

Madhya Pradesh Specific Monthly Current Affairs- February 2021

➤ Sanchi Stupa selected in 4th phase of Swachh Iconic Places

- Ministry of Jal Shakti has identified 12 sites across India, which are to be transformed into “Swachh Tourist Destinations” under the the 4th phase of “Swachh Iconic Places” Initiative of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin).
- SIP Initiative was launched in 2016 by PM Narendra Modi to achieve cleanliness at 100 sites across India.
- Until Now 30 sites have already been selected in the previous phases.
- From Madhya Pradesh, in the 4th phase Sanchi Stupa has been selected for the mission.
- The project is a collaboration between Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Ministry of Tourism and Ministry of Culture.
- Along with Sanchi Stupa the following sites have been selected in the 4th phase of Initiative:

Iconic Site	State
Ajanta Caves	Maharashtra
Sanchi Stupa	Madhya Pradesh
Kumbhalgarh Fort	Rajasthan
Jaisalmer Fort	Rajasthan
Ramdevra	Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
Golconda Fort	Hyderabad, Telangana
Sun Temple	Konark, Odisha
Rock Garden	Chandigarh
Dal Lake	Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir
Banke Bihari Temple	Mathura, Uttar Pradesh
Agra Fort	Agra, Uttar Pradesh
Kalighat Temple	West Bengal

➤ First Fossil of “Dickensonia” found in Bhimbetka

- Geological Survey of India has found 3 fossils of the world’s oldest animal, Dickensonia (dated 570 million years ago) in the roof of Auditorium cave at Bhimbetka rock shelters in Madhya Pradesh.
- The cave is a UNESCO World Heritage site for Paleolithic and Mesolithic cave art.



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- Bhimbetka caves are located at Raisen District of Madhya Pradesh.

➤ **Hoshangbad to be renamed as “Narmadapuram”**

- Chief Minister of MP Shivraj Singh Chauhan has announced that the city of Hoshangabad will be renamed as Narmadapuram to pay tribute to the river Narmada.
- Narmada is one of the major rivers of the state. Its major tributaries are Burhner, Banjar, Tawa, Kajan, Orsang etc.
- Famous attractions in Hoshangabad: Bori Wildlife Sanctuary, Hill station- Pachmarhi , Satpura Tiger Reserve (STR) also known as Satpura National Park.

➤ **3 out of 8 toy manufacturing clusters announced in Madhya Pradesh.**

- Under the National Action Plan for Indian Toy Story, the central government has announced 8 manufacturing clusters at a cost of 2300 crores.
- Out of the 8, 3 are to be developed in Madhya Pradesh, 2 in Rajasthan and one each in Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu.
- National Action Plan for Indian Toy Story aims to reduce dependence on the Toy Imports from china and Taiwan.
- Under the scheme 35 such clusters are to be developed.

➤ **47th Khajuraho Dance Festival begins**

- The week-long (20th -26th February) 47th Khajuraho Dance Festival began in Khajuraho, Madhya Pradesh which is based on the Indian classical dance tradition.
- The festival is being organized by the Culture Department through Ustad Alauddin Khan Music and Arts Academy Bhopal.
- **Note:** The ceremony is being held once again in the temple premises after a gap of 44 years.
- The Khajuraho Temples were built during the chandela rule, between 950 to 1050 AD.

➤ **Mandu Festival**

- On 13th February, Madhya Pradesh's Culture and Tourism Minister Usha Thakur inaugurated the Mandu Festival in Dhar district of MP.
- Mandu is an ancient fort city in the central Indian state of Madhya Pradesh. It's also known for its Afghan architectural heritage.
- The Festival is aimed at showcasing local handicrafts, wood cloth and food items in the spirit of Vocal for Locals and to familiarize the people around the world with the local culture of Madhya Pradesh.
- The theme of the Festival this year is: "Khojne me Kho Jao" which means Feel lost in discovering.
- During the event, inauguration of Dino Adventure Park and Fossil Museum, construction of Astro Park was also done.

➤ **Former Indian Cricketer from MP, Naman Ojha retires**

- Former Indian Wicketkeeper – Batsman Naman Ojha from Madhya Pradesh announced his retirement from all forms of Cricket at the age of 37.
- He has represented India in all three formats and holds the record for the most dismissals (351) by a wicketkeeper in Ranji Trophy.
- Naman Ojha debuted in 2000-01, representing Madhya Pradesh.

➤ **Jal Abhishekam Project**

- In first of a kind initiative, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated 57000 Water structures in the state of Madhya Pradesh in the presence of Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chauhan.
- These water structures under the Jal Abhishekam Campaign were developed at a cost of more than Rs. 2000 Crore.

➤ **First Asian Online shooting Championship, India bagged the highest number of medals**

- 24 Member Indian shooting team bagged the highest number of medals (11- 4 gold, 2 silver and 5 bronze) in the first ever Asian Online Shooting Championship.
- It was organized by the Kuwait Shooting Federation on January 29-30.

- Manisha Kheer from Madhya Pradesh won the Bronze medal in the women's Trap Event.

➤ **Bhuri Bai of Madhya Pradesh invited as Chief Guest at Foundation Day celebrations of Bharat Bhavan**

- The tribal painter Bhuri Bai of Madhya Pradesh was invited as the Chief Guest at the Foundation Day celebrations of Bharat Bhavan.
- When the construction of this building started, she used to work here as a labourer on a daily wage of Rs six.
- Bhuri Bai's award: Shikhar Samman-Government of Madhya Pradesh in 1986, Ahalya Samman in 1998, Rani Durgavati Award in 2009, Padma Shri Award in 2021

➤ **Madhya Pradesh launches 'SAANS' campaign to reduce infant mortality**

- The health department in Madhya Pradesh has launched the Social Awareness and Action to Neutralise Pneumonia Successfully (SAANS) campaign with the aim of reducing infant mortality due to pneumonia.
- About SAANS campaign: It was launched by Union Health Minister Harsh Vardhan in 2019 to child mortality due to pneumonia.
- Under SAANS, the government is targeting a reduction in pneumonia-caused deaths by 2025 to less than 3 deaths out of 1000 live births.

➤ **Justice Sunil Kumar Awasthi tenders his resignation from office of Judge of MP High Court**

- Shri Justice Sunil Kumar Awasthi has tendered his resignation from the office of Judge, Madhya Pradesh High Court, in pursuance of proviso (a) to clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution.
- He was appointed as an Additional Judge of the Madhya Pradesh High Court on October 13, 2016 and as Permanent Judge on March 17, 2018.

Madhya Pradesh Budget (2021-22) Highlights

The Finance Minister of Madhya Pradesh Mr Jagdish Devda had presented the Budget for Madhya Pradesh for the financial year 2021-22. The 2021-22 budget amount is **Rs 2.41 lakh crore** with no extra tax burden. The central government will provide special aid of Rs. 19,353 crore to the Madhya Pradesh government.

It is the first paperless Budget in the history of Madhya Pradesh.

Constitutional Provision of Budget for State

- As per **Article 202** of the Constitution of India, the Governor of a State shall cause to be laid before the House or Houses of the Legislature of the State a statement of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the State for a financial year.
- This estimated statement of receipt and expenditure for a financial year named in the Constitution as the “**Annual Financial Statement**” is usually referred to as “Budget”.

Key Terms Used in Budget

Revenue which includes:

- **Revenue Receipt**
- **Revenue Expenditure**

Revenue Receipt:

- The receipts received which can't be recovered by the government.
- It comprises income amassed by the Govt. through taxes and non-tax sources like dividends on investments and interest.

Revenue Expenditure:

- These are the expenditure incurred by the state government for purposes other than for the creation of physical or financial assets.
- It includes those expenditures incurred for the usual functioning of the government departments, grants given to state government includes borrowings from the Reserve Bank of India and commercial banks and other financial institutions.
- It also consists of loans received from foreign governments and world organization and repayment of loans granted by the Union government.

Capital which includes

- **Capital Receipt**
- **Capital Expenditure**

Capital Receipt: These are the receipts which generate liability or decrease the financial assets of the government.

Capital Expenditure

- It is the spending incurred by the government which results in the formation of physical or financial possessions of the Union government or decrease in financial liabilities of the Union Government.
- It will contain expenditure on procuring land, equipment, infrastructure, expenditure in shares.
- It also includes mortgages by the Union government to Public Sector Undertakings, state and union territories government and interest payments on the debt of the Union Government etc.

Direct Tax: These are the taxes which are imposed directly on individuals and companies. It comprises

- Income tax
- Corporation tax

Indirect Tax: These are the taxes that are imposed on goods and services. It comprises taxes like

- Service tax
- Excise taxes
- Customs duties

Fiscal Policy: Fiscal policy is the means by which a government adjusts its expenditure levels and tax rates to watch and influence a country's economy.

Revenue Deficit: It is the extra expenditure of the government over revenue receipts.

Fiscal Deficit: It is the difference between the total expenditure of the government and its total receipts, which is not including the borrowing.

Primary Deficit: Primary deficit refers to the difference between the present year's fiscal deficit and interest payment on previous borrowings.

Non-Tax Revenue: These are the government revenue not generated from taxes.

Gross Domestic Product (GDP):

- It is the price value of all finished goods and services made within a country during a specific period.
- It provides a snapshot of a country, used to estimate the size of an economy and growth rate.

Highlights of the Budget:

Gross State Domestic Product

- The fiscal deficit for FY22 is estimated at Rs 217123.17 crore.
- It is 4.50% of the estimated Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).

Expenditure

- The total expenditure will be Rs 180672.31 crore in which Rs. 172970.95 crore as revenue expenditure while Rs 40666.76 crore is capital expenditure.

Total receipts

- The revenue receipts are estimated at Rs 164677.45 crore
- Rs 51276.80 crore by way of capital receipts.
- Rs. 64913.99 crore for government's own tax revenue
- Rs 52246.68 crore would be the state's share in central taxes.
- Rs. 49463.61 crore from receipts into Public debt.

New Scheme / Policy in Budget 2021-2022

- **Aatmanirbhar Madhya Pradesh**
 - This scheme is equivalent of Aatmanirbhar Bharat scheme.
 - Under this scheme, the state government will emphasize upon physical infrastructure, Health and Education, Economy and Employment, Good Governance.
- **Mission Jan Gan**
 - To ease the public services facilities for common citizens, citizen welfare.
- **Public Services Management**
 - Ekatva Programme- Single Citizen database will be prepared.
 - MP Government Diary App has been started, to promote the paperless government.
 - Parichay Portal- All citizen services will be provided through this portal.

Sector-wise expenditure

Agriculture and allied activities

- **Agriculture and Allied Activities (in 2021-22):** Total budget allocation of Rs. 35,353 crore.
- Till now Madhya Pradesh has won Krishi Karman Award for 7 times for better production of Wheat and Pulses.
- Kisan Kalyan Yojana will start under which every registered farmer will get Rs. 4 thousand annually.
- Rs. 1000 crore has been allocated for loans on 0% interest rate.
- Rs. 2000 crore has been allocated for the Mukhyamantri Fasal Uparjan Sahayta Yojana.
- One district-one product scheme will be promoted across the state, along with other facilities like cold storage, market linkage will also be developed.
- Under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, the income of fishermen will be doubled.

Industrial Policy and Investment Promotion

- Under Make in India, the production of industries will be increased by 25 percent.



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- For Mukhyamantri Swarojgar (byaj paridan) Yojana, the budget allocation will be Rs. 112 crore.
- The government is aiming to Start User Business in Thirty Days under Ease of Doing Business Rankings.

Tourism

- The Diamond Museum will be established in Panna district.
- It is proposed to construct a Ropeway in Jatashankar, Chhatarpur.

Water and Electricity Facilities

- Rs. 6,128 crore for Grameen Jal Jeevan Mission by which 33 lakh domestic water connections will be installed throughout the state.
- It is proposed to start Jal Jeevan Mission (Urban) in the year 2021-22.
- Total availability of electricity (by 2020)- 21,361 megawatt.
- Budget allocation for electricity department- Rs. 5,728 crore.
- The solar parks of combined capacity of 4500 megawatt will be established in Neemuch, Shajapur, Agar, Chhatarpur, Morena.
- World's largest floating solar power plant will be developed in Omkareshwar, its capacity will be 600 megawatt.
- For the new and renewable energy department, total budget allocation will be Rs. 44,152 crore.

Education

- Mission Bodhi- The government will focus upon overall development of the children for which various facilities like arts, music, sports etc will be provided.
- The Madhya Pradesh government will initiate CM Rise scheme under which 9200 self-contained schools will be established. For this the budget allocation will be Rs. 1500 crore.
- Rs. 26 crore has been allocated for Strengthening Teaching Learning and Results For States (STARS) scheme.
- All rural schools will be 100% electrified in the upcoming three years.
- Rs. 40,958 crore has been allocated for the education sector and its various schemes.

Public Health and Family Welfare

- Mission Niramay will be started by the government, under which quality medical facilities will be provided.
- Hub and Spoke Model will be adopted which provide telemedicine services.
- 23 new government medical colleges will be established.
- 3 medical universities will be established in Bhopal, Indore and Rewa.
- Total budget allocation- Rs. 15622 crore

Welfare of SC, ST and others

- The government will promote schemes like Kanya Saksharta Yojana, Adivasi Balika Vigyan Yojana, Vidhyarhi Kalyan Yojana, Vidhyarthi Kalyan Yojana etc among the SC students.



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- The Gurukulam residential schools will be upgraded to CBSE affiliated schools.
- Madhya Pradesh is already providing various scholarships like Post-Matric Scholarship, Higher Studies Scholarship etc.

Sports and Youth Welfare

- Madhya Pradesh is going to host the Khelo Youth Games in 2022.
- Total 18 sports academies are running in the state.

Nutrition

- Under the Poshan Matka Scheme, 178 ton food items like cereals, pulses, fruits will be provided to lactating mothers, girl children etc.

Economy and Employment

- Mission Earth- generate employment opportunities for the youth, speedy growth of the economy.
- For encouraging self-employment, the consumer items will be linked with the Vindhyavalley brand.

Rural and Urban Development

- Around 72 percent of the total population resides in rural areas.
- In 2021-22, a total of 5200 kms rural roads will be constructed.
- Mission Nagarodaya- budget allocation of Rs. 600 crore.
- Rs. 262 crore has been allocated for the Bhopal and Indore Metro Rail Projects.

Infrastructure

- It is proposed to construct 2441 kms road network across the state in upcoming years. This also includes 105 railway over bridges.
- Atal Progress-way and Narmada expressway will also be constructed.
- Rs. 7341 crore has been allotted for the Public Works Department.
- Budget allocation for Water Resources Department- Rs. 6,436 crore.
- Rs. 300 crore allocation for Narmada Basin Project Company Limited.
- Rs. 3,680 crore for Narmada Valley Development Department.

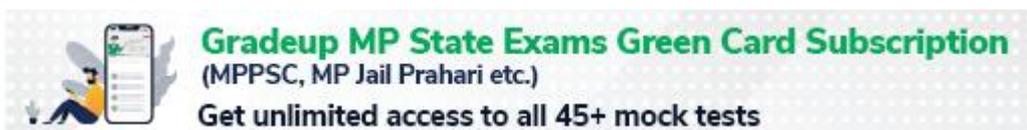
Women Empowerment

- Samman and Muskan Abhiyan- One Mahila Police Station will be established in every district.
- To recover the kidnapped girls under Muskan Abhiyan.

Law and Order

- Single emergency number 112 has been started. The citizens can avail the services of police, ambulance and fire brigade.

Some Important Questions



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1. **What is the Madhya Pradesh Budget 2021-22 size?**

Ans. Rs 2.41 lakh crore

2. **When did the Khelo India Youth Games will be held in Madhya Pradesh?**

Ans. 2022

3. **What is the budget allocation for Agriculture and its allied sectors?**

Ans. Rs. 35,353 crore

4. **The budget allocation for Bhopal and Indore Metro Rail Projects**

Ans. Rs. 260 crore

5. **Where did World's largest floating solar power plant be developed?**

Ans. Omkareshwar

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