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## State Government's Big Decision in the Interest of Pensioners

### Why In News?

On November 30, 2022, the Madhya Pradesh state government took a big decision in the interest of pensioners and increased the rate of dearness relief on pension to pensioners and family pensioners on the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> pay scales from October 1, 2022. The increased amount will be payable from November 2022. The Finance Department has issued orders to this effect.

### Key Points

- After the 12 per cent hike in the sixth pay scale, the rate of dearness relief has now gone up to 201 per cent. With the increase of 5 percent in the seventh pay scale, the inflation relief rate has increased to 33 percent.
- Prior to the issuance of the order, inflation relief was being available at the rate of 189 percent on basic pension and family pension in the 6th pay scale and 28 percent in the 7th pay scale. According to the order, dearness relief will also be payable on additional pension payable to pensioners aged 80 years and above.
- Dearness relief will also be payable on superannuation, retirement, disability and indemnity pension. Employees who have been dismissed from service or removed from service will also be eligible for dearness relief on compassionate allowance accepted and dearness relief will also be payable to pensioners receiving family pension and extraordinary pension as per the order of the Finance Department.
- If a person has been kept in service on compassionate grounds due to the death of his/her spouse, dearness relief on family pension will not be eligible in such cases. If the spouse is in service at the time of his death, he will be eligible for dearness relief on family pension payable on account of death of spouse. Dearness relief will be payable on their basic pension to such pensioners who have summarized a part of their pension.
- The order will also apply to retired employees of the state government who have drawn a lump sum amount on merger in undertakings, autonomous institutions,

mandals, corporations etc. and who have become eligible for repatriation of one-third of the pension.

- The director pension has been instructed to conduct sample checks in the branches of the bank and adjust it in the payments for the next month in case of discrepancy. All pension disbursing officers have been directed to ensure payment of approved dearness relief to pensioners keeping in view the provisions of Madhya Pradesh Treasury Code 2020.

## Commonwealth Power Lifting Competition

### Why In News?

Recently, **Muskan Sheikh of Shivpuri district** of Madhya Pradesh has brought glory to Madhya Pradesh and the country by winning four gold medals in the Sub-Junior Commonwealth Power Lifting Competition held in New Zealand.

### Key Points

- Muskan lifted **105 kg in ascot lifting, 57.5 kg in bench press and 120 kg in dead lifting** and after topping all three categories, she also got gold medal for total weight count.
- 18-year-old Muskaan Sheikh, a resident of Majhera, a small village in Shivpuri district, has been preparing for powerlifting since 2016. Earlier, Muskaan had tried her luck in hand ball but after facing a problem with the preparations in the village, she got inclined towards weight lifting.
- Muskan participated in the stage handball competition for the first time in 2016. After this, she has played nationals in the year 2017-18-19. Her father Dara Mohammad runs a poultry farm business.

## Fourth Edition of 'Anugunj'

### Why In News?

On December 4, 2022, Minister of State for School Education (Independent Charge) Inder Singh Parmar inaugurated the fourth edition of 'Anugunj' at Government Subhash Uttam Vidyalaya, Bhopal.

### Key Points

- School Education Department will organize cultural program '**Anugunj**' for the students of government

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schools in Madhya Pradesh every year under 'Art-enriched Education' till December 5.

- 'Anugunj' is an innovative program of 'Arts-enriched Education' in the direction of the global education system **STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics)** of School Education Department of Madhya Pradesh. Now the programs of Anugunj are being organized in other divisions also. Some attractive presentations of these divisions are also included in the state level program of the capital Bhopal.
- Chief Secretary School Education Rashmi Arun Shami said that students of Bhopal, Indore, Gwalior and Ujjain divisions of the state are participating in the fourth edition of the state level 'Anugunj' organized in Bhopal. 'Anugunj' is being edited under three main sections Rangkar, Dhanak and Srijan.
- Anugunj provides an opportunity to students to learn the nuances of the arts with great enthusiasm in terms of 'Education with Art'.
- Madhya Pradesh has been grouped with the North Eastern states, Manipur and Nagaland for cultural exchange in the 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' program envisaged by the Central Government, which will provide an opportunity to know the interstate culture, arts and styles. In this sequence, cultural glimpses of these states will also be seen in 'Anugunj' 2022.

## Wild Buffalo in Kanha Tiger Reserve

### Why In News?

On December 4, 2022, Madhya Pradesh's PCCF Wildlife, JS Chauhan said that preparations are on to settle wild buffaloes in Kanha National Park. The forest department will write a letter to the Assam government demanding wild buffaloes.

### Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that wild buffaloes were found in **Kanha National Park 40 years ago. Gradually they became extinct.** Now the state government is once again trying to populate the forest of the state with wild buffaloes.
- The number of Asian wild buffaloes is currently less than four thousand. Wild buffaloes, which were found in large numbers throughout Southeast Asia until a

century ago, are today found only in India, Nepal, Burma and Thailand.

- They are found in the Kaziranga National Park in Assam, India. In central India, they are found in the Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve in Gariaband district in Chhattisgarh and the Indravati National Park in Kutru, Bijapur district.
- A species of wild buffalo, with a white mark on its head, was earlier also found in the forests of Madhya Pradesh, but is now extinct.
- The female wild buffalo gives birth to five children in its lifetime. Their life span is nine years. Generally, female wild buffaloes and their offspring remain in flocks and live separately from the male herd. But if a female of the herd is ready to conceive, then the most powerful male does not allow any other male to come to her. This male usually lives around the herd.
- Male children leave the herd at the age of two. Wild buffalo is often born at the end of the rainy season. If a child's mother dies, other females adopt it.
- The biggest threat to wild buffaloes is from infected diseases of domesticated cattle, the major disease being foot and mouth. A disease called Redampst had at one time greatly reduced their number.

## 12 New Cheetahs will soon Come from South Africa in Kuno National Park

### Why In News?

On December 4, 2022, Prakash Sharma, DFO of The National Kuno Sanctuary in Sheopur district, told the media that 12 cheetahs from South Africa are coming to Kuno National Park soon. South Africa's Minister for Forest and Environment Barbara Cressey has approved the MoU with India for Project Cheetah. The document is now with President Cyril Ramaphosa.

### Key Points

- DFO Prakash Sharma said that 12 leopards have been kept in quarantine in South Africa for the last three and a half months to come to India. These cheetahs can be brought to Sheopur Kuno in India by December 15. Eight new enclosures have also been built for the new cheetahs in the park.

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- In July 2022, India had requested South Africa to hand over 12 cheetahs for the Cheetah project. Cheetahs from Namibia and South Africa were to be brought together and settled in India.
- Preparations for the selection of cheetahs to quarantining them were completed at the same time in Namibia as well as in South Africa, but the MoU to bring cheetahs from South Africa could not be signed, due to which eight cheetahs from Namibia came to India, but 12 cheetahs identified in South Africa remained locked in quarantine enclosures.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had released eight cheetahs brought from Namibia at Kuno National Park in Sheopur on September 17, 2022.

## **Panchkarma Super Specialty and Wellness Center in Bhopal**

### **Why In News?**

On December 6, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the Panchkarma Super Specialty and Wellness Center and Silver Jubilee Auditorium building of Pandit Khushilal Sharma Government Ayurveda Institute of Bhopal under the National AYUSH Mission Scheme.

### **Key Points**

- Panchkarma therapists from Kerala will do Panchkarma at the 50-bed Panchkarma and Wellness Center built in the premises of Pandit Khushilal Sharma Ayurveda College. For this the college management has appointed therapists from Kerala.
- Panchkarma super specialty and wellness center developed under Directorate of AYUSH, specialized Panchkarma therapy, rheumatic and spine disease therapy, lifestyle related disease prevention, advance neuro rehabilitation, old age disease therapy, pregnant and pregnant women, paediatrics, rejuvenation, skin and medical facilities like beauty consultation, stress management, nature examination, pulse examination will be available.
- The center has In Patient Department, Super Deluxe Room, Deluxe Room and Semiprivate facility available. Along with this, there is also arrangement for treatments like Jacuzzi gold bath, steam chamber, yoga, meditation and Ayurveda diet, Kerala Panchkarma, Abhyangam, Shirodhara.

- Minister of State for AYUSH Ramkishor Nano Kawre said that as a result of the 'Vaidya Aapke Dwar' scheme implemented under the leadership of the Chief Minister, innovations in the form of Dhanwantari training, Devaranya Yojana and Yoga se Nirog program, the state has got recognition at the national level in the field of AYUSH.
- The Minister of State for AYUSH informed that a State Task Force has been constituted for the all-round development of Ayurveda in the state. Renowned educationists and research experts of the country have been included in the task force. The suggestion of the Task Force will help in developing infrastructure, working methods for new research in the field of Ayurveda. Research centers are also being established in seven colleges of the state.

## **Project 'Samagra'**

### **Why In News?**

On December 8, 2022, an MoU was signed between the **state government and the American India Foundation (AIF) for the implementation of project 'Samagra' to eliminate the level of malnutrition in the state** and achieve the goal of well-nourished Madhya Pradesh.

### **Key Points**

- Director Women and Child Development Dr. Ram Rao Bhonsle and Director Public Health American India Foundation Dr. Mahesh Shrivastava signed the MoU in the presence of Additional Chief Secretary Women and Child Development Ashok Shah.
- Additional Chief Secretary Ashok Shah said that the main objective of project 'Samagra' is to improve the nutritional level of children, increase learning ability and create opportunities for empowerment of women and increase their income.
- Director, Women and Child Development Bhonsle said that in the project Samagra, about 10 thousand children of 6 years of age are being benefited from Zero in Gyaraspur block of Vidisha district. This pilot project will reach 229 Anganwadis, 184 self-help groups and 112 SHG kitchens in Gyaraspur block.
- He said that the American India Foundation Project Samagra Anganwadi Centers will skill frontline and health workers to provide THR and cooked hot meals for children under 6 years of age, quality home-based care and nutrition counseling to sick children.

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- In addition, the American India Foundation will strengthen linkages for timely referral of severely malnourished children and ensure school readiness for children under the age of 6, as well as provide need-based learning materials to Anganwadi centres.
- AIF Country Director Matthew Joseph said that this partnership with the Women and Child Development Department in Madhya Pradesh will give special attention to women, children and youth. To assess the success of the project, end line surveys and regular assessment of progress and preparation of periodic process reports will be prepared and shared with the state from time to time.

## **Reconstitution of Monitoring Committee to Increase the use of Aadhaar and Implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer**

### **Why In News?**

On December 8, 2022, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has reconstituted a committee constituted earlier (in 2016) under the chairmanship of The Chief Secretary to **increase the use of Aadhaar and monitor the implementation of Direct Benefit Transfer.**

### **Key Points**

- The committee includes Principal Secretary/Secretary Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection, School Education, Women and Child Development, Census Director, Chief Post Master General, Representatives of State Level Bankers Committee, State Nodal Officer e-Governance, Deputy Director General UIDAI The Regional Office, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh Electronic Development Corporation will be member and Principal Secretary/Secretary Science and Technology will be member secretary.
- The reconstituted committee will monitor the implementation of Aadhaar enrolment and updating ecosystem, review the use of Aadhaar identification platform and monitor the progress of redressal of citizen grievances for implementation of the recommendations of the Unique Identification Authority of India and the work related to registration of citizens.

- In addition, the Committee will undertake a review of information security and privacy practices of the Aadhaar ecosystem partner, supervision of district level Aadhaar Monitoring Committees, guidance and monitoring of the functioning of the State Government portal.

## **The Trio of Aishwary Pratap Tomar, Harshit Binjwa, and Goldi Gurjar won Gold Medal in the Team Event**

### **Why In News?**

- On December 9, 2022, the trio of shooters **Aishwarya Pratap Singh Tomar, Harshit Binjwa and Goldie Gurjar** of Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy won the gold medal in the 50 m Rifle Senior Men's Team Event in the 65th National Rifle Shooting Championship being held at Vattiyoorkavu Shooting Range in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.

### **Key Points**

- Amit Kumar, Harshit Binjwa and Yakub Siddiqui of the academy also won gold medals in the 50m rifle three-position senior men's civilian team event.
- The third gold in the team event was won by academy shooters **Avinash Yadav, Amit Singrole and Adarsh in the 50m three-position junior men's. Sameer Ullah Khan, Amit Singrole and Adarsh Tiwari** of the academy won the **gold medal in the 50m** three-position junior men's civilian team event.
- In the championship, Harshit Binjwa of the Academy captured the gold medal with his outstanding performance in the men's singles civilian event. Aishwarya Pratap Singh of the academy won the bronze medal in the 50m senior men's singles event.
- In the skeet event at the 65<sup>th</sup> National Shooting Shotgun Championship in New Delhi, Arjit Singh Yadav of Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy won gold, Arjun Thakur won silver and Rituraj Bundela won bronze medal.
- In the senior team event, the academy's trio of Arjun Thakur, Arjit Singh and Rituraj Bundela won the silver medal.
- In the junior team event, Arjit Singh Yadav, Rituraj Bundela and Atul Singh Rajawat won silver medals.

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In the junior women's skeet event, Vanshika Tiwari, Kajal Singh and Shivani of the academy won bronze medals.

- Similarly, Anish Bhanwala of Haryana set a national record in the ongoing 65<sup>th</sup> National Shooting Pistol Championship at Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy at Barkheda, Bhopal. Anish broke his own old record of 588 points and scored 590 points to set a new national record.
- **Anish Bhanwala** was the youngest gold medalist at the **Commonwealth Games in 2018 at the age of 15**. They have also been junior nationals champions for 5 years.

## Indore Municipal Corporation Will Issue Green Bond for 60 MW Solar Power Project

### Why In News?

On December 9, 2022, Principal Secretary of Urban Development and Housing Department of Madhya Pradesh Neeraj Mandloi informed that the Municipality will issue **green bonds for setting up a 60 MW solar power plant** at Indore Jalud Pumping Station.

### Key Points

- Principal Secretary Neeraj Mandloi said that the municipal corporation will arrange Rs 250 crore from green bonds. Approval in this regard has been given by the Urban Development and Housing Department.
- Further action will be taken after the approval of the Municipal Council Indore on the proposal to issue green bonds. The bond amount will be refunded by the Municipal Corporation Indore from its own level. The government will not give any separate financial assistance for this.

## State's First 'Chief Minister Sanjeevani Poly Clinic'

### Why In News?

- On December 9, 2022, Madhya Pradesh's Public Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Prabhuram Chaudhary and Medical Education Minister Vishwas Kailash Sarang inaugurated the state's first '**Chief Minister Sanjeevani Poly Clinic**' at **Govindpura, Bhopal**.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Sanjeevani Poly Clinics are being started to provide treatment facilities from specialist doctors of gynecology, ophthalmology, dentistry, pediatrics and other diseases at one place.
- Health Minister Dr. Chaudhary has said that 32 Mukhyamantri Sanjeevani Poly Clinics will be started in Bhopal city. Specialists of various diseases will be available for treatment in poly clinics. Also, various tests and medicines will be available free of cost.
- Minister Dr. Chaudhary said that recently the Cabinet has approved the opening of 226 new health institutions. He said that Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country which has given medical education facility to the students in the mother tongue Hindi.
- Medical Education Minister Sarang said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, unprecedented work has been done in the field of health in the state. Pali clinics are being started in Govindpura area by innovating in the field of health. Poly clinics will also be linked to ESI, which will benefit the workers of the industrial sector.

## World Famous Sanchi will become Solar City

### Why In News?

- On December 9, 2022, according to the information given by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department, Sanchi, a small town located in Raisen district, which is world-famous for stupas and Buddhist pilgrimage sites, will soon be known as the **country's first solar city**. **Sanchi will generate 7.3 MW** of electricity from solar energy.

### Key Points

- With the construction of solar city, along with becoming self-reliant in power supply, the power needs of Sanchi for the next five years will be met by solar energy. Solar street lights, garden lights, stud lights, high-mast lights, solar drinking water kiosks, battery-operated e-rickshaws for public transport, charging stations, renewable energy-based plant wind turbines and piezo electric generators will be installed.
- In order to promote green energy in Sanchi and to motivate the common people to install solar rooftops,

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public awareness camps will be organized in Sanchi from December 12 to 18 through solar rooftop nodal agencies. In the camp, the benefits of installing solar and the process of installing solar rooftops will be explained.

- **Solar Rooftop : Benefits at a Glance**
  - Install solar panels on the roof or open space of your house/group housing society and save on electricity expenses.
  - The solar panel will provide electricity for **25 years and the cost of installation will be equal in 4-5 years**. After this, the benefit of electricity from solar will continue for the next 20 years.
  - This will reduce the **carbon footprint and benefit the environment**.
  - A solar panel of one kilowatt capacity will require about 100 square feet of space.
  - 40 percent subsidy on solar plants up to **3 KW** and 20 percent subsidy after **3 KW up to 10 KW** will be given by the central government.
- **Cost of setting up a solar plant:** Group housing societies will get 20 percent subsidy on common facility connections up to **500 kW (10 kW per household)**.

## **S.L.R Dubey Won Gold Medal in State Level Championship**

### **Why In News?**

**S.L.R Dubey** posted in the Finance Department, has won gold medal in long jump in the **state level championship organized by the State Master Athletics Association Madhya Pradesh** at CISF Ground Bhopal on December 11, 2022.

### **Key Points**

- S.L.R Dubey had won gold medal in lawn tennis and 100 m race and silver medal in long jump in the state level games held in Ujjain last month.
- Dubey has also been selected in the All India National Lawn Tennis Madhya Pradesh team. In this team, 4 players from the open category and 3 players from the 45 plus category are selected for the national competition . The national competition is going to be held in Panchkula, Haryana from December 12 to 17 .
- Dubey is also rich in versatility. On the basis of his memory power, he has made a record in the year 2018

for reading Sunderkand the fastest without seeing it. Hanuman Chalisa recites in one and a half minutes and Shiv Tandav in 2 minutes. It is normal for them to tell the square and root of numbers.

## **Madhya Pradesh Science, Technology and Innovation Policy 2022**

### **Why In News?**

In the cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on December 13, 2022, the Council of Ministers approved the **first policy related to science, technology and innovation in the state**.

### **Key Points**

- This policy will take **initiatives to build scientific approach in the state, strengthen innovation ecosystem, promote science and technology enabled entrepreneurship**, strengthen governance services using new technology, preserve traditional knowledge systems and encourage inclusion and participation.
- **The main objectives of this policy are:**
  - To rank Madhya Pradesh as the top science, technology and innovation (**STI**) destination in the country.
  - Strengthen factors such as human resources, investment and **knowledge-based labour force** to position Madhya Pradesh in the top 5 states in the '**India Innovation Index**' (**from its current 13th rank**) by the year 2030.
  - To develop an effective STI ecosystem and help Madhya Pradesh to increase knowledge-based production in the state by strengthening indicators such as research publications, innovations, startups, industrial design innovations and patents.
  - morphology and technology given to kingdom Case-ending showing possession or relation aggregate expense for to increase and kingdom In research and evolution relative Areas In own investment for encouraged to do.
  - To promote a spirit of healthy competition among the educational and research institutions of Madhya Pradesh and to provide incentives to receive

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prestigious national and international science and technology awards (such as 'Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Prize for Science and Technology').

- To increase the enrollment ratio in **STEM** courses at undergraduate, masters and PhD levels by promoting STEM education right from the elementary level, especially among girl students, by enriching the curriculum with STEM experiments and competitions.
- To develop an ideal framework for preservation and promotion of traditional knowledge systems through scientific certification and commercialization.
- To promote innovations in line with the needs of the ground.
- Promote growth through innovation in economic sectors such as agriculture, healthcare, education and energy and create research, development and innovation infrastructure necessary for the promotion of private enterprises in these sectors .
- To ensure doorstep delivery of services by accurately assessing the needs of the people by developing proactive, efficient and transparent **G2C and G2B** systems based on innovative technologies .
- To advance in the field of skill enhancement by creating world class human resources in new and emerging technologies such as Metaverse, Quantum Computing, 5G Semiconductors, IoT, Blockchain and Distributed Laser Technologies, AI and AR/VR.
- Build an effective and responsive innovation ecosystem to promote data-based startups by leveraging the vast data repository available in the government domain, creating a universal sandbox environment keeping in view privacy protection requirements.
- To promote national and international relations to facilitate acquisition, transfer, adaptation and use of new and advanced technologies.
- In order to promote contextual innovation and science education, top institutions (such as IITs, IIMs, IIMs, NITs, IIITs, NIDs, NIFT, NLS) will be encouraged to adopt a district in Madhya Pradesh and promote science and innovation locally in that district.
- Innovation clusters, incubators and accelerators will be set up in leading institutions (e.g. ITIs, IIITs, etc.) to help startups take advantage of early funding mentorship, training and best practices through coordination with the private sector.

## Land Allotted for Industrial Development in Mohsa-Bawai

### Why In News?

In a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on December 13, 2022, the decision regarding allotment of land in **industrial area Mohsa Bawai** to various industries was taken by the Council of Ministers.

### Key Points

- The Council of Ministers has decided on the allotment of land of industrial area Mohsa Bawai to various industries as follows:
  - An area of 227.54 acres at **Mohsa-Bawai** has been granted permission to be reserved for manufacturing of energy and renewable energy equipment under the Scheme of Government of India.
  - Permission has been given for allotment of land for industries in textile, garment, food processing and other sectors on 2458.686 acres of land allotted in Mohsa-Bawai.
  - In order to ensure availability of industrial land at specific locations for setting up units in industrial area Mohsa-Bawai, it has been approved to relax the online mode of land allotment under The Madhya Pradesh State Industrial Land and Building Management Rules, 2014.
  - The units will have to submit their application in the prescribed format to the Regional Office, MPIDC Bhopal as per rules. The application will be examined by the Regional Office and forwarded to the Managing Director, MPIDC.
  - A decision for allotment of land to the concerned units will be taken by the committee constituted under the chairmanship of Principal Secretary, Department of Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion.
  - Employment-oriented units like textile and garment sector, food processing will be identified in the priority category for land allocation in the industrial sector.
  - The units to be set up in Mohsa-Bawai Industrial Area will be provided with other benefits/benefits as per the provisions of the policy except for facilities related to electricity tariff and electricity tariff as

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per the prevailing industrial policy. Will be eligible to avail the facility.

- The proposed set up units at Mohsa-Bawai will be set up separately from the Cabinet Committee on Investment Promotion (CCIP). There will be no facility to obtain additional exemption/concession eligibility in development fee.
- The unit will not be eligible to get concession/concession in the value of the land as per the Madhya Pradesh State Industrial Land and Building Management Rules, 2019 i.e. the land management of the unit will be equivalent to the actual value of the land as per the Madhya Pradesh State Industrial Land and Building Management Rules, 2019.
- If there is any order regarding exemption of management and development fee for allotment of plot, the said order will not be effective in the industrial area Mohsa-Bawai.
- The contract for power supply from the proposed/ established units at Mohsa-Bawai will be done under the directions and regulations of the Madhya Pradesh Electricity Regulatory Commission.
- Due to the establishment of large textile and garment units in Bhopal, Mandideep and Budni, land is being demanded by textile companies like BEST Corporation, Indorama, Mahima Fibers, Vardhman etc. in Mohsa-Bawai industrial area.

## Important Decisions of Madhya Pradesh Council of Ministers

### Why In News?

In the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on December 13, 2022, several other important decisions including approval of The Madhya Pradesh **Private Universities (Establishment and Operation) Second Amendment Bill, 2022** were taken by the Council of Ministers.

### Key Points

- The Council of Ministers approved the Madhya Pradesh Private University (Establishment and Operation) Second Amendment Bill, 2022. The Second Amendment Bill, 2022 presented in connection with the establishment of Scope **Global Skills University, Bhopal, Abhyudaya**

**University, Khargone and Azim Premji University, Bhopal** universities through the Bill was approved by the Council of Ministers.

- Presently available 64 acres of land has been allotted to the Indian airport for developing Rewa airstrip as an airport. Apart from this, approval was given by the Council of Ministers to acquire the required 99.615 hectares of land by the state government and hand it over to the Airport Authority of India.
  - After Rewa airstrip is developed as an airport, landing of Boeing aircraft like A.T.R will be possible, which will lead to economic development of Rewa area and tourism etc. will be promoted, this will directly benefit the general public.
- The Cabinet approved the Madhya Pradesh Land Revenue Code (Second Amendment) Bill, 2022 and authorized the Revenue Department to take all necessary action to introduce the Bill in the Assembly and pass it.
  - Tehsildar is the competent authority to deal with demarcation matters. An amendment is proposed in the Madhya Pradesh Land Revenue Code to limit the number of revenue inspectors in the state and for speedy disposal of demarcation applications. Now on the demarcation application by the Tehsildar, the report of the Revenue Inspector/ Town Surveyor as well as the Town Patwari can also be taken.
- The cabinet approved the Mukhyamantri Vimukt, Ghumantu and Semi-Nomadic Self-Employment Scheme for the year 2022-23 for the economic and social upliftment of the people belonging to the Vimukt, Ghumantu and Semi-Nomadic communities of the state.
  - The scheme run by the department will be operated in 2 parts. Loans up to Rs 1 lakh in individual cases through the department and agency will be made available through banks.
  - Loans up to Rs 10 lakh will be made available through banks if there is a self-help group.
  - First time loan is 25 per cent or maximum Rs 20,000 (individual case) and Rs 2 lakh (self-help group) grant. 6% subsidy on interest rate.
  - ITI in the scheme run by the agency. Loans through banks and grants-in-aid through agencies will be made available to the trained youths for employment.

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- Individual cases of maximum Rs 2 lakh will be accepted. 25 percent of the project cost on the first loan and 20 percent subsidy on the second loan. 6 percent subsidy on interest on first and second loan.
- 5 Acts mentioned in the schedule of Madhya Pradesh Repeal Bill, 2022 have been repealed by the Council of Ministers. Through this, the following 5 Acts are to be repealed, which have become completely obsolete, unnecessary and unimportant.
  - Madhya Pradesh Borstal Act 1928, Madhya Bharat Small Causes Court Act 1949, Madhya Pradesh Industries State Assistance Act 1958, Madhya Pradesh Horse Diseases Act 1960, Madhya Pradesh Animal (Control) Act 1976.
- The Council of Ministers approved the State Amendment Bill 2022 of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 in the state of Madhya Pradesh and before reinstating in the Vidhan Sabha Permission was given to send it to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India for the prior approval of the Honorable President.

## 5G Network Started from Mahakaleshwar in Madhya Pradesh

### Why In News?

On December 14, 2022 Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the **first 5G network** in the state from Mahakaleshwar and Mahakal Lok Complex in Ujjain .

### Key Points

- This **5G** service has been started by Reliance Jio in Mahakaleshwar and the newly built Mahakal Lok Complex.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that due to network and digital access, the state will now develop rapidly and the introduction of **5G** services will also accelerate the development of the state.
- **The 5G** service launched by Reliance Jio in Mahakaleshwar and the newly built Mahakal Lok Complex is completely free and will be available free of cost to the general public and all tourists visiting there.

## Mukta Mahila Milk Producer Company launched Mukta Brand Ghee

### Why In News?

On December 16, 2022, Mukta, a milk producer of more than **18 thousand 500 women** dairy farmers of Bundelkhand formed under the Madhya Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission, formally launched its brand '**Mukta Ghee**'.

### Key Points

- This is a big achievement of the women milk producer company of the state. Four milk producing companies of the state produce 2 lakh liters of milk per day, out of which Mukta Company alone is producing one lakh liters of milk per day. The company's annual turnover is over Rs 65 crore.
- On this occasion, Chief Executive Officer of Madhya Pradesh State Livelihood Mission, L.M Belwal said that it is an inspirational start-up, which is a symbol of women empowerment.
- Under the Madhya Pradesh State Rural Livelihood Mission, 4 lakh 12 thousand self-help groups have been formed in the state, through which the livelihood of 46 lakh rural women is being promoted.
- 88 farmer producer companies have also been formed in the state, whose one lakh 79 thousand members are mainly engaged in agriculture-based activities. The turnover of these companies till the month of November in the year 2022-23 has been Rs 529 crore. Last year, Mukta Mahila Milk Producer Company alone did a turnover of more than Rs 65 crore, in which 85 percent of the sale proceeds were paid to the members in the form of milk.
- The company has set up an advanced self-driving milk collection system for the procurement of milk in every village, in which the members selling milk can check the quantity, quality and price of milk themselves. They also get a printed acknowledgement slip and get full details of the milk sold on their mobiles.
- The company's mobile app gives information about milk transactions. The company is doing work like artificial insemination, mineral mixture, fertility camp, awareness to increase the productivity and quality of milk in animals.

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- It is worth mentioning that Mukta Company has also received dairy extension award in India Dairy Award-2021. The company has achieved this success in a short period of 4 years. In the next two years, the state has set a target of producing 5 lakh liters of milk per day from milk producing companies.

## 6<sup>th</sup> Elite Women's Boxing Championship 2022

### Why In News?

On December 20, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia inaugurated the **6<sup>th</sup> Elite Women's Boxing Championship 2022** among **310 women boxers** at the **Martial Arts Building of TT Nagar Stadium, Bhopal**.

### Key Points

- A total of 27 qualifying bouts in different weight categories were held on the first day of the championship. On the first day, Anjali Sharma of Madhya Pradesh Boxing Academy won 45-48 kg. Qualified in the preliminary round by defeating Jyothi Gorli of Andhra Pradesh 5-0 in the minimum weight category. Academy's Manju Bamboria won 63-66 kg. Qualified his bout in the weight category.
- Telangana's international boxer **Nikhat Zareen in 48-50 kg**. Cleared the qualifying round by defeating Tamil Nadu's **L.K Abinaya** in the flyweight category. Nikhat won the bout via RSC (Referee Stop Contacts).
- The 6<sup>th</sup> Elite Women's Boxing Championships 2022 will feature Asian boxing gold Medalist Lovlina Borgohain, world junior gold Medalist **Nikhat Zareen** and Arjuna awardees Nia Lather and Simranjit Kaur.
- In this championship, 12 boxers of Madhya Pradesh State Boxing Academy will showcase their power in different weight categories.

## Madhya Pradesh is the First State in the Country to Computerize PACS

### Why In News?

On December 20, 2022, Madhya Pradesh's Principal Secretary Cooperative K.C Gupta told in the Legislative

Assembly the meeting of the Consultative Committee of the Cooperative Department that Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the **country to computerize PACS (Primary Agricultural Cooperative Credit Society)**.

### Key Points

- Principal Secretary Cooperative informed that 16 thousand 452 fair price shops are being operated through PACS. Ration is being distributed on time from shops to about 5 crore beneficiaries of 119 lakh families.
- 8 new services have been included in the **Public Service Guarantee Act** by the department. The system of online registration of cooperative societies has been started on **the ICMIS portal**.
- About 18 lakh farmers of Kharif season and 14 lakh farmers of Rabi season have been benefitted with crop loan of Rs 16 thousand 860 crore in the zero percent interest scheme by the department in the year 2021-22.
- In the year 2022-23, 19 lakh farmers of Kharif season and 7 lakh farmers of Rabi season have been benefitted so far. So far, crop loans worth Rs 14 thousand 699 crores have been disbursed. 39 lakh 57 Kisan Credit Cards have been issued to the eligible beneficiaries of cooperative banks of PM Kisan Yojana.

## 'Artificial Intelligence' in School Education

### Why In News?

On December 20, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Minister of State for School Education (Independent Charge) Inder Singh Parmar inaugurated '**Artificial Intelligence' subject in EFA (Education for All)** schools run by Madhya Pradesh State Open School Education Board for Class 8<sup>th</sup> and Class 9<sup>th</sup>. Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country to teach 'Artificial Intelligence' in school education.

### Key Points

- Minister Inder Singh Parmar said that the subject of '**Artificial Intelligence**' has been started in a total of 53 schools in the state run by the Madhya Pradesh State Open School Education Board. It has been started for the students of class 8th and 9th that present.
- Internet-enabled laboratories of 40 modern computers have also been set up in these schools by the State Open School Education Board.

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- In order to provide quality education in Madhya Pradesh, the Education Department is emphasizing on the inclusion and application of modern technical subjects.
- Minister Inder Singh Parmar said that Madhya Pradesh is the first state where education is being imparted through a total of 240 hours of **'Artificial Intelligence' classes in classes VIII and IX in EFA (Education for All) schools**. With the availability of well-equipped computer labs, students are getting easy in studying this subject.
- With the latest technology like 'Artificial Intelligence', students are being taught to use it creatively and use it towards human welfare to make India stand out in front of the world, in which this course will prove to be very useful.

## Important Decisions of Madhya Pradesh Council of Ministers

### Why In News?

On December 20, 2022, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held at Mantralaya under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, many other **important decisions were taken along with giving approval for electricity connection in all 31 thousand 425 Anganwadi buildings of the state.**

### Key Points

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers, from the financial year 2022-23 to the financial year 2024-25, approval was given to connect electricity in 31 thousand 425 buildings constructed, under construction and future construction in all Anganwadi centers of the state.
- From the current financial year to the financial year 2024-25, there will be three phases of power connection work. In the first year, 14 thousand 214, in the second year 10 thousand 907 and in the third year 6 thousand 304 Anganwadi buildings will be connected.
- This work will be done with 100 percent state head. For its implementation, a budget of Rs 79.07 crore has been approved from the year 2022-23 to the year 2024-25 .

- The Madhya Pradesh Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022 was ratified by the Council of Ministers and the Cooperation Department was authorized to introduce the Bill in the Assembly.
- The Cabinet also approved the provision of setting up a committee of five persons to assist the administrator in the central society for the smooth functioning of primary agricultural credit cooperative societies.
- The Cabinet approved the Madhya Pradesh Drinking Water Preservation (Amendment) Bill, 2022 and authorized the Public Health Engineering Department to introduce and pass the Bill in the Assembly.
- The Cabinet decided to issue a notification amending Rule-15 of the Madhya Pradesh Higher Judicial Services (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2017 , in pursuance of the recommendation of the High Court. In the **'oath of affirmation'**, the word district judge was substituted in place of a member of the service.

## Announcement of National and State Honors of Culture Department

### Why In News?

On December 21, 2022, the Madhya Pradesh Culture Department has announced the **state summit awards for the year 2021**. National and state awards will be given in this.

### Key Points

- Director of Madhya Pradesh Culture Department Aditi Kumar Tripathi said that every year the Culture Department gives honors at the national and state level in various genres of art, culture, literature, music. The cultural identity of Madhya Pradesh has been established at the national level with these national and state honors by the department.
- All the artists and poets selected for the state summit award are given an honorarium of one lakh rupees each, a certificate of honor and a shawl-shripal.
- The artists/literature artists selected for the State Summit Award are:
  - Hindi literature - Dr. Ashwini Kumar Dubey (Indore)
  - For Urdu Literature- Dr. Narendra Virmani (Indore)

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- For Sanskrit literature - Bhagwati Lal Rajpurohit (Ujjain)
- For classical music- Pt. Shridhar Vyas (Ujjain)
- For classical dance - Dr. Vijay Sharma (Bhopal)
- For Rupankar Arts - Anil Kumar (Bhopal)
- For the play - Prashant Khirwadkar (Bhopal)
- For playing rare musical instruments - Munne Khan (Bhopal)
- For tribal and folk arts - Sawni Bai (Dindori)
- Artists/literature artists selected for national awards are:
  - National Kabir Samman - Dr. Shyam Sunder Dubey (Hata) (Rs 3 lakh)
  - National Maithili Sharan Gupta Samman - Sadanand Gupta (Gorakhpur) (Rs 2 lakh)
  - National Iqbal Award - Syed Taqi Abdi (Rs 2 lakh) from Hyderabad
  - National Sharad Joshi Award - Shriram Parihar (Khandwa) (Rs 2 lakh)
  - Rashtriya Nanaji Deshmukh Samman - Tribal Welfare Centre Mahakoshal (Dindori) (Rs 2 lakh)
  - Rashtriya Kumar Gandharva Samman - Ms. Rukmini Vijay Kumar (Hyderabad) (Rs 1.25 lakh)
  - National Information Technology Award - Ravi Shankar Srivastava (Bhopal) (Rs 1 lakh)
  - National Nirmal Verma Samman - Ms. Shikha Varshney (London) (Rs. 1 lakh),
  - National Father Kamil Bulke Award - Dr. Hines Werner Weisler (Denmark) (Rs 1 lakh)
  - National Gunakar Mule Samman - Jayant Vishnu Narlikar (Kolhapur) (Rs 1 lakh)
  - Rashtriya Hindi Seva Samman - Ajit Vadnerkar (Bhopal) (Rs 1 lakh).

## **The Winners of the Design Competition Received Prizes at the State Handloom Expo**

### **Why In News?**

On December 21, 2022, the **State Handloom Expo-2022** was distributed to the winners of the design competition organized by the Madhya Pradesh Cottage and Village Industries Department on the theme of Fabrics of Madhya Pradesh at Bhopal Haat Bazar, Bhopal.

### **Key Points**

- Mrs. India International Dr. Reenu Yadav and Mrs. Universe Joy Ms. Amrita Tripathi distributed the prizes of State Handloom Expo-2022.
- Amatullah Bohra, Archana Vishwakarma and Salma Ansari were awarded first, second and third prizes respectively in ethnic wear category from Bhopal district and Nandita Nair, Farah Nadeem and Manya Yadav in ready to wear category respectively.
- Similarly, Rakhi Gupta, Seema Pareek and Samiksha Nayak in ethnic wear category from Indore district and Divya Rathi, Saurav Kant Srivastava and Gulika Agarwal in ready to wear category were given first, second and third prizes respectively.
- All the winners were given seven products and certificates from seven selected districts under the **'One District-One Product'** scheme.
- In addition to the design competition, Handloom on Wheels was also organized with the aim of saving the traditional process of production of handloom, khadi and silk fabrics of the state and to introduce the people of the state to the rich manufacturing art hidden behind them.

## **Quality Control Cell**

### **Why In News?**

On December 21, 2022, on the instructions of Madhya Pradesh Public Works Minister Gopal Bhargava, a **'Quality Control Cell'** has been constituted under the chairmanship of Secretary Public Works for quality control of construction works to be done by the Public Works Department.

### **Key Points**

- Public Works Department Principal Secretary Sukhvair Singh said that the Quality Control Cell will monitor the completion of the work in the time-frame along with quality control of construction works. Apart from this, technical circulars will also be issued for quality control from time to time.
- The Principal Secretary said that Secretary Public Works R.K. Mehra will be the chairman in SAIL and Chief Engineer North Zone Gwalior B.P. Borasi, Superintending Engineer Bridge Division MP Singh, Assistant Engineer C.V. Tiwari, Assistant Engineer Sanjay Kulkarni and Consultant Ministry Ritesh Jain will be committee members.

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## 25<sup>th</sup> National Volleyball Championship

### Why In News?

On December 22, 2022, the **25<sup>th</sup> National Volleyball Championship** was held at **Talaiya Field Ground in Panna district of Madhya Pradesh**, in which Gujarat in the men's category and West Bengal in the women's category became champions.

### Key Points

- It is known that the 25<sup>th</sup> National Volleyball Championship was inaugurated on December 16. During this time, players from different states and union territories of the country displayed their outstanding sports talent in the men's and girls category.
- In the 25<sup>th</sup> National Volleyball Championship, the final match was played between Gujarat and Haryana in the men's category, in which **Gujarat was the winner and Haryana team was the runner-up. Karnataka's team was third and Uttar Pradesh's team was fourth.**
- Similarly, in the women's section, the final match was played between West Bengal and Rajasthan, in which West Bengal was the winner and Rajasthan team was the runner-up, while Gujarat's team was third and Tamil Nadu's team was fourth.
- The winning team was given a cash prize of Rs 51,000 and Rs 3,000 each. The runners-up team was given a cash prize of Rs 31,000 and the players were given a cash prize of Rs 2,000 each. The third prize money of Rs 21,000 was given to the third place team and Rs 11,000 to the fourth place team.

## Madhya Pradesh Transco's Load Dispatch Centre receives National Excellence Award

### Why in News?

On December 23, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Transco (Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company) State Load Dispatch Centre at Jabalpur was leading in its World-Class Infrastructure, Innovation, Developing the First Cyber Security Model in the country, among other parameters, received the Excellence Award.

### Key Points

- Madhya Pradesh Transco Chief Engineer State Load Dispatch Centre Jabalpur S.K. Singh was the Chief Engineer of Madhya Pradesh Transco at the National Power System Conference organized by Forum of Load Dispatcher and IIT Delhi related to Grid India, the National Institution of India's Power Sector. S. Patel and Superintending Engineer R. K. Gupta received the award.
- Significantly, 43 Load Dispatch Centers of the country participated in the selection process of Excellent Load Dispatch Center. Madhya Pradesh Power Transmission Company has received this highly prestigious award of the Country's Power Sector after following grid parameters and going through three phases of rigorous process of award selection.
- In the first phase of the selection process, Maharashtra and Telangana, including Madhya Pradesh, were selected on the basis of facts at more than 40 criterion points. In the second phase, on the basis of presentation and oral interview taken by the four-member jury, the performance of the selected three State Load Dispatch Centers in the first phase was tested.
- The State Load Dispatch Centre of Madhya Pradesh was selected for the award after a third phase of the process by a jury comprising professors from IIT, World-Class retired experts from POSOCO (Grid India) and renowned experts from Tata Energy Research Institute.
- Applications for the award were first invited from all State Load Dispatch Centers in the country. Infrastructure of State Load Dispatch Centers, details of work done in innovation, ways to deal with the challenges of the Power Sector, procedures followed for Cyber Security, work done for training and welfare of Grid Management Personnel, availability of State-of-the-Art IT Systems, Collection of Real-Time Data, Integration with Renewable Energy Grids, Information was given on points like Ice-loading Scheme etc.

## CM Inaugurated Irrigation Schemes in Sehore District

### Why In News?

On December 25, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated an irrigation project constructed at a cost of about **Rs 15 crore in Semri**

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village of Sehore district of the state and laid the foundation stone of development works worth Rs 3 crore 61 lakh.

### Key Points

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the Ratanpur Lift Irrigation Scheme inaugurated in Semri village of Sehore district will bring happiness and prosperity in the entire region. With the launch of this scheme, 1084 hectare land of **600 farmers of villages Bori, Ratanpur, Semri, Dongri and Khanpura** will be irrigated.
- The Chief Minister also announced to sanction Rs 20 crore for the irrigation facility of the remaining 7 villages from the project.
- He told that under this lift irrigation scheme in the state, water has been brought up from a 40 feet low canal. Apart from this, 9 km long pipeline has been laid in the fields to supply water to the fields of 600 farmers. Fields will be irrigated by installing MOX boxes on every 6 hectares.

## International Forest Fair

### Why In News?

On December 26, 2022, The Forest Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Kunwar Vijay Shah distributed the prizes at the closing ceremony of the International Forest Fair held at Lal Parade Ground in Bhopal.

### Key Points

- Forest Minister Dr. Kunwar Vijay Shah in the field of exhibition MPMFP Park Bhopal was given the first prize, second prize to social forestry and third prize shield to Madhya Pradesh Fisheries Federation.
- The Forest Minister awarded **first prize to East Chhindwara Van Dhan Kendra**, Second to **East Mandla Van Dhan Kendra**, third to **North Seoni Van Dhan Kendra** and Consolation Prize to **Dakshin Panna Van Dhan Kendra and Umaria Van Dhan Kendra**.
- Sehore District Union was given first, **Obedullaganj Union** second, Paschim **Betul** District Union third and Guna and Chhatarpur Union were given consolation prizes from various district unions operating in the state.
- Forest Minister Shah also felicitated Vishal Jawariya, Pachmarhi and Trishata T and Tribal Ayurvedic Pachmarhi with the first prize among the private institutions who participated in the fair.

- Among other state institutions, Chhattisgarh State (Minor Forest Produce) was awarded the first prize, Deepu Mishra Pratapgarh second and Sukhdev Samat Medinipur got the third prize. Nepal was awarded in the category of international stalls. Special awards were given to The State Bamboo Mission and Vindhya Herbal.
- Special honor to Nanda Committee of West Betul for community effort in honey collection, Van Dhan Vikas Kendra set up in Narmada Puram Forest Division for successful export of Mahua to UK and successful community venture '**Vanbhoj Rasoi**' under Mainawadi Van Dhan Kendra of Chhindwara Awarded with special honor.
- Significantly, the International Forest Fair was organized from December 20 to 26 at Lal Parade Ground in Bhopal, the capital of Madhya Pradesh.

## Vikramotsav-2023

### Why In News?

On December 27, 2022 Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan informed in a meeting related to Vikramotsav at The Chief Minister's residence Samtva Bhawan in Bhopal that **Vikramotsav will be organized in Ujjain from February 18 to March 22, 2023.**

### Key Points

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that efforts should be made to make the program of lighting lamps on the first day of Vikramotsav of the year 2023 large and dignified, so that the program is recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records.
- From Mahashivaratri to Pratipada, **devotional singing, exhibition, handicraft trade fair, theatrical presentation, book fair, competition of bhajan troupes, film festival**, National Ved Samagam, National Youth Science Conference, Kavi Sammelan, Publication Launch, Apart from presentations of episodes of Ramayana and Mahabharata by teams from different countries, there will be a national seminar on '**Culture, Literature and Archeology in Greater India**'.
- During Vikramotsav, the launch programs of Vikram Panchangam and Vikramaditya Vedic Clock will also be held. Various departments of the government, Maharaj Vikramaditya Shodhpeth, Swaraj Sansthan Directorate, Vikram University, Maharishi Panini

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Sanskrit University, Sandipani Ved Vidyalaya, Avantika University, Acharya Varahamihir Observatory and other social organizations will cooperate in the activities.

## Sky Diving Festival

### *Why In News?*

Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board Managing Director Shiv Shekhar Shukla said that the second edition of Sky Diving Festival will be started in the state by Tourism and Culture from January 5, 2023 at Datana Airstrip in Ujjain.

### *Key Points*

- The Sky Diving Festival, being started by the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board to promote adventure tourism in the state, will conclude on January 15.
- Guests present in the state for Pravasi Bharatiya Sammelan, Global Investors Meet and G-20 Conference will also be able to enjoy this adventure activity. It is being operated by THE DGCA and USPA certified institution 'Sky-High India'.
- Shiv Shekhar Shukla said that the first edition of the Sky Diving Festival was successful. All booking slots were booked. In view of this, the second edition is now being organized.
- During this time, adventure-lovers will be able to enjoy sky diving with the help of trained personnel with high standards in Ujjain. They will also be able to get the thrill of seeing the city of Mahakal from a height of 10 thousand feet.

## Rahatgarh's State-Of-The-Art Bus Stand will be Prepared on the Lines of Metro's

### *Why In News?*

On December 29, 2022, Madhya Pradesh Revenue and Transport Minister Govind Singh Rajput laid the foundation stone of a state-of-the-art bus stand to be constructed at a cost of Rs 9 crore in **Rahatgarh development block of Sagar district of the state**, which **will be developed on the lines of metros**. It is being started from the bus stand.

### *Key Points*

- The Revenue and Transport Minister said that a state-of-the-art bus stand is being constructed at a cost of crores of rupees in Rahatgarh development block of Sagar district, in which passenger waiting rooms, business complexes will be constructed for passengers, shopkeepers who will be displaced from the bus stand will be given space in the business complex on priority. A well-equipped rest house will also be constructed elsewhere.
- He said that a road is being constructed from Rahatgarh Vidisha intersection to Rest House Bus Stand, in which state-of-the-art lighting is being done and saplings are also being planted on both sides of the road.
- The Minister told all the residents of Rahatgarh that the name of the bus stand being built in Rahatgarh will be kept with the consent of all.

## Home-Stay Scheme in Indore for PBD and GIS

### *Why In News?*

On December 29, 2022, Principal Secretary of Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board Shiv Shekhar Shukla said that Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board has given a **golden opportunity to indore residents to earn additional income by converting their house into a home-stay**, under which tourists will also be provided accommodation facilities from home-stay along with guests arriving in Indore for **Pravasi Bharatiya Sammelan and Global Investor Summit**.

### *Key Points*

- Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board Principal Secretary Shiv Shekhar Shukla said that for this, the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board is launching a special campaign for home-stay registration from January 3 to 7, 2023. The application of local residents of Indore who register in the campaign will be registered on fast track mode.
- He told that to provide experience of the rich culture, traditions and cuisine of the state to the overseas Indians reaching Indore for Pravasi Bharatiya Sammelan and Global Investor Summit, providing clean and affordable places to stay and employment opportunities at the local level. To make it available, a special campaign for home-stay registration is being run.
- The units registered by the Tourism Department will be publicized. Financial incentives are also provided

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for completion of guest accommodation, enhancing the facilities available in the unit.

- Apart from this, it provides an opportunity to registered units to participate in digital marketing, pricing, technical support for promotion, capacity building of human resources working in the unit, national and international level travel marts and workshops.

## **'Suraj Colonies' To Be Built on Land Freed From Encroachment**

### **Why in News?**

According to information received from the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on December 30, 2022, 'Suraj Colonies' will be set up for poor housingless families on encroached government land free from land mafia. It has also started from Bhopal's Nilbar area.

### **Key Points**

- According to the information, on the instructions of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the administration has taken strict action in all the districts and in the year 2022, more than 23 thousand acres of encroached government land worth more than Rs 15 thousand crore has been freed from land mafia. Now 'Suraj Colonies' will be set up on this land for the poor.
- Due to the strong will of the government, precious land worth crores of rupees has not only been freed from the land mafia, but it has also given relief to the public from the terror of the land mafia.
- On December 18, Chief Minister Chouhan had laid the foundation stone for the construction of Suraj Colony on 40 acres of land at Village Kalkheda in Nilbar area to provide housing facilities to the homeless poor people on land freed from land mafia.

## **Consultative Committee Constituted Under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary**

### **Why in News?**

On December 30, 2022, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh constituted a Consultative Committee under the Chairmanship of Chief Secretary to formulate, guide and advise necessary policy at the administrative level for the activity and supervision of the 'State Computer Security Incident Response Team' constituted under the Department of Science and Technology, information technology security aspects, decision-making of related subjects in sensitive/ special emergencies.

### **Key Points**

- This committee will be of a permanent nature. The committee consists of Secretary Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India, National Cyber Security Coordinator or their representative, Additional Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary Home, Finance, Principal Secretary/Secretary Science and Technology, Director General CERT-in Managing Director Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development, Head of Department (Computer Science), Indian Institute of Technology Indore, Representatives of NCIIPPC, State Information Officer-NIC, Director General/Additional Director General of Police, State Cyber Police. Any other expert will be a member as decided by the Committee. The director of CSIRT will be the Member Secretary.
- The committee will monitor the activities of the 'State Computer Security Incident Response Team', to monitor its functions, to provide necessary policy-making, guidance and advice at the administrative level.



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