



# Vande Metro Projects

## Why in News?

Recently, the Madhya Pradesh government announced the introduction of "[Vande Metro](#)" projects in key urban areas of Madhya Pradesh during a development review meeting in Indore.

## Key Points

- **Vande Metro Initiative:** Capable of reaching speeds up to 160 km/h, doubling the current metro rail's maximum speed of 80 km/h.
  - Aim is to enhance commuting efficiency and reduce travel times.
- The metro network will be extended to Ujjain ahead of the **Simhastha Kumbh Mela** in 2028, to accommodate millions of visitors.

## Simhastha Kumbh Mela

- Celebrated when **Jupiter ascends into the Leo quarter of the zodiac or the Simha constellation** along the [Shipra river](#).
- **Significance:**
  - The river Shipra, in [Ujjain](#), is believed to enhance life due to the presence of the divine nectar.
  - The **Kumbh Mela** is held to commemorate this event.
  - Millions of devotees gather at the ghats of the **Shipra River** for a holy dip.

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