



Modernization of Head Post Office in Madhya Pradesh

Why in News?

- Recently, the **Union Minister of Communications** laid the **foundation stone** for the **Head Post Office** at **Ashoknagar** district of Madhya Pradesh.

Key Points

- **About the Head Post Office:**
 - The Head Post Office will be **constructed at a cost of Rs 2.1 crore**. It is scheduled for **completion within one year**.
 - The facility will **feature state-of-the-art, technology-enabled infrastructure with modern amenities** to enhance the customer experience.
 - The head post office will function as the **administrative center for 10 sub-post offices in Ashoknagar** district.
 - It **aims to improve service delivery and provide greater convenience** to the local population.
- **Legacy of India Post:**
 - With over 150 years of service, India Post remains one of the largest postal networks globally.
 - **The Post Office Act of 2023** came into force repealing the **Indian Post Office Act, 1898**.
 - The Department continues to bridge gaps and deliver excellence in both urban and rural areas, with a strong focus on modernization and grassroots outreach.

Indian Post Office Act, 1898

- It came into force on **1st July 1898** with the objective to **consolidate and amend** the law relating to the Post Offices in India.
- It provides for the **regulation of the postal services** offered by the central government.
- It grants the Central government **exclusive privilege over conveying letters** and establishes a monopoly of the Central government over conveying letters.