



Film 'The Kashmir Files' Tax Free in Madhya Pradesh | Madhya Pradesh | 14 Mar 2022

Why in News

- The State Government has exempted the Hindi feature film 'The Kashmir Files' from the State Goods and Services Tax for its exhibition in Madhya Pradesh, keeping in view the plot and other special social useful qualities.

Key Points

- In the order issued by the Commercial Tax Department, this exemption has been given from March 14 to September 13. This relaxation for the audience will be applicable on film screenings at all locations including single screen theaters and multiplexes.
- It is worth mentioning that the Haryana govt. has already made this film tax free. Along with Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat has also made this film tax free.
- The Film is directed by Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri, a member of the Central Board of Film Certification.
- Tickets of the film will be sold to the audience by deducting the amount of State Goods Service Tax (SGST) by the respective cinemas/multiplexes to take advantage of the reimbursement in the exemption given on this film.
- There will be no increase in the prevailing general admission fee of the respective cinemas/multiplexes for the screening of the film. The amount of State Goods and Services Tax payable on this service will be borne by the multiplex/theatre itself.
- An amount equal to the share of State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) due and paid will be reimbursed by the State Government.
- 'The Kashmir Files' tells the story of pain, suffering, struggle, migration and trauma of Kashmiri Hindus.
- The director of the film Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri is originally from Madhya Pradesh. He has also lived in Bhopal for many years. The film, directed by him, has other actors including noted actor Anupam Kher.

Indore-Gondia-Hyderabad Flight Launched | Madhya Pradesh | 14 Mar 2022

Why in News

- On March 13, 2022, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the Indore-Gondia-Hyderabad flight through video conferencing. This flight has been started by Fly Big Airlines.

Key Points

- Flights have been started from Indore to Ahmedabad, Goa, Pune. Along with this, flights have been started from Bhopal to Pune, Jabalpur and Gwalior to Ahmedabad, Pune, Mumbai and Jabalpur to Mumbai, Delhi, Hyderabad.
 - On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that places of tourist and religious importance in the state would be connected by air services and helicopter services.
 - Helicopter service will be started from Khajuraho to Panna Tiger Reserve, Jabalpur to Kanha, Khajuraho to Orchha, Gwalior to Shivpuri and historical places of Morena, Indore to Maheshwar etc.
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Indian Tent Turtle | Madhya Pradesh | 14 Mar 2022

Why in News

- According to the information received from the study of scientists of the Zoological Survey of India, due to illegal sand mining and smuggling in the Narmada river, the Indian Tent Turtles found in it are on the verge of extinction.

Key Points

- Scientists of the Zoological Survey of India have said that these turtles have completely disappeared from the area around Harda and Khandwa along with the confluence of Narmada-Tawa river 'Bandrabhan'.
- These turtles, known as natural cleaners, survive by eating moss and algae etc. and increase the amount of oxygen in the water.
- Zoological Survey of India scientist Pratyush Mohapatra, who is researching turtles, said that five years ago, turtles were found on the banks of Narmada near Narmadapuram, Harda and Khandwa from Jabalpur, which were not visible in January this year.
- The female tortoise goes to her residence by laying eggs in the sand, which are incubated in summer. Illegal mining of sand is disrupting their breeding.
- Pangshura tentoria or Indian tent turtles are found in Narmada. It is a species of tortoise found in India and Bangladesh.
- In view of the danger looming over them, they have been kept in Schedule-I.