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## Three-day 'MP Auto-Show-2022' in Indore | Madhya Pradesh | 29 Apr 2022

### Why In News?

On April 28, 2022, a three-day auto expo '**Madhya Pradesh Auto-Show-2022**' was launched in Indore to promote auto industries in Madhya Pradesh. The auto-show will be held till April 30 at The Super Corridor and Natrex Auto Testing Track, Pithampur.

### Key Point

- To make Madhya Pradesh an automobile hub, the three-day auto-show is being organized by the state government in Indore through the **Madhya Pradesh Industrial Development Corporation (MPIDC)**.
  - The main objective of the show is to promote the auto sector in the state, so that investment and employment opportunities can increase in the state.
  - About 100 most reputed automobile manufacturing and automobile component manufacturing companies from across the country and abroad are participating in the auto-show. All these companies will display their products.
  - It will display all types of vehicles such as e-vehicles, fuelled passenger cars, commercial vehicles, agricultural vehicles, agricultural vehicles and earthmoving and construction vehicles.
  - The special equipment that makes Indore number one in cleanliness, which are used by municipal corporation Indore, will also be showcased at the auto-show. Around 10 auto companies will launch their products at the Auto Expo.
  - In order to encourage startups in Madhya Pradesh, a separate startup zone has been created in auto-shows in which various startups belonging to the auto sector have been provided space at no charge.
  - To encourage investment in the state, the auto-show will have sessions on various sectors including various meetings such as buyers' seller meet, business-to-government meet, business-to-business meet, as well as the policies of the state.
  - Through AutoShow-2022, various auto companies will be briefed about Asia's largest auto testing track Natrex developed at Pithampur. At the same time, the facilities available in Natrex will be made aware of how testing facilities can be availed in their business.
  - Recreational events like super car and super bike rally, drag race, demo of various testing tracks and go-cart will also be held at Pithampur, the Natrex auto testing track.
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## Tendu leaves collection rate is now 3 thousand rupees per standard bag | Madhya Pradesh | 29 Apr 2022

### Why In News?

On April 27, 2022, the Madhya Pradesh Forest Department issued orders for fixing the **tendu leaf collection rate at Rs 3,000 per standard sack for the 2022 storage period for 45 lakh tendu leaf collectors in the state.**

## Key Point

- It may be recalled that on April 22, 2022, in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah at the Forest Committees Conference, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan had announced to increase the rate of tendu leaf collection.
- The collection rate till 2021 was Rs.2500 per standard sack. A target of 16.29 lakh standard bora has been set this year.
- Pushkar Singh, Managing Director, Madhya Pradesh State Small Forest Produce Association, said that the work of collection of tendu leaves is done by the State Small Forest Produce Association. This collection is done through 60 District Forest Produce Cooperative Unions and 1066 Primary Forest Produce Cooperative Societies in the State.
- At present there are 45 lakh tendu leaf collectors in the state. Of these, more than 50 per cent of the 23 lakh collectors belong to the tribal category. Similarly, 40 per cent are women collectors.
- The increase in the rate of tenduleaf collection this year will result in a collection remuneration of Rs.500 crores to the collectors engaged in the collection work. This will be an additional remuneration of Rs.81 crores as compared to the previous year, which will help in providing additional means of employment in the summer season.
- Managing Director Pushkar Singh said that the amount of dividend is also distributed to the tenduleaf collectors. It has been decided earlier to increase the net dividend from 70 per cent to 75 per cent directly to tendu leaf collectors from this year.