

Madhya Pradesh Specific Monthly Current Affairs: October 2020

➤ Panna Biosphere Reserve

- International coordinating Council of UNESCO's Man and Biosphere program has recognized 3 sites in India and Maldives including Panna Biosphere Reserve in MP.
- Union Ministry of Environment, forest and climate change had declared Panna as a Biosphere reserve in August this year.
- Panna Biosphere Reserve is a critical tiger habitat.
- The other two sites are in Maldives- Fuvahmulah Biosphere Reserve and Addu Atoll Biosphere Reserve.
- About UNESCO: Its headquarters is in Paris, France.

➤ Rescue Centres for Vultures

- Bhopal is one of the 4 centres in country where Vulture rescue centres have been proposed.
- Other locations for rescue centres are Pinjore (Haryana), Guwahati (Assam) and Hyderabad (Telangana).
- These are to be established in accordance with the Action Plan for Vulture conservation 2020-25 which has been approved by the National Board of Wildlife.
- Under the plan 5 states which have been chosen for Conservation and Breeding centres for Vultures are Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Tamil Nadu.

➤ PM SvaNidhi Scheme

- Madhya Pradesh has ranked 2nd in the disbursement of loans under Pradhan Mantri Street vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi with over 1.25 lakh beneficiaries.



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- Uttar Pradesh has been the top performer with over 3 lakh beneficiaries, followed by MP and Telangana.

➤ **“Life in Miniature” Project**

- Minister of State for Culture and Tourism Prahlad Singh Patel virtually launched the “Life in Miniature” Project in collaboration with National Museum and Google’s Art and Culture.
- The Project enables the miniature paintings kept at national museum to be viewed virtually through Google Arts and Culture App.
- Prahlad Singh Patel is Member of Parliament in Lok Sabha from Damoh Constituency in Madhya Pradesh.

➤ **Pravir Krishna won the CEO of the year and Visionary leadership of the year award.**

- Pravir Krishna who is MD of TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative marketing development federation of India) has been awarded CEO of the year and Visionary leadership of the year by World Human Resource Development Congress at virtually held National Awards for Excellence-PSU.
- Pravir Krishna is a 1987 batch IAS Officer from Madhya Pradesh Cadre.

➤ **Physical distribution of Property cards under PM SVAMITVA Scheme**

- PM Modi launched Physical Distribution of Property card, a legal document for owning houses under Survey of villages and mapping with improvised technology in rural areas Scheme to make rural India self-sufficient.
- The property cards have been handed over to more than 1 lakh beneficiaries across the state of Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh.

➤ **Delhi-Mumbai e-way to have India's first 5 Animal Bridges**

- Projected to be completed in 2024, The 1320 Expressway will have India's first 5 Animal overpasses.
- The Expressway will pass through the states of Maharashtra, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Haryana.

➤ **Swachh Bharat 2020 Awards:**

- Khachrod block in Ujjain district in Madhya Pradesh was awarded the first position and Chinnanur Village in Tamil Nadu bagged the top slot at Gram Panchayat level.
- The Government had earlier launched three missions under Swachh Sundar Samudayik Shouchalaya, Samudayik Shouchalaya Abhiyan and Gandagi Mukth Bharat.
- Under the Swachh Sundar Samudayik Shouchalaya category, Gujarat bagged the first position at state level whereas Tirunelveli in Tamil Nadu got the Award for cleanliness at District Level.