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1. World's first Vedic clock to be installed in Ujjain (Nov. 6, 2022)

<u>Madhya Pradesh</u> education minister Mohan Yadav laid the foundation stone of the world's **first Vedic Clock** at the 300-year-old Jiwaji Observatory in <u>Ujjain</u>, Madhya Pradesh. The Jiwaji observatory was constructed by Maharaja Sawai Raja Jaisingh of Jaipur in 1719.

The clock to be built at an estimated cost of Rs 1.62 crore aims to make people familiar with the Vedic time calculation.

Vedic Clock

Elaborating on the Vedic clock the minister said that the Vedic clock will be based on Vedic calculation of the time, in which the 24 hours of the day are divided into Muhurats. The Vedic clock will be synced with the position of the Sun.

He said that there will be a dedicated mobile application for the readings of the Vedic Clock, and citizens will be able to use it on their smartphones, computers, televisions, and other devices.

He also said "the application will also have information on Vedic Hindu Panchang, planetary positions, Muhurats, astrological calculation, and predictions, etc.

Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh: Shivraj Singh Chouhan

2. Union Home Minister Amit Shah launches Hindi version of MBBS book in Bhopal (Oct. 16, 2022)

Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation Home Minister **Amit Shah**, who is on a daylong visit to Madhya Pradesh launched India's first Hindi version of MBBS course books in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh on 16 October 2022. The Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh, **Shivraj Singh Chouhan**, was also present during the launch event.

First medical college to offer bilingual MBBS course

Gandhi Medical College Bhopal became the first medical college in Madhya Pradesh and India to offer MBBS courses in both Hindi as well as in English medium, starting 2022-23 session. The book which has been launched in will be first used in the Gandhi Medical College.

Initially, three subjects have been selected to be studied in Hindi which includes **anatomy**, **physiology**, and **biochemistry**.

First State to offer bilingual MMBS course

Madhya Pradesh is the first state in the country to start the MBBS course in Hindi language. The state government intends to extend the bilingual medium of education in the medical field to all the medical colleges in the state.

In 2021 on a visit to Assam Prime Minister Modi has called to establish at least one medical college and one technical college in every Indian state which would impart higher education in regional languages.

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Madhya Pradesh State

- Madhya Pradesh, with an area of 3, 08, 000 sq.km. Is the **second largest state** in India after Rajasthan.
- After Independence 25 princely states were merged to create a Madhya Bharat State on May 28, 1948.
- After the reorganization of states in 1956 it was renamed as Madhya Pradesh on 1 November 1956.
- On 1 November 2000, Chhattisgarh state was formed by dividing the state of Madhya Pradesh
- It is bounded by the states of **Uttar Pradesh** to the northeast, **Chhattisgarh** to the southeast, **Maharashtra** to the south, **Gujarat** to the southwest, and **Rajasthan** to the northwest.

Capital: Bhopal

- State Symbol of the Madhya Pradesh
- The State bird of Madhya Pradesh is "**Dhudraj**" the Asian Paradise Flycatcher.
- The State tree of Madhya Pradesh is the "Banyan".
- The State animal of Madhya Pradesh in the "Barasingha" also called swamp deer.
- The State fish of Madhya Pradesh is **"Mahasheer**", locally known as Mahasheer Baudas.