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## UP Government To Ban Passenger Travel on Tractor-Trolleys | Uttar Pradesh | 14 Oct 2024

### Why in News?

In response to a [series of accidents](#), the Uttar Pradesh government is enforcing a ban on the use of tractor trolleys for passenger transport to improve [road safety](#).

### Key Points

- **Strict Enforcement on Tractor Trolley Ban:** The Uttar Pradesh government has renewed its focus on enforcing the ban on tractor trolleys for passenger transport following multiple accidents.
- **Rural Dependence on Tractor Trolleys:** Tractor trolleys are commonly used in rural areas due to affordability and accessibility, despite being banned for passenger use.
- **Public Awareness Campaigns:** The government plans to launch [awareness campaigns](#) in rural areas, emphasizing the importance of safety over convenience.
- **Planned Safety Measures:** Posters and messaging campaigns will be used to educate the public and promote [safer transportation alternatives](#).

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# Safety first

In 2021, road traffic injuries were the 13th leading cause of death in India and the 12th leading cause of health loss.

## Percentage of road traffic deaths by victims mode of transport in six States

	Chhattisgarh	Chandigarh	Delhi	Haryana	Maharashtra	Uttarakhand
Pedestrian	19	23	44	29	24	28
Bicycle	4	13	3	3	1	3
Motorised two-wheeler	58	51	40	47	58	48
Motorised three-wheeler	1	7	4	3	1	3
Car	4	4	5	8	6	7
Bus	1	1	0	1	1	4
Truck	5	1	2	5	5	4
Farm tractor	6	0	0	2	2	0
Others	0	1	1	1	2	1
Unknown	0	1	1	0	0	1
Total (%)	100	100	100	100	100	100

## Percentage of road traffic deaths by type of impacting vehicle in six States

	Chhattisgarh	Chandigarh	Delhi	Haryana	Maharashtra	Uttarakhand
Bicycle	0	0	1	0	1	0
Motorised two-wheeler	13	11	6	10	14	10
Motorised three-wheeler	0	7	2	1	0	1
Car	7	36	14	25	14	21
Bus	3	5	6	4	4	7
Truck	24	12	18	32	27	28
Farm tractor	5	1	1	7	4	6
Others	11	12	5	1	5	2
None	16	9	3	2	16	5
Unknown	18	9	45	17	15	21
Total (%)	100	100	100	100	100	100

## Uttar Pradesh Scraps Street Race from Grand Prix | Uttar Pradesh | 14 Oct 2024

### Why in News?

The Uttar Pradesh government has intervened to cancel the proposed street race element for the [Indian Grand Prix at the Buddh International Circuit](#), prioritizing logistics and safety.

- A **Grand Prix** is a premier motorsport event that forms part of the **Formula One (F1) World Championship**, as well as other racing series.

### Key Points

- **Government Takes Control of Event Changes:** The Uttar Pradesh government has assumed

control over a major change related to the [Indian Grand Prix](#), canceling the idea of incorporating a street race element.

- **Street Race Proposal Scrapped:** Initial plans to include a street race element in the [MotoGP](#) event have been officially sidelined, in favor of a more streamlined approach.
- **Focus on Safety and Logistics:** The decision aligns with the state government's strategy to prioritize spectator safety, streamline event **logistics, and reduce potential disruptions.**
- **Commitment to Buddh International Circuit:** The government's move emphasizes maintaining the race at the [Buddh International Circuit](#), which holds a long-term contract for hosting the MotoGP event.
- **Centralizing Operations for Efficiency:** By eliminating the street race, the authorities aim for a smoother event execution, avoiding the **logistical challenges and risks associated with urban racing.**
- **Strengthening International Sporting Presence:** This intervention reflects Uttar Pradesh's growing role in hosting international sporting events, bolstering its image as a capable and reliable venue for global competitions.
- **Aligning with MotoGP Organizers' Expectations:** The decision also supports the MotoGP organizers' standards for participant and spectator safety, ensuring **high-quality event management.**



## Buddh International Circuit

- The Buddh International Circuit is a motor racing track located in Jaypee Sports City, **Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, named after Gautama Buddha**, similar to the district of its location.
- The track was officially inaugurated on 18 October 2011.

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**Madhya Pradesh CM Bats for Women's Empowerment | Madhya Pradesh | 14 Oct 2024**

## Why in News?

Recently, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister emphasized [women's empowerment](#) during the inauguration of a textile unit in [Ujjain district](#).

## Key Points

- **Inauguration of Textile Unit:** CM inaugurated a new textile unit in the [Ujjain district](#), highlighting the significance of industrial growth for **employment**.
- **Focus on Women's Empowerment:** During the event, he strongly advocated for women's empowerment, stressing the role of women in Madhya Pradesh's social and economic development.
- **Job Opportunities for Women:** The new textile unit is expected to generate employment, particularly for [women, promoting financial independence](#).
- **Government Support:** CM reiterated the state government's commitment to creating job opportunities for women across various sectors.
- **Boost to Local Economy:** The establishment of the textile unit is seen as a key initiative to boost the local economy and enhance livelihoods.
- **Encouraging Women's Participation:** The CM encouraged more women to take advantage of these opportunities, emphasizing their contribution to industrial and societal progress.

## Constitutional Measures for Women's Socio-Economic Empowerment

- **Article 14:** Guarantees equality before the law and equal protection of the laws, prohibiting discrimination on the basis of race, religion, sex and place of birth.
- **Article 15(3):** Allows the State to make special provisions for women and children.
- **Article 16:** Provides equal opportunities in matters of public employment.
- **Article 39(d):** Calls for equal pay for equal work for both men and women.
- **Article 42:** Directs the State to make provisions for ensuring just and humane conditions of work and maternity relief.

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## Madhya Pradesh CM To Woo Investments in Hyderabad | Madhya Pradesh | 14 Oct 2024

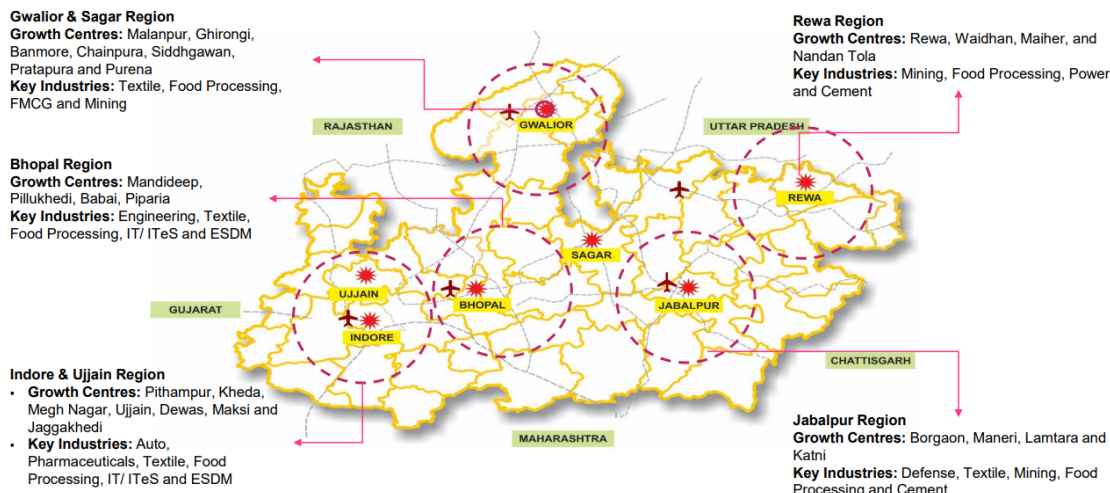
### Why in News?

Recently, Madhya Pradesh CM visited [Hyderabad](#) to attract investments and promote the **state's industrial potential**.

### Key Points

- **Investment Promotion in Hyderabad:** CM visited Hyderabad to seek investments in Madhya Pradesh, focusing on strengthening the state's industrial landscape.
- **Meeting with Industry Leaders:** He held discussions with prominent business leaders and industrialists, presenting opportunities for investment in sectors like textiles, pharmaceuticals, and information technology.
- **Highlighting Madhya Pradesh's Strengths:** CM emphasized Madhya Pradesh's favorable **business environment, citing its strategic location, robust infrastructure, and business-friendly policies**.

- **Government's Proactive Approach:** The CM reassured investors of the state government's commitment to providing necessary support, including incentives, ease of doing business, and policy assistance.
- **Boost to Local Employment:** The investments are expected to boost employment opportunities, particularly in key sectors like manufacturing and technology.
- **Focus on Sustainable Growth:** CM stressed the importance of [sustainable development](#) in the state's growth strategy, encouraging investments in [eco-friendly](#) and innovative industries.
- **Future Collaborations:** The visit is expected to pave the way for future collaborations between Madhya Pradesh and companies based in Hyderabad, enhancing the state's industrial prospects.



## Madhya Pradesh: DRI seizes 112 kg Mephedrone | Madhya Pradesh | 14 Oct 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, the [Directorate of Revenue Intelligence \(DRI\)](#) busted an illegal mephedrone factory in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh, seizing a large quantity of [narcotics](#).

### Key Points

- **DRI Operation in Jhabua:** The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) uncovered an illegal factory manufacturing mephedrone in Jhabua, Madhya Pradesh.
  - The operation led to the seizure of **112 kg of mephedrone**, a synthetic drug, with a high street value.
  - Multiple individuals involved in the illegal drug manufacturing and distribution network were arrested during the operation.
- **Impact on Drug Trafficking:** The bust is considered a significant blow to narcotics trafficking in the region, as mephedrone is a popular illegal drug in the market.
- **Continued Vigilance:** Authorities have increased vigilance and are monitoring the area to prevent further **illegal drug activities in the region**.
- **Mephedrone and its Risks:** Mephedrone, also known as "**meow meow**" or "**MD**," is a highly addictive synthetic drug, with severe health risks, making its illegal production a priority for law enforcement to tackle.

## Mephedrone

- It is also known as **4-methylmethcathinone, 4-MMC and 4-methylephedrone**.
- It is a synthetic stimulant drug of the **amphetamine and cathinone classes**.
- Other names: drone, M-CAT, white magic, 'meow meow', and bubble.
- It has a role as a **xenobiotic** and an environmental contaminant.
- It has been linked to a range of adverse effects on both physical and mental health.
- Users commonly report increased alertness, euphoria, and enhanced sociability, but these positive effects come at a cost.
- Health impacts:
  - Anxiety, paranoia, nausea, and insomnia are among the negative side effects experienced by individuals under the influence of this synthetic stimulant.
  - Prolonged use of Mephedrone has been associated with more severe consequences, including cardiovascular issues, hallucinations, and even instances of aggressive behaviour.
  - The drug's impact on mental health raises concerns about its potential for addiction and long-term psychological harm.
- It is banned in India under the [Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, 1985](#).

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## CM Unveils Projects at Dussehra | Uttarakhand | 14 Oct 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, Uttarakhand CM participated in the [Dussehra festival](#) in Champawat and announced several new developmental projects for the region.

### Key Points

- **Developmental Projects Announced:** During the event, he announced a series of developmental projects aimed at improving [infrastructure and public services](#) in the region.
  - Key initiatives include **road development, water supply projects**, and improvements to local facilities to boost the region's connectivity and quality of life.
- **Boosting Tourism:** CM emphasized the government's focus on promoting tourism in Champawat by enhancing local attractions and infrastructure to draw more visitors.
- **Commitment to Champawat's Growth:** The CM reiterated his government's commitment to accelerating the economic development of Champawat, ensuring that it becomes a hub for tourism and trade.
- **Engagement with Local Communities:** The announcements were made in the presence of local leaders and communities, with Dhamsi highlighting the role of public participation in the success of these projects.
- **Cultural and Economic Significance:** The CM emphasized the cultural importance of the **Dussehra festival** while linking it to the broader economic and infrastructural development of the region.

### Dussehra Festival

- Dussehra, also known as **Vijayadashami**, is a significant Hindu festival celebrated across India, symbolising the triumph of good over evil.
- It marks the **end of Navratri**, a nine-night festival devoted to Goddess Durga.
- The festivities include decorating homes and public spaces with **lights, flowers, and rangoli**.

