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## **BCLL gets Urban Mobility Award 2022 | Madhya Pradesh | 07 Nov 2022**

### **Why In News?**

On November 6, 2022, BCLL, formed by the Municipal Corporation, Bhopal for public transport in the city, was awarded the Urban Mobility Award 2022 in Kochi.

### **Key Points**

- The corporation received this award for the category 'City with Most Innovative Finance Mechanism for Transport'.
  - The award ceremony took place at Hotel Hyatt in Kochi, where Municipal Commissioner KVS Choudhary, Additional Commissioner CP Gohil and MIC member Manoj Rathore received the award. The award was given by State Housing and Urban Development Minister Kaushal Kishor.
  - BCLL had innovated in August 2021 to promote private public participation, due to which 150 buses of the Union Territory 'Amrit Yojana' started operating on the grass-roots model. Tenders were invited to raise revenue for the said bus operation, due to which a separate agency was selected.
  - This formula of BCLL has received appreciation across the country. Apart from the state, the central government has also appreciated this model.
  - At present, 352 buses are being operated by BCLL on 20 routes, in which more than 1.5 lakh passengers travel daily.
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## **Akhil Bhartiya Kalidas Samaroh-2022 | Madhya Pradesh | 07 Nov 2022**

### **Why In News?**

On November 4, 2022, Governor Mangubhai Patel launched the seven-day All India Kalidas Samaroh-2022 on Dev Prabodhini Ekadashi. The ceremony will be held from November 4, 2022 to November 10, 2022.

### **Key Points**

- The function was inaugurated at Pt. Suryanarayan Vyas Sankul Auditorium of Kalidas Sanskrit Academy under the aegis of Vikram University and Kalidas Sanskrit Academy, Madhya Pradesh Sanskriti Parishad.
- In this ceremony, Padma Bhushan Budhaditya Mukherjee (Sitar playing), Padma Shri Dr. Puru Dadhich (Kathak dance), Vasudev Kamath (painting) and theater artist and famous actor Rajiv Varma were honored with the prestigious Rashtriya Kalidas Samman' of the state government. For the first time these four honors were given in Kalidas ceremony.

- On this occasion, the Governor inaugurated the exhibition of raghuvansham and the exhibition of coins put up by Ashwini Research Institute Mahidpur. The Governor inaugurated the Handloom and Handicraft Fair in the premises.
- Bhojpuri translation of books 'Durva' and 'Meghdoot' and brochure of Kalidas National Painting Exhibition were released by the guests present at the function.
- Akhil Bhartiya Kalidas Samaroh is a seven-day event held every year in Ujjain city, familiar with Sanskrit litterateurs like Kalidasa, Vatsyayan, Bhartruhari and lauding Hindi writers like Shivrang Singh Suman, Prabhakar Machhwa, Gajanan Madhav Muktibodh and Pandit Surya Narayan Vyas.
- A number of plays are staged during the Akhil Bhartiya Kalidas Samaroh, which depict a wide range of social, political, cultural, etc. subjects. Apart from a few artists, many stalwarts also perform in Indian classical programs, whose journey in the musical field has just begun.
- It is known that the first President of India, Dr. Rajendra Prasad had inaugurated this function for the first time in 1958. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister of India had the distinction of inaugurating the second Akhil Bhartiya Kalidas Samaroh in Ujjain.

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