



Indian Science Congress

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Recently:

- ❖ 105th Indian Science Congress will be hosted by Manipur Central University, Imphal in March, 2018.
- ❖ Hyderabad lost out on a chance to host the 105th Session of the event, which was to be held during January 3-7, 2018.
- ❖ Hyderabad has held the annual Indian Science Congress on seven earlier occasions.
- ❖ The reason stated by the Indian Science Congress Association (ISCA) is that the situation on the Osmania University campus was not conducive to the Prime Minister, the Telangana Chief Minister and the Nobel Laureates.
- ❖ Thus politics seems to have trumped science in the unusual decision to defer India's biggest scientific meet.

Brief history of the Indian Science Congress:

- The first session of the Congress was held in Kolkata under the General Presidentship of Ashutosh Mukherjee in 1914.
- In 1947, Jawaharlal Nehru, the first Prime Minister, was the General President.
- Post-Independence, Nehru made it a practice to inaugurate the event on every 3rd of January .
- The tradition has been carried on by successive PMs for the last 70 years.
- It's also a record that the Science Congress has been held without a break so far.
- In its initial years, the Congress would discuss the latest scientific developments, but it moved on to the Prime Minister of the day making policy statements on science and technology.

Controversy around ISC:

- Traditionally, the General President is elected by the members of the ISCA and is invariably a person of repute.
- Over the past decades, sections of the scientific community have expressed unhappiness with the affairs at ISCA, with Pushpa Mitra Bhargava(Indian scientist, writer, and administrator) openly criticizing the 'low quality' and pseudo-science being discussed at the sessions.
- Even Indian-origin Nobel Laureate Venkatraman Ramakrishnan, who participated at one session, was very critical and felt the Congress was a big jamboree and 'mela' than any useful science.
- Few others felt the entry of governments into the affairs had diluted its strengths.
- In a major effort to 'clean up' affairs at ISCA and bring back the Congress to a forum of serious science, the Secretary, Department of Science and Technology, T Ramaswami in 2012 convened a meeting of all former Presidents chaired by MGK Menon, and at least 18 took part and came up with suggestions for change.
- Streamlining the election process and withholding Government funding did not make much progress.
- Therefore in the interest of Science, it is needed that immediate steps must be taken to restructure the Congress and letting the President elect be known for their scientific accomplishments to restore some meaning to the event of Indian Science Congress.
- Given the limited resources, changed times with digital space dominating restructuring the Science Congress is a must to give it a meaning.



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- In the last few years the India International Science Festival , whose third session was held in Chennai almost replicates the Science Congress in many ways and has tacit support from the present dispensation at the Centre.
- Sources say that there are efforts to prop up IISF at the cost of ISC.
- However, scientists state that substitution is not the solution, but restructuring and making the traditional event meaningful and relevant is.





Madhya Pradesh Bhawantar Bhugtan Yojna

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Recently

- ❖ Rattled by the rural-agrarian distress across regions where the party is in power, BJP governments at the Centre and states are seeking a viable mechanism to address the problem of depressed domestic agricultural commodity prices ahead of the 2018 Budget.
- ❖ One of the models being seriously looked at is the Bhawantar Bhugtan Yojana launched by the BJP government in Madhya Pradesh.

Madhya Pradesh Bhawantar Bhugtan Yojna

- **Madhya Pradesh** Government has launched **Bhawantar Bhugtan Yojna** for the **cost loss funding scheme** to protect the risk of agricultural prices, in which the central government has announced a minimum support price (MSP).
- The State Government will pay the difference between the sale price and the remunerative price in the bank accounts of the farmers, under the **Mukhyamantri Bhawantar Bhugtan Yojana**.

Details of Madhya Pradesh Bhawantar Bhugtan Yojna

- Under this scheme, the difference between market value and support price will be given by the government to the farmers.
- Farmers will have to register themselves from **September 11 to October 11**. The farmers registering will be benefited only by this scheme.
- This scheme includes **soybean, peanut, sesame, ramil, corn, tur, urad** and **moong**.
- Government can cure the sale rate of each crop module, for this, the average price of three months' sale in two states will be calculated, which will be deducted by MSP from the state MSP.
- In order to overcome constant cost risk in agriculture, a low cost payment security net was proposed for the first time, which was commissioned by a government panel to amend the MSP.

Crops Covered By Madhya Pradesh Bhawantar Bhugtan Yojna

- Soybean
- Peanut
- Sesame
- Ramimal
- Maize
- Toor
- Urad
- Moong

Eligibility Criteria For MP Bhawantar Bhugtan Yojna

- Applicant should be a resident of Madhya Pradesh.
- The applicant should be a farmer and have a crop.

Required Document To Apply Scheme



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- Aadhar Card
- Bank Account Details

How to Apply for Madhya Pradesh Bhavantar Bhugtan Yojana

- Under this scheme, the farmers will have to register their crops with their Aadhar no. and bank account numbers as well as village-level co-operative societies.



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