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1. **Centre for Disability Sports**

- The Union Cabinet has approved the proposal for setting up of a Centre for Disability Sports at Gwalior in Madhya Pradesh.

Centre for Disability Sports

- The Centre of Disability Sports would be registered under the Societies Registration Act, 1860.
- The centre would create an improved sports infrastructure to ensure effective participation of persons with disabilities in sports activities and also enable them to compete at national and international levels.
- It will cover under Section 30 of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (RPwD) Act, 2016 which enjoins the Government to take measures to ensure effective participation of Persons with Disabilities in sports activities which inter-alia, includes a provision of infrastructural facilities for sports activities for them.

2. **MP: Ancient tribal language Gondi to be taught in tribal districts**

- Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister declared that Gondi language will be included in the primary education curriculum of the state's tribal-dominated districts.
- The status of this tribal language is declining very rapidly in the number of people who speak that tongue.

Related Information

Gond Tribe

- The Gondi or Gond people are Adivasi (indigenous people) of India listed as a Scheduled Tribe.
- They are spread over the states of Madhya Pradesh, eastern Maharashtra (Vidarbha), Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Bihar and Odisha.

3. **Global Multidimensional Poverty Index 2018**

- India's poverty rate has shown a drastic decrease in 10 years, from 55% to 28% in accordance with the 2018 global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI).
- The index has shown that, in the years between 2005-06 and 2015-16, 271 million people are moved out of poverty in India.

Highlights of the Report

- Apart from the huge progress, India is still home to the highest number of MPI poor comprising 364 million poor in 2015-16.
- According to the report Bihar was the poorest state in 2015-16, with more than half its population in poverty.
- The four poorest states of India according to the report are Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh.
- Across the 640 districts in India, the poorest district is Alirajpur in Madhya Pradesh, where 76.5 Percent of people are MPI poor.
- Among states, Jharkhand had the greatest improvement.

Multidimensional Poverty Index 2018

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- The index is prepared by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) and the Oxford Poverty and Human Development Initiative.
- MPI uses three dimensions and ten indicators which are:
 - (a) Education: Years of schooling and child enrollment (1/6 weightage each, total 2/6);
 - (b) Health: Child mortality and nutrition (1/6 weightage each, total 2/6);
 - (c) Standard of living: Electricity, flooring, drinking water, sanitation, cooking fuel and assets (1/18 weightage each, total 2/6)

4. Indore gets cleanest city Swachh Survekshan awards 2019

- Swachh Survekshan Awards are given by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs based on the survey which covered all urban local bodies in the country.
- The Survey was the largest such cleanliness survey in the world.

Swachh Survekshan awards 2019

- Indore was adjudged India's cleanest city for the third year in a row in the Centre's 'Cleanliness Survey'.
- The second and third positions were bagged by Ambikapur in Chhattisgarh and Mysuru in Karnataka.
- The New Delhi Municipal Council was given an award for the 'Cleanest Small City' award.
- Uttarakhand's Gauchar bagged the 'Best Ganga Town'.
- Ahmedabad has been awarded 'Cleanest Big City' and Raipur is the 'Fastest Moving Big City'.
- Mathura-Vrindavan bagged the tag of the 'Fastest Moving Medium Cities'.

5. 79th Indian History Congress held in Bhopal

- The 79th Indian History Congress (IHC) was held at Barkatullah University in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
- After 2011, this was the second time Madhya Pradesh hosted the event.

Indian History Congress

- Established in the 1935, IHC is the largest professional and academic body of Indian historians with over 10,000 members.
- The first meeting of the IHC in 1935 was held in Pune.

6. New NCLT benches to be set up in Andhra Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh

- The Government approved the establishment of two new benches of National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), at Amaravati in Andhra Pradesh and Indore in Madhya Pradesh in view of the increasing caseload, especially under the Insolvency & Bankruptcy Code 2016.

7. NIMHR in Sehore, MP

- The foundation stone for the 'National Institute of Mental Health Rehabilitation' (NIMHR), the first-of-its kind institute in India, was laid down at Sherpur Village along Bhopal-Sehore highway, District Sehore, Madhya Pradesh.

8. **Lalit Kala Akademi announces 60th National Academy Award winners**

- Lalit Kala Akademi has announced the winners of the 15 winners of the 60th Annual Academy Awards.
- The awardees will be honoured with a plaque, a shawl and prize money of Rs 1 lakh during the 60th National Exhibition of Art.

Awardee from MP

- Hemant Rao (Madhya Pradesh).

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