- **High quality pistols from Madhya Pradesh a rage among criminals**

⇨ The country-made high quality pistols have become a new rage among newbie smugglers in western Rajasthan who have thrived post government ban on the sale of poopy husk in the state in 2016.The Special Operations Group (SOG) which had sized 14 guns and numerous magazines from three persons near Kota said that the trio had in past had delivered about two dozen such illegal pistols in Jodhpur and its nearby areas.

⇨ Cops suspect there buyers could have been drug-peddlers and criminals who needed guns for smuggling.

- **Bundelkhand in the grip of ganja addiction**

⇨ There has been an alarming rise of ganja consumption in the backward region of Bundelkhand in Madhya Pradesh. More than 1,000 kilograms of ganja was seized in Sagar district in the last six months and police said it is just the tip of the iceberg.Another disturbing trend is the huge quantity of ganja that is being smuggled from the Naxal-affected zones of neighbouring Chhattisgarh and Odisha.

⇨ Police sources said that investigations have revealed that copious quantity of ganja is being supplied from Chhattisgarh and Odisha among other places and the total seizure is believed to be just around 10% of what is being supplied in the region.

- **National tiger estimation from feb 5 to march 26**

⇨ The national tiger estimation will be conducted in four phases from february 5 to march 26, 2018 in the state. Along with the forest workers, indian citizens over 18 years of age can also take part in the estimation. Applicants can send their applications by e-mail to the field directors of the concerned tiger reserves, directors of national parks, regional wildlife circles, divisional managers of state forest development corporation-boards and forest division officers.

⇨ Applications have been invited from the local citizens, teachers, college students and people who take interest in wildlife estimation with an objective to ensure participation in wildlife management subjects, to enhance the quality of the collected statistics and to bring transparency.

## Madhya Pradesh to set tourism plan worth Rs 100 Crores

⇨ **Madhya Pradesh** Tourism Minister Surendra Patwa that the government is likely to introduce a plan worth Rs 100 crore.

⇨ The plan is aimed at providing better facilities for the people visiting the state and to avoid inconvenience for pilgrims coming from across the country.

⇨ Religious tourism is increasing in the state and the chief minister has said that we will make a scheme worth almost Rs. 100 crore to ensure better facilities for visitors. In the coming time, we will be providing more and more facility to the pilgrims coming to Madhya Pradesh.



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- **Madhya Pradesh board books to soon have students' art on cover**

⇨ In a unique experiment Madhya Pradesh school education departmenthas decided to provide space to paintings by students on cover pages of its textbooks. It is aimed to keep students' interest going in textbooks.Now lakhs of textbooks meant for class 1 to 12 students will feature paintings by children with their and school's names on cover pages.

⇨ The state school education department will send the information and paintings of students selected through a state-level painting competition to Madhya Pradesh Textbook Corporation for printing.

⇨ Besides encouragement, this move will help students to develop interest in studies and instill a competition among them to excel and get their names on state board's textbook cover pages.

⇨ This is for the first time that the cover page of textbooks is being replaced by paintings made by students.

⇨ Textbook Corporation of MP prints textbooks worth Rs 300 crore every year.

- **State govt conducts ekatm yatra**

⇨ Ekatm Yatra' is being conducted by the State Government to apprise people about the incomparable contributions of 'Adi Guru Shankaracharya', reached Datia from Sikandara Naka.

⇨ Yatra reached Datia city after its arrival in the district. Yatra entered Datia After the welcome accorded on the way at Udgawan, Palothra, Dong Karera and Chepra. Datia city was decorated with toran gates.

⇨ Adi Guru Shankaracharya was born 1200 years ago in Kerala. He worked to unite Bharat Varsha in one bond by leaving his house at the age of 8 years. He was incarnation of God.The soul is one which is roving in each living being, this is Adwait. He united Bharat Varsha in cultural unity by traveling 2,000 km on foot.

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address conference of top police officers at MP's Tekanpur**

⇨ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the **Annual Conference of DGPs and IGPs** after at the BSF Academy at Tekanpur in Madhya Pradesh.

⇨ DGPs Conference is an annual event in which top police officers from all over the country share and discuss security-related issues.

⇨ He had addressed the conference earlier in Guwahati in 2014, Dhordo, Rann of Kutch, Gujarat in 2015 and National Police Academy, Hyderabad in 2016.

⇨ During the last meeting, issues such as cross-border terrorism and radicalization were discussed in detail.

⇨ The Prime Minister had emphasized the importance of leadership, soft skills and collective training. He specifically mentioned the importance of technology and human interface for the police force.

- **Woman crime helpline resolved 21,231 complaints**



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- ⇨ The State Level Woman Crime Helpline1090 in the year 2017 resolved 21231 complaints. From the year 2013 to 2017 a total of 105222 complaints were received and resolved in the period. Aimed to address crimes against women, State Level Woman Crime Helpline -1090 was started in the year 2013 was operated from state headquarter levels and successfully solved 105222 complaints in the period of five years.
- ⇨ The helpline also acts as medium to return home of escaped children and women and provide shelter during the process.
- ⇨ Students of colleges and schools are provided with counseling through student helpline.
- ⇨ The state woman crime helpline 1090 has helped in several cases by cordinating wiht the concerned police station and with prompt action and investigation they met justice. The process would continue in furture to address problems of the women and girls.

## • Human Rights Commission report reflects grim scenario in Madhya Pradesh

⇨ Madhya Pradesh Human Rights Commission in its report for the year 2016-17 has slammed the state government for not only dillydallying implementation of the commission's recommendations but also not being able to ensure maximum benefit of its schemes to common man and the poor.

⇨ According to report, Government has formulated significant schemes for education and health to people from children to the old and from economically weaker section people to backward but benefit of the schemes doesn't reach each and every need.It is imperative (on government) to ensure benefit of the schemes up to the poorest in society.

⇨ As per the report about 200 recommendations made by the commission were pending with the government during the year.

## • Rs 335 crore granted for school education expansion in Bhopal

- ⇨ For the expansion of secondary and higher secondary education, the approval for expenditure of Rs 335.24 crore was granted in a State Cabinet meeting.
- ⇨ With this, the scheme of upgradation of 820 high schools and 540 higher secondary schools will be implemented from 2017-18 to 2019-20 for a period of three years.
- ⇨ Along with this, Rs 100 crore has been approved for making furniture available in 6039 Government middle schools. Apart from this, an expense of Rs 65.50 crore was approved on the three-year work plan for power arrangement in 1736 high schools and higher secondary schools of the state.
- ⇨ The Cabinet granted approval on principle for Rs 40.31 crore to develop physical infrastructure and amenities in School of Excellence at district and block level to impart high quality education and implement this in year 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20.



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- ⇨ The Cabinet has taken a decision that necessary amendment will be made in the Madhya Pradesh Public Service (Reservation of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes) Rule 1998 to include Sahariya Tribe in Rule 4-B.
- ⇨ The Cabinet also decided to extend financial assistance being provided to scheduled caste girls to promote them and for their education under Girls Literacy Promotion Scheme by the Scheduled Caste Welfare Department from year 2017-18 to 2019-20. The Cabinet has sanctioned provision of Rs 9.92 crore in year 2017-18 for construction of boundary wall in police stations.

- **Madhya Pradesh mulls new habitat for elephants**

⇨ The state government is considering to declare Sanjay National Park as an elephant habitat considering jumbos' straying into Siddhi and Singrauli districts from other states.

⇨ The area adopted by elephants in MP has a rich vegetation, including bamboo shoots — their favourite food. In July 2017, a herd of elephants had strayed into jungles around Kusmi block in Siddhi district from Chhattisgarh sparking panic. However no damages were reported.

⇨ Elephants come from Odisha, Bihar and Uttar Pradesh to adjoining areas of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh due to abundance of standing crop and bamboo, besides other forest produce. Usually, it takes refuge in small patches of forests during daytime, come out and raids crops in night. In Madhya Pradesh, straying of wild elephants were first reported in Siddhi district in 2002.

⇨ The state government had recently initiated a fresh move to buy elephants from Karnataka, the state home to 20% of pachyderm population in the country.

⇨ The state had lost its elephants to Chhattisgarh after the division of the state.

- **Madhya Pradesh unlikely to meet under-5 mortality target**

⇨ In the absence of well-defined data on infant mortality rate (IMR) and under 5 mortality rate ((U5MR) across districts, residences, social classes and genders, the IMR and U5MR continue to be the highest in Madhya Pradesh.Despite the continuing trends of decline, Madhya Pradesh is not likely to achieve the National Health Policy 2017 goal of reducing U5MR to less than 23 by 2025.

⇨ Madhya Pradesh has the highest IMR and U5MR among states and Union Territories of the country, according to the Sample Registration System.

- **Mukhya mantri saksharta puraskar**

⇨ The State Government has instituted ‘Mukhya Mantri Saksharta Puraskar’ to encourage the field teams working in the area of literacy. Five Gram Panchayats, three Blocks and one district will be honoured with Mukhya Mantri Saksharta Puraskar for best work in the field of literacy under the Sakshar Bharat Yojana by the State Literacy Mission Authority.

⇨ Citation letters and awards will be presented to the organisations of each category. The Gram Panchayats, Blocks, and Districts performing best in the field of literacy can send their applications through speed post at the address of the Director, State



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Education Center, Pustak Bhavan, B- Wing, Arera Hills, Bhopal by January 25. Detail information about the awards, rules and procedure can be viewed on the website www.educationportal.mp.gov. in of the State Literacy Mission Authority.

⇨ It may be mentioned that more than 24.61 lakh adult illiterate persons succeeded in clearing literacy examinations after the training in Madhya Pradesh in the year 2016-17. About 24,000 adults have emerged as the new literate persons in the 31 Sansad Adarsh Villages of the state. Madhya Pradesh was honoured with three National Literacy Awards last year.

- **Mp first in country to have 100% door to door garbage collection: maya**

⇨ Minister for Urban Development and Housing Maya Singh said that Madhya Pradesh has become the first State in the country providing 100 per cent door to door garbage collection in urban bodies.

⇨ A special attention should be paid on the distance between the urban bodies, while making clusters under the solid waste management, so that garbage could be sent to the main garbage collection centers within a day.

⇨ Swachhata Survekshan-2018 is underway in the State besides entire country. Survey in 26 bodies has been completed in the first phase. The survey in other remaining bodies will be carried out in the second phase. Regular monitoring of door to door garbage collection work is being conducted at Bhopal level. One Nodal Officer each in 51 districts has been appointed in this regard.

- **CM gets proposals for investments in state by five industrial groups**

⇨ Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan was called on by the representatives of five Industrial Groups at CM House who gave proposals for investment in the State.

⇨ Chouhan met the representatives of Trident Group, Suzlon Energy, Vacmet India Ltd, Ultratech Cement Ltd and Sunpharma Ltd. Minister for Finance Jayant Malaiya and Chief Secretary BP Singh were present on the occasion.

⇨ Chouhan further said that industry friendly policy has been implemented in the state. While deliberating with the investors, he directed to prepare a policy to encourage textile industry in the State. Solar and Wind Energy must be encouraged and action should be taken on issues related to the industries within time limit

⇨ During the discussion, Chairman of Trident Group Rajendra Gupta informed that a mega industrial textile hub with the capital investment of Rs 6250 crore at Budhni will be made by his group, which will facilitate employment to 16,500 persons.

- **Govt doing its best to curb child mortality**

⇨ State Government is putting in all possible efforts to reduce child mortality rate in the State. In the year 2017-18 till December, nearly 60,000 children have been freed from malnutrition. As many as 79,458 malnourished children have been treated in



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