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## Madhya Pradesh Receives Rs. 14,000 Crore Tax Devolution

Madhya Pradesh recently received a Rs. 14,000 crore boost in tax devolution from the central government ahead of Diwali, increasing the state's fiscal headroom.

### Key Points

- ❖ The Finance Commission allocates central tax income between the Union and states, recommending how much each state should receive.
- ❖ Articles 270-275 of the Indian Constitution define how taxes are distributed, ensuring that states receive a part of central taxes for financial stability.
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The criteria for horizontal devolution among States over the last five FCs

Criteria	11th FC 2000-05	12th FC 2009-10	13th FC 2010-15	14th FC 2015-20	15th FC 2021-26
Income Distance	62.5	50	47.5	50	45
Population (1971 Census)	10	25	25	17.5	-
Population (2011 Census)	-	-	-	10	15
Area	7.5	10	10	15	15
Forest cover	-	-	-	7.5	-
Forest and ecology	-	-	-	-	10
Infrastructure index	7.5	-	-	-	-
Fiscal discipline	7.5	7.5	17.5	-	-
Demographic performance	-	-	-	-	12.5
Tax effort	5	7.5	-	-	2.5
Total	100	100	100	100	100

### Current Status of Tax Devolution in India:

- ❖ Tax devolution in India involves transferring financial resources and decision-making authorities from the central government to states.

- ❖ Article 270 of the Constitution specifies how net tax proceeds are distributed between the Union government and the states.
- ❖ The Finance Commission (FC), which meets every five years, makes recommendations for the vertical distribution of revenues from the central government's divisible pool of taxes (excluding cess and surcharge).
- ❖ In addition, it provides a method for allocating these money horizontally among states.
- ❖ In addition to the tax share, states receive grants-in-aid based on the FC's recommendation.
- ❖ The 16th Finance Commission, chaired by Dr. Arvind Panagariya, has been tasked with producing recommendations for 2026-31.

## 21st Divya Kala Mela

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar inaugurated the 21st Divya Kala Mela at Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.



### Key Points

- ❖ The event is being organized by the Department of Empowerment of

Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) under the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, through the National Divyangjan Finance and Development Corporation (NDFDC).

- ❖ This event would be a grand celebration of talent, entrepreneurship, and craftsmanship of Divyang artisans from across the country.
- ❖ Over 100 Divyang entrepreneurs and artisans from more than 20 States and Union Territories will gather at this 11-day mela to showcase an impressive range of locally-made products.

#### Mauritius, first recipient of Rupee loan under IDEAS of Govt. of India

India has extended a line of credit (loan) of Rs 487.60 crores to the Government of Mauritius under the Government of India's Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS) programme.



#### Key Points

- ❖ It is the first time that India has extended a line of credit in Indian rupees to a foreign government under the IDEAS programme.
- ❖ The Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS) was launched as India Development Initiative by the government of India.

It was announced in the 2003-2004 budget speech by the then Finance Minister Jaswant Singh with an allocation of Rs 200 crore.

- ❖ It was later renamed the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS).

#### About Mauritius

Mauritius is an archipelago in the Indian Ocean near the eastern African coast and two-thirds of the country's population are of Indian origin.

- ❖ Capital: Port Louis
- ❖ Currency: Mauritian Rupee
- ❖ Prime Minister: Pravind Kumar Jugnauth

#### Virat Kohli Becomes 4th Indian Batter to Reach 9,000 Test Runs

Indian batter Virat Kohli has become the fourth Indian batsman to reach nine thousand Test runs in the ongoing match against New Zealand at M. Chinnaswamy Stadium.



#### Key Points

- ❖ He is the fourth Indian batter to achieve this feat, joining Sachin Tendulkar (15,921), Rahul Dravid (13,265), and Sunil Gavaskar (10,122).
- ❖ Kohli took 197 innings to reach 9,000 runs, making him the slowest among these four legends.

- ❖ Kohli currently ranks as the second-highest active Test run-scorer, behind England's Joe Root, who has 12,716 runs, and is placed 18th on the all-time list.

### Mohanji honored with Humanitarian Award at 2024 Conscious Companies Awards

Mohanji, renowned humanitarian and spiritual leader, was honored with a special recognition for his global humanitarian leadership at the 9th Conscious Companies Awards held on September 19, 2024, in Johannesburg, South Africa.



#### Key Points

- ❖ The prestigious annual event celebrates ethical and visionary leaders who demonstrate conscious leadership within their organizations, aligning people, profit, and purpose in the service of all stakeholders to create a better world.
- ❖ His teachings have a presence in over 90 countries globally.
- ❖ Conscious Companies Awards honor leaders supporting well-being for all stakeholders.

#### News shorts

- ❖ The Indian Coast Guard successfully conducted its 2nd edition of the

coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' of the year across Gujarat and the Union Territory of Daman & Diu coasts.

- ❖ The Chief Justice of India, Justice Dhananjaya Yeshwant Chandrachud, inaugurated the first International Conference on Advancements of Research & Global Opportunities for Holistic Ayurveda - AROHA-2024 at New Delhi
- ❖ The UAE has launched a new visa-on-arrival policy for Indian nationals holding valid US, UK, or EU visas, facilitating easier entry into the country.
- ❖ Prime Minister Narendra Modi will attend the BRICS Summit in Russia on October 22-23, 2024, at the invitation of President Vladimir Putin.
- ❖ SJVN won two awards at the SHRM India HR Awards 2024 in the Public Sector Enterprises category.
- ❖ India's government has collaborated with Meta to launch the "Scam se Bacho" campaign to tackle online scams and cyber fraud.
- ❖ Utkarsh Small Finance Bank (SFB) has appointed Olympic boxer Mary Kom and the former Indian football team Captain Sunil Chhetri as its Brand Ambassadors.

Important Daily Current Affairs Question

1. Where was the 21st Divya Kala Mela held recently?

- (a) Bhopal
- (b) Indore
- (c) Jabalpur
- (d) Gwalior

Answer-C

2. Which country is the first recipient of a Rupee loan under the IDEAS initiative of the Government of India?

- (a) Maldives
- (b) Seychelles
- (c) Mauritius
- (d) Nepal

Answer-C



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