



Important Decisions of the Council of Ministers under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister

Why In News?

On October 4, 2023, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held at the Chief Minister's residence 'Samtva Bhawan' under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the Cabinet approved 18 irrigation projects worth Rs 6,000 crore and took several other important decisions.

Key Points:

- The 18 irrigation projects approved by the Cabinet include Chitawad-Ujjain, Medha-Betul, Panheti-Guna, Loni-Rewa, Khamha-Katni, Dokrikhedi-Narmadapuram, Sonpur-Shivpuri, Thawar-Mandla, Murki-Dindori, Pava-Shivpuri, Sirmaur-Rewa, Kanera-Bhind, Malhargarh-Mandsaur, Deori-Narmadapuram, Deori-Narmadapuram, Sitaljhiri-Betul, Deori-Narmadapuram.
- These projects will increase the irrigation area of 0.2 lakh hectares. This will benefit about 02 lakh farmers of about 1250 villages.
- The Cabinet has approved the formation of a new district Pandhurna by incorporating Tehsil Sonsar and Pandhurna of Chhindwara district.
- The Cabinet approved the formation of new tehsil Unhel in district Ujjain, new tehsil Lamta in district Balaghat, new tehsil Bamhori and Sultanganj in district Raisen and new tehsil Kayampur in district Mandsaur.
- The Cabinet has approved the formation of Gram Panchayat Nahargarh, Bolia and Gandhisagar of Mandsaur district, Gram Panchayat Semaria of Sidhi district, Avantipur Barodia and Gulana of Shajapur district, Gram Panchayat Singhpur of Satna district, Gram Panchayat Rahatgaon of Harda district as Municipal Council and upgradation of Municipal Council Details of Shahdol district to Municipal Council and forwarded to the Governor.
- **Approval of elevated corridor from Kamla Park to Sant Hirdaram Nagar:** The Cabinet has approved the construction of an 8-lane road from Bhopal to Indore, Rajgarh and Old Bhopal to facilitate traffic. The route will be constructed under the Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM). An amount of Rs 3,156 crore has been approved for the implementation of the project.
- The Cabinet approved the payment of Rs 1 lakh to Kotwar as per the prescribed rules.
- **The Cabinet decided to increase the amount of managerial grant** to Primary Credit Co-operative Societies (PACS) and Primitive Caste Service Co-operative Societies (LAMPS) under the scheme of the Cooperation Department by an additional annual increase of Rs. 3 lakh per society.
- Along with this, it has also been decided to increase the remuneration of PACS and Lamps Societies by Rs 3,000 per seller per month for the operation of public distribution system fair price shops.
- The scheme will be implemented from October 01, 2023.
- **Cabinet approves** the proposal to simplify the process of purchasing free e-scooty/scooty to the girl and student who got first place in all government higher secondary schools.
- **Permission to invite tenders for three irrigation projects:** The Cabinet gave permission to invite tenders and administrative approval of 3 projects of Narmada Valley Development Department namely Bahoriband Micro Irrigation Project, Shaheed Elap Singh Udvahan Micro Irrigation Project and Khandwa Udvahan Micro Irrigation Project respectively.
 - The cost of the three projects creating irrigation potential of about 1,12,220 hectares was approved at a cost of Rs 3,598 crore.

- **The Cabinet has approved increasing the amount** of the food grant scheme from Rs 250 per month to Rs 1500 per month instead of Rs 1250 per month.
- **The Cabinet approved the proposal** to charge only one fee for various competitive examinations. The facility of one-time examination fee and registration is being started for the examinations to be conducted by the Staff Selection Board.
- **The Madhya Pradesh government has approved a special grant of Rs 25 lakh** to the dependents of the forest personnel who were martyred by declaring them as martyrs.
- **Approval for selection and relocation of 95 CM Rise Schools of Tribal Affairs**
Department: The Cabinet approved the selection and relocation of 95 CM Rise Schools of the Tribal Affairs Department.
- **Cabinet approves increase in rates of daily honorarium and allowances for performing tribal and folk artists:** The Cabinet has approved the increase in the rates of daily honorarium and allowances for performing tribal and folk artists.
 - The daily honorarium for performing artists was increased from Rs 800 per day to Rs 1500 per day and daily allowance from Rs 250 per day to Rs 500 per day.
 - Movement, local transport and accommodation facilities for folk artists will continue as usual.
 - The Department of Culture will be the competent authority to send the artists going to participate in international performances and the departmental officers/employees going for their coordination.
- **The Cabinet** has approved the establishment of 'Vivekananda Youth Resource Center' for the youth at 52 district headquarters of the state. Vivekananda Yuva Resource Centre will have a physical form, three-tier committees.
- Cabinet approves inclusion of employees in Ayushman Bharat 'Niramayam' Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana: The Cabinet has approved the inclusion of government employees/workers/contract workers of the state under Ayushman Bharat 'Niramayam' Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- Under the Bharat Niramayam Scheme, health security benefits of Rs 5 lakh have been sanctioned to eligible beneficiaries, Anganwadi workers, Panchayat Secretaries, Village Employment Assistants, ASHA and Usha workers, ASHA Supervisors, Kotwar and contractual employees.
- Other decisions
- The Cabinet has decided to approve the Joint Venture Agreement, Memorandum and Articles of Association Draft for the formation of SPV (Special Purpose Vehicle) for setting up of Textile Park in the state under the PM Mega Integrated Textile Sector and Apparel (PM Mitra) Scheme of the Government of India, Ministry of Textiles.
- The Cabinet also approved the establishment of the campus of Maharshi Panini Sanskrit and Vedic University Ujjain in district Rewa.
- The Cabinet approved the establishment of a new Government Polytechnic College in Amarpatan district Maihar.
- The Cabinet has decided to set up 100 MBBS courses in Raisen district. Approval was given to establish a new medical college with seat admission capacity.
- The Cabinet approved the 7th pay scale for the academic cadre of the medical college from the year 2016.
- The forest guards have been allowed to sanction basic pay from the date of completion of training.



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