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## Madhya Pradesh Introduces 'Bag Less School' Initiative | Madhya Pradesh | 23 Feb 2024

### Why in News?

The Madhya Pradesh government has announced '**bag less school**' day once a week for **students in classes 1 to 12**, starting from the upcoming academic session in 2024-25. This decision applies to all government and private schools operating in the state.

### Key Points

- The state government, aiming to alleviate the burden on students, has issued a notice outlining the maximum permissible weight of school bags for different classes.
  - The weight of school bags for students in classes 11 and 12 will be determined by the school management committee based on the students' respective streams.
- The initiative includes a designated 'bag less school' day each week, during which **students are encouraged to engage in recreational activities** such as games, sports, cultural programs, and music.
- The **aim is to ensure that school is not perceived as a source of stress** for students but rather a source of joy.
  - Strict instructions have been issued to schools to adhere to the new school bag policy from the commencement of the academic session in 2024-25.

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