



## State's First Passenger 'Pink Bus'

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### Why in News

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On September 6, 2021, **Madhya Pradesh's Tourism, Culture and Spiritual Minister Usha Thakur** along with **Municipal Corporation Commissioner Pratibha Pal** flagged off the **state's first pink bus in Indore**.

This bus is operated by **Atal Indore City Transport Services Limited (AICTSL)**.

### Key Points

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- This service has been started by AICTSL keeping in view the empowerment, self-reliance and safety of women.
- Two female drivers '**Ritu Narwale**' and '**Archana Katare**' and female Conductors '**Lakshmi Aswara**' and '**Pushpa Chauhan**' are working in this bus.
- Both the women drivers have been given one month special training to drive the Pink bus.
- These pink buses are **equipped with innovative technologies** like CCTV cameras, on board units, and sensor doors. About two thousand women will be able to travel in this bus every day.
- The state's first passenger 'Pink Bus' operated by a woman driver is a **sign of women's self-reliance and empowerment**.