



Madhya Pradesh's New Intra-State Air Service

Why in News?

Recently, **Madhya Pradesh** Chief Minister launched intra-state air service named '**PM Shri Paryatan Vayu Seva**' by flagging off the first flight under it from Bhopal to Jabalpur.

Key Points

- In Madhya Pradesh, the cities of **Bhopal, Indore, Jabalpur, Gwalior, Ujjain, Rewa, Khajuraho, and Singrauli** will soon be **linked by air travel**.
- As per officials, to enhance the air connectivity, a **50% discount on fares** will be offered for a **period of 30 days**.
- **Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board (MPTB)** will manage the air service. The service is being operated through a **Public Private Partnership (PPP)** with M/s Jet Serv Aviation Private Limited (Flyola).

Public-Private Partnership (PPP) Model

- PPP is an **arrangement between government and private sector** for the provision of public assets and/or public services. Public-private partnerships allow large-scale government projects, such as roads, bridges, or hospitals, to be completed with private funding.
- In this type of partnership, **investments are undertaken by the private sector entity**, for a specified period of time.
- These partnerships work well when **private sector technology and innovation combine with public sector incentives** to complete work on time and within budget.
- As PPP involves full retention of responsibility by the government for providing the services, it doesn't amount to privatization.
- There is a well defined allocation of risk between the private sector and the public entity.
- **Private entity is chosen on the basis of open competitive bidding** and receives performance linked payments.
- The PPP route can be an alternative in developing countries where governments face various constraints on borrowing money for important projects.
- It can also give required expertise in planning or executing large projects.