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MADHYA PRADESH



From above: students after passing their 12th standard exam in Bhopal; and Bengal tigers in Bandhavgarh National Park

which the government has provided an interest subsidy for five years at the rate of 5 per cent for textile projects and 7 per cent for composite textile projects as well as 100 per cent assistance in plant and machinery for eight years under Industrial Investment Promotion Assistance Scheme. Between Indore, Bhopal, Orchha and Jabalpur there are six convention centres with modern amenities. The recent restoration of Minto Hall as a heritage building (the erstwhile Legislative Assembly) at Bhopal, into an International Convention Centre proves a point that the Government understands the contribution that MICE tourism brings to the State's economy.

Health wise the government has formulated the Madhya Pradesh Public Health Services Corporation Limited (MPPHSCL) a public company to provide healthcare infrastructure services to 1300 plus healthcare institutions under the department of Health & Family Welfare in the state. The MP-Aushadhi is a web based application that manages stocks of drugs and surgical items of varied drug warehouses. The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has two departments

namely the Department of Health and the Family Welfare Department of Health Research that implement various health services across the state. The State Government has health schemes like the Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel Free Drug Distribution Yojna and Free Pathology Diagnostic Services.

Madhya Pradesh is also emerging as an education hub. Starting with primary education, the Madhya Pradesh State Open School Education Board was set up under the Department of School Education to ensure education for all. The state government has taken several initiatives to ensure equal education opportunities. The department has a Part Credit Scheme for students who have passed in High School and Higher Secondary exam to pass the Madhya Pradesh State Open School Education Board after appearing in a maximum of four other subjects. As per the Shreni Sudhar Yojana, a student who wishes to reappear in the exam to improve his or her rank can do so.

The State Open School Board also has made available several vocational courses to the students including language education, computer hardware assembly, stenography, food processing and tailoring. Digital evaluation of answer sheets a system that facilitates scanning of the answer sheets of the students has enabled transparency in the examination system.

The State government has also made arrangements for free education of underprivileged children as well. To ensure an impetus to technical education, 1350 Technical Training Institutes offering programmes in engineering, architecture, computer applications, hotel management, catering technology, industrial training, business administration, pharmacy, polytechnic, and skill development have been setup.