

## **New Flight Schedule to Boost Regional Tourism**

## Why in News?

Recently, the **Madhya Pradesh government expanded air services routes t**o **boost** <u>regional tourism</u> and announced a new flight schedule for the <u>PM Shri Tourism Air Service</u>.

## **Key Points**

- The scheme aimed at enhancing tourism and improving air connectivity, has announced a new scheme scheduled to start from 1<sup>st</sup> August 2024.
  - The service will now incorporate cluster routes linking <u>Khajuraho</u> to <u>Bhopal</u>, <u>Gwalior</u>, <u>Rewa and Singrauli</u>.
  - Flights from **Bhopal and Jabalpur to** <u>Ujjain</u> will be offered on Sunday, while services to Khajuraho will operate on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
  - The **state** is **classified** into five **regions**-Gwalior and Chambal, Baghelkhand region, Bundelkhand region, Mahakaushal region, Malwa-Nimar region and Narmadapuram.
- The state government is set to host an ambitious **39th** IATO (Indian Association of Tour Operators)

  Annual Convention in **Bhopal** to boost tourism in MP.
  - This event is expected to draw over 1000 delegates, including tour operators, hoteliers, and other key stakeholders from across the country, promising to enhance both domestic and international tourism in Madhya Pradesh.

## **PM Shri Tourism Air Service**

- The PM Shri Tourism Air Service was inaugurated on 13<sup>th</sup> june 2024.
- It is an intra-state air service that connects Madhya Pradesh's religious and tourist spots, aiming to improve connectivity for domestic and international tourists.

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