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## First-Ever City Museum in Bhopal | Madhya Pradesh | 21 May 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, the Government has approved the establishment of the **first-ever city museum** in Bhopal. The [Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board](#) is setting up the **Bhopal City Museum** in the **left wing of Moti Mahal**.

- **Moti Mahal** is an **important heritage site** in the city and a building of high significance.

### Key Points

- The proposed museum, with **11 galleries**, will focus on the **rich history of Bhopal and Madhya Pradesh**, covering the **historical and geographical context** of Madhya Pradesh and the formation of Bhopal in particular.
- Collection of **prehistoric rock paintings**, stone tools, archaeological finds, stamps, **attire of kings and queens from Bhopal and surrounding areas**, **ancient sculptures**, **temple remains**, and **exquisite art** from the Bhopal Nawab period **will be showcased**.
  - Modern technology will be utilised to create an engaging and informative experience for all age groups.
- The **Ministry of Culture and Tourism, Government of Madhya Pradesh**, is planning to establish a dedicated and comprehensive museum on the **great Parmar King Raja Bhoj**, his life, and works at the right wing of Moti Mahal, Bhopal.
- Seven houses of the **seven major tribes** of the state, namely [Gond](#), [Bhil](#), [Baiga](#), [Korku](#), [Bharia](#), [Sahariya](#), and [Kol](#), have been built in the Tribal Museum, Bhopal, to understand and see the lifestyle of the tribal community closely.
  - The vision of this initiative is to **end the myths and beliefs regarding the tribal society**.
- Madhya Pradesh is planning to establish various theme-based museums at relevant heritage and cultural destinations to enhance the tourism experience.

### Moti Mahal

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- Moti Mahal was built by **Gond King Hriday Shah** king of Garh Mandala between **1651 to 1667**.
- The palace is full of **mazes, secret tunnels, and underground passages**.
- Architecture- **Mughal architecture**.

**Raja Bhoj**





- Raja Bhoj was greatest in the **Parmar dynasty (1018-1060)**.
- He tried to **regenerate Hindu society**. He also fought against muslims.
- Apart from a great warrior, he was an **accomplished scholar**.
- He constructed a **Sanskrit college called Bhojshala** at his capital.
- His **famous books** were:
  - Ayurveda Sangraha
  - Yukti Kalpataru
  - Samranga Suthradhara (deals with architecture).
- He was also a **great builder** and is believed to **have built 104 temples** and also a beautiful lake known as **Bhojpur lake**.
- The power of the **Paramara dynasty came to an end with the death of Raja Bhoja**.

