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Decisions of the Council of Ministers headed by the Chief Minister

Why In News?

On May 30, 2023, the Council of Ministers under the chairmanship of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan decided to amend the MP Start-up Policy and Implementation Plan-2022 to provide facilities to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs on par with women. Along with this many other important decisions were taken.

key points

- By amending the MP Start-up Policy and Implementation Plan-2022, it was decided by the Council of Ministers to provide facilities to Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe entrepreneurs at par with women.
- In these, a total of 18 percent maximum assistance of Rs 18 lakh will be given on funding/investment received by start-ups established by SC/ST entrepreneurs and a maximum of Rs 72 lakh in four phases.
- In start-ups promoted by SC/ST entrepreneurs, their participation should be 51 percent.
- The cabinet sanctioned Rs 266 crore 71 lakh for the construction works on the recommendation of the Project Examination Committee for setting up a new medical college in Damoh.
- With this decision, tertiary-level medical facilities will be available to the people of Damoh and nearby districts. Along with this, 100 MBBS in the medical field for the students of the state. There will also be an increase in the number of seats.
- The cabinet post-facto approved the order of the Forest Department to increase the compensation amount from Rs 4 lakh to Rs 8 lakh for loss of life and loss of animals caused by wild animals.
- In order to provide financial assistance to the needy litterateurs and artists of the state in case of long and serious illness, accident, divine calamity and death, the scheme 'Artist Welfare Fund', run in the Department of Culture, has been modified and the new 'Approved to issue 'Madhya Pradesh Artist Welfare Fund Rules-2023'.
- In the earlier scheme, there was a provision to provide assistance ranging from Rs.500 to Rs.5000 to

the needy litterateurs and artists of the state in case of serious illness, accident, natural calamity and death.

- The amount to be sanctioned on the recommendation of the competent committee formed in the new scheme ranges from a minimum of 25 thousand to a maximum of 1 lakh rupees, in which, in case of death of the artist/literate, his successor will get a maximum of one lakh and a maximum of 50 thousand for medical treatment. Can be given Rs.
- A maximum of one lakh rupees can be given to a physically challenged artist/writer for the treatment of disability. In the family members, the dependent wife/husband, dependent parents, dependent minor siblings, dependent minor children and dependent widowed daughter of the writer/artist along with dependent disabled siblings will also be included in the dependents.



Indore Pride Day

Why in News?

On 31 May 2023, 'Indore Gaurav Diwas' was celebrated on the occasion of the birthday of Lokmata Ahilya Bai at a ceremony held at Nehru Stadium in Indore, the cleanest city of India and the financial capital of Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points:

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the works of Umang Park to be built by Indore Municipal Corporation and the incubation centre set up by Indore Development Authority for the support of startups. He also released the resolution paper of solar city and inaugurated tree ambulance.

Note:

- It is known that 298 years ago on this day in 1767, Devi Ahilya Bai was born. Therefore, in his honour, the whole city celebrates this day as Pride Day.
- Devi Ahilyabai Holkar was the wife of Khanderao, the son of the famous empress of the Maratha Empire and the famous Subedar Malharrao Holkar.
- In 1754, when Khanderao attained martyrdom in the battle, father-in-law Malharrao Holkar handed over the command of the Holkar Empire to Ahilya Devi.
- Ahilya Devi's name is taken with respect, for the renovation and reconstruction of temples during her reign of 28 years. He built about 65 temples, Dharamshalas not only in her state but all over India.
- Apart from this, roads, wells, ponds, bawdis, ghats and water tanks were built with basic facilities. While living in Maheshwar, she built Dharamshalas in remote places of the country, such as Amarkantak, Badrinath, Kedarnath, Ayodhya, Gangotri, Pushkar, Mathura, Rameshwar and Haridwar.
- It is worth mentioning that Indore is the only city in India where both the Indian Institute of Management (IIM Indore) and the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT Indore) are located.



MP gets honoured for Remarkable Work in PM Swanidhi Yojana

Why In News?

On 1 June 2023, Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Hardeep Singh Puri felicitated Madhya Pradesh for their remarkable work in the PM SVANidhi scheme in New Delhi. Additional Commissioner Urban Administration and Development Awadhesh Sharma received the award.

Key Points:

- Significantly, Madhya Pradesh is number one in the country in the PM Svanidhi Scheme.
- In Madhya Pradesh, a total of 7,31,517 cases have been approved under the Prime Minister's Svanidhi Scheme. Out of these, loans have been disbursed in 7,08,894 cases against the target of 6,48,850 allotted to the state. The percentage of progress in the scheme is 109.25%.
- It is worth mentioning that a scheme named 'Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi' (PM SVANidhi) was launched by the Union Ministry of Housing & Urban Development to provide financial support to small shopkeepers and street vendors.
- The Pradhan Mantri Street Vendors Atma Nirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) was announced as a part of economic incentive II under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.
- It was implemented from 1 June 2020, to provide affordable working capital loans to street vendors who have been adversely affected due to the COVID-19 lockdown to restart their livelihoods.
- It is a Central Sector Scheme i.e. it is a fully funded scheme by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, it has the following objectives:
 - Providing a working capital loan facility
 - Encourage regular repayments and
 - Rewarding digital transactions
- Under this scheme, small shopkeepers can apply for a loan of up to Rs 10,000. Applicants do not need any collateral to get the loan.
- One year time is given to repay the capital received under this scheme, sellers can repay the loan through monthly instalments during this period.

Note:

- Also, under this scheme, if the beneficiaries pay on the loan taken on time or before the stipulated date, then they are provided with an interest subsidy of 7% (annually), which is directly deposited in the bank account of the beneficiary at an interval of 6 months through 'Direct Benefit Transfer' (DBT).
- The scheme is available only to beneficiaries from those States/UTs which have notified rules & schemes under the Street Vendors (Protection of Livelihood and Regulation of Street Vending) Act, 2014. However, beneficiaries from Meghalaya, which has its own State Street Vendors Act, can participate.



Sports Minister inaugurates new range of Shotguns

Why In News?

On 1 June 2023, Madhya Pradesh's Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia inaugurated the newly-built Shotgun Range at the Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy at Bishankhedi.

Key Points:

- Spread over 32 acres of shooting academy, the new shotgun range, spread over 10 acres, has five ranges, including the final range, two administrative buildings and pavilions.
- On this occasion, Sports Minister Scindia said that Shotgun World Cup can also be organized in the new shotgun range. In this episode, the National Rifle Association of India is organizing a selection trial of shotguns from June 11 to 18.

- The Sports Minister also reviewed the Madhya Pradesh State Boxing Academy. She also directed the officials to conduct a talent search for the academy soon and weed out the C-category boxers.

12 units of MP Tourism won the International Award of TripAdvisor's Travelers Choice

Why In News?

On June 1, 2023, Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation Managing Director Kaushlendra Vikram Singh told that 12 units of Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation had won the Trip Advisors Annual Travelers Choice Award in the Travelers Choice Award-2023 given by World famous tourist guide organization 'Trip Advisor' U.S.

Key Points:

- Managing Director Kaushlendra Vikram Singh told that Palash Residency Bhopal, Bagheera Jungle Resort Mocha, Bison Resort Madhai, Kalchuri Residency Jabalpur, Rock and Manor Pachmarhi, Champak Bungalow Pachmarhi, Glen View Pachmarhi, Hotel Amaltas Pachmarhi, Sheesh Mahal Orchha, White Tiger Forest Lodge Bandhavgarh And Tansen Residency Gwalior has received the award.
- On the other hand, the Orchha-based unit of Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation, Betwa Retreat has won the organization's 'Best of the Best' Award-2023.
- It is known that the 'Trip Advisor' company gives this award every year after evaluating the reports received from tourists who have visited different places all over the world.
- 'Travellers Choice Awards' are chosen based on the ratings given by tourists to hotels, restaurants and other places around the world. Tourists from all over the world participate in it every year and vote on the basis of their choice.
- In each category, the award is announced in each category by making a list of selected 25 cities, tourist places and hotels and restaurants of the world.
- It is noteworthy that in all the units of the corporation, fully equipped guest rooms, food, entertainment activities and comfortable stay facilities are provided for the tourists to stay.

Note:

- Tourists from Western countries, especially France, Italy, Germany, Britain, Scotland etc., who go on tour to any country in the world, give priority to Places identified by this institution.



Committee constituted for monitoring 'One district-One product' Scheme

Why In News?

According to the information provided by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on June 1, 2023, a state-level committee has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Agriculture Production Commissioner for monitoring one district-one product and value addition scheme in the state.

Key Points:

- Other members of the committee include Additional Secretary and Principal Secretary Industry Policy and Investment Promotion, Additional Chief Secretary Finance, Managing Director Madhya Pradesh State Agricultural Marketing (Mandi Board), and Director Agricultural Engineering.
- The member secretary of the committee will be the director of farmer welfare and agriculture development.
- For effective implementation of one district-one product scheme at the district level, a district-level committee will be formed under the chairmanship of the collector.
- The member secretary of the committee will be the Deputy Director, Farmers' Welfare and Agriculture Development.

- Other members include Project Director (ATMA), General Manager District Trade and Industry Center, Assistant Agricultural Engineer and Secretary Mandi Committee at district headquarters level.

Grand Inauguration of 66th National School Sports Competition

Why in News?

On 7 June 2023, Madhya Pradesh's Sports & Youth Welfare; Technical Education, Skill Development & Employment Minister Yashodhara Raje Scindia inaugurated the 66th National School Sports Competition.

Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that the 66th National School Sports Competition is being organized under the joint auspices of the School Education, Sports & Youth Welfare Department and School Games Federation of India in 2 cities of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal and Gwalior till June 13.
- The theme of the 66th National School Games Competition is 'Sportsmanship more than Victory'.
- Principal Secretary of School Education Rashmi Arun Shami informed that about 5256 players from different states are participating in the competition.
- Competitions of athletics, football, volleyball, boxing, judo, table tennis, hockey and badminton will be held in various sports grounds of Bhopal & Gwalior.

Bhopal got 2nd and Gwalior got 5th place in 'Eat Right Challenge' competition

Why in News?

According to the information provided by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on June 7, 2023, Bhopal has been ranked second and Gwalior has been ranked fifth at the national level for its efforts to improve the food environment and implement strategies to educate communities on food security in the 'Eat Right Challenge' competition.

Note:

Key Points:

- Seven other districts of the state – Ujjain, Rewa, Indore, Sagar, Damoh, Jabalpur and Satna also secured a place in the winner list by scoring more than 75 percent marks.
- Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Union Minister of State Prof. Satyapal Singh Baghel honoured Madhya Pradesh's Food Safety Commissioner Dr. Sudam Khade with a citation for this exemplary performance on World Food Safety Day at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- It is noteworthy that in the second phase of the Eat Right Challenge, from 1 May 2022 to November 15, 2022, 260 districts of the country were assessed on 6 different parameters of food security, out of which 31 districts scored more than 75%.



Reconstitution of State-Level Sanctioning Committee

Why in News?

On 8 June 2023, Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department official Rajesh Dahima said that the state government has reconstituted the committee by superseding the state-level approval committee constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to approve various project proposals under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana.

Key Points:

- In the reconstituted state-level approval committee, Additional Chief Secretaries of Farmers' Welfare, Finance, Planning, Panchayat and Rural Development,

Water Resources, Horticulture, Cooperation, Forest, Vice-Chancellor or Director Research Services, Jawaharlal Nehru Agricultural University, Jabalpur, Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agricultural University, Gwalior, Commissioner/Director Farmers Welfare and Agricultural Development, Horticulture, Cooperation, Director Agricultural Engineering, Government of India, nominated officer by the Ministry of Agriculture, representative nominated by Government of India NITI Aayog will be members.

- The committee will have the Commissioner of Agricultural Production as its vice-chairman. The additional Chief Secretary will be a member of the Farmers Welfare & Agriculture Development Committee.
- The quorum of the committee would not be complete without the presence of a representative from the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India. Senior officers/representatives of the Agricultural Research, Education & National Rainfed Area Authority will be able to participate in the meeting of the committee.
- The committee may nominate one of the important districts, the District Collector, and a progressive farmer who has received the best farmer award.

River Cruise Tourism will start in the state

Why in News?

On 8 June 2023, in a meeting held in Bhopal under the chairmanship of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, it was informed that river cruise tourism will be used to encourage tourism activities in the state.

Key Points:

- River cruise tourism will be started in the state from Barwani in the Narmada River to the Statue of Unity in Gujarat. The cruise will cover a distance of 135 kilometres.
- In the meeting, the Chief Minister informed that cruise operations will also start from Bargi to Mandla.
- With the commencement of river cruise tourism, tourists will be able to get acquainted with the natural beauty & biodiversity available around the River Narmada.

Note:



Monthly Amount of 1000 to Ladli Behna will be Increased to 3000 Rupees Respectively

Why in News?

On 10 June 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the state-level program of transferring the monthly amount to the accounts of the weak women under the 'Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana' in Jabalpur and announced to increase the amount of monthly 1000 to 3000 rupees given to Ladli Behna in the scheme.

Key Points:

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan transferred a total amount of Rs 1209.64 crore to the accounts of 1.25 crore sisters through a single click.
- The Chief Minister said that the provision of giving an amount of Rs 1000 per month under the 'Mukhyamantri Ladli Behna Yojana' will be amended and the eligible women will be paid an increased amount respectively.
- As a result of the necessary financial arrangement, the amount will be increased to Rs 3,000 instead of Rs 1,000 in the scheme, then Rs 1500, then Rs 1750, then Rs 2,000 and then Rs 2,250, Rs 2,500 and Rs 2,750 respectively.
- Similarly, the age of the married women eligible for the scheme will be reduced from minimum 23 years to 21 years. At present, married women in the age group of 23 to 60 years are eligible in the scheme.



- The Chief Minister said that in the coming 5 years, the women will be included in the Lakhpati Club by making them Lakhpati. The income of the women should be at least 10 thousand rupees per month.

MoU will be Signed with Uttar Pradesh for Cultural Exchange and Culture Promotion

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on 11 June 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding is getting signed on 13 June at Gandhi Auditorium, Raj Bhavan in Lucknow to promote cultural exchange & culture promotion between Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh.

Key Points:

- The Uttar Pradesh Sangeet Natak Akademi Award Ceremony-2023 will see a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two states under the theme 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat'.
- The MoU will be signed in the presence of Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel, Uttar Pradesh Culture & Tourism Minister Jaiveer Singh and Madhya Pradesh Minister for Culture, Tourism, Religious Trust and Religion Ms. Usha Thakur.
- Madhya Pradesh Principal Secretary Culture & Tourism Shiv Shekhar Shukla and Uttar Pradesh Principal Secretary Culture & Tourism Mukesh Kumar Meshram will be present.

15 Flyovers and Railway over Bridges will be Built in the State

Why in News?

On 10 June 2023, Madhya Pradesh Public Works Minister Gopal Bhargava said that 15 flyovers and railway over bridges will be constructed in the state at a cost of Rs 896 crore under the 'Setu Bandhan Yojana'.

Note:

Key Points:

- Managing Director Madhya Pradesh Road Development Corporation Limited Avinash Lavania said that under this scheme, four flyovers will be built in Indore city, two flyovers in Bhopal city, two flyovers in Sagar and one flyover each in Dhar, Chhatarpur, Vidisha, Gwalior and Khandwa.
- Two railway overbridges are also to be constructed soon, including a railway overbridge on Chhola Road Kazi Parade to Ayodhya bypass in Bhopal at a cost of Rs 36.44 crore and a railway overbridge on NH-7 in Seoni city at a cost of Rs 126 crore.

Diamond of Panna District will get GI Tag

Why in News?

According to the information provided by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on 9 June 2023, diamonds from the world-renowned Panna district, known as the Diamond City, will get the GI tag. Its process has been completed.

Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that under the guidance of District Collector Sanjay Kumar Mishra, a GI registry application was made in Chennai recently to give unique recognition to the diamonds obtained from the district at the world level.
- With the confirmation of getting the GI tag, now the brightness of Panna's diamonds will increase at the international level as well. People associated with diamond business in Panna will be able to get its benefits.
- It is known that the only mechanized mine operated by NMDC is also in Panna. By getting the GI tag, the special identity of Panna's diamond will be established.

NHDC to Construct 525 MW Pumped Storage Power Project near Indira Sagar, Khandwa

Why in News?

According to information provided by the Press Information Bureau, Government of India on 9 June 2023,

Narmada Hydroelectric Development Corporation Limited (NHDC Limited) will construct a 525 MW Pumped Storage Project near Indira Sagar Dam in Khandwa, Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points:

- According to the information, this project is being started keeping in mind the increasing demand of the peak hour in the state. For this, existing reservoirs of Indira Sagar project Indira Sagar and Omkareshwar will be used.
- With the increase in renewable energy generated through this pumped storage project, the power requirements of the state can be met during peak energy hours (morning and evening). The project will generate 1,226.93 million units of electricity during peak hours.
- The project is estimated to cost Rs 4,200 crore. The Department of New and Renewable Energy, Government of Madhya Pradesh has allotted this project to NHDC Limited.
- Madhya Pradesh has a potential of 11.2 GW of pumped storage projects. Presently two power stations of NHDC Limited – Indira Sagar Power Station (1000 MW) and Omkareshwar Power Station (520 MW) are working in Khandwa district. 100% of the power produced by these power stations is supplied to Madhya Pradesh.
- NHDC is planning to make the state a green state through generation of green energy along with construction of solar power projects. The construction of an 8 MW solar project in the historic city of Sanchi and an 88 MW floating solar project on the Omkareshwar reservoir is in progress.
- The Narmada Hydroelectric Development Corporation Limited (NHDC Limited) is a joint venture between the Government of Madhya Pradesh and the National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC Limited).

Government Girls College Bina got B++ Grade

Why in News?

According to the information provided by Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on 12 June 2023, Government Girls College of Bina in Sagar district has obtained **B++** grade with better CGPA "2.76" in accreditation by NAAC, a national level institution.

Note:

Key Points:

- According to the information, in the third phase of NAAC, the college registered an increase of two places despite limited resources.
- This tehsil-based college has jumped two places from the grade it got earlier. The college earlier had a 'B' grade with 2.27 CGPA.
- NAAC tests the quality of the college on the basis of 7 criteria every 5 years and gives marks out of 4. The college was given 2.61 marks in Student Support & Progress, 2.8 marks in Curricular Aspect, 3 marks in Institutional Values and Best Practices.
- The infrastructure, education of human values and social extension activities of the college were praised. 2.6 in Governance, Leadership & Management Criteria, 2.8 in Infrastructure & Teaching Facilities, 2.09 in Research, Extension & Innovation and 2.98 in Teaching, Learning & Evaluation Criteria.
- With the increase in the facilities of the colleges by the World Bank, the hard work done by the college and the continuous efforts of the state-level NAAC cell have obtained a better "B ++" grade.
- Higher Education Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that with the implementation of 'New Education Policy 2020' in Madhya Pradesh, the colleges have ensured all-round development of the students by making fundamental changes in the education system. Continuous progress is also being seen in women's colleges located in rural areas and women's participation in higher education is continuously increasing.



Completion of 66th National School Sports Competition

Why in News?

On June 13, 2023, the 66th National School Sports Competition held in Bhopal by the School Games

Federation of India and the Department of School Education in collaboration with the Sports Department came to an end. Commissioner Public Instruction Anubha Srivastava awarded the winning participants with trophies and medals.

Key Points:

- In the table tennis (girls category) singles match, Maharashtra's Pratha Vatarikar won the gold medal by defeating Delhi's Pritoki. Pritoki had to settle for a silver medal. Delhi's Diya Brahmachari and West Bengal's Sumitra Dutta got bronze medals.
- In the table tennis (boys) singles, Karnataka's Akash KJ won the gold medal by defeating his own state's Rohit 4-0 in straight sets. Rohit got the silver medal. Sarth Mishra of CBSE and Atharv Gupta of Delhi got bronze medals.
- In table tennis, Pratha Vatarikar of Maharashtra has adjudged the best player in the girls' category and Akash KJ of Karnataka was adjudged the best player in the boys' category.
- Delhi won the table tennis girls' team championship, Maharashtra stood second and Haryana stood third. While Karnataka won the boys' team championship, Maharashtra stood second and CBSE stood third.
- Aditya in the boys' category and Aditi Sharma in the girls' category won the best player award in Judo.
- In the 70-plus weight category (girls category), Sneha Niyogi of Chhattisgarh won the gold medal by defeating Sanskriti of Maharashtra. Himachal's Nirjal and Rajasthan's Lavanya got bronze medals.
- In the 90 kg weight category (boys), Aditya of Maharashtra won the gold medal by defeating Kunal of Haryana. Kunal had to be content with a silver, the Delhi keeper bagged a bronze.
- The Judo team championship (boys category) was won by Haryana, second by Delhi and third by Punjab. Delhi won the girls' team championship, Maharashtra stood second and Haryana stood third.
- Gujarat was the winner in volleyball (boys category). Gujarat won the gold medal by defeating Kerala in a thrilling match. The volleyball teams of Kerala and Uttar Pradesh got second place and third place.
- In volleyball (girls category), West Bengal girls defeated Maharashtra girls to win the girls' championship title and Kerala stood third.

Note:

MoU between Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh to Promote Cultural Exchange & Culture Promotion

Why in News?

On June 13, 2023, an MoU was signed between Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh to promote cultural exchange & culture promotion in Lucknow in the presence of Uttar Pradesh Governor Anandiben Patel.

Key Points:

- Principal Secretary of Culture & Tourism, Madhya Pradesh Shiv Shekhar Shukla and Principal Secretary of Culture & Tourism, Uttar Pradesh Mukesh Kumar Meshram signed the MoU.
- Under the activities of the 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' campaign, both states will promote each other's local culture.
- According to the MoU, a group of artists from Madhya Pradesh will give cultural performances on Uttar Pradesh Day-24 January and Republic Day-26 January in Uttar Pradesh. On the other hand, on the foundation day of Madhya Pradesh, a group of artists from Uttar Pradesh will give cultural presentations in Madhya Pradesh.
- Art competitions, exhibitions, seminars, drama and theater activities will be organized jointly by both the states. In joint events, the host state will arrange for local hospitality, while the visiting state will bear the cost of travel.
- Both states will prepare a book based on their rich culture, customs, and traditions to display and distribute in educational institutions of each other's state. Both states will broadcast each other's local TV and radio channels in their respective states.
- The duration of the MoU is for 3 years, which can be extended for another 3 years with mutual consent.
- With the MoU, Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh governments will be able to further strengthen each other's relationship. With such agreements, the citizens of the state will get an opportunity to understand, appreciate, and enrich India's diversity and know & understand Indian culture, customs and traditions.
- In another program, Madhya Pradesh's Culture, Tourism, Religious Trust and Religious Affairs Minister Usha

Thakur inaugurated the marketing office of tourism at Hotel Gomti in Hazratganj, Lucknow to promote the tourist places of Madhya Pradesh rich in natural beauty in Uttar Pradesh.

- Kaushalendra Vikram Singh, Managing Director of Madhya Pradesh State Tourism Development Corporation said that there is a plan to open marketing offices in Varanasi and Ayodhya in the near future.
- Residents of Uttar Pradesh will be told about the information and services of tourist places of the state through coffee table books, brochures, leaflets, Madhya Pradesh maps etc. in the marketing office. Along with this, information about the achievements, innovations and activities of Tourism Corporation's hotels, resorts, and boat clubs will also be given. This will increase the number of tourists coming from Uttar Pradesh to Madhya Pradesh.



Decisions of the Council of Ministers Headed by the Chief Minister

Why in News?

On June 14, 2023, in the cabinet meeting held at Mantralaya under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, several other important decisions including the approval of 'Cooperative Policy of Madhya Pradesh, 2023' were taken.

Key Points:

- To encourage the students, under the new scheme, the cabinet has decided to provide e-scooties to the students who have secured first position in all government higher secondary schools of the state.

Note:

- If more than one student has the highest marks then all of them will get the benefit of the scheme.
- Scooty will be provided in areas where e-scooty is not available.
- About 9 thousand students will benefit from the scheme.
- A provision of Rs 135 crore has been made in the budget for the year 2023-24 for the implementation of the scheme.
- It is worth mentioning that provision has been made for a new scheme to increase the convenience of students to reach schools and to reduce dependence, to encourage them for higher education, to instill self-confidence.
- According to the announcement of the Chief Minister, the order issued by the Scheduled Caste Welfare Department on April 15, 2023, for increasing the income limit for 'Scholarship to Scheduled Caste & Scheduled Tribe students' from Rs. 6 lakh to Rs. 8 and endorsed to give foreign study scholarship to the students belonging to Scheduled Castes & Scheduled Tribes for humanities subjects as well.
 - Along with this, consent was given to increase the annual income limit of post matric scholarship for Scheduled Tribe students studying in non-government institutions to Rs.8 lakh.
 - It is worth mentioning that the Tribal Affairs Department has abolished the income limit for Scheduled Tribe students studying in government and government-aided educational institutions. With the increase in the income limit, students belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes will get wide opportunities to get education.
 - While approving the 'Cooperative Policy of Madhya Pradesh, 2023', the cabinet has authorized the cooperative department to prepare and implement a time-bound action plan.
 - This cooperative policy will pave the way for making cooperatives a mass movement in the state.
 - Committees will be formed in new areas through co-operatives and employment opportunities will be created.
 - Changes will also be made in the cooperative law of the state as per the requirement and action will be taken to remove the internal & structural deficiencies of the cooperative. Along with this, information technology will be used on a large scale in the cooperative.
- Agricultural credit, urban credit, cooperative marketing, cooperative housing, consumer cooperative, cooperative seed production and marketing, small forest produce cooperative societies, dairy cooperative, cooperative fisheries, etc. are major areas in cooperative policy.
- The cabinet has agreed to the state government's payment security guarantee and its format for the 600 MW capacity Omkareshwar floating solar project.
- It is worth mentioning that the 600 MW floating solar project is being constructed in two phases on the Omkareshwar reservoir of Narmada River.
- Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project will be one of the largest floating solar projects in the country and the world.
- Omkareshwar project is one of the country's multi-purpose projects, where along with irrigation, hydroelectric power generation, solar energy will also be produced, and tourism will also be promoted.
- The cabinet has given approval for amendment in the 'Chief Minister's Youth Internship for Professional Development Program' (CMYIPDP) in line with the Chief Minister's announcement at the Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis under the Department of Public Service Management.
 - The honorarium of interns in the CMYIPDP program will be increased from Rs 8,000 to Rs 10,000 per month. The appointment of interns will now be done at the block level as well as at the panchayat level.
 - The cabinet has approved Rs 338 crore 83 lakh 6 thousand for the construction works of 11 higher secondary school buildings under the CM Rise scheme under Tribal Affairs Department.
 - It is worth mentioning that in the first phase, 95 schools have been selected as CM Rise Schools in the Tribal Affairs Department. Out of this, construction work is to be done for a total of 11 schools in Dhar, Mandla, Jhabua, Betul, Alirajpur, Khargone and Ratlam districts.
 - The cabinet has decided to give administrative approval to 2 revised group water supply schemes costing Rs 2,002 crore 62 lakh and 29 new group water supply schemes costing Rs 15,995 crore 98 lakhs for implementation by the Public Health Engineering Department through Madhya Pradesh Jal Nigam.

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Niwari became the Second 'Har Ghar Jal' Zila in the State

Why in News?

On June 14, 2023, Niwari district of Madhya Pradesh became the second Har Ghar Jal district of the state. 100% tap water has been supplied to 55,645 houses in all the 253 villages of the district.

Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that Burhanpur district of Madhya Pradesh has the distinction of being the first water district in the country along with the state.
- So far, tap water has been supplied to more than 50% (more than 60 lakh 7 thousand) houses in the state. Along with this, water quality monitoring is also being done.
- In Niwari district, arrangement of tap water has been made in all the rural houses through three groups of tap water schemes. Tap water facility is provided



to 100 percent houses of 30 villages from Niwari Group Tap Water Scheme, 143 villages from Niwari-Prithvipur-1 Group Tap Water Scheme and 80 villages from Niwari-Prithvipur-2 Group Tap Water Scheme.

State Scholarship will be given to 34 Lakh Backward Class Students in the State

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Madhya Pradesh Public Relations Department on June 15, 2023, this year, 34 lakh backward-classes students studying in class 6 to 10 in the state will be provided scholarships.

Key Points:

- It is known that the State Scholarship is being provided by the Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department for the educational improvement of backward-class students studying in class 6 to 10 in the state. This year the benefit of this scheme will be given to 34 lakh students.
- The department has made a provision of Rs 250 crore in this year's budget for the scheme. The department had spent an amount of Rs 222 crore in this scheme in the last year 2022-23 as a state scholarship.
- Under the scheme, the benefit of state scholarship is given to those students of these classes, whose parents' income does not come under the limit of income tax.
- It may be noted that the Backward Classes and Minorities Welfare Department is running an award scheme in the name of three great personalities for doing excellent work in the development of minorities.
- Shaheed Ashfaqullah Khan, Captain Hameed Khan and Maulana Abul Kalam Azad awards are given to selected social workers under the scheme.
- For the implementation of the scheme, the department has made a budget provision of Rs 47 lakh in the year 2023-24.
 - An amount of one lakh rupees is presented to the selected person as a mark of respect along with the symbol.
 - The state government has started this award scheme from the year 2011-12.

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Madhya Pradesh Got the First National Water Award for the Best State for Excellent Water Management

Why in News?

On June 17, 2023, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar awarded Madhya Pradesh the first National Water Award in the Best State Category for its outstanding work in the field of water conservation, management and utilization at the 4th National Water Awards Ceremony of the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi.

Key Points:

- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar awarded the first prize to State Water Resources Minister Tulsiram Silawat and Additional Chief Secretary SN Mishra.
- This is the fourth National Water Award-2022 of the country. As many as 41 winners in 11 different categories were felicitated at the event.
- Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat honoured Indore Municipal Corporation with the second prize in the Best Urban Local Body category for its excellent performance in water supply and distribution. He honoured Indore Mayor Pushyamitra Bhargava and Additional Commissioner Siddharth Jain with a citation, trophy and a cash prize of Rs one lakh 50 thousand.
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- Madhya Pradesh Water Resources Minister Tulsiram Silawat said that in the last 18 years, the area under irrigation in the state has increased to 45 lakh hectares, which the state government is committed to increasing to 65 lakh hectares by the year 2025.
- There has been an innovation in the state to deliver water directly from the dam to the fields through an underground pipeline. State's Mohanpura and Kundalia project, whose irrigation capacity is 2 lakh 25 thousand hectares, has been established as an

exemplary irrigation project in the field of water use efficiency upgrade.



Joint Craft Market of Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh Launched

Why in News?

On June 16, 2023, Madhya Pradesh's Cottage and Village Industries Department's Additional Chief Secretary Manu Srivastava and Andhra Pradesh's Principal Secretary K.K. Sunita inaugurated the joint 'Craft Market' of both states at Gohar Mahal in Bhopal.

Key Points:

- It is known that the 'Craft Market' is being organized by the Cottage and Village Industries Department, Government of Madhya Pradesh and Ministry of Textiles, Andhra Pradesh from June 16 to 25 at Gohar Mahal in Bhopal.
- Commissioner-cum-Managing Director Sant Ravidas Madhya Pradesh Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation Sufiyah Faruqui said that the material produced by the artisans of Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh is available for sale in the 'Craft Market' to be held till June 25.
- Commissioner Handicrafts Faruqui said that on the basis of the agreement between Madhya Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh, to make the crafts of Andhra Pradesh available to the people of Andhra Pradesh, the articles of Lepakshi Emporium of Andhra Pradesh will be displayed in Mrignayani Show-room. It will also be available for sale.

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CM inaugurated the State Level MSME Summit in Bhopal

Why in News?

On June 19, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the one-day state-level MSME Summit by lighting a lamp at Hotel Amer Green Bhopal.

Key Points:

- The theme of the state-level MSME Summit was 'Arthik Vikas ke Shubh Sanyog- Madhya Pradesh ke Sukhsm, Laghu aur Madhyam Udyog'.
- The summit was organized by the Department of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises for the promotion of MSME units and employment generated by them in the state.
- More than 1500 participants from the state participated in the program, including entrepreneurs and industrialists, industry association officials, people associated with startups and students. All the districts of the state joined the program virtually.
- The objective of the summit is to promote entrepreneurial culture in the state, develop the spirit of innovation & highlight the contribution of MSMEs in the development of the state, as well as develop a holistic MSME ecosystem and build a self-reliant Madhya Pradesh.
- In the summit, the Chief Minister gave away state-level MSME awards for the year 2018-19, 2019-20 and

2020-21 to the Micro, Small and Medium Industries of Madhya Pradesh for their best performance.

- For adopting effective work culture and best practices, the first prize for the year 2018-19 was given to ITL Industries Limited Indore, the second prize was given to Shastri Surgical Industries Raisen and the third prize was given to Shakti Emporium Jhabua. Among the women entrepreneurs, Mamta Mahajan of Mantra Composite Indore was awarded.
 - For the year 2019-20, Nandini Medical Laboratories Indore was awarded the first prize, New Life Laboratories Mandideep Raisen was awarded the second prize and Safeflex International Dhar was given the third prize.
 - For the year 2020-21, Modern Laboratories Indore got the first prize, DICG International Mandideep Raisen got the second prize and Healthico Quality Products Dhar got the third prize.
 - Shikha Vishal Jaiswal and Niharika Ajay Jaiswal of Sai Machine Tools Indore and Mamta Sharma of Atharva Packaging Indore were awarded in the category of women entrepreneurs in the year 2020-21.
 - The summit also witnessed the exchange of MoUs between the state government, reputed companies and institutions of the country.
 - MoUs have been signed with NSE India, Walmart, RXIL, Invoice Mart and ISECT.
 - With the execution of these MoUs, the MSMEs of the state will get opportunities to raise capital, facilitate the onboarding of MSMEs on the trade platform and all these institutions will work together with the state government in the overall development of MSMEs.



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Formation of state level committee for Monitoring & Guidance under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary

Why in News?

On June 21, 2023, the State Government of Madhya Pradesh has constituted a State Level Committee under the Chairmanship of the Chief Secretary to coordinate with the concerned departments under the Mission Shakti Yojana-Sambal and Samarth sub-scheme to monitor & guide the implementation of the scheme at district & state level.

Key Points:

- The Principal Secretary/Secretary, Women and Child Development will be the Member Secretary in this State Level Committee.
- Secretary, Public Health & Family Welfare, School Education, Higher Education, Technical Education, Skill & Employment, Finance, Science & Technology, Home, Sports & Youth Welfare, Scheduled Castes Welfare, Social Justice & Disabled Welfare, Backward Classes & Minorities Welfare will be a member of the Committee on Law and Legislative Affairs.
- The task of preparing the state-level annual action plan of the schemes under Mission Shakti will be done by the committee and monitoring meetings will be organized at least twice a year. The tenure of the committee will be till the period of the 15th Finance Commission.

CRISP, Madhya Pradesh and Haryana BSEH signed an MoU

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Madhya Pradesh on June 25, 2023, CRISP will provide digital certificate printing and online verification service to the Haryana School Education Board (BSEH) with the blockchain technology developed by Madhya Pradesh. For this, an agreement was signed between CRISP Madhya Pradesh and BSEH on June 22.

Key Points:

- This agreement has been signed between both the institutions for 3 years, in which certificates will be prepared for the candidates who have passed more than 5 lakh regular and supplementary examinations every year. The certificate processing will be done after the blockchain digital certificate is generated using public blockchain technology.
- Encrypted digital certificates will also be given to the students for online verification through the BSEH website, wherein the Board will also have a provision for printing physical copies of the records using the encrypted records.
- Dr. Shrikant Patil, Managing Director, CRISP, said that this is one of its kind initiative with the Haryana Government, in which the blockchain technology developed by CRISP is being used for the betterment of the students. Will also work with different states of India in future.
- The organization is also certified for Capability Maturity Integration Level 5, which is considered to be the best certification in the IT and e-Governance sector.
- Amol Vaidya, director of CRISP, explained that the blockchain-based authentication system is aimed at preventing fraudulent activities related to identity theft and giving the correct credentials to students.
- Head of IT Sandeep Jain informed that CRISP is providing state-of-the-art IT-enabled services to various departments in Madhya Pradesh and other states as well. It aims to make CRISP synonymous with skill development.
- It is known that CRISP is working with various universities across India to bring such advanced technology into the education system.

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- The blockchain-based certification system is the first of its kind to be implemented in any secondary education board, which will provide authenticity of records by BSE Haryana by verifying the individual/specific data of the candidate through a decentralized mechanism.
- Center for Research and Industrial Staff Performance (CRISP) has been working in the field of Training, Research & Skill Development for the last 27 years. This institute also provides solutions in the IT sector.
- CRISP, the futuristic technology lab, has been developing advanced IT solutions using blockchain/AI/ML/robotic automation and other futuristic technologies.



Loktantra Senani Samman Nidhi will be increased from ₹25 K to ₹30K per month

Why In News?

On June 26, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced to increase the honor fund being given to democracy fighters from Rs 25,000 to Rs 30,000 per month at a state-level conference of democracy fighters held at his residence premises in Bhopal.

Key Points:

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan said that the honor fund of democracy fighters who have been imprisoned for less than a month will be increased from Rs 8,000 to Rs 10,000.

- The fund given to the families of the deceased will also be increased from 5 thousand to 8 thousand rupees.
- The freedom fighters will have the facility to stay at Madhya Pradesh Bhawan during their stay in Delhi. They will be able to stay in rest houses and rest houses of the districts for 2 days by paying a 50 percent fee. Also, complete treatment of all types of diseases will be done by the state government.
- The Chief Minister said that special instructions are being issued to treat them with respect in government offices.
- Democracy fighters were provided copper plates by the state government, those who are yet to get copper plates will also be provided with copper plates immediately.
- At the conference, the Chief Minister also released Ramesh Gupta's book 'Main Misabandi – Aapatkal Vyatha-katha - 19 Machine, which is based on the bitter memories of the Emergency.



IT policy of M.P. to be Announced and Implemented soon

Why In News?

On June 26, 2023, Madhya Pradesh MSME Minister Om Prakash Sakhlecha informed that Madhya Pradesh's IT-ITeS and ESDM policy will be announced and implemented soon.

Key Points:

- The MSME Minister said that the goal of this policy is to make Madhya Pradesh the leading state of the

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country by creating a vibrant and inclusive ecosystem for the growth and development of the IT sector by incorporating all the factors.

- Special focus has been given in this policy on providing necessary infrastructure for research & development, investment, employment, innovation and industries in the state.
- He informed that the IT, ITES, ESDM policy of Madhya Pradesh for 2023 has been prepared after various sessions of discussions with the industry and benchmarking of various state policies.
- The main objective of the policy is to attract investment in IT, ITES, ESDM sectors by providing incentives and simplifying regulatory procedures. The policy focuses on creating a business-friendly environment and providing necessary infrastructure for the growth of industries.
- Minister Sakhlecha said that the policy aims to create 2 lakh new jobs in Madhya Pradesh in the next 5 years by attracting investment of Rs 10,000 crore in IT, ITES, ESDM sector.
- It focuses on building 10 million square feet (about the total floor space of the Pentagon) of IT, ESDM infrastructure space, state-of-the-art IT parks, buildings, plug and play spaces across the state including plug and play for IT, ITES, ESDM and ready-to-build factories.
- The MSME Minister informed that the draft policy introduces innovative features, which will also suggest solutions to important challenges faced by the industry. The draft policy includes provisions for developing world-class IT infrastructure by providing special provision for CAPEX support to infrastructure developers.
- The policy has given special attention to the Electronic System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM) sector and supported them by increasing capital subsidy capping.
- The policy provides rental assistance to help businesses set up their operations and employment generation support to boost employment generation.
- The policy encourages R&D activities by providing support to establishments through various incentives to support testing, calibration laboratories, quality certification, patenting and stand-alone research and development units.
- The draft policy emphasizes attracting different types of data centers in the state. The policy has specially designed various financial incentive provisions for data center units.

PM flags off 5 new Vande Bharat Express trains from Rani Kamlapati Railway Station, Bhopal

Why in News?

On June 27, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off five new & upgraded versions of Vande Bharat Express trains connecting the capitals of Madhya Pradesh, Goa, Jharkhand, Bihar, Maharashtra and Karnataka at Rani Kamlapati station in Bhopal.

Key Points:

- Ushering a new era of rail travel with a comfortable and enhanced experience, five new Vande Bharat Express trains have been introduced between Rani Kamlapati-Jabalpur, Rani Kamlapati-Indore, Goa (Madgaon)-Mumbai, Ranchi-Patna and Dharwad-Bengaluru.
- With the addition of these five new Vande Bharat Express trains, a total of 23 Vande Bharat trains are now operational in the country. These trains are saving several hours in travel time as compared to the fastest trains currently running on various routes.
- These Vande Bharat trains will improve connectivity between various state capitals and other cities, reduce travel time and make travel more comfortable.

➤ Rani Kamlapati-Jabalpur Vande Bharat Express

- The Rani Kamlapati-Jabalpur Vande Bharat Express train will depart from Rani Kamlapati railway station and reach Jabalpur station the same day, stopping at Narsinghpur, Pipariya & Narmadapuram railway stations.
- Rani Kamlapati-Jabalpur Vande Bharat Express will connect Mahakaushal Kshetra (Jabalpur) with Madhya Pradesh Central Region (Bhopal).
- With the commencement of the operation of Vande Bharat Train, the connectivity of Jabalpur, the cultural capital of Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal and surrounding religious & tourist places will increase as well as the all-around development of this area.
- This train will run from Bhopal to Jabalpur for 340 km. The distance will now be covered in four and a half hours.

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➤ **Rani Kamlapati-Indore Vande Bharat Express**

- Bhopal-Indore Vande Bharat Express train will depart from Bhopal railway station & stop at Ujjain railway station and reach Indore station on the same day.
- The Vande Bharat train will run between Rani Kamlapati and Indore covering a distance of 269 km from Bhopal to Indore. The distance will now be covered in three and a half hours. At the same time, it will become an important medium to connect the culture, tourism and pilgrimage sites of these areas.

➤ **Goa (Madgaon)-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express:**

- The Goa (Madgaon)-Mumbai Vande Bharat Express train will depart from Chhatrapati Shivaji Terminus station and reach Madgaon station the same day, stopping at Dadar, Thane, Panvel, Khed, Ratnagiri, Kankavli and Thivim railway stations.
- This state-of-the-art Vande Bharat Express will provide a means for the people of the Konkan region to travel with speed and comfort. This will boost tourism in the region. It is expected that the new Vande Bharat train running on this route will add new dimensions to the convenience of tourists.

➤ **Ranchi-Patna Vande Bharat Express:**

- Ranchi-Patna's new Vande Bharat Express train will depart from Patna and reach Ranchi station the same day, stopping at Gaya, Koderma, Hazaribagh, Barkakana and Mesra railway stations.
- Rich in abundant mineral resources, Ranchi is an ideal place for mineral-based industries. This train will prove to be beneficial for local traders and businessmen in terms of establishing fast connectivity with Patna.

➤ **Dharwad-Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express**

- The Dharwad-Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express train will depart from KSR Bengaluru City and reach Dharwad station the same day, stopping at Yeshwantpur, Davangere and Hubli railway stations.
- In Karnataka, the Dharwad-Bengaluru Vande Bharat train vidya will connect Kashi Dharwad, the commercial town, Hubli and Bengaluru. This Vande Bharat train will connect North Karnataka with South Karnataka.
- The Vande Bharat Express trains offer a variety of superior facilities, which will provide passengers

with a world-class comfortable travel experience and advanced state-of-the-art security arrangements including armour technology.

- Each train covers a distance of 160 km. Coaches equipped with fully suspended traction motors have been provided for operational speeds of up to 100 mph. The advanced state-of-the-art suspension system ensures smooth and safe travel and better comfortable riding for the passengers.
- These trains have been designed with an aim to boost the green emissions of Indian Railways by saving about 30 per cent electricity along with power cars and advanced regenerative braking systems.



- The policy also has a provision to support mega projects in the region through customized packages.



- The policy aims to create a vibrant and inclusive ecosystem for the growth and development of the IT-ESDM sector, thereby establishing Madhya Pradesh as a leading state for IT.

Kuldeep Dandotia of Morena won Gold medal in Asian Pacific Power Lifting and Bench Press Championship

Why in News?

On June 27, 2023, Powerlifter Kuldeep Dandotia of Madhya Pradesh's Morena district won the gold medal in the ongoing Asian Pacific Power Lifting and Bench Press Championship in Hong Kong.

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- In this competition going on in Hong Kong, Kuldeep Dandotia has won the gold medal representing India in the junior weight category.
- Kuldeep Dandotia won the gold medal in the three rounds of the 120 kg plus junior category by lifting 95 kg, 105 kg and 115 kg respectively at the Queen Elizabeth Stadium in Hong Kong, while South Africa's 107.5 kg and New Zealanders were second and third respectively with 107.5 kg weight.
- Kuldeep Dandotia, a power-lifting player from Deori village in Morena district, recently won a silver medal in the World Bench Press Championship competition in Sun City, South Africa from May 17 to 27.



Decisions of the Council of Ministers headed by the Chief Minister

Why in News?

In the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan on June 28, 2023, a subsidy of more than Rs 24,000 crore was approved for power distribution companies along with many other important items.

Key Points:

- Approval was given to construct 33 well-equipped schools in the state at an estimated cost of Rs 1335.20 crore. In the first phase of the CM RISE scheme, 275 schools are being developed by the School Education Department.
- In lieu of the subsidy approved by the Cabinet for the domestic consumers of the state under the 'Atal Griha Jyoti Yojana' for the domestic consumers of the state and subsidy to various consumer categories, a subsidy of Rs 24,196.47 crore was approved to the power distribution companies in different categories.
- The Cabinet approved an amount of Rs 1700 crore for two years (financial year 2023-24 and 2024-25) for the fourth phase of the 'Chief Minister Urban Infrastructure Development Scheme' for infrastructure development in all urban bodies of the state.

- The Cabinet has given in-principle approval for setting up of new medical colleges with an intake capacity of 100 MBBS seats in Khargone, Dhar, Bhind, Balaghat, Tikamgarh and Sidhi districts.
- In addition to the 100 kitchen centres established earlier in the 'Deendayal Rasoi Yojana', 20 new permanent kitchen centres and a total of 25 kitchens will be opened in 16 municipal corporations, Pithampur and Mandideep to help such people who cannot reach the permanent kitchen centres. Thus, the decision has been taken by the Council of Ministers to open a total of 45 new kitchen centres and to provide food in the kitchen at the rate of only Rs. 5 per person.
- The Cabinet decided to provide exemption on payment of destitute fee along with exemption of market fee on procurement of notified agricultural produce from the farmers of the state at minimum support price under the 'Price Support Scheme' of the Government of India by the central / state government institutions. Also, in the Price Support Scheme, exemption of destitute duty has been provided on summer Moong and summer Urad procured at minimum support price in the year 2022 (marketing season 2022-23).
- The Cabinet gave administrative approval for the Seeping-Amber Complex Irrigation Project Phase-II at a cost of Rs 190.11 crore. The project will provide irrigation facilities in 13 thousand 457 hectares of irrigated area of 24 villages of Bhairunda tehsil of Sehore district.
- The Cabinet also approved that the 'Madhya Pradesh Police Health Protection Scheme', which was being run in the state since August 19, 2013, will continue continuously for the next five years after March 31, 2019.
- The Cabinet approved the revision of the criteria currently prescribed for financial grant-in-aid on banana crop loss in the table of Appendix-1 (1) (b) of Revenue Book Circular Volume 6 No. 4.
- For banana crop, approval was given to give the amount of 30 thousand rupees per hectare grant-in-aid for 25 to 33 percent damage, 54 thousand rupees per hectare grant-in-aid for 33 to 50 percent damage and Rs 2 lakh per hectare grant-in-aid in case of more than 50 percent damage.
- The maximum payable limit of the financial grant-in-aid amount will not exceed Rs.6 lakh instead of Rs.3 lakh.

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