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1. **"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

- Under the scheme, Rs 4,000 stipend per month during 100 days of the period would be given to the youth and they will also be given skill development training in order to become independent.
- Only those youths, whose family's annual income is less than Rs 2 lakh and who are in the age group of 21-30 years, are eligible for the scheme.

2. **Govt launches "Green-Ag", GEF-assisted project**

- The Government of India launched a GEF assisted project, namely Green-Ag: Transforming Indian agriculture for global environment benefits and the conservation of critical biodiversity and forest landscapes in collaboration with the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO).
- It was launched in high-conservation-value landscapes of five states, namely Madhya Pradesh (Chambal landscape), Mizoram (Dampa landscape), Odisha (Similipal landscape), Rajasthan (Desert National Park landscape) and Uttarakhand (Corbett-Rajaji landscape) in September 2018.
- The project seeks to mainstream biodiversity, climate change, and sustainable land management objectives and practices into Indian agriculture.

3. **CM launches Rs 50,000 crores farm loan waiver scheme 'Jai Kisan Rin MuktiYojana**

- "Jai Kisan Rin MuktiYojana" scheme was launched by Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shri. Kamal Nath.
- It is Rs 50,000 crore farm loan waiver scheme for farmers.
- Only those farmers who have not registered themselves to pay GST and income tax can avail benefits under this scheme.

4. **Madhya Pradesh to get 'spiritual department'**

- The Madhya Pradesh Government is going to create an Adhyatmik Vibhag (spiritual department) by merging several existing departments.
- The proposed Adhyatmik Vibhag (Spiritual Department) going to be formed by merging 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.
- The 'Anand Vibhag' (Department of Happiness) set up by the government, a first in the country would be incorporated into this new department.

5. **Awards under Swasth Bharat Yatra**

- Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) had launched Swasth Bharat Yatra to amplify its Eat Right India initiative.
- Swasth Bharat Yatra was a 100-day consumer outreach programme.
- The Yatra saw the participation of around 2.5 crore people across various States and UT's.
- Best State Overall: Tamil Nadu
Best States with a population above 3 crores: Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra.

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