

Madhya Pradesh Current Affairs 2018-19

1. **MP became first in country to have 100% door to door garbage collection**
 - Madhya Pradesh has become the first State in the country providing 100 per cent door to door garbage collection in urban bodies.
 - This door to door garbage collection is the part of Swachhta Survekshan Abhiyan being carried out by the Government of India under the Swachha Bharat Abhiyan.
 - Minister for Urban Development and Housing is the nodal agency for this door to door campaign.

2. **First butterfly park of Madhya Pradesh has opened in Raisen**
 - Madhya Pradesh's first butterfly park, at Gopalpur in Raisen district opened for public.
 - It houses 65 species of butterflies and nearly 137 plant varieties.

3. **Pollution metre' app**
 - Madhya Pradesh government launched 'pollution metre' app " to spread awareness against pollution.
 - It is a mobile application to spread awareness against pollution in the western part of Madhya Pradesh.
 - Pollution metre app has been developed jointly by a private firm and Madhya Pradesh Pollution Control Board.
 - Through Pollution Metre' app, users can check the status of air, water and noise pollution in their areas.

4. **Mukhyamantri Mahila Kosh scheme: Pension for single women**
 - On the occasion of International Women Day on 8th March, the Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister announced the 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Kosh' scheme that will offer pension to unmarried women above 50 years of age.

5. **Kadakhnath chicken : Gets Geographical Indication tag**
 - Madhya Pradesh has got Geographical Indications (GI) tag for Kadakhnath.
 - Kadakhnath chicken's protein-rich black meat is sold at a much higher price than other varieties of chicken.
 - It is native to Jhabua, Alirajpur and parts of Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh.
 - Chanderi Fabric, Leather Toys of Indore and Ratlami Sev are the recently given GI tag in Madhay Pradesh.

Geographical Indications (GI) tag

- GI tag is a name or sign given to certain products which correspond to a specific geographical location or origin.
6. **Madhya Pradesh sign MoU with Bharat Financial for animal healthcare plan**

- The Madhya Pradesh Animal Husbandry Department has inked a MoU with Bharat Financial

Bharat Inclusion Ltd (BFIL) to launch 'Pashu Dhan Sanjeevani - 1962'

- It is an animal healthcare programme.
- The 'Pashu Dhan Sanjeevani - 1962' is claimed to be the first of its kind initiative by any state government in India.
- They just have to dial the toll-free helpline number 1962.
- The service delivery process will be monitored through the 'Bharat Sanjeevani' software and a mobile app.

7. 5th Nadi Mahotsava at Bandrabhan in Madhya Pradesh

- Union Minister Nitin Gadkari inaugurated the 5th 'Nadi Mahotsava' at Bandrabhan in Hoshangabad, Madhya Pradesh.
- The two-day mahotsava with various sessions of discussion was held for the conservation of Narmada River.

8. Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan

- On the occasion of National Panchayati Raj Day, Prime Minister launched the Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan in Narenda Mandla district (Ram Nagar) of Madhya Pradesh.
- Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan (RGSA) is aimed at helping Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to develop governance capabilities to deliver on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through inclusive local governance with focus on optimum utilisation of available resources.
- In this Rs. 2 lakh crore funds are utilized for development of areas under tribal panchayats.

9. 8th Regional 3R Forum in Asia and Pacific

- 8th 'Regional 3R Forum in Asia and the Pacific' was held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- Theme of this event was '**Achieving Clean Water, Clean Land and Clean Air through 3R and Resource Efficiency - A 21st-Century Vision for Asia-Pacific Communities**'.

Regional 3R Forum in Asia and Pacific:

- It was established in the year 2009 and Proposed by Japan.

10. 'Pink Electricity Zone'

- On the eve of International Women's Day (8th March) Madhya Pradesh West Power Distribution Company (MPWPDC) launched a "Pink Electricity Zone" that will be managed by women staff.
- The Zone comprises 25 women staff.

- They will manage the energy maintenance work of 13,000 power connections in Aranya Nagar.

11. Roll-out of e-Way Bill system

- The e-Way Bill system for Intra-State movement of goods has been implemented from 25th April 2018 in Arunachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Sikkim and Puducherry.
- The e-Way Bill system for Inter-State movement of goods was launched on 1st April 2018.

12. Central Government and World Bank Signs Agreement to Improve Rural Road Network in Madhya Pradesh

- Government of India and Government of Madhya Pradesh and World Bank signed a \$210 million loan agreement for the Madhya Pradesh Rural Connectivity Project.
- The Project would enhance the durability, resilience and safety of the gravel surfaced rural roads and improves the capacity of Madhya Pradesh to manage its rural roads network.
- It will cover 10,510 km distance of rural roads in Madhya Pradesh that come under the Chief Minister's Gram Sadak Yojana (CMGSY) program.
- Out of this 10,000 km will be upgraded from existing gravel to bituminous surface roads.
- 510 km of new roads will be built to the bituminous surface standard.
- The project will implement Road Accident Database Management System (RADMS).
- Project Implementing Agency of MPRCP - Madhya Pradesh Rural Road Development Authority (MPRRDA)

13. IFC to provide \$440 million loan to Rewa solar park developers

- The World Bank's International Finance Corp (IFC) will provide \$440 million in debt to Mahindra Renewables Pvt. Ltd, Acme Group and global private equity fund Actis Llp to build the Rewa solar park in Madhya Pradesh.

Rewa Project

- The Rewa project is India's first solar project to conduct inter-state sale of electricity with its power purchase agreement accepted by the Union government as a standard model to help achieve the lowest electricity tariff rates (Rs2.97 per kilowatt) through competitive bidding.
- The Rewa project was to be commissioned in December 2018.
- Under this three 250MW projects were awarded to Mahindra Renewables Pvt. Ltd, Acme Solar Holdings Pvt. Ltd and Actis LLP's Solenergi Power Pvt. Ltd.
- Around 23% of energy from the Rewa solar park will be sold to the Delhi Metro Rail Corporation Ltd (DMRC) and is expected to meet about 80% of its daytime energy requirement when the project starts supplying electricity.

Note:

- India plans to generate 175 gigawatts (GW) of renewable energy by 2022.
- Out of 175, 100GW is to come from solar projects.

14. Madhya Pradesh govt to implement Ayushman Bharat Yojana under PMRSS

Mission

- A MoU has been signed between the Madhya Pradesh government and National Health Agency for implementation of the Ayushman Bharat Yojana under the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Swasthya Suraksha Mission in the state.
- The benefit of the scheme will be given in cashless form through government and private hospitals.

15. Loan agreement signed by ADB & India to improve irrigation in Madhya Pradesh

- Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$375 million loan agreement to double farming incomes in Madhya Pradesh.
- It will cover 2 large irrigation systems: the Kundalia irrigation project and the existing Sanjay Sarovar Irrigation Project.

16. Bhopal and Kolkata topped in CSE rankings of 'Urban Commute' on clean transportation

- The New Delhi-based think tank, Centre for Science and Environment (CSE) released its analysis – titled “Urban Commute”
- Its objective is to understand the way people travel how it contributes to air pollution and energy consumption.
- It is a study analyzed by CSE that ranks the 14 cities on the basis of emissions of heat-trapping carbon dioxide and toxic pollutants in urban commute.
- The 14 cities studied include Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Bengaluru and Hyderabad (henceforth called megacities); and Ahmedabad, Pune, Jaipur, Lucknow, Kochi, Bhopal, Vijayawada and Chandigarh (grouped as metropolitan cities).
- The Rankings were of 2 categories:
 - (a) Overall emissions and energy consumption and
 - (b) Per-travel trip emissions and energy consumption.
- In the Overall emissions and energy consumption category: Bhopal topped and Delhi ranked last (14th).

17. India's first corn festival

- It is India's one-of-its- first kind of international event organized at Chhindwara city in Madhya Pradesh.
- Madhya Pradesh is one of the largest corn producing states in India and Chhindwara is the highest corn producing district.

18. **“Mil -Banche” programme**

- Madhya Pradesh launched a first of its kind initiative called “Mil -Banche” in all government schools across the state.
- It is an interactive programme between schools and society for promoting education and learning.
- It would help in multi-dimensional development of children through: language skill up-gradation, reading textbooks and co-curricular activities in government schools.

19. **Loan approved by ADB for Madhya Pradesh’s first multi-skills park setup**

- Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$150 million loan to establish the first multi-skills park in Madhya Pradesh to boost employment in the state.
- The facilities will help enhance Madhya Pradesh’s technical and vocational education and training (TVET) system.
- The new flagship Global Skills Park (GSP) campus will be established in Bhopal.

20. **AP, Odisha & Madhya Pradesh Best Performing States in “Ease of Living Index” Under AMRUT.**

- The “Ease of Living Index” rankings were launched by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) under Atal Mission for Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation (AMRUT) at the National Dissemination Workshop on Ease of Living Index, 2018.
- Andhra Pradesh has topped the charts followed by Odisha and Madhya Pradesh.

Ease of Doing Business:

- It is a measurement of the cities in the country to enable them to implement and promote evidence-based planning and action towards sustainable urbanization.
- The MoHUA released the first ever ‘Ease of Living Index’ covering 111 Indian cities on 13 August, 2018 and all cities were evaluated out of 100.
- The Ease of Living framework comprised four pillars namely Institutional, Social, Economic and Physical which are further broken down into 78 indicators across 15 categories.

Note: Of the 17 SDG goals, 8 goals are directly linked to India’s ease of living assessment framework.

21. **National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation**

- The Union Cabinet approved modification regarding the establishment of National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation (NIMHR).
- It will be established in Sehore District (Bhopal-Sehore highway) instead of Bhopal in Madhya Pradesh.

- It will be the first of its kind in the country in the area of mental health rehabilitation and will host capacity building in human resource and research in the area of mental health rehabilitation.
- 22. Niwari inducted as the 52nd district of Madhya Pradesh**
- Madhya Pradesh government approved the proposal of induction of Niwari district in the state.
 - It became the 52nd district of the state.
- 23. 'Bijli Bill Mafi Yojana' for BPL families**
- Government of Madhya Pradesh launched 'Bijli Bill Mafi Yojana 2018 (Power Bill Waiver Scheme)' an outstanding power bill waiver scheme for poor and families of labourers.
 - This would benefit 77 lakh people.
 - Eligibility for the schemes would be that the beneficiaries consuming power below 1000 watts and could operate a fan, a television and bulbs.
- 24. Madhya Pradesh to be awarded for reducing maternal mortality**
- Madhya Pradesh will be awarded for reducing maternal mortality under Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Campaign.
 - The Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood Campaign was launched to ensure quality of care of more than 3 crore pregnant women in India before delivery.
- 25. Sanjay Kumar Seth takes oath as Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court**
- Justice Sanjay Kumar Seth was sworn in as the 24th Chief Justice of the Madhya Pradesh High Court.
- 26. Madhya Pradesh celebrates its 63rd Foundation Day – November 1**
- Madhya Pradesh celebrated its 63rd Foundation Day.
 - Madhya Pradesh was founded on November 1, 1956.
 - The theme for this year's celebrations was: **the heritage of MP.**
- 27. Madhya Pradesh Government to create an Adhyatmik Vibhag (Spiritual department)**
- The Government of Madhya Pradesh has announced setting up of a new Adhyatmik Vibhag (spiritual department).
 - The proposed new department will be set up by merging several existing departments.
 - Madhya Pradesh Dharmik Nyas Evam Dharmasv Department (Religious Trust and Endowment Department), Anand Vibhag (Happiness Department) in addition to the Directorate of Religious Trust and Endowment, Madhya Pradesh Teerth Evam Mela Pradhikaran and Rajya Anand Sansthan would be merged to form the proposed Adhyatmik Vibhag (spiritual department).

- Madhya Pradesh had become the first state in the country to create Happiness Department.

28. **Mahila Police Volunteer Scheme**

- The proposal from the states of Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Karnataka and Madhya Pradesh for the implementation of Mahila Police Volunteer Scheme has been approved by the union government.
- Haryana was the first state to adopt the initiative of Mahila Police Volunteer at Karnal and Mahendergarh District on a pilot basis under the Nirbhaya Fund during the financial year 2016-2017.

Mahila Police Volunteer Scheme

- The Mahila Police Volunteer was initiated by the Ministry of Women and Child Development in collaboration with the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The salient features of the scheme are :

- A Mahila Police Volunteer could be any woman who is socially and voluntarily committed towards empowerment of women and girls, willing to raise her voice against gender-based violence and support the police in creating a gender just society free from violence.
- A Mahila Police Volunteer should be minimum 21 years of age and possess at least 12th pass certificate. No criminal proceedings must have been instituted against her and she must not have been convicted or imprisoned for the violation of any criminal law.
- The Mahila Police volunteers are required to mobilize the community to form Mahila and Shishu Rakshak Dals (MASRD) to act as community watch groups.

29. **PRASAD Scheme: Centre includes Gangotri, Yamunotri in Uttarakhand, Amarkantak in MP and Parasnath in Jharkhand**

- Union Government has included Gangotri and Yamunotri in Uttarakhand, Amarkantak in Madhya Pradesh and Parasnath in Jharkhand under Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASAD) to develop pilgrimage and heritage destinations in the country.
- Now, the total number of sites under PRASAD has now reached to 41 in 25 states.

PRASAD Scheme:

- It was launched in 2014-15 by Union Ministry of Tourism.
- It aims at integrated development of pilgrimage destinations in planned, prioritised and sustainable manner to provide complete religious tourism experience.
- It focuses on the development and beautification of the identified pilgrimage destinations.
- It is 100% Central Government funded scheme.

30. **Sambal scheme: MP Government launches subsidised power scheme**

- Madhya Pradesh Government launched Sambal Yojana, an outstanding power bill waiver scheme and subsidised power scheme for labourers and poor families.
- Under this scheme, BPL families and registered labourers of unorganised sector from the state will be provided electricity at cost of Rs 200 per month, Sambal Yojana
- The beneficiaries will be provided with power free of cost connection.

31. **India and ADB signed \$110 Million Loan to Improve Rural Connectivity in Madhya Pradesh**

- Central Government and Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$110 million loan for development projects in Madhya Pradesh.
- It aims to upgrade 2,800 kilometers all-weather rural roads in the State of Madhya Pradesh under the Prime Minister's Rural Roads Program (PMGSY).

32. **First Integrated Smart Cities Control Centre**

- Madhya Pradesh Government launched India's first Integrated Control and Command Centre (ICCC) for all seven smart cities of the state in Bhopal.

About India's first ICCC for Smart Cities:

- The ICCC will enable State authorities to monitor the status of various smart civic amenities in real-time through the sensors connected to it.
- It has cloud-based Universal Internet of Things (UIoT) platform and developed by Hewlett Packard Enterprise (HPE).

Note:

Cities of Madhya Pradesh that have been selected under Smart Cities Mission are Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior, Jabalpur, Satna, and Sagar.

33. **Balkavi Bairagi**

- The noted poet and politician Mr. Balkavi Bairagi passed away at 87 years in Madhya Pradesh.
- His full name was Nand Ramdas Balkavi Bairagi.
- He wrote many poems for children including Jhar gaye paat, bisar gayi tehni (The leaves have fallen, the branch has forgotten) was one of his acclaimed poems.

34. **Anjolie Ela Menon awarded Kalidas Samman for visual arts**

- Madhya Pradesh Government has conferred prestigious National Kalidas Samman to noted artist Anjolie Ela Menon for her contribution to visual arts.

- The award was conferred in recognition of her insightful and sensitive portrayal of the identity and spirit of women through her meaningful paintings in a variety of media.

Anjolie Ela Menon

- She is counted among India's most accomplished artists.
- She is a well-known muralist and one of India's leading contemporary artists.

Kalidas Samman

- It is prestigious arts award presented annually by Government of Madhya Pradesh.
- The award is named after Kālidāsa, a renowned Classical Sanskrit writer of ancient India.
- It was first awarded in 1980.
- It was initially conferred in alternate years in fields of Classical Music, Classical Dance, Theatre and Plastic Arts.
- From 1986-87 onwards, it was presented in all four fields every year.

35. Madhya Pradesh imposes 50 paise cess on petrol and diesel to fund road infrastructure

- Madhya Pradesh has levied a 50 paise cess for financing infrastructure development and traffic improvement in the state.
- The state government targets raising Rs 200 crore annually from this imposition.

36. Indian, Vietnamese armies hold first military exercise 'VINBAX' in Jabalpur MP

- Armies of India and Vietnam began 'VINBAX', a six day-long military exercise in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- It was the first military exercise between India and Vietnam.

37. 44th Khajuraho dance festival organised in Madhya Pradesh

- The Khajuraho dance festival started off in Chhatarpur district of Madhya Pradesh.
- This festival was organised by the culture department of the Madhya Pradesh government.
- It had features classical dances like Kathak, Odissi, Bharatnatyam, Kuchipudi, Kathakali and Mohiniattam.

38. Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav

- Rashtriya Sanskriti Mahotsav was held in Indore, Madhya Pradesh.
- It was organized by the Ministry of Culture under the Ek Bharat Shrestha Bharat matrix.
- It is celebrated to highlight the idea of unity in diversity.

- It was conducted for 7 days.
39. **Andhra, Himachal and Madhya Pradesh best performing states under maternity benefit programme:**
- Andhra Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh were the top three performing states under the maternity benefit programme Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana (PMMVY).
 - PMMVY is a centrally-sponsored scheme under which the cost sharing ratio between the Centre, states and the Union Territories with the legislation is 60:40.
40. **Madhya Pradesh: Kuno notified as national park, path clear for Gir lions**
- Madhya Pradesh forest department notify Kuno as a ‘national park’ in compliance with the last condition imposed by a Supreme Court-appointed committee for the much awaited ‘translocation of Asiatic lions from Gir in Gujarat.’

Kuno National Park

- Kuno National Park is a protected area in Madhya Pradesh that received the status of national park in 2018.
- The protected area was established in 1981 as a wildlife sanctuary with an area of 344.686 km² (133.084 sq mi) in the Sheopur and Morena districts.
- It was also known as Kuno-Palpur and Palpur-Kuno Wildlife Sanctuary.
- It is part of the Kathiawar-Gir dry deciduous forests ecoregion.

41. Adventure Next 2018

- AdventureNEXT helps put emerging destinations on the adventure map.
- The Heart of Incredible India is thrilled to host ‘Adventure Next’ for the very first time in the beautiful lake city- Bhopal.
- The theme of the event is ‘**Pulse of Tomorrow**’
- Madhya Pradesh is the first in Asia to host ‘Adventure Next’.
- The event is being organized by United states based Adventure Travel Trade Association (ATTA).
- It helps to introduce adventure destinations to international buyers and media while incorporating educational workshops and sessions covering regional topics.

42. Most Film Friendly Award

- Madhya Pradesh was conferred Most Film Friendly State Award 2017 by Central Government.

- Madhya Pradesh has been selected for the award on account of ease of filming in the state, excellent ground support, filmic infrastructure, informative website and incentives for filmmaking.
- The award has given during the presentation of the 65th National Film Awards.

43. Awards under Swasth Bharat Yatra

- FSSAI had launched Swasth Bharat Yatra to amplify its Eat Right India initiative.
- Swasth Bharat Yatra was a 100-day consumer outreach programme.

Awards for Exemplary participation

- Best State Overall- Tamil Nadu
- Best States with a population above 3 crore: Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.
- Best States having a population less than 3 crore: Punjab, Goa and Delhi.

44. Yuva Swabhiman Yojana” for urban youth

- Madhya Pradesh government launched ‘Yuva Swabhiman Yojana’ for youths of the weaker section in urban areas of Madhya Pradesh

About the scheme

- The scheme was launched in Chhindwara Madhya Pradesh.
- It aims to provide employment to the youth belonging to the weaker section of the society mainly in urban areas of the state.
- 100 days of employment will be provided under this scheme.

UPSC & State PCS Exams

IAS, UPPSC, RAS, BPSC, MPPSC