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MoU Between Madhya Pradesh Tourism and Culture, French Institute and Alliance France

Why in News?

- On April 30, 2022, an MoU was signed between The Madhya Pradesh Institute of Tourism and Culture, The French Institute and Alliance France to promote the promotion of artistic exchange and promotion of tourism and cultural activities of the state in France.

Key Points

- The MoU was signed by S. Viswanathan, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation, Emmanuel Lebron Demions, Director, French Embassy in India/French Institute in India (IFI) and Dr. Bertha Rathinam, President, Alliance France Bhopal (AFB) in the presence of Council General of France Jean-Marc Serre Charlet .
- Under the MoU, tourism and cultural activities will be shared between Madhya Pradesh and France. At the same time, tourists from France will be invited to give information regarding the tourist spots and events of Madhya Pradesh.
- The activities included in the MoU include cultural and artistic exchanges, organizing seminars, conferences, festivals, events, debates, exhibitions, workshops, training, development of festivals and joint events, concerts and screening of films etc.
- The representative team of France was briefed by the Director Viswanathan on the tourist spots of the state, tourism related activities and tourist services and facilities offered by the Corporation and various cultural events organized by the Culture Department of the State every year, such as Khajuraho Dance Festival, Tansen Festival, Gwalior and other events.

12th Senior National Women's Hockey Championship, 2022

Why In News?

- Madhya Pradesh Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia on May 6, 2022, inaugurated the 12th Senior National Women's Hockey Championship, 2022 in Bhopal.

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- It is to be noted that 27 teams from the country including hosts Madhya Pradesh are participating in this championship. This includes Chandigarh, Bihar, Haryana, Assam, Bengal, Punjab, Chhattisgarh, Tripura, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh, Puducherry, Karnataka, Teams from Tamil Nadu, Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar, Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Goa, Gujarat, Kerala, Telangana, Odisha and Himachal Pradesh are included.
- In the championship, these teams are divided into 8 pools. Pool-A includes Madhya Pradesh, Chandigarh and Bihar, Pool-B includes Haryana, Assam, Bengal.
- Pool-C includes Punjab, Chhattisgarh and Tripura and Pool-D includes Maharashtra, Rajasthan and Uttarakhand.
- Jharkhand, Andhra Pradesh and Puducherry have been placed in Pool-E, while Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Arunachal Pradesh, Andaman and Nicobar have been placed in Pool-F.
- Pool-G covers Uttar Pradesh, Delhi, Goa and Gujarat, Pool-H includes Odisha, Telangana and Himachal Pradesh.
- The final match of the 12th Senior National Women's Hockey Championship, 2022 will be played on May 17.

Ayush Health Fair launched in Paraswada

Why In News

- On May 8, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Governor Mangubhai Patel addressed the launch ceremony of the AYUSH Health Fair along with unveiling the statue of Rani Durgavati in Paraswada.

Key Point

- On the occasion, he also appreciated the performance of AYUSH Fairs and the students of Government Ayurveda College, Jabalpur, and also said that 21 universities of the state have been tasked with identifying the patients of Sickle cell and giving 5 villages each to the health check-up of the families there.
- At the same time, Minister of State Ramkishore Kanware said that through these AYUSH Health Fairs, employment will be provided by marketing forest medicines of tribal-dominated areas.

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- He also said that the state government is providing pension facility to the families suffering from sickle cell in the state. Trikotu powder has been distributed to about 4 crore people to increase immunity among the public in the state. 362 wellness centres have been set up in the state. Arrangements have been made to provide employment to 1500 people by making them yoga instructors. At the same time, every member of each family is being tested and their health card is being made in the AYUSH village of the state.
- It is worth mentioning that Rani Durgavati was a Gond ruler who defeated Baj Bahadur, the ruler of Malwa. Rani Durgavati had attained veergati while fighting the Mughal army led by Asaf Khan.

Madhya Pradesh Startup Conclave, 2022

Why In News?

- On May 10, 2022, P. Narhari, MSME Secretary, Madhya Pradesh informed that the Madhya Pradesh Startup Conclave, 2022 will be held on May 13 at the Brilliant Convention Centre in Indore.

Key Point

- In this three-session conclave, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will also address the session by virtually joining the final session and launching the Startup Policy and Portal of Madhya Pradesh.
- At the same time, a collection of success stories of select startups of Madhya Pradesh will be released by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- It will consist of three components, including the sectoral session, startup expo and the launch of the startup policy in the virtual presence of the prime minister.
- It will have the following activities in its various sessions:
- The speed mentoring session will see and interact with leading leaders from startups, educational institutions and startup space in collaboration with MPTE.
- In the funding session, startups and potential entrepreneurs will communicate on different ways of funding in tier-I and tier-II cities.
- In the pitching session, startups will discuss opportunities for collaboration with investors and present their ideas for funding.

- In the ecosystem support session of startups, participants will learn how to increase their brand value and how to promote the MP startup ecosystem.

Shri Mahakal Maharaj Temple Complex Expansion Project

Why in News?

- On May 11, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, in a review meeting to review the works of Shri Mahakal Maharaj Temple Complex Expansion Project, directed to complete the works of the first phase of the project by May 20.

Key Points

- Chief Minister directed to complete the works with more than 90 percent but less than 100 percent physical progress in a week.
- Presently the works of Narsinghghat pumping station and pipeline (Kshipra river to Rudrasagar), sewer line in Rudrasagar catchment area, attractive lighting and sound system for Shri Mahakaleswar temple complex have been completed.
- Significantly, the Mahakaleswar temple of Ujjain is one of the 12 famous Jyotirlingas in India. Under the Shri Mahakal Maharaj Temple Complex Expansion Project, the expansion of the complex and other work is being done. After the expansion, the temple area will increase by eight times to 23.05 hectares.

Important decisions taken at the meeting of the Council of Ministers

Why In News

- A number of important decisions were taken in the meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on May 12, 2022.

Key Point

- The Council of Ministers approved an action plan of Rs.12.51 crore 51 lakh 81,000 for the construction of

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a **50-bed all-weather police hospital** at the 23rd and 25th Corps Visbal Bhopal campus and an action plan of Rs.24.98 crore 41,000 for creation of **46 human resource posts** for the hospital and expenditure incurred thereon in 5 years.

- The Council of Ministers ratified the order of the Department of Women and Child Development regarding '**Laadli Lakshmi Yojana 2.0**' to operate the '**Laadli Lakshmi Yojana**' in an extended format.
- This includes organizing ladli lakshmi diwas on 2nd May every year at the state, district and gram panchayat levels as a festival, declaring gram panchayats as ladli laxmi friendly from the district level and giving an incentive of Rs 25,000 to ladli girls for taking admission in undergraduate or vocational courses after class 12th (course period at least two years), The tuition fee for higher education (up to graduation) to ladli girls is to be borne by the government.
- It has been decided by the Council of Ministers in pursuance of **MSME development policy, 2021** to provide specific financial assistance for manufacturing units of furniture, toys and related value makeup products.

Preparations for restoration of the country's third Virupaksha temple at Ratlam

Why In News

- On May 11, 2022, a meeting was held under the chairmanship of MP Guman Singh Damor for the restoration of **Virupaksha Mahadev Temple at Bilpank in Ratlam** district of Madhya Pradesh.

Key Point

- In the meeting, a presentation of the development master plan of the temple was given by Ratlam Collector Kumar Purushottam.
- According to the master plan, a grand entrance will be built outside the temple for the restoration of the temple. In addition, dharamshalas, yajnashtalas, security cabin parkings, suvidhaghars, resting places, shops etc.

- In addition, along with the landscaping, the entire complex will be made clean and strong with chemical treatment.
- It is worth mentioning that this temple built in **panchayatana style** is a unique example of the blended architectural style of Parmar, Gurjar, Chalukya.
- Although the evidence regarding the construction of the temple is not yet available, on the basis of records found in the excavation carried out at Bilpank in 1964, it is found that it was renovated by King Sidhraj Jai Singh of Gujarat in Samvat 1198.

Country's first rural tribal technical training programme launched in Bhopal

Why In News

- On May 3, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the country's first rural tribal technical training in Bhopal under the '**Parliamentary Complex Project**' for tribal youth.

Key Point

- In the '**Parliamentary Complex Project**', technical training will be imparted to rural tribal youth. This training programme has been first started in Madhya Pradesh as an experiment.
- Under this, two-month training will provide employment opportunities to the youth to start their own business and employment opportunities in other sectors.
- The first phase will cover about 250 beneficiaries from 17 clusters of 17 selected districts from 6 states of India namely Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Maharashtra and Odisha as a '**pilot project**'.
- A two-day conference of 40 MPs was held in Mumbai to discuss enhancing employment opportunities in tribal areas, where the idea of a '**Parliamentary Scheduled Tribe Cluster Development Project**' was presented based on the experiences shared by various experts and government organisations from India.
- 49 groups from 15 States of India have been selected by 40 tribal MPs of Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha for implementation of the scheme.

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UNDP to install solar panels at 75 health centres in the state

Why In News

- On May 13, 2022, Environment Minister Hardeep Singh Dang was informed by The UNDP (United Nations Development Programme) representative Srinivas that UNDP will install digitalized monitoring systems with 75 primary health centres in Madhya Pradesh being solar-energized.

Key Point

- Unpd's representative Srinivas informed that UNDP has decided to undertake solar energy and environment protection works in 10 states of India including Madhya Pradesh.
- UNDP will also set up 15 electric vehicle charging stations in the state, most of which will be in Indore. 15 solar cold storages in rural areas and energy audits in 50 micro and small scale industries units.
- Out of the target set by the UNDP for India, about Rs 12 crore has been earmarked for the works of Madhya Pradesh. Electronic vehicle training will benefit 500 to 1000 youth.

Indore's young start-up creates made-in-Indore health alert device

Why In News

- Recently, Indore-based young computer engineers Sania Jeshwal and Lokant Jain have teamed up to create the AbhayaParimiti device, which can do a complete health checkup in 20 seconds.

Key Point

- Sania Jeshwal had decided to make this device at the time of corona's horror. This device can show in the screen in a few moments by recording not only the pulse rate, oxygen saturation, but also blood pressure as well as the body temperature and the respiratory rate.

- Sania is working on a pilot project to make 100 Abhaya Parimiti devices available to smart city hospitals and 100 devices to the Andhra Pradesh government.
- The made-in-Indore device is capable of performing respiratory rate alerts and blood pressure alerts in addition to infection alerts.

Madhya Pradesh Launches New Startup Policy

Why In news

- **Madhya Pradesh's new startup policy** was launched through virtual medium at the Startup Conclave organized by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Indore on May 13, 2022.

Key Point

- The Madhya Pradesh Startup Policy and Implementation Scheme, 2022 has been implemented with a view to fulfilling the objectives of Self-Reliant India and Self-Reliant Madhya Pradesh.
- It incorporates special financial and non-financial facilities to encourage product-based startups.
- Startup India mainly includes achieving 100% growth rate in startups registered and recognized by the Government of India, as well as 200% growth rate in startups registered and accredited with startups registered and recognized in the Government of India in agriculture and food sector.
- Under the policy, if a new enterprise is running in a rented accommodation, the state government will give rs 5,000 per month for rent.
- The selected startup will be given a monthly salary allowance of Rs 5,000 per employee for a maximum of 25 employees.
- The following five pillars have been followed in the policy to achieve the objectives of the policy:
 - institutional cooperation, including ease of doing business,
 - Encouraging product-based startups,
 - promoting innovation and entrepreneurship,
 - Marketing Collaboration,
 - To provide financial and non-financial assistance.

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Sambal-2.0 Scheme

Why in News

- On May 16, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan transferred an amount of Rs 573.39 crore to the labour families of all the districts of the state under Sambal Yojana.

Key Points

- The Sambal 2.0 scheme is a changed form of the Sambal scheme itself which was launched in 2018.
- Lakhs of tendu leaf collectors of the state have also been included as unorganised labourers in the new registration process under Sambal 2.0. At the same time, the workers who were earlier declared ineligible will also be able to apply afresh.
- Under 'Anugrah Sahayata Yojana' (ex-gratia assistance scheme) for lakhs of workers in the unorganised sector, an amount of Rs.4 lakh is given to the family in case of death in an accident. Rs.2 lakh is provided in case of death in normal circumstances, Rs.2 lakh on permanent disability and Rs.1 lakh on partial disability. An amount of Rs.5,000 is given as funeral assistance.
- Under the scheme, women who are not able to get enough rest at the time of delivery will be given an amount of Rs 16,000 in the scheme. The amount of assistance given before delivery is Rs.4,000/- and post-natal assistance is Rs.12,000/
- All those eligible for the scheme are all those workers who do not get the benefit of social security like Provident Fund, Employees' State Insurance Scheme, Gratuity etc.

Odisha wins National Senior Women's Hockey Championship

Why in News?

- Hockey Association Odisha defeated Karnataka 2-0 in the final match of the 12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship played at the Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- The 12th Hockey India Senior Women's National Championship was held from May 6 to 17, 2022 at

the Major Dhyan Chand Stadium in Bhopal, in which players from around 27 states participated.

- For Odisha, Poonam Barla scored in the 34th minute and Aseem Kanchan Barla scored in the 59th minute.
- For the third place, Jharkhand defeated Haryana by 3-2. Deepti Toppo, Albela Rani Toppo and Beton Dungdung scored for Jharkhand. Amandeep Kaur and Bharti Saroha scored goals for Haryana.

International Tomato Conclave-2022

Why in News?

- On May 17, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan virtually addressed the International Tomato Conclave-2022 organized by the Department of Horticulture and Food Processing at Hotel Amer Greens in collaboration with Netherlands Embassy.

Key Points

- Speaking at the conclave, the Chief Minister said that along with the schemes run by the Central Government for expansion of horticulture crops, schemes are being implemented for promotion of protected cultivation of fruits, plantation, commercial horticulture crops, promotion of mechanization for development of horticulture, spice sector expansion, development of food processing industries, development of cold storage infrastructure for horticulture and food processing and horticulture crops.
- The Chief Minister said that there are 11 diverse agro-climatic zones in the state. Madhya Pradesh is at the forefront of production of various crops at the national level. The state stood at the first place in the country in terms of orange and coriander seed production. Also, Madhya Pradesh is among the leading states of the country in the production of guava, tomato, onion, cauliflower, green chilli, peas, garlic, lemon etc.
- He said that the International Tomato Conclave-2022 will be instrumental in enhancing tomato crop and its export, storage, processing in the state. The State Government will ensure 100 per cent implementation of the strategy developed by the experts.
- It is worth mentioning that in the 'One District-One Product' scheme of the state, 11 districts have been selected especially for the production of tomatoes.

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There is immense potential for cultivation and processing and trading of fruits, vegetables, spices, medicinal and aromatic crops along with tomatoes.

Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board to participate in SATTE 2022

Why in News?

- On May 18, 2022, Union Minister of State (Independent Charge) for AYUSH Shripad Nayak inaugurated the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Stall at the South Asia Travel and Tourism Exchange (SATTE), 2022 held at the India Expo Centre in Greater Noida .

Key Points

- Yuvraj Padole, Deputy Director, Events and Marketing, Tourism Board, said that this year all the visitors are being informed about all the activities related to tourism in an information driven approach with increasing the size of the state stall.
- This is an important annual occasion for face-to-face meetings at travel-business fairs globally, networking between buyers and sellers.
- SATTE serves as a comprehensive B2B platform for the travel, tourism and hospitality industry as well as for domestic and international buyers and professionals of the National and State Tourism Board. It provides a platform for buyers and professionals to come together and do business to suit their reputation.
- Madhya Pradesh is a prosperous state in terms of tourism. Madhya Pradesh has the distinction of 'Tiger State of India' as well as 'Leopard State' and 'Ghariyal State'. From seeing the tiger in Bandhavgarh National Park here to the idols of the temple of Khajuraho, the real India can be discovered.

Controversy over Jama Masjid in Bhopal

Why in News?

- On May 19, 2022, Chandrashekhar Tiwari, president of the Sanskriti Bachao Manch in Bhopal, submitted a memorandum to Home Minister Narottam Mishra, claiming that there was a 'Shiva Temple' at Jama Masjid.

Key Points

- According to Chandrashekhar Tiwari, president of Sanskriti Bachao Manch, in the Bhopal State Gazetteer-1908 of the British, the mosque has been told to have a Shiva temple, while 50 years later, in 1958, the Waqf registration of the mosque was done.
- The first woman ruler of Bhopal, Kudsia Begum, built the mosque between 1832 and 1857 AD, which is mentioned in her book 'Hayate Qudsi'. In this book, it is also mentioned that there is a Shiva temple in the mosque.
- It is worth noting that this mosque, built on a nine-meter square high place, is also based on the Charbagh style, like the Jama Masjid of Delhi.
- There are 'hujaras' on the four corners of the mosque, there is a large courtyard inside and the prayer place of the mosque is based on a semi-pillar and an independent pillar.

Status Report on Missing Children

Why In News

- Recently, a report titled '**Status Report on Missing Children**' was released by the NGO '**Child Rights and You**' (CRY), according to which **madhya pradesh recorded the highest number of cases of missing children in the year 2021.**

Key Point

- As per the report, 10648 cases were registered in 2021 as compared to 8751 cases of missing children in 2020 in Madhya Pradesh i.e.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the number of girls in missing cases has been almost five times that of boys.
- In Madhya Pradesh, the highest number of missing cases have been reported from Indore, Bhopal, Dhar, Jabalpur and Rewa districts.
- It is worth mentioning that Child Rights and You is an Indian NON-governmental organization that works towards ensuring the rights of children. The organisation was started in 1979 by Air India purser Ripon Kapoor.

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Adopt an Anganwadi' Campaign

Why in News?

- On May 23, 2022, Dr. Ramrao Bhonsle, Director of Women and Child Development, Madhya Pradesh informed that so far 93 thousand 32 anganwadi centres have been registered by 1 lakh 235 different institutions/individuals for cooperation in 'Adopt an Anganwadi'.

Key Points

- The 'Adopt an Anganwadi' campaign has been launched by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to upgrade anganwadi centres and to realize the concept of people's cooperation therein.
- In 'Adopt n Anganwadi', the collaborators and donors can participate by collaborating on the basic needs of the centres, the individual needs of the children and the health and nutrition arrangements.
- It may be mentioned that there are about 97 thousand 135 anganwadis and mini-anganwadis operating in the state through which health and nutrition services are being provided to children up to 6 years, pregnant and lactating mothers and pre-school education to children in the age group of 3 to 6 years.
- Dr. Bhonsle informed that a support of Rs.1.98 crore has been received by the collaborators for therapeutic nutrition and medicines for prevention of moderate and severe malnutrition of children in nutrition and nutrition component.

Probiotic Dark Chocolate

Why in News?

- Recently, Chandni Roy, a student of MSc from Food Technology at Gwalior Jiwaji University, has made the immunity booster probiotic extract chocolate for chocolate lovers.

Key Points

- In this chocolate, Chandni Roy has used a probiotic and kept the sugar content to a minimum.

- The healthy probiotic chocolate uses cocoa powder, milk powder, coconut oil and probiotics (Lactobacillus bulgaris, Lactobacillus cassie, Lactobacillus acidophils).
- Chandni Roy explained that eating probiotic dark chocolate has a lot of benefits. The anti-oxidants found in dark chocolate normalize blood pressure and reduce the risk of clotting in the heart. The flavonoids found in chocolate helps prevent harmful rays from the skin.

Performance Guarantee in KUSUM-A Scheme Reduced

Why in News?

- On May 25, 2022, Madhya Pradesh's Minister of New and Renewable Energy Hardeep Singh Dang said that the performance guarantee in Pradhan Mantri Kisan urja suraksha utthan mahabhiyaan (KUSUM-A) has now been reduced from Rs 5 lakh per MW to Rs lakh.

Key Points

- This information was given by Hardeep Singh Dang while distributing letters of awards to 71 farmers of KUSUM-'A' at Urja Bhawan. In the programme, sale-purchase contracts (PPAs) were also exchanged between the 6 developers of Madhya Pradesh Power Management Company.
- The minister said that under the 'Mukhyamantri Solar Pump Yojana', the work of installing solar pumps on the fields of 1,000 farmers, where there is no availability of electricity, is being taken up on priority.
- A target of installing solar pumps on the fields of 50,000 farmers in the state is being set. This will save the cost of electricity and diesel and get 8 hours of electricity and other works of the farmers will also be able to be completed easily.
- The Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Utthan Mahabhyan (KUSUM-A) scheme has been implemented by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) since 2019, under which a grant of up to 60 per cent is given for solarization of agricultural pumps. The scheme is being implemented by the state government departments, in which the farmers have to deposit only the remaining 40 per cent to the department.

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The Madhya Pradesh Municipal Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022

Why in News?

- On May 26, 2022, The Governor of Madhya Pradesh, Mangubhai Patel gave his assent to the Madhya Pradesh Municipal Laws (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022, proposed by the state government.

Key Points

- The Ordinance also prescribes indirect election of chairpersons and vice-presidents of Municipal Councils and Nagar panchayats in the state.
- After the ordinance is approved, the mayors of municipal corporations and (big cities) will now be directly elected by the people, while the presidents and vice-presidents of municipal councils and Nagar Panchayats (small towns) will be elected by the elected corporators.
- After the gazette notification is published, the proposal will be sent to the State Election Commission (SEC) for implementation.
- There are a total of 413 urban local bodies in the state, including 16 municipal corporations, 99 municipal councils and 298 Nagar Panchayats.
- It may be recalled that the Supreme Court had recently allowed reservation for other backward classes (OBCs) in local body elections in Madhya Pradesh, paving the way for holding elections to more than 23,000 such bodies, which have been functioning without elected representatives for the last two years.

Madhya Pradesh To Hold Expenditure Account for Election of Councilor Posts For The First Time

Why in News?

- On May 30, 2022, State Election Commissioner Basant Pratap Singh informed that for the first time in the civic body elections, a provision has been made for election expenditure account of councilors posts.

Key Points

- Instructions have also been given to set up an Election Help Desk at the Returning Officer's Office for supervision of expenditure accounts.
- It may be mentioned that earlier, the expenditure accounts of the candidates for the post of Mayor and Chairman were only maintained.
- The maximum limit for election expenditure for the posts of Councilors is RS 8 lakh 75 thousand for a population above 10 lakh and Rs 3 lakh 75 thousand for less than 10 lakh population as per census 2011 in the Municipal Corporation.
- In municipal councils, the maximum expenditure limit for election expenditure of councilors is Rs. 2 lakh 50 thousand for population above one lakh, Rs. one lakh 50 thousand on population from 50 thousand to one lakh and more than 50 thousand people is one lakh rupees.
- At the same time, 35 lakhs in municipal corporations with a population of more than 10 lakh and a maximum limit of Rs 15 lakh for the mayor candidates in municipal corporations with a population of less than 10 lakh.

3 New Awards for Outstanding Works

Why in News?

- The Council of Ministers, chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has approved the proposal to conduct 3 new awards Madhya Pradesh Gaurav Samman, Chief Minister's Excellence Award (for outstanding performance in government schemes) and Chief Minister's Excellence Award (for innovation).

Key Points

- The awards, approved by the Council of Ministers, will be given annually on 1st November, the foundation day of Madhya Pradesh.
- Madhya Pradesh Gaurav Samman:
 - Citizens/institutions of the state will be given in different categories for the extraordinary work done by them.
 - A total of 10 awards will be given annually.
 - A prize money of Rs 5 lakh will be given per award.

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- The prize money will be distributed equally if more than one person is eligible in the same jurisdiction or category.
- Only the natives of Madhya Pradesh will be able to apply.
- Chief Minister's Award for Excellence (Team):
 - The district administration team will be given for their excellent performance in the implementation of government schemes.
 - A total of 5 awards will be given in different categories.
 - A sum of Rs 10 lakh will be given in each category.
- Chief Minister's Award of Excellence (Innovation):
 - Government servants will be given for innovation of government schemes.
 - A total of 15 awards will be given in different categories.
 - A sum of Rs.1 lakh will be given in each category.
 - The prize money will be distributed equally if more than one government servant is eligible in the same jurisdiction or category.
- Important Decisions of the Meeting of the Council of Ministers

Why in News?

- Recently, the Council of Ministers, chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan took several other important decisions along with the decision to approve the draft Of The Madhya Pradesh Rural (Marginal, Small Farmers and Landless Agricultural Workers) Debt Waiver Bill, 2022.

Key Points

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers, it was decided to provide a subsidy of 16 thousand 424 crore 18 lakh rupees to consumers in various categories at the rates fixed for the financial year 2022-23. This is in addition to the subsidy of Rs 5,584 crore 40 lakh sanctioned in the Griha Jyoti Scheme for domestic consumers of the state. In lieu of this, subsidy will be given to power distribution companies.
- The Council of Ministers decided to maintain the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana run by the Government of India with a view to provide financial assistance in case of crop loss/loss to the farmers in the event of crop loss/loss, fixing a financial size of Rs.17 thousand 72 crore 30 lakh.

- This includes 8 thousand 410 crore rupees central share and 8 thousand 410 crore rupees state share and 3% of state share and administrative expenditure amount of 252 crore 30 lakh rupees for 2020-21 to 2022-23.
- The Council of Ministers has agreed to make full use of the loan amount sanctioned from Germany to make full use of the loan amount sanctioned from Germany (124 million euros) for funding the nutrition works being carried out by Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company in the Green Energy Corridor project for evacuation of power generated from renewable energy in the state.
- The Revised Cost of Singazi Thermal Power Project (Phase II), Khandwa, District **2X660** MW was approved by the Council of Ministers at a revised cost of Rs.7 thousand 738 crore.
- The Council of Ministers approved the draft Madhya Pradesh Rural (Marginal, Small Farmers and Landless Agricultural Labourers) Debt Waiver Bill, 2022 and the Madhya Pradesh Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Ordinance, 2022.
- The Council of Ministers gave administrative approval to rampura manasa micro-ud-wah irrigation project. The cost of the project is Rs.12.08 crore 89 lakhs. The irrigation potential of the project will be 65 thousand 400 hectares for Rabi. The project will benefit farmers of 215 villages of Mansa tehsil with irrigation facility.

Madhya Pradesh Pavilion Inaugurated at ATM Exhibition in Dubai

Why in News?

- On May 9, 2022, The Madhya Pradesh pavilion was inaugurated at the Arab Travel Market (ATM) exhibition in Dubai.

Key Points

- The state's culture and rich wildlife is being showcased to international travelers in the ongoing event at the Madhya Pradesh Pavilion.

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- Shiv Shekhar Shukla, Principal Secretary, Madhya Pradesh Tourism Department and Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board said that last year a campaign was started by the Tourism Department in USA, UK, Europe, China, Middle East and Australia to encourage tourism in Madhya Pradesh.
- ATM 2022 has been inaugurated with the theme 'The future of international travel and tourism'.
- It is one of the largest travel and tourism events in the entire Middle East region as well as a platform for outbound and inbound tourism professionals, which is organized every year in Dubai.

Campus Ambassadors to Collaborate in Voter Awareness Campaign

Why in News?

- On May 29, 2022, Madhya Pradesh State Election Commissioner Basant Pratap Singh directed the Collector and District Election Officers to launch a 'Voter Awareness Campaign' to make voters aware of voting, appeal for voting and inform them about the innovations made by the Commission for the General Elections to Municipal Bodies and Three Tier Panchayats, 2022.

Key Points

- He asked the officials to motivate/educate the voters under the 'Voter Awareness Campaign' in the local schools/colleges. He also directed some students from universities, who can provide leadership, to appoint **Campus Ambassadors**.
- The Campus Ambassador will be selected on the basis of the list provided by the Principal, Vice-Chancellor of the colleges/universities by the District Election Officer by marking his fair, clean and non-political image.
- District Election Officer at his level can also make an appointment with the help of N.C.C./N.S.S..
- The Campus Ambassador will be selected for one academic session only. In co-educational colleges, 2 Campus Ambassadors (one male student and one female student) will be selected.
- The campus ambassador should not be in affiliation with any political party or should not be involved in any political activity. The family of the campus

ambassador also should not be associated with any political party or political activity.

- In the event of any complaint regarding conduct and behavior against the campus ambassador, the head of the institution will immediately investigate and take appropriate action. Police verification of each campus ambassador will be mandatory by the district administration.
- The campus ambassadors will inform the voters about the dates of the voting process and various innovations made by the Commission etc. The Scout-Guide will coordinate with the National Service Scheme (**NSS**), National Cadet Corps (**NCC**) and Non-Governmental Organisations (**NGOs**) to seek their cooperation in voter awareness.
- For conducting the activities of Voter Awareness Campaign (SENSE), a team of active members will be made to aware the voters.
- After the appointment of the District Election Officer, the Campus Ambassador will apprise him/her of his/her role, responsibilities, the work to be done by him/her, activities, goals, possible achievements and action plans and provide him/her with brief training. The District Election Officer will provide the necessary materials, guidance and support to the campus ambassador for the Voter Awareness Campaign Work.
- The District Election Officers will assess the various activities to be carried out from time to time and receive reports. The nodal officers appointed for the activities of SENSE shall send the reports (including photographs) to the Commission from time to time.
- The campus ambassadors who have done outstanding work at the district level will be identified and their names will be recommended and honoured with a citation at the function to be held on the occasion of the National Festival.

Supriya Jatav wins gold at US Open Karate Championships

Why In News?

- Supriya Jatav of Madhya Pradesh has won gold and bronze medals at the recently held USA Karate Championships in Las Vegas, USA. She has become the first karate athlete in the country to win a gold medal in the karate mix event.

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Key Point

- Supriya Jatav of Bhopal won the gold medal and the senior athlete in the mixed event of the competition in Las Vegas, USA and the senior athlete in the 61kg. In the individual bout of the weight class, he defeated the Japanese athlete to win the bronze medal.
- Supriya, who has won the Eklavya and Vikram Awards at the state level, has so far won 37 medals, including six international gold, 22 national gold, in the Karate Championships.

State's first aeroponic technology based lab to be built in Gwalior

Why In News?

- On May 4, 2022, an aeroponic method for production of virus-free potato seeds was signed with the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and the Government of Madhya Pradesh in Delhi.

Key Points

- The Central Potato Research Institute, Shimla in the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has developed this unique technology of air potato seed production.
- This agreement has been signed to license this technology to the Horticulture Department of Madhya

Pradesh. According to the contract, the state's first aeroponic technology based lab will be set up in Gwalior.

- Madhya Pradesh Minister of State (Independent Charge) for Horticulture, Food Processing, Bharat Singh Kushwaha said that aeroponic technology will meet the requirement of potato seed to a great extent. This technology will play an effective role in doubling the income of the farmers.
- Significantly, Madhya Pradesh is the sixth largest producer of potato. Malwa region of the state plays an important role in potato production. Major potato growing areas in the state are Indore, Gwalior, Ujjain, Dewas, Shajapur, Bhopal and other small areas of the state Chhindwara, Sidhi, Satna, Rewa, Rajgarh, Sagar, Damoh, Chhindwara, Jabalpur, Panna, Morena, Chhatarpur, Vidisha, Ratlam. and Betul.
- State Horticulture Commissioner E. Ramesh Kumar said that Madhya Pradesh needs about 4 lakh tonnes of seeds, which will be met with this technology with a capacity to produce 10 lakh mini tubers. In Gwalior, potato crop has been selected in 'One District - One Product'.
- It is noteworthy that through aeroponic, the nutrients are sprayed into the roots in the form of misting. The upper part of the plant remains in the open air and light. An average of 35-60 minicands (3-10 grams) are obtained from one plant. Since the soil is not used, there are no diseases related to the soil.

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