

Madhya Pradesh Specific Monthly Current Affairs- December 2020

- **“Elements of Quantitative Genetics: A Conceptual Approach” book released by CM Shivraj Singh Chahuhan**
 - CM of Madhya Pradesh released the book “Elements of Quantitative Genetics: A Conceptual Approach” which is written by **Prof. Dr. Stuti Sharma** of Jawahar Lal Nehru Agricultural University, Jabalpur.
 - The co-author of the book is **Manoranjan Biswal**.
 - The book is based on plant breeding genetics which will present the subject with ease to the students of BSc, MSc, PhD students and also to the students preparing for for competitive examinations.
- **Dharm Swantatrya(Religious Freedom) Bill, 2020 approved by MP Cabinet.**
 - MP Cabinet approved Dharm Swantatrya (Religious Freedom) Bill, 2020 which aims to outlaw the inter religious marriages which take place with the only motive of religious conversion.
 - Any Conversion of a minor or woman or a person belonging to SC/ST category against their will, will attract a fine of Rs. 50,000 and jail term extending to 2-10 years.
 - Mass forced conversions will attract a fine of up to Rs. 1 lakh and a jail term of 5-10 years.
 - The Act will replace the existing law under Freedom of Religion Act, 1968.
- **“Raag-Bhopali” Exhibition**



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- To promote the craft of “Zari-Zardozi”, a one of its kind exhibition called “Raag-Bhopali” is being organized by the Madhya Pradesh government.
- The exhibition is aimed at keeping the traditional art alive and also to develop opportunities for employment for the artisans involved in the craft.
- **MP has the highest number of leopards according to the report “Status of Leopards in India”**
- Union Minister of MoEFCC, Prakash Javadekar has released the “**Status of Leopards in India**” 2018, which states that India has recorded a 60% rise in leopard population with the total number of leopards being 12,852.
- MP has the highest number of leopards in the country at 3421 followed by Karnataka (1783) and Maharashtra (1690).
- The study has been conducted by Wildlife Institute of India and National Tiger Conservation Authority.
- **Veteran Congress Leader Motilal Vohra passed away at the age of 93.**
- Two-time chief minister of Madhya Pradesh and veteran congress leader has passed away due to post COVID complications.
- He was the 13th CM of MP from 1985 to 1989.
- He also served as the governor of the Uttar Pradesh between 1993 and 1996.
- **Mallakhambh is one of the four indigenous for sports chosen for 4th Edition of Khelo India Youth Games.**
- Ministry of youth affairs and sports has decided to include four indigenous sports in the 4th Khelo India Youth Games. The Chosen sports are as follows:
 1. **Mallakhamba:** In this athlete performs gymnastics on a wooden pole or a rope.



2. **Kalaripayattu:** Martial Art from Kerala.
3. **Gatka:** practised by Nihang Sikh Warriors as self-defence sport.
4. **Thang-Ta:** Martial Art from Manipur.

➤ **FICCI Indian Sports Awards 2020**

- Madhya Pradesh won the award for the “Best State Promoting Sports” in the **FICCI Indian Sports Awards 2020**.
- Wrestler Bajrang Punia and shooter Elavenil Valariven won the Best Sportsman of the year Male and Female, respectively.
- **FICCI** established in 1927 and its current President is Uday Shankar.

➤ **First virtual Aadi Mahotsava launched in Madhya Pradesh by Tribal Affairs Minister Arjun Munda.**

- Aadi Mahotsava or the National Tribal Festival is held to promote the tribal culture, products etc, which in turn increases the income of Tribal people.
- Festival is organised by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED).

➤ **Madhya Pradesh: India's 1st tiger reserve hot air balloon wildlife safari launched**

- India's first hot air balloon wildlife safari in a tiger reserve was launched in the world famous Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve by Madhya Pradesh.
- The state was planning to introduce this service in Pench, Kanha and Panna tiger reserves as well.
- The service is being operated by Jaipur-based Sky Waltz.

➤ **Gwalior and Orchha included in UNESCO’s world heritage cities list**

- The historical fort cities of Gwalior and Orchha in Madhya Pradesh have been included in the list of UNESCO's world heritage cities under its urban landscape city programme.
- Note: Gwalior was established in the 9th century and ruled by Gurjar Pratihara Rajvansh, Tomar, Baghel Kachvaha and Scindias. Gwalior is known for its palaces and temples.
- Orchha is popular for its temples and palaces and was the capital of the Bundela kingdom in the 16th century.

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