

Madhya Pradesh Leading State to Make Aadhaar Based Payment in Treasuries | Madhya Pradesh | 14 Jan 2023

Why In News?

 On January 13, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Finance Minister Jagdish Deora launched a new system to facilitate payment to beneficiaries through Aadhaar-based payments in treasury, making the state one of the leading states in the country that provide this facility.

Key points

- Speaking on the occasion, Finance Minister Jagdish Deora said that new dimensions are being added for some time to make the Integrated Financial Management Information System implemented in the treasury more efficient. Digital accounting dispatches, e-sign in passing bills, all payment options have been provided in e-invoice to pay tax/revenue to the common citizen. This has not only made financial dealing easier but has also succeeded in bringing financial discipline.
- Now, in order to make the financial system more simple, strong and beneficiary oriented, the new system of Aadhaar-based payment will be implemented in all the treasury of the state from January 16, 2023. With the new system, double benefit can be identified and prevented. At the same time, unsuccessful payments will also decrease.
- The Finance Minister said that under the Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) of the state, all the beneficiaries are being made e-payment directly in their bank account since the year 2010. In view of the need of the hour and the changes in financial management, it has now become possible to make Aadhaar based payments to the beneficiaries along with the bank account, making the e-payment system effective.
- The Finance Minister said that now bank account based e-payment along with Aadhaar based payment is being started directly in the entire treasury from January 16, 2023 through the e-Kuber system of the Reserve Bank of India.
- With the implementation of e-Kuber, all e-payments of the state will be received rapidly in the bank account of the concerned beneficiary. This system will be available 24 hours on all working days.
- The Finance Minister said that with the implementation of the new system, the matching of data will be easier. In the past, the information of receipts and payments by banks was physically given to the treasury, which was sent to the Reserve Bank of India and the Accountant General, in which there were many problems of data variation. With the introduction of e-Kuber, the Reserve Bank of India will be directly treated and the problem of matching the data of financial transactions will end.
- Moving forward in this direction, the contribution of the state in the Digital India program will be further increased. IFMIS Next Gen is being developed in place of the present Integrated Financial Management Information System (IFMIS) with the objective of implementing faceless, paperless, contactless and cashless financial transactions and developing a user friendly system incorporating modern technological innovations.

Brochure Launches of 8th Indian International Science Festival | Madhya Pradesh | 14 Jan 2023

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 On January 13, 2023, Minister of Science and Technology and Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises of Madhya Pradesh Om Prakash Sakhalecha launched the brochure of the Science Festival under the curtain raiser program of the 8th India International Science Festival (IISF) at Madhya Pradesh Council of Science and Technology Mapcast.

Key points

- The 8th Science Festival will be held in Bhopal from January 21 to 24 for the first time in Madhya Pradesh. So far, seven events of this festival have been held in different cities of the country.
- A special exhibition based on the progress made in the field of science will be set up at the India International Science Festival. The exhibition, spread over two lakh square feet, will showcase the achievements of over 300 Indian science institutions, including ISRO, Department of Atomic Energy and Department of Space, Ministry of Earth Sciences, DRDO.
- Along with this, Run for Science will be organized on January 19, 2023. With the aim of creating awareness among people about science, this run will start from T.T. Nagar Stadium and end at MANIT campus.
- Arvind Ranade, Executive Director, Indian National Science Academy (INSA) said that the India International Science Festival started from IIT Delhi in the year 2015. Students Science Village program will also be held during this festival. The Science Village will include 1500 children from different remote areas of Madhya Pradesh, who will be able to see science and its wonders up close. There will also be activities like Scientific Science Literature Festival, Startup Hub.
- Sanjay Mishra, senior scientist in the Department of Biotechnology, said that this festival is not a seminar or conference. It is an event that will be attended by distinguished scientists from the country, from school students to retired officers.
- It is noteworthy that this is an event of wide publicity of science. The festival will have 15 activities such as Artisan Technology, Village Vocal for Local, New Age Technology Show, Mega Science and Technology Exhibition, International Science Film Festival, Science Through Games and Toys, Startup Conclave. More than 10 thousand participants will participate in this.

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