

## Proposed Two New Districts | Madhya Pradesh | 04 Sep 2024

## Why in News?

Recently, Madhya Pradesh has been preparing to create new districts, potentially including **Bina from Sagar district and Junnardeo from Chhindwara district**, which would bring the **total to 57 districts**.

## **Key Points**

- Bina: A significant railway junction and industrial town located on the Malwa Plateau in Sagar district.
- **Junnardeo**: A tehsil in Chhindwara district with ongoing efforts to grant it district status. If made a district, it may include Parasia and other assembly constituencies.
- Recent District Formations:
  - Maihar: Became the 55th district in September 2023 after being separated from Satna district. It has two assembly constituencies and three cement factories.
  - Pandhurna: Became the 54<sup>th</sup> district, created by merging Pandhurna and Sausar tehsils from Chhindwara district, known for pulse crops.
  - Mauganj: Became the 53<sup>rd</sup> district on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2023 after separating from Rewa district, consisting of four tehsils and two assembly constituencies.
- Benefits of Creating Smaller Districts:
  - Smaller districts facilitate easier development, better communication between the public and administration, faster implementation of government schemes, and improved law and order.
  - Financial independence and improved access to essential services like roads, electricity, and water.
- Proposed New Districts: Nagda from Ujjain and Chachaura from Guna district are proposed new districts, with discussions initiated during Kamal Nath's government.

## **Malwa Plateau**

- The plateau is of volcanic origin and its name, "Malwa," is derived from the Sanskrit word "malav," referring to part of the abode of Lakshmi, the goddess of wealth.
- The Malwa Plateau is situated in north-central India, covering central Madhya Pradesh and southeastern Rajasthan. It is bordered by the Madhya Bharat Plateau, Bundelkhand Upland, Vindhya Range, and Gujarat Plains.

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