



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.