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1. **Madhya Pradesh's Orchha makes it to the tentative list of UNESCO World Heritage Sites**

- The Archaeological Survey of India had sent a proposal to the UNESCO for the Orchha town of Madhya Pradesh to make it into the tentative list of world heritage sites.

Related Information

About Orchha

- Orchha is located in Niwari district of Madhya Pradesh on the bank of Betwa River.
- It was built by King Rudra Pratap Singh of Bundela dynasty in the 16th century.
- Orchha is also famous for its two elevated minaret called Saavan and Bhadon.
- The town has four palaces — Jahangir Palace, Raj Mahal, Sheesh Mahal and Rai Praveen Mahal.
- The Bundela architecture has Mughal influence since the two dynasties were very close.
- Orchha is also the only place in India where Lord Ram is worshipped as a king with a dedicated temple in his name called Sri Ram Raja Mandir.

2. Harda district of Madhya Pradesh becomes the first where women handle entire work of counting votes.

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