



Railways's Longest Grade Separator Bridge | Madhya Pradesh | 20 Aug 2025

Why in News?

Indian **Railways** has achieved a significant milestone with the completion of the country's **longest elevated grade separator bridge at Katni Junction, Madhya Pradesh**, as part of a landmark project in the **Jabalpur division of the West Central Railway**.

Key Points

- The project, which **began in 2020** and is slated for completion by 2025, will **feature Rail Over Rail (ROR) bridges** with spans of up to 91.40 metres, allowing trains to bypass the entire city, easing traffic, and enhancing operational efficiency.
- The new elevated 15.85 km bridge is a major part of the ongoing infrastructure modernization under the **Prime Minister's Gati Shakti initiative**.

PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan

- **About:** A digital platform (**launched in October 2021**) **integrating efforts of 16 ministries** for seamless infrastructure planning and execution.
- **Objective:** A transformative Rs. **100 lakh crore** initiative aimed at revolutionizing India's infrastructure over the **next five years**.
 - Developed by **BISAG-N (Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Applications and Geoinformatics)**.
 - Seeks to accelerate project completion, reduce timelines, and enhance India's global competitiveness by breaking down inter-ministerial obstacles.
- **6 Pillars of PM GatiShakti:**
 - **Comprehensiveness:** Integrates initiatives across ministries through a centralised portal.
 - **Prioritisation:** Ministries prioritize projects effectively based on national needs.
 - **Optimisation:** Identifies gaps, selects efficient routes, reduces costs, and minimises delays.
 - **Synchronisation:** Coordination across ministries to avoid delays.
 - **Analytical Capabilities:** GIS-based platform with 200+ data layers for better decision-making.
 - **Dynamic Monitoring:** Real-time project monitoring using satellite imagery to track progress.

MP's Civil Services Leave Rules 2025 | Madhya Pradesh | 20 Aug 2025

Why in News?

The Madhya Pradesh government, led by **Chief Minister Dr Mohan Yadav**, has approved the **Madhya Pradesh Civil Services (Leave) Rules 2025**, which introduce several modern provisions.

Key Points About Civil Services Leave Rules 2025

- The new **leave rules** align with central government standards, replacing the **1977 rules**. Notable changes include:
 - **Maternity leave** for surrogate mothers,
 - **Paternity leave** of 15 days for **adoptive fathers**,
 - **Child care leave** extended to single male employees,
 - The process for leave applications has been simplified for **seriously ill** and **specially-abled employees**.

Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act 2017

Making It Easy For Mothers

The Maternity Benefit (Amendment) Act, 2017 amends the Maternity Benefit Act, 1961 to provide the following

26 weeks maternity leave for the first two children

12 weeks maternity leave for children beyond the first two

12 weeks leave for mothers adopting a child below the age of three months

The Act makes it mandatory for employers in establishment with 30 women or 50 employees, whichever is less, to provide creche facilities either in office or in any place within 500-meters.

Working mothers will be permitted to make four visits

during working hours to the creche

The employer may permit a woman to work from home if it is possible to do so

Every establishment will have to make these benefits available from the time of appointment



Madhya Pradesh Cabinet Clears Major Projects | Madhya Pradesh | 20 Aug 2025

Why in News?

The state cabinet, headed by CM Mohan Yadav, approved various key project,s including the establishment of an **Electronic Manufacturing Cluster** at Bandikhedi village, Berasia tehsil in Bhopal district.

Key Points

- **Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC):**
 - **Project Details:** A new Electronic Manufacturing Cluster (EMC) will be established at **Bandikhedi village, Berasia Tehsil in Bhopal** district under the Government of India's **EMC 2.0 project**.
 - The EMC 2.0 scheme aims to develop a **robust electronics ecosystem**, provide infrastructure, and offer financial assistance for projects and common facilities.
 - **Purpose:** The cluster will focus on promoting the **Electronics System Design and**

Manufacturing (ESDM) sector, featuring world-class infrastructure and **Common Facility Centres (CFCs)**.

- **Impact:** The initiative supports programs such as **Digital India** and **Make in India**, aiming to enhance investment, create employment, increase government revenue, **foster entrepreneurship**, drive innovation, and stimulate economic growth.

▪ **New Ayurvedic Medical Colleges and Wellness Centres:**

- **Locations:** They are planned at locations including **Narmadapuram, Morena, Balaghat, Shahdol, and Sagar**, with 1,570 posts sanctioned for these centers after approvals.
 - Each college will have a 100-bed hospital, hostels, residential quarters, and a pharmacy building.
- **Funding:** Under the **National AYUSH Mission**, Rs 350 crore allocated (Rs 70 crore per college, with a 60:40 funding ratio between Centre and State).
- **Objective:** Strengthen **Ayurveda-based healthcare** and the wellness industry across divisions in the state.

▪ **Department of Endocrinology:**

- In response to the rising cases of diabetes and non-communicable diseases, the government has approved the creation of the **first dedicated endocrinology department at Gandhi Medical College (GMC), Bhopal**, to enhance care and explore the introduction of DM seats in endocrinology.

▪ **'Geeta Bhavan' Scheme:**

- **Objective:** Promote reading, **cultural, and literary activities** by establishing well-equipped study centers in urban local bodies.
- **Target & Funding:** Aim to set up one **'Geeta Bhavan' in each district by 2030**, with financial support from the state government for construction, expansion, and maintenance.

▪ **Scholarship Increase for Tribal Hostels:**

- The scholarship for mess facilities in **tribal hostels** has been increased to 12 months (from 10 months), with an amount of Rs 1,650 per month for boys and Rs 1,700 per month for girls, based on attendance.