

Madhya Pradesh Specific Monthly Current Affairs- January 2021

- **Madhya Pradesh CM launches 'PANKH Abhiyan'**
 - Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'PANKH Abhiyan' under the 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme in order to aid in empowerment and growth of the girl child on the occasion of National Girl Child Day (24 January).
 - **PANKH:** 'P' stands for protection, 'A' for awareness of their rights, 'N' for nutrition, 'K' for knowledge and 'H' for health. The abhiyan will go on for a year.
 - **Facts about Madhya Pradesh:** Recently, UNESCO has allotted Panna Tiger Reserve in Madhya Pradesh 'Biosphere Reserve' status.

- **MP government and IIM Indore signed a MoU to build a roadmap for "Atmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh"**
 - Under the MoU IIM Indore will help the MP government to develop a new industrial policy as well as help in improving the ease of doing business ranking of the state.
 - Strategic campaigns will be framed by IIM Indore for "Brand Madhya Pradesh" as "Atmanirbhar evam samridhdh Pradesh".
 - Further IIM Indore will provide support and consultancy in the Global and National levels summits that are conducted by the state government.

- **WIPRO Group to act as knowledge partner to MP government**
 - WIPRO will act as a knowledge partner to Madhya Pradesh in reference to the New Education Policy at the implementation level. WIPRO will establish a university in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh.
 - WIPRO has been allotted 50 acres of land to develop the university which is expected to start in the next 18 months.
 - To develop opportunities to the youth of MP in the IT sector, WIPRO will also develop a "Software Development Center" in Bhopal.



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- Azim Premji Foundation is active in 5 districts of Madhya Pradesh and is set to establish “Adarsh Anganwadi at Jawahar Bal Bhawan in Bhopal.

➤ **Northern Coal fields in MP, Central Coalfields in Jharkhand and western coalfields in Maharashtra awarded.**

- Northern Coal Field Limited in Madhya Pradesh was awarded for its performance in Coal production and productivity in the “Coal Minister’s Award 2020”.
- The award was presented by Mr. Prahalad Joshi, Union Minister for Coal and Mining.

➤ **Madhya Pradesh became the first state to provide electricity subsidy through DBT**

- MP in the month of January 2021 became the first state to provide the electricity subsidy through Direct Benefit Transfer, hence successfully implementing one of the three aimed reforms in the Power sector.
- This achievement of Madhya Pradesh has made it eligible to receive borrowing equivalent to 0.15% of its Gross State Domestic Product.
- Hence, Finance Ministry has already approved Rs 1423 crores through open market borrowings to the state.

➤ **MP has signed MoU with Kerala to replicate responsible tourism.**

- The responsible tourism concept was started by Kerala government in 2017 to make sure that tourism brought economic well-being, stability to the society and to ensure environment protection.
- About the Memorandum of Understanding:
 - ✓ Its objective is to replicate the same concept in MP by using tourism as a tool to develop rural communities in MP.
 - ✓ Under the Agreement Kerala will provide services under a 16-point program.
 - ✓ With the RT mission, the rustic beauty, life and heritage of Madhya Pradesh will be highlighted.

Fact Check: Vembanad Lake in Kerala is the longest lake in India.

➤ **World's largest floating Power Plant in MP**

- The world's largest floating power plant with capacity to generate 600 MW of power is being built at Omkareshwar dam on Narmada river in the Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh.
- It will begin power generation of electricity by 2022-2023.
- Estimated investment of Rs 3000 Crore has been made by International Finance corporation, World Bank and Power Grid.

➤ **MP and Andhra Pradesh first to complete 3 out of 4 reforms stipulated by Ministry of Finance.**


- The two states have been recognized to complete the following three reforms: Urban Local bodies reforms, One Nation One Card reforms and Ease of doing Business reforms. The fourth reform stipulated by the Ministry of Finance is Power Sector reforms.
- Because the two states have completed these reforms, they are now eligible to receive special assistance of INR 1004 Crores from Ministry of Finance under the newly launched "Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure" scheme.
- The amount can be used by the states in implementation of projects in sectors like Health, Power, Transport, Education etc.
- The scheme "Special Assistance to States for Capital Expenditure" was launched by the finance minister to boost Capital Expenditure by the states who are facing shortage in Tax Revenue due to COVID-19.

➤ **TRIFOOD Parks in Madhya Pradesh**

- Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India and Akhil Bharatiya Vanvasi Kalyan Ashram have signed an MoU to set up 5 TRIFOOD Parks in the state of Madhya Pradesh.

❖ **What is a TRIFOOD Park?**

- Such Parks make procurements of raw materials from Van Dhan Kendras and then through Tribes India Stores, the products are sold across the country.



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- The focus of such parks is to boost the Tribal Income by value addition to Minor Forest Produce that is collected by Tribal Forest gatherers.
- **Van Kalyan Ashram** under the mentorship of TRIFED will form new Van Dhan Kendras in tribal areas to identify SHGs, provide training, infrastructure, and other support.

➤ **96th Tansen Sangeet Samaroh**

- The 5 day long 96th edition of Tansen Sangeet Samaroh was held in Behat village in Gwalior near the tomb of Tansen.
- The event was jointly organised by Ustad Allaudin Khan Kala evam Sangeet Academy and Department of Culture, Madhya Pradesh.
- Pt. Satish Vyas, a Santoor virtuoso, was awarded the Tansen Samman 2020. The award carries a sum of Rs 1 Lakh and given in the field of Hindustani Music.
- “Abhinav Kala Parishad”, an institution from Bhopal was conferred with Raja Man Singh Tomar Award 2020. The institution has been working in the field of culture for 52 years.



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