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## Dr. Ramakrishna Kusmaria takes charge as Chairman of State Backward Classes Commission | Madhya Pradesh | 14 Dec 2023

### Why in News?

On December 13, 2023, Dr. Ramakrishna Kusmaria reached the Madhya Pradesh State Backward Classes Commission located in Shyamala Hills, Bhopal and assumed the charge of the post of Chairman.

### Key Points:

- Dr. Ramakrishna Kusmaria was appointed Chairman of the Madhya Pradesh State Backward Classes Commission by the state government. After assuming charge, Dr. Kusmaria obtained information about the activities of the Commission.
- Madhya Pradesh State Backward Classes Commission mainly works as a welfare watchdog for the backward classes in the state. Along with this, the Commission sends recommendations to the state government for adding and deleting castes in the lists of socially and educationally backward castes of the state.
- After assuming charge, Dr. Kusmaria said that he will soon visit the districts and review the schemes related to the welfare of backward classes. Along with this, they will discuss with the local public representatives belonging to the backward classes and understand their problems and get suggestions.



# Decisions of the Council of Ministers under the chairmanship of CM Dr. Mohan Yadav | Madhya Pradesh | 14 Dec 2023

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In the Cabinet meeting chaired by the new Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, Dr. Mohan Yadav on December 12, 2023 several other important decisions were taken along with the Cabinet decision on upgradation of colleges in the State as 'PM College of Excellence'.

## Key Points:

- The Council of Ministers took a decision regarding upgrading the leading/leading colleges running at all the district headquarters of the state as 'PM College of Excellence'.
  - At present a total of 570 government colleges are operating in the state. By increasing the facilities in all the faculties in the leading/identified colleges running at the district headquarters of the state, the colleges will be upgraded as 'PM College of Excellence'.
- It was decided by the Council of Ministers to upload the degree/marksheet of students in government/private universities run under the Higher Education Department in DigiLocker.
  - There are 16 government and 53 private universities operating under the Higher Education Department. Till now, most of the degree/mark lists of students of 09 government universities and 5 private universities from the year 2019-20 to 2021-22 have been registered in DigiLocker.
- The Council of Ministers has decided to implement the cyber tehsil system in all 55 districts of Madhya Pradesh from January 1, 2024.
  - The faceless system of application, name transfer and correction of records has been implemented in the state from June 2022. It has been named 'Cyber Tehsil'.
  - In this, after registration, the undisputed transfer in favor of the buyer is done automatically through a faceless paperless online process within 14 days without any application and without visiting the tehsil & the buyer's name also appears in the Khasra and the map.
  - At present this system is applicable in 442 tehsils of 12 districts of the state. Through this, more than 16 thousand cases have been resolved so far.
- The Cabinet decided to increase the tendu leaf collection rate from Rs 3,000 per bag to Rs 4,000 per bag. With this, more than 35 lakh tendu leaf collectors will get additional remuneration of Rs 162 crore.
  - It is worth mentioning that the tendu leaf collection rate was Rs 1250 per bag in the year 2017, which was increased to Rs 3 thousand per bag in the year 2023.
- A decision was taken by the Council of Ministers regarding the ban on playing loudspeakers illegally and beyond the prescribed limits at religious places & other places.
- A decision was taken by the Council of Ministers regarding the cancellation of the bail obtained by the Honourable Court for serious crimes and habitual criminals in previous crimes as per the provisions of Section 437, 438, 439 of CrPC.
- The Cabinet decided to ban illegal buying and selling of meat, fish etc. in the open without licence in the urban areas of the state.



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