



MP Cabinet Honors Tribal Queen | Madhya Pradesh | 07 Oct 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the Madhya Pradesh Cabinet held a meeting in **Singrampur, Damoh** district, on **5th October, 2024**, to honor the **500th birth anniversary of 16th-century tribal queen [Rani Durgavati](#)**.

Key Points

- **Rani Durgavati Shri Anna Protsahan Yojana:**
 - The Cabinet approved additional financial assistance of up to Rs. 3,900 per hectare for millet farmers under the **Rani Durgavati Shri Anna Protsahan Yojana**.
 - This is in addition to the minimum purchase price, with the State already providing Rs. 1,000 per quintal through [direct benefit transfer \(DBT\)](#).
- **Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden:**
 - A committee was approved to develop a **Rani Durgavati Memorial and Garden** in Jabalpur at a cost of Rs.100 crore.
 - The project will develop a **24-acre area on Madan Mahal hill** and involve several state ministers from [Panchayat](#), [Public Works](#), [Tribal Affairs](#), and [Culture & Tourism](#).
- **Madhya Pradesh Jain Welfare Board:**
 - The Cabinet approved the formation of the **Madhya Pradesh Jain Welfare Board** for the **social, educational, and [economic empowerment](#)** of the Jain community.
 - The Board will alternate leadership every two years between members of the [Shwetambar and Digambar sects](#).
- **Short-Term Crop Loans for Farmers:**
 - The government decided to continue providing **short-term crop loans at 0% interest** through cooperative banks for the year **2024-25**.

Rani Durgavati

- **Rani Durgavati, born in 1524 in [Mahoba's Chandela dynasty](#)** (present-day Uttar Pradesh, near the border with Madhya Pradesh), was a symbol of India's self-determination.
 - **Chandelas were known for building the famous Khajuraho temples in the 11th century.**
- She married Dalpat Shah, the son of **Gond King Sangram Shah, and ruled the kingdom of Garha-Katanga after the death of her husband in 1550** with great vigor and courage.
 - The Kingdom of **Garha-Katanga included the regions of Narmada Valley** and parts of Northern Madhya Pradesh.
 - Gond tribe is a prominent tribe in central India known for their rich cultural heritage and resilience.
- As per the government's documentation, the queen and her generals managed the affairs of the kingdom for 16 years.

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- Recently, the Madhya Pradesh government announced that filmmaker **Rajkumar Hirani** will be honored with the prestigious [Kishore Kumar Samman 2023](#).

Key Points

- **Notable Films:**
 - Hirani is known for directing iconic films such as **3 Idiots, PK, Sanju, Munna Bhai MBBS, Dunki etc.**
 - The award ceremony will take place on **13th October, 2023**, in **Khandwa**, Kishore Kumar's hometown.
 - It coincides with the **death anniversary** of the legendary singer.
- **Significance of the Award:**
 - This year marks the **20th anniversary** of Hirani's directorial debut with **Munna Bhai MBBS**, a film that transformed Bollywood storytelling.
 - The **Kishore Kumar Samman** has previously honored notable personalities in Indian cinema, including **Amitabh Bachchan, Dilip Kumar, Manoj Kumar, Dharmendra, Shatrughan Sinha.**

Kishore Kumar Samman

- The Kishore Kumar Samman is an award given by the **Madhya Pradesh government to**

recognize contributions to Hindi cinema.

- **The award is given in the following fields:** Acting, Screenplay, Songwriting, and Direction.
- The award includes a prize of **Rs 5 lakh, a plaque, and a shawl-shriphal**. The award is given in memory of the famous playback singer and versatile artist, Kishore Kumar.
- **Kishore Kumar** was a **playback singer, actor, music director, lyricist, film producer, film director, screenwriter, and composer**. He was a skilled imitator, interpreter, and innovator. He used colorful timbral effects, electric organs, and other atypical instruments in his accompaniments.

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