- **Msme Convention Soon In State**

⇨ A state-level convention of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) is being organised in Bhopal on November 17-18 in the state. Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan will inaugurate the convention while Union Minister of State Giriraj Singh would be the chief guest.

⇨ An attractive exhibition will be organised during the MSME convention in which MSME entrepreneurs will exhibit their products while big industries and public sector units will also put up their stalls. The exhibition will prove to be platform for big industries and MSME industries where units of both will get opportunities for mutual dialogue. It will also increase trade possibilities between the units. Technical sessions on five subjects related to MSME units will be held at the convention.

⇨ An Entrepreneurship Development Programme (EDP) will begin on the first day of the MSME Convention on November 17.

- **Madhya Pradesh Waqf Board appoints first all transgender waqf panel**

⇨ In the first, a state waqf board has recognised and appointed third gender community to operate a trust property, claimed Madhya Pradesh Waqf Board (MPWB) chairman, Shaukat Mohammed Khan.

⇨ Official recognition to five members of transgender community to operate, maintain premises of a graveyard came after a meeting in Bhopal on October 30. Transgender Javed Khan alias Sarita Kinnar will be the head of the committee for the waqf property at Ladhedi in Gwalior district.

⇨ Waqf is an endowment made to a religious, educational or charitable cause and its use is predetermined by the endower.

- **Cm Urges People To Take Pride In State**

⇨ Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, who was jeered at for claiming that roads in MP are superior to those in the US, now says his State is far better than several countries, including America and England.

⇨ Chouhan, who was addressing a State-level function on Madhya Pradesh's foundation day, also said that people with slave mentality believe that other countries are better than their own.

⇨ He further said, "Our Madhya Pradesh is far better than America, England and some other countries. It is important to have positive thinking to see it. It is necessary to have a sense of pride in your State. People with slave mentality can believe that other countries are better than their own."

- **Gayatri Parivar Organises Book Fair, Conference In Gwalior**

⇨ The International Gayatri Parivar is organising a book fair and thought revolution conference from November 4 to 13. The Book Fair and the Thought Revolution Conference take place in the Vijay Raja Scindia conference hall in the Chamber of Commerce from 10 in the morning to 8 PM everyday.

⇨ One of the main objectives of the Book Fair will be to make available to the public about 3200 books written by Acharya Sri Ram Sharma, the founder of the International Gayatri Parivar. The Book fair will have thousands of books on various topics like health, Science and Religion, Release of Tensions, Environmental ethics, national integration, total development as a nation and various other subjects.

- **Forest Dept Hopeful Of Artificial Breeding Of Mahseer Fish**

⇨ The Madhya Pradesh forest department is hopeful that artificial breeding of Mahseer fish in the Narmada river will help in conserving the endangered species.

⇨ A senior officer of the department said that with the continuous fishing, the Mahseer, popularly known as the 'tiger of fresh water' and having the distinction of being the state fish of MP, is facing the threat of extinction.

⇨ The conservation of Mahseer is important as its presence is considered a benchmark for the cleanliness of water in the Narmada river.

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- ⇨ The forest department, in collaboration with the state biodiversity board, has achieved a breakthrough in artificial breeding of Narmada Mahseer (also popular as 'tor-tor' among locals) following efforts over the past couple of years

- **Coaching Classes Will Not Operate After 8 Pm: Minister**

- ⇨ Minister of State for School Education and Technical Education Deepak Joshi has said that the coaching classes would not be allowed to operate after 8 pm across the State.
- ⇨ After the gang-rape incident in the state capital, Joshi told media persons on Monday that the coaching classes would not operate after 8 pm. If they want to open after 8 pm, they should ensure safe arrival of the students at their destinations. He said Govt would soon frame a policy in this regard and implement. In case if it is vital to continue the classes by coaching classes beyond the set time limit they have to provide cab facility to drop the students. The directors of the coaching classes would be responsible for making the arrangements for drop facility for the students who would leave the classes after 8 pm
- ⇨ Joshi further said that a mobile app would soon be developed for the security of the students. It would also be considered whether police helpline could be connected through this app.
- ⇨ The use to technology is required and the initiative has to be taken by the coaching classes. With this app, students, coaching directors and parents would remain connected and interact at the same platform for better exchange of information. The application should be used to track the location of girl students.

- **Cycle Rally To Be Organised To Create Legal Awareness**

- ⇨ With a view to connect the public with the basic services of the Legal Service Authority, a cycle rally has been organised. The national level rally will be from November 9 which is celebrated as the Legal Service Day.
- ⇨ The rally named ‘connecting to serve’ will be for ten days. In this connection, the Gwalior chapter of the Authority will organise a rally from the District Court premises on Thursday at 8 am.
- ⇨ A door to door campaign will be held from November 9 to 14 by lawyers of the panel. A desk too will be organised at the court premises to assist the people seeking legal aid. A camp will be held on the 18th to give assistance to the prisoners of the Central jail.

- **MP Hockey Players Take First Position**
  - ⇨ The hockey players of Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy exhibited an impressive performance by securing first position in two different competitions.
  - ⇨ The players of hockey academy brought laurels to the State in Sub Junior (under 17 category). They played fantastically at All India Hockey Competition held at Pune from October 1 to 7.
  - ⇨ Besides, the hockey players also showcased a brilliant performance at 35th Sub-Junior Nehru Hockey Championship held at New Delhi from October 9 to 22.
  - ⇨ Moreover, the team of Madhya Pradesh Hockey Academy won the 35th Sub-Junior Nehru Hockey Championship defeating the team of Guru Govind Hostel Lucknow by 5-1.
  - ⇨ It is to be noted that as many as 12 teams from across the country took part in the Nehru Cup.

- **CM Reviews Preparations**
  - ⇨ Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan reviewed preparations as regard to the programmes to be organised on the first visit of President Ramnath Kovind to the State at CM House on Wednesday. Chief Secretary BP Singh, Director-General of Police RK Shukla and other senior officers were present at the meeting.
  - ⇨ Chouhan was informed that President Ramnath Kovind will reach Bhopal on November 10 during his first visit of the State. Kovind will take part in Kabir Mahotsav being held at Lal Parade Ground. He will unveil the statue of Virangana Jhalkar Bai in the park of GTB Complex.
  - ⇨ Besides, Kovind will inaugurate Jawahar Lal Nehru Science, Mathematics and Environment Exhibition at RCVP Noronha Academy of Administration and Management.

- **Prez Unveils Jhalkari Bai’s Statue**

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- ⇨ President Ramnath Kovind unveiled the statue of Jhalkari Bai, Rani Lakshmi Bai's assistant at Guru Tegh Bahadur Complex.
- ⇨ It may be noted that Jhalkari Bai was born in a poor Kori family. She joined Rani Lakshmi Bai's army like an ordinary soldier. Later she was made Rani Lakshmi Bai's special advisor. Jhalkari Bai was a participant in all major decisions of Rani Lakshmi Bai and laid down her life during the freedom struggle as her assistant.

- **State Players Bag 2 Medals In National School Championship**

⇨ The players of Madhya Pradesh State Athletics Academy brought laurels to the State by winning two gold medals, a silver medal and a bronze medal at the National School Championship.

⇨ It is to be noted that the academy was set up with an initiative taken by State Minister of Sports and Youth Welfare Department Yashodhara Raje Scindia. It was the first time when the players of the academy bagged medals exhibiting a wondrous performance.

⇨ This is the first time that at the National Athletics Championships, Academy players won the medal, not only did the state proud, but also achieved the objective of athletics academy. Prior to this, the academy has won two silver and one bronze medal in three national athletics events.

- **Govt Will Provide Residential Plots To Landless People**

⇨ Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan has said that people without residential land will soon be provided land in the State. He said that after a certain period, no one will be landless. In addition, a special drive will be launched to give patta (land right) to backward tribes Saharia, Bhariya and Baiga. He issued instructions to officers to chalk out plan for land right campaign.

⇨ The Chief Minister instructed the officials that law has been made in the State to provide piece of land necessarily to those who do not have residential land. Execution of this law should be ensured strictly. He said that application should be taken from such landless people and the list should be read out in Gram Sabha meeting on January 26. Residential plots will be made available to such eligible people.

- **Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat Yojana: Mp Chalks Out Programmes**

⇨ 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' Yojana has been started with an objective to strengthen cultural relations of various parts of the country and to embolden the mutual connection between the people dwelling in different States. An announcement was made by the Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding this scheme on Ekta Diwas on the occasion of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel's anniversary on October 31, 2015.

⇨ Under the scheme, Madhya Pradesh has been made partner of Manipur and Nagaland. The Higher Education Department of Madhya Pradesh has been made nodal department to implement the scheme. A team from Madhya Pradesh comprising of 8 members has also toured Manipur and Nagaland in this regard. Madhya Pradesh will participate in Sangai Mahotsav being organized in Manipur from November 21 to 30.

⇨ Similarly, teams of Manipur and Nagaland will take part in Lok Rang and Bal Rang programmes to present their cultural programmes and to apprise people with their culture.

⇨ Besides, translation work of Nagaland's books has also been started in Madhya Pradesh to introduce people of the state with their activities and cultural heritage.

⇨ Other activities are also being conducted in this regard.

⇨ The 'Ek Bharat-Shreshtha Bharat' scheme has been started with the prime objective to celebrate the unity in diversity culture of the country and to embolden the sentimental bonds between the people of different states.

- **Govt to provide potable water in drought-affected areas'**

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- ⇨ Several water bodies have been constructed to accumulate water under the 'Pani Roko Abhiyaan' in the state. The Chief Secretary emphasized on the need for fund from the central Government and sanctioning of additional work under MNREGA programme.
- ⇨ There is a need for preparations and proper arrangements for drinking water. Also arrangements should be made to ensure benefit of the crop insurance to the farmers on time.
- ⇨ The central drought relief team apprised about the crop loss during visit to the agriculture fields.
- ⇨ The team also observed dried ponds, wells and hand pumps. The team members while meeting members of Panchayat and cooperative societies beside farmers and labourers gathered information on the drought.

- **MSME industries will get 40 per cent grant at 5 equal annual installments on investment towards plant and machinery.**

- ⇨ The MSME units will get Rs 5 lakh up to 5 years for minimum 10 regular employees, to deposit it in the CPF at the rate of Rs one thousand per employee maximum in the form of employers' share.
- ⇨ The state has set a unique record in the field of agriculture. Maintaining 20 per cent growth rate constantly in the agriculture sector for the last 5 years is a big achievement.
- ⇨ Madhya Pradesh Marching Forward for Economic Revolution after Agriculture Revolution.
- ⇨ 'MSME Samadhan' arrangement has been made for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, to remove the payment related and other obstacles.

- **GI Registry to decide Basmati claim of Madhya Pradesh soon**

- ⇨ After Rosagolla decision Geographical Indication Registry at Chennai has decided to deliver a verdict in next 15 days on Madhya Pradesh claim on the inclusion of certain districts of State in the Basmati rice GI tag.
- ⇨ All India Rice Exporters Association in August 2017 has filed an intervener petition against State of Madhya Pradesh that the State should not be given any time for filing additional evidence in support of their claim.
- ⇨ State of Punjab has also objected strongly to claim for the inclusion of State of Madhya Pradesh district in GI Basmati.
- ⇨ Basmati rice being produced in at least six states of India and society apparently doesn't adequately represent the interest of all producers in other areas other than Karnal.
- ⇨ According to APEDA India is the leading exporter of the Basmati Rice to the global market. The country has exported 40,00,471.56 MT of Basmati Rice to the world for the worth of Rs. 21,604.58 crores during the year 2016-17.
- ⇨ Major Export Destinations for 2016-17 are Saudi Arabia, Iran, United Arab Emirates, Iraq and Kuwait.
- ⇨ According to APEDA the total basmati growing area in seven States came down by 7.92 percent to 1.56 million hectares in the 2017 Kharif season as compared to 1.69 mh previous years.
- ⇨ Basmati is predominantly grown in 81 districts in the country

- **Cabinet clears expansion of college hostel scheme**

- ⇨ The Cabinet approved extension of the College Hostel Scheme of Tribal Affairs Department for coming three years at the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- ⇨ Under the scheme, 84 boys hostels and 68 girls hostels total 152 post-metric hostels are being transformed into college hostels to make residential facility available for students studying in the colleges. Total 7600 students are residing here. Total 62 buildings will be constructed in the coming 3 years which includes32 hostels without buildings and 30 new hostels. The Cabinet has granted approval of Rs 203.32 crore for extension of the scheme for coming 3 years.

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⇨ The Cabinet has granted approval for extension of scholarship scheme of Class IX and X of the tribal Affairs Department. Approval has been granted of Rs 290.82 crore and extension from 2017-18 to 2019-20 under the scheme. Target has been set to benefit as many as 13.56 lakh students of Class IX-X in the coming three years.

- **Mp govt, central agency 'height' ink agreement**

⇨ The Madhya Pradesh Government has engaged the Central agency, 'Height', to look after the sanitation and security of Jay Arogya Hospital.
⇨ The Central agency will take over the responsibility for maintaining hygiene and security in the hospital from December 1. Registration of the patients coming for admission in the hospital too will be under the agency's care.
⇨ A blueprint for total hygiene and security will be prepared in the next two days. The blueprint will also include steps to be taken for the convenience of patients, and finding suitable locations for registration counters.

- **MP to enact law for death sentence for rape of girls below 12 years**

⇨ The Madhya Pradesh government on Sunday cleared a proposal to enact a law for awarding death sentence to those guilty of raping girls aged 12 or below in the state.

⇨ The moves comes in the wake of a spurt in rape incidents recently.
⇨ The Cabinet also decided to give harsher punishment to those guilty of molesting, stalking and harassing women.

⇨ Now, a fine of Rs 1 lakh will also be imposed on such offenders.
⇨ Once cleared by the assembly, the bill for capital punishment for rape of girls aged 12 or below will be sent to the Centre which will send it to the President for his approval.

⇨ The Madhya Pradesh government had recently come in for criticism over recent incidents of rape in the state.
⇨ The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data for 2015, released in August last year, showed that Madhya Pradesh reported highest number of rape cases (4,391) in the country.
⇨ According to the NCRB data for 2014, the state reported 5,076 rape cases, which was 14 per cent of the total rape incidents reported in the country.
⇨ In 2013, 4,335 rape cases were reported in the state as against 3,425 in 2012.

- **Assam, mp to take new development initiative**

⇨ A delegation of journalists from Assam paid courtesy visit to Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan
⇨ This delegation has come to the state to understand the history, art, culture, efforts of good governance, beside development competency of the state. Discussing about the moral values of Assam state besides folk culture, Chouhan said that the art and culture, public life and natural beauty have made Assam as distinctive state of India.
⇨ Besides, Chouhan stated that the Governments of Madhya Pradesh and Assam will move forward following the mantra 'Sabka Saath- Sabka Vikas' of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The delegation handed over a letter written by the Assam's Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal to the Chouhan.

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