goa, Pune. Along with this, flights have been started from Bhopal to Pune, Jabalpur and Gwalior to Ahmedabad, Pune, Mumbai and Jabalpur to Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that places of tourist and religious importance in the state would be connected by air services and helicopter services.
- Helicopter service will be started from Khajuraho to Panna Tiger Reserve, Jabalpur to Kanha, Khajuraho to Orchha, Gwalior to Shivpuri and historical places of Morena, Indore to Maheshwar etc.

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Indian Tent Turtle

Why in News

- According to the information received from the study of scientists of the Zoological Survey of India, due to illegal sand mining and smuggling in the Narmada river, the Indian Tent Turtles found in it are on the verge of extinction.

Key Points

- Scientists of the Zoological Survey of India have said that these turtles have completely disappeared from the area around Harda and Khandwa along with the confluence of Narmada-Tawa river 'Bandrabhan'.
- These turtles, known as natural cleaners, survive by eating moss and algae etc. and increase the amount of oxygen in the water.
- Zoological Survey of India scientist Pratyush Mohapatra, who is researching turtles, said that five years ago, turtles were found on the banks of Narmada near Narmadapuram, Harda and Khandwa from Jabalpur, which were not visible in January this year.
- The female tortoise goes to her residence by laying eggs in the sand, which are incubated in summer. Illegal mining of sand is disrupting their breeding.
- Pangshura tentoria or Indian tent turtles are found in Narmada. It is a species of tortoise found in India and Bangladesh.
- In view of the danger looming over them, they have been kept in Schedule-I.

Task Force to Reduce Maternal and Child Mortality and Malnutrition

Why in News

- On March 14, 2022, a new task force was constituted by the State Government of Madhya Pradesh in place of the previously constituted task force with the objective of reducing maternal mortality rate, neonatal mortality rate, infant mortality rate and malnutrition.

Key Points

- Economist and former member of Prime Minister's Economic Advisory Council, Prof. Shamika Ravi will

be the chairperson of the newly formed task force, while the Additional Chief Secretary (Public Health and Family Welfare) will be the secretary of the task force.

- Additional Chief Secretary Women and Child Development, Mission Director National Health Mission, Professor Head Community Nutrition Intermediate Fellow, DBT/Wellcome Trust India Alliance Indian IIPH Delhi and Dr. Ramesh Agarwal AIIMS, New Delhi have been made members in the Task Force.
- Lokesh Sharma, Additional Chief Executive Officer, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis has been appointed as Member Secretary.
- The task force will work in coordination with Madhya Pradesh State NITI Aayog and Planning Commission.
- The Task Force meeting will be held once in a month or as required.
- The task force will submit a report on proposed interventions and possible effects to the state government by June 30, 2022, to reduce maternal neonatal mortality and stunting.
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis will function as the technical secretariat to provide necessary support to the task force.

'Mann Ka Mogra' Book Launched

Why in the news?

- On March 15, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Tourism, Culture and Religious Trust and Endowment Minister Usha Thakur and Medical Education Minister Vishwas Sarang released the book '**Mann Ka Mogra**' written by **Dr. Sadhana Gangrade** in the State Museum.

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- This book is a collection of fine essays based on interpersonal relationships, festivals, traditions, rites, values and social customs.
- Minister Vishwas Sarang said that the book 'Mann Ka Mogra' preserves the social customs. It brings the values and ideals of joint family to the society. It is a source of inspiration for future generations.

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- The author of the book herself lives in a joint family of 27 members. This book written by her brings various forms of women in front of the society in ideal form.

River Narmada

Why in the news?

- Recently, the **Narmada**, the life-giving river of Madhya Pradesh, has been included in the **Detailed Project Report (DPR)** on the rejuvenation of 13 major rivers through forestry initiatives is jointly released by the **Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change and the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti**.

key points

- The detailed project report covers **13 major rivers – Jhelum, Chenab, Ravi, Beas, Sutlej, Yamuna, Brahmaputra, Luni, Narmada, Godavari, Mahanadi, Krishna and Kaveri**. The length of 13 rivers including 202 tributaries under the project is 42,830 km.
- These 13 rivers collectively cover 18,90,110 sq.km. area of the country, which is 57.45 percent of the geographical area of the country.
- The detailed project report has been prepared on the lines of the work done as part of the **National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** in the year 2015-16, acknowledging that the increasing water crisis is the cause of the degradation of the river's ecosystem.
- The Narmada River (also known as Rewa) serves as a traditional boundary between North and South India. It is 1,312 km west of its origin from the **Amarkantak peak of Maikal mountain**. It flows into the **Gulf of Khambhat**.
- This project report is based on a multi-level, multi-stakeholder, multidisciplinary and holistic approach to meet the broad objectives of **'Aviral Dhara', 'Nirmal Dhara' and ecological rejuvenation**.
- The DPR identifies forestry interventions in three types of scenarios and the potential for adopting a holistic riverscape approach to wetland management.
- Under the protection of 13 rivers through forestry, intensive plantation will be done on both the banks of the rivers. This is expected to increase the forest area to 7,417.36 sq km.
- The proposed intervention will help in reducing 50.21 million tonnes of carbon dioxide from 10-year

old plantations and 74.76 million tonnes of carbon dioxide from 20-year-old plantations.

- The proposed intervention in the 13 riverine landscape will recharge 1889.89 million cubic meters of ground water per year and reduce sediment deposits by 64,83114 cubic meters per year.

'Eat Smart City Challenge' Competition

Why in News

- Recently, 4 cities of the state - Indore, Ujjain, Sagar and Jabalpur have been selected in the top 11 of the country in FSSAI's 'Eat Smart City Challenge' competition. 180 of the country and 9 districts of the state participated in the competition. These cities have been awarded by FSSAI.

Key Points

- The 'Eat Smart City Challenge' competition was held to strengthen the food security ecosystem and inculcate a culture of consumption of quality food among the common citizens.
- In this, various activities related to food safety include regulatory sample collection, increase in food licenses and registration, promotion of food safety in public places, providing information about food safety to common citizens through social media, clean street food hub, clean vegetable market, Bhog, Eat Right School, Eat Right Campus, Hygiene Rating etc.
- In order to provide quality, healthy and nutritious food items to the common citizens, the Food Security Administration is running a 'Freedom from Adulteration' campaign against those who adulterate food items.
- There are 15 mobile laboratories operating in the state for testing of food items. Common citizens can get their food items tested for just Rs 10 from a mobile laboratory. Modern laboratories are being built in Indore, Gwalior and Jabalpur to increase testing capacity.
- Raja Bhoj Airport Bhopal is the first airport to get Eat Right Campus among the institutions of the state to get the first certification in the country. The first temple to get 'Bhog' (BHOG) certificate is Mahakal Mandir, Ujjain and the first mosque/dargah to get 'Bhog' (BHOG) certificate is Dargah-e-Hakimi, Burhanpur.

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- First School to get Eat Right School Certificate – Sanmati Higher Secondary School, Indore, First Income Tax Office to get Eat Right Campus – Bhopal and First Deaf Institute to get Eat Right Campus – Government Deaf School, Rewa .

Colleges Will Get Provisional Accreditation for Two Years

Why in News

- On March 16, 2022, Commissioner, Higher Education, Deepak Singh said that the National Assessment and Accreditation Council has made changes in the evaluation process of colleges. Now the colleges which have completed one year of establishment will get provisional accreditation.

Key Points

- Deepak Singh said this while addressing a one-day workshop on provisional accreditation training at Sarojini Naidu Government Girls Postgraduate College.
- He said that NAAC accreditation is obtained after evaluating the overall performance of any educational institution. PAC for newly established colleges is a good initiative.
- He directed the principals and professors of colleges of Bhopal and Sagar divisions who came under training to prepare their respective colleges for NAAC evaluation. 110 principals and professors of 55 colleges participated in the training.
- It is noteworthy that training for provisional accreditation is being given at Bhopal, Ujjain, Jabalpur and Gwalior.

Cashless Treatment of Workers From April 1

Why in News

- On March 18, 2022, Anurag Choudhary, CEO of Ayushman Bharat Niramayam Society, informed that the workers engaged in construction works on sites like buildings, roads, bridges, ponds in Madhya Pradesh will be provided **cashless treatment** from April 1.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that 12 lakh 50 thousand laborers who are doing construction at places like buildings, roads, bridges are being linked to the Ayushman scheme under contract by the Ayushman Bharat Niramayam Society and Karmakar Mandal of the state government.
- Under the contract, the labor families registered in the workers' board will be given the facility of free treatment by making cards. Under this, 12 and a half lakh labor families of the state will also get the facility of free treatment up to Rs 5 lakh every year.
- 90% of the workers in the state are in the unorganized sector. These workers will be able to get a free treatment facility from Ayushman Yojana. Many times workers get injured in accidents during construction works and due to financial constraints they are not able to get treatment on time, but they will be able to get treatment through **Ayushman Yojana**.
- Cards will be given to the workers of the unorganized sector including the workers registered in the Workers' Board. For this, camps will be set up at construction sites. At the same time, the card holder workers of the Karmakar Mandal can also get the card made from the kiosk center through labor card, Aadhar card and Samagra ID.
- The cost of the treatment of workers undergoing treatment under Ayushman Yojana will be borne by the Workers' Board. For this, an amount of about Rs 1052 per worker will be deposited as annual premium in Niramayam Society by the Workers' Board.

Obaidullah Khan Heritage Cup Hockey Tournament

Why in News?

- On March 21, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Obaidullah Khan Heritage Cup Hockey Tournament 2022, held at Major Dhyan Chand Hockey Stadium, Bhopal. Along with this, the Chief Minister also unveiled the trophy of the Obaidullah Khan Heritage Cup.

Key Points

- This tournament in Bhopal will run from March 21 to 27. It is noteworthy that the Obaidullah Khan Cup

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hockey tournament was established in 1931. It got closed in the middle, it was also interrupted due to Corona.

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Pragna Singh and bronze medalist Aryan Sen, silver medalist in EP event in Asian Fencing Championship held at Tashkent, Uzbekistan, Aman Singh Bisht, bronze medalist in Asian Youth Boxing Championship held in Jordan and silver medalist Anand Yadav and Gold medalist Ritika Dangi and bronze medalist Neha Thakur were felicitated in the 4.7 laser event of the Asian Sailing Championships held in Abu Dhabi.
- The Chief Minister honored badminton player Gauranshi Sharma and tennis player Dhananjay Dubey of Madhya Pradesh selected for Daphlympics, Brazil 2022 by presenting a symbolic check of Rs.1 lakh each.

Inauguration of 'Adi Bazaar' at Bhopal Haat

Why in News?

- On March 21, 2022, chairman of TRIFED Mr. Ramsinh Rathwa virtually inaugurated a live exhibition of organic tribal products and handcrafted goods 'Adi Bazaar' at Bhopal Haat, Bhopal.

Key Points

- The exhibition will run from March 21 to March 30, 2022. It will have over 70 stalls representing 15 states of the country.
- Representing the core ethos of tribal life, this 10-day long festival features exhibition-cum-sale of tribal handicrafts, art, paintings, clothing, jewelry from 15 states of the country.
- Tribal Arts and Crafts Exhibition 'Adi Bazaar' is being organized jointly under the aegis of Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation Limited (TRIFED) and Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- These Aadi Bazaars are a part of TRIFED's concerted efforts to improve the livelihood of the underprivileged tribals, who have been most affected in the last two years.
- Aadi Bazar offers products from Tribes India and tribal artisans like the famous Maheshwari sarees

from Madhya Pradesh, warm woolen clothes from Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh, various immunity boosting herbs bought by the tribal people of Tamil Nadu and Spices, specialty honeys and organic products from North-East India range from the iconic Toda embroidery to Moga silk from Assam and black pottery from Nagaland.

Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)

Why in News?

- Recently, houses of one lakh 15 thousand 564 beneficiaries have been approved by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in the BLC component of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) for Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh informed that Rs 2889 crore will be transferred to the accounts of the beneficiaries for the construction of houses as the share of the Center and the State for these houses.
- A grant amount of Rs 2.5 lakh is given to the beneficiaries for the construction of Pradhan Mantri Awas (BLC). These houses have been sanctioned for the beneficiaries of 197 urban bodies.
- It is noteworthy that Urban Development and Housing Minister Bhupendra Singh met Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Puri in New Delhi on March 17 and urged him to approve the pending proposals of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban).

2 Women of the State Honored in Delhi

Why in News

- On March 24, 2022, **Meera Yadav and Kunta Bai Yadav of district Narmadapuram** were felicitated by the Union Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh at the Dr. Ambedkar International Center in New Delhi for their journey from wage to self-employment.

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- Both these women used to work as labourers in Mahatma Gandhi NREGA earlier. After joining a self-help group and getting training under **Project Unnati of MNREGA**, both of them started the work of dairy production, from which now both are earning 10 thousand to 15 thousand rupees monthly.
- It is worth mentioning that 75 participants trained in Project Unnati were selected from all the states in the **Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi** by the Union Ministry of Rural Development, which includes these two women from Madhya Pradesh.
- Project Unnati is a program of the MGNREGA Division of the **Union Ministry of Rural Development**. It has been started to make the members of rural families working in MNREGA employable and self-employed by training them on the basis of their interest.

Center of Excellence in Harda under Indo-Israel Project**Why in News**

- In a virtual meeting held on March 24, 2022, between Madhya Pradesh Farmers Welfare and Agriculture Development Minister Kamal Patel and the representatives of the Israel Embassy, it was decided that the third Center of **Excellence for Micro Irrigation and Hi-Tech Agriculture** would be opened in **Harda** in the state.

Key Points

- Minister Kamal Patel discussed with the agricultural representatives of the Israeli Embassy and apprised them about the suitable environment for cultivation of spices, medicinal and floriculture in the Nimar-Malwa region.
- In the meeting, representatives of the Israeli technology transfer company '**Mashav**' said that soon Harda and surrounding areas would be surveyed. After which the Center of Excellence will be opened in Harda.
- It is noteworthy that the implementation of the Center of Excellence in **Chhindwara and Morena** is under process to promote improved agriculture with Israeli cooperation in Madhya Pradesh.
- With the opening of the third center in Harda, horticulture crops, medicinal crops and floriculture

will be encouraged in the Nimar-Malwa and Narmada valley areas. Farmers will get information about new technology, so that along with crop diversity, productivity and quality can also be increased.

Fourth Chitra Bharti Film Festival Exhibition**Why in News**

- On March 24, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the **fourth Chitra Bharti Film Festival exhibition** organised by Makhanlal Chaturvedi National University of Journalism and Communication, Bishankhedi.

Key Points

- Several paintings related to the film festival including the Dadasaheb Phalke Award winners have been put in the exhibition.
- The theme of the exhibition is '**Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow**'. On this occasion, the Chief Minister also inaugurated Ganesh Shankar Vidyarthi Auditorium.
- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan was welcomed by presenting mementoes by the officials of the organising committee of Chitra Bharti Film Festival. The Chief Minister released the University's research journal Media Mimansa and the booklet of Chitra Bharti Film Festival.
- This film festival will be organised till March 27, in which 120 selected films will be screened.

SWEEP-2022**Why in News**

- On March 24, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched '**Sweep 2022**', a **conference of Madhya Pradesh Mahila Entrepreneurs Organisation** at Kushabhau Thackeray Auditorium. It is organised by the **MP Association of Women Entrepreneurs (MAWAY)**.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that new beneficial provisions would be made to encourage women entrepreneurs. For this, necessary amendments will be made in the existing schemes.

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- The Chief Minister said that **'Mukhya Mantri Mahila Udyami Yojana'** would be started. Separate industrial clusters will be set up for women entrepreneurs in Bhopal and Indore. Arrangements will be made to reserve clusters for women in each district in the **MSME** sector in the districts.
- E-startup policy will also have provisions to increase facilities for women entrepreneurs. Women entrepreneurs will be given special facilities in **'Start Your Business in Thirty Days'**.
- Establishment of **'Mukhyamantri Nari Samman Kosh'** along with construction of Multi-Stories Factory Complex at Jabalpur and other places.

Indore Administrative Division Tops in Jal Jeevan Mission

Why in News?

- Indore Administrative Division has become the topper in the state by supplying drinking water through household tap connections to the entire rural population of the state under the Jal Jeevan Mission by March 25, 2022.

Key Points

- So far 9 lakh 67 thousand rural families have been provided water through tap connections in Indore division through the mission.
- The mission includes 387 water bodies in Indore district, 412 in Dhar district, 425 in Jhabua district, 265 in Barwani district, 114 in Alirajpur district, 380 in Khargone district, 313 in Khandwa district and 83 in Burhanpur district.
- So far 2379 water supply schemes costing Rs 2671 crore 69 lakh 32 thousand have been approved by the Public Health Engineering Department in eight districts of Indore division.
- The work of all the water supply schemes approved by the department in the form of new and retrofitting for these districts is going on continuously as per the parameters of the mission.

State Level Steering Committee Constituted Under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary

Why in News?

- On March 25, 2022, the state government constituted a state-level high-powered steering committee under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary for the Atal Renewal and Urban Transformation Mission scheme in the state.

Key Points

- Principal Secretary Finance, Urban Development and Housing, Forest and Environment, Public Health Engineering, Panchayat and Rural Development, Government of India will have nominated representative members from the Ministry of Urban Development.
- The committee will have commissioner-cum-secretary, urban administration and development member secretary and mission director.
- The State Level High Powered Steering Committee will be responsible for the overall implementation of the Mission. The committee will approve the City Water Balance Plan, State Water Action Plan based on the City Water Action Plan and administratively approve the Detailed Project Report.

Contract between Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company and National Power Training Institute

Why in News?

- On March 30, 2022, a long term training contract was signed between Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company Limited and National Power Training Institute (NPTI) for training of personnel of Power Generating Company.

Key Points

- Under this contract, the employees of Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company will be given training on various technical and managerial subjects by the National Power Training Institute.

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- Manjeet Singh, Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh Power Generating Company said that with this effort of the company, the personnel would be able to get more quality training at less cost.
- As per the contract, offline and online training will be provided by ten institutes located in the country of the training institute.

Solar Powered E-Prime Mover Equipment

Why in News?

- Recently scientists of Central Institute of Agricultural Engineering, Bhopal have developed a solar powered e-prime mover device.

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- This is a solar powered device, so that farmers will be able to spray medicine in one and a half acres of land in just one hour.
- Plowing, weeding and plowing of the same land can be done in less than five hours with the help of this device, in which fuel will not be spent.
- The battery of this device will last for three hours on a single charge. Farmers will also be able to burn the electricity of the house with the battery charged with solar energy.
- This device will also be used for transporting grains.
- Apart from this, the scientists of the institute have also made a CNG engine, which after installing in the tractor can reduce the cost of farming.

Burhanpur: First District With 100% Tap Water

Why in News?

- Recently, Burhanpur district has become the first district in the state to provide water to 100 percent rural households through tap connections at their houses under the Jal Jeevan Mission.

Key Points

- Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, the work of single or group water supply schemes is going on in every district to provide water through tap connections to the entire rural population of the state.

- Water supply schemes costing more than Rs 129 crore in Burhanpur district, with a rural population of about five lakh, are now reaching every rural household through tap water.
- There are 167 Gram Panchayats and 254 Villages in both the Blocks (Burhanpur and Khaknar) of the District. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, the availability of water has been ensured through tap connections to the households of all the families of all the villages of the district.
- In all the Anganwadi centers and schools operating in the rural areas of the district, arrangements have been made to provide water through tap connections by making platforms.
- According to the guidelines of the mission, the Village Water and Sanitation Committee has been constituted in every village of the district.
- 541 women have been trained in water testing through FTK for proper checking of the quality of water available to rural households.
- The women of self-help groups have also been entrusted with the responsibility of getting water from water consuming families by forming sector-wise clusters.

Gobar-Dhan Projects

Why in News?

- On March 26, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that Gobar-Dhan project will be started in various cities of the state.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that arrangements will be made to purchase cow dung. Cow dung is extensively used in the manufacture of cow-wood (the dried cow dung with a length of one to three feet in round shape like trees is called cow-wood or Gau-Kasht). This will be encouraged, due to which the cow owners will also get the amount.
- New works will be started in Madhya Pradesh by studying the experiments of cow promotion and cow protection in other states including Gujarat. Concrete efforts will also be made to make Gaushalas self-supporting.
- Work will also be done to create awareness among the general public about the care of cows and other

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animals roaming on the road. The common people will be motivated for cow rearing if there is income from cow dung and cow urine.

- Chief Minister Chouhan said that the successful experiment of operation of the PNG plant under Gobar-Dhan Yojana in Indore would be taken to other places.

Maheshwar Utsav

Why in News?

- On March 26, 2022 Maheshwar Utsav was inaugurated at Mrignayani Emporium GTB Complex, Bhopal. The festival will continue till April 22.

Key Points

- Maheshwar Utsav was started by the famous Gondi painter Durgabai Vyam.
- On this occasion, Durgabai Vyam said that this festival is our cultural identity. This will provide new enthusiasm to the artists.
- Madhya Pradesh Handicrafts and Handlooms Commissioner Anubha Srivastava said that the main objective of Madhya Pradesh Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation is to provide employment and respect to weaver painters and to advance the artists of ancient art and culture.
- Maheshwari sarees as well as other products are being displayed and sold in this festival. The exhibition also includes the products of Kabir Weaver Award winning artist Vikas Bade.

Railways Won the Obaidullah Khan Hockey Cup Tournament

Why in News?

- On March 27, 2022, the Indian Railways men's hockey team won the Obaidullah Khan Heritage

Hockey Cup tournament held in Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh. In the final match, the Railway Sports Promotion Board (RSPB) team defeated Army XI by 2 goals.

Key Points

- This prestigious hockey tournament was played at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, Bhopal from March 21 to March 27, 2022, in which a dozen teams participated.
- Started in 1931 as the Obaidullah Gold Cup, this prestigious tournament has been going on for several decades and has given many international players during its sporting journey.
- The competition was last played in 2016 and this year it was held again after a gap of six years. The last time this tournament was won was by BPCL in 2016 and the Railways team was the runner-up.
- Joginder of Railways, became 'Man of the Final Match'. While Jasjit was the 'Best Defender' and Niaz Rahim was the 'Best Mid Fielder'. Arjun of Railway team was adjudged 'Man of the Tournament'.
- It is worth mentioning that there are about 3000 active male and female players in Indian Railways. Railways has a vast sports infrastructure across the country including a dedicated Hockey Academy at RCF, Kapurthala.
- The Indian women's hockey team, which finished fourth in the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, had 12 players from the Railways out of a total of 16 players. The Indian men's hockey team at the Olympics also had two players from the Indian Railways.
- It is worth mentioning that during the year 2021-22, RSPB men's hockey team has participated in 5 national level tournaments and played the final match of all the five tournaments.



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Summary

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