



# Announcement to Change the Name of Minto Hall

## Why in News

In the BJP State Working Committee meeting held on November 26, 2021, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced to name the famous historical building Minto Hall in Bhopal after the late Kushabhau Thackeray, the founder member of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

## Key Points

- Earlier, there was a demand to change the name of Minto Hall to Dr Harisingh Gaur. After the independence of India and after the formation of Madhya Pradesh, this building was used as the state assembly hall. In the year 2018, this hall was converted as a convention center.
- Minto Hall was built by Nawab Sultan Jahan Begum in 1909. It is said that Jahan Begum was the last Begum of Bhopal. He named this hall 'Minto Hall' to honor Lord Minto.
- Kushabhau Thackeray was born on 15 August 1922 in Dhar district of Madhya Pradesh. His education was also initiated in Gwalior and Dhar.
- Kushabhau Thackeray joined the Sangh in 1942. He became the pracharak of Neemuch in 1942 and became the organization secretary after the formation of Jana Sangh in 1956. In 1977, Thackeray was the President of the Madhya Pradesh Janata Party and from 1998 to 2000, he was the President of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Kushabhau Thackeray died on 28 December 2003.

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