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## Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board Received 'Best State Tourism Board' Award | Madhya Pradesh | 27 Feb 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, **Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB)** was honoured at the **national level** for the excellent innovations in promoting the tourist destinations of Madhya Pradesh.

### Key Points

- MPTB has been given the 'Best Tourism State Board' award in the **country's major travel exhibition SATTE (South Asian Travel and Tourism Exchange)** held in Greater Noida.
  - The Board participated prominently in the **three-day exhibition** and **promoted the tourism destinations and products of the state** before the travel agents, tour operators, hoteliers and various stakeholders from the country and abroad.
  - The Board has been given this honor on the basis of **high level performance** in the field of **tourism, infrastructure development, economic development** of the local community, preservation of culture and heritage of the state.

### Note:

- **Some Famous Tourism Destinations:**
  - **Bhopal**- Gohar Mahal, the lakes, Birla Mandir, Van Vihar National Park, etc.
  - **Bhedaghat**- Chaunsath Yogini Temple, Dhuandhar Falls, Marble Rock.
  - **Jabalpur**- Madan Mahal, Kachnar City Shiva Temple, Dumna Nature Park.
  - **Tamia**- Waterfalls, Pench Tiger Reserve.
  - **Pachmarhi**- Satpura national park, Chhota Mahadeo, Dhoopgarh.
- **Some One District One Product (ODOP) of Madhya Pradesh:**
  - **Sheopur**- Guava
  - **Gwalior**- Sandstone Tiles
  - **Datia**- Jaggery
  - **Panna**- Gooseberry/Amla
  - **Ujjain**- Batik Print
  - **Bhopal**- Zari Zardozi & Jute Product
  - **Raisen**- Basmati Rice
  - **Seoni**- Custard Apple

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## PM Unveils Railway Projects | Madhya Pradesh | 27 Feb 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced **railway projects worth Rs 3,276 crore**, including the **renovation of 33 stations** for Madhya Pradesh.

## Key Points

- The stations marked for redevelopment include **Bhopal, Indore, Ujjain, Jabalpur, Sehore, Bina, Sanchi, Mandsaur, Chhindwara, Datia and Bhind.**
- Under the [Amrit Bharat Station Scheme](#), these stations will be **beautified with elements of local art and culture.**
  - **Indore railway station** will be converted into a seven-storied building in a Rs 492 crore project. The revamped station will be operational by 2027.
  - With the allocated amount, the redevelopment works at 33 stations, including 11 in **Bhopal division.**
- The foundation stone of **133 road overbridges and underpasses** will be laid. These works will include redevelopment of five stations and construction of four road overbridges and two underpasses in the Bhopal division.

## Amrit Bharat Stations Scheme

- The Amrit Bharat Station Scheme aims to **redevelop 1309 stations nationwide.**
- The redevelopment will provide modern passenger amenities along with ensuring well-designed traffic circulation, inter-modal integration, and signage for the guidance of passengers.
- The Scheme was launched in **February 2023 by the Ministry of Railways.**

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