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School Education Minister Honored 31 Teachers with 'Mukhyamantri Shiksha Gaurav Alankaran' Award

Why In News?

On January 31, 2023, Chhattisgarh's School Education Minister Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam honored 31 teachers of Raipur division under the 'Chief Minister Education Gaurav Alankaran' scheme in the auditorium of the Joint Director School Education Office located in the Board of Secondary Education premises.

Key points

- were awarded with Shiksha Doot Samman 12 teachers Among them, from Gyandeeep, 03 teachers, from Shiksha Shree 03 lecturers, excellent principals 05 and 08 excellent principal readers.
- Minister Dr. Tekam presented Shiksha Doot award of Rs.5000 to the teachers teaching classes I to V at block level, Gyandeeep award of Rs.7000 to teachers teaching classes VI to VIII of pre-secondary school at district level, Teachers teaching from class 9th to 12th at the divisional level were given Shiksha Shree Award along with an honorarium of Rs 10,000 along with a citation.
- Along with this, he also awarded Rs 2,000 to the principals doing excellent work in their schools within the district, and Rs 1,000 each to head teachers of primary and pre-secondary schools at the development block level. All the honored teachers were honored with certificates, shawls and shreefal.
- It may be noted that as per the announcement of the Chief Minister, teachers are rewarded every year at the block, district and divisional levels under the Mukhyamantri Gaurav Alankaran Yojana.
- Teachers are honored under the 'Chief Minister's Education Gaurav Alankaran' scheme at the development block level, Gyandeeep at the district level and Shiksha Shree Samman at the divisional level.
- This honor is given to the teachers doing excellent work in the field of education for inspiring work for the study-teaching of children along with skill development, responsibility towards intellectual, physical and social responsibilities.

- School Education Minister Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam while addressing the Mukhyamantri Shiksha Gaurav Alankaran ceremony said that during the pandemic like Corona, the teachers kept the flame of education burning and made many innovations. Other states also followed the innovations made by the teachers of the state during that period.

New Record of Procurement of 107.52 Lakh Metric Tonnes of Paddy in Chhattisgarh

Why In News?

On January 31, 2023, the state of Chhattisgarh has set a record by purchasing more than 107 lakh 51 thousand 858 metric tonnes of paddy till the last date of paddy procurement in the Kharif marketing year 2022-23, leaving behind the previous year's record of 98 lakh metric tonnes of paddy procurement.

Key points

- Chhattisgarh is the second state in the country after Punjab, where the highest quantity of paddy has been purchased. In terms of the number of farmers selling paddy at the support price, Chhattisgarh ranks first in the entire country.
- In the state, 23 lakh 41 thousand 935 farmers have sold their paddy at the support price. In terms of the number of farmers selling paddy at the support price, this figure is so high that other states of the country are not even close to it.
- It is noteworthy that in the last four years, the system of paddy procurement in the state of Chhattisgarh has been strengthened and improved so much that farmers do not face any kind of problem in selling paddy and getting payment. This is the reason that in the last four years, there has been a record increase in the number of farmers selling paddy at the support price and the amount of paddy purchased, due to which Chhattisgarh has reached the second place as a contributor of paddy to the Central Pool.
- Due to the farmer-friendly policies of the Government of Chhattisgarh, both agriculture and farmers have prospered in the state. Year-on-year record increase in paddy procurement figures in the state and under 'Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana', input subsidy of Rs 9,000 is being given to productive farmers on per acre basis.

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- This year, 249 new rice mills have been set up in the state, due to which the number of registered millers has increased from 2035 to 2284 for custom milling of paddy procured on support price in the state.
- In the last four years, the result of prosperity in the field of agriculture and the prosperity of the farmers is that the number of villagers and farmers buying tractors in the state has increased rapidly. In the last four years, farmers have purchased more than 80,000 tractors in the state.
- With the increase in the number of procurement centers for paddy procurement in the state, the Chhattisgarh government has made better arrangements for the sale of paddy to the farmers through app along with manual tokens the 'Token Tuhan Haath' for paddy purchase from registered farmers.
- Paddy procurement in the state continued uninterrupted from the opening day i.e., November 1, 2022, till the last day i.e., January 31, 2023. Considering the 24.98 lakh registered farmers and 32.19 lakh hectare area in the state, 110 lakh metric tonnes of paddy was estimated to be procured this year.
- Food Secretary T.K. Verma said that like last year in the state, along with paddy procurement, arrangements were made to lift paddy directly by the millers from procurement centers for custom milling, due to which more than 90 lakh metric tonnes have been produced so far. More paddies have been lifted.
- He said that due to the arrangement of lifting paddy for paddy procurement as well as custom milling, hardly 3 lakh metric tonnes of paddy will have to be taken to the collection centers this year, whereas last year about 23 lakh metric tonnes of paddy was required to be taken to the collection centers. Due to this system of lifting paddy, about 150-200 crore rupees will be saved.
- The Chhattisgarh government's decision to give incentives to millers for custom milling at Rs 120 per quintal has also led to a spurt in custom milling. This year, 249 new millers have registered. This simply means that paddy has given impetus to Chhattisgarh's economy and industrialization, it has also created new employment opportunities.
- Due to the farmer-friendly policy and decisions of the state government, the area under paddy has increased to more than 32.19 lakh hectares. The registered farmers include 2.32 lakh new farmers.

The Team from Chhattisgarh got the Award for the Best Scientific Poster.

Why In News?

On February 1, 2023, the team from the Ear, Nose and Throat (ENT) Department of Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Medical College Hospital, Raipur received the 'Best Scientific Poster Presentation Award' at an international conference held at KIMS Hospital, Secunderabad.

Key points

- Dr. Hansa Banjara, HOD, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Medical College Hospital said that a team of audiologists and speech pathologists from the ENT department made a poster presentation on the care of implants by parents.
- The scientific poster was based on Cochlear implant health assistance operated under the Chief Minister's Special Health Assistance Scheme.
- The conference was organised by Telangana Audiologists and Speech Language Pathologists Association (TASLPA) and International Symposium of Audiological Medicine (ISAM).

Central and State Government will Make Joint Efforts to Save the Cultural Heritage of the State

Why In News?

On February 2, 2023, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Directorate of Archaeology, Archives and Museums, Raipur and the Indira Gandhi National Center for the Arts, New Delhi to preserve, protect and promote the cultural heritage and historical heritage of Chhattisgarh.

Key points

- In this agreement, the Mahant Ghasidas Memorial Museum on the rock art of Chhattisgarh along with the rock art of the world and India will be set up separately in Raipur by the Indira Gandhi National

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Center for the Arts to acquaint the local students, tourists, researchers and public with the real aspects of their ancient culture. The gallery will be set up.

- Apart from this, it will be helpful in various academic programs and projects of both the institutions such as research training, compilation of digital resources, survey, archiving and conservation of state protected shelters.
- Speaking on the occasion, Culture Minister Amarjeet Bhagat said that this MoU is important in the direction of preserving and promoting 'Heritage of Chhattisgarh' and culture. The Department of Culture is committed to preserve the culture and archaeological importance of Chhattisgarh.

Chhattisgarh Economic Survey 2022-23

Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, Chhattisgarh Economic and Statistics Minister Amarjeet Bhagat presented the 'Economic Survey year 2022-23' of Chhattisgarh state in the assembly budget session.

Key points

- GDP of Chhattisgarh State At constant prices, it is estimated to increase from Rs 2 lakh 67 thousand 6 hundred 81 crores in the year 2021-22 to Rs 2 lakh 89 thousand 82 crores in the year 2022-23. This year the growth rate is estimated to be eight percent.
- At constant prices (base year 2021-12), in the advance estimate year 2022-23, Gross State Domestic Product at Market Price (GSDP at Market Prices) is estimated to increase by eight percent as compared to the previous year 2021-22.
- In this, 5.93 percent growth is expected in agriculture and allied sectors (agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries and forestry), 7.83 percent growth in industry sector (including construction, manufacturing, mining and quarrying, electricity, gas and water supply) and 9.21 percent growth in service sector.
- Advance Estimates at prevailing prices: Gross State Domestic Product (Market Price) (GSDP at Market Prices) in the year 2022-23 is likely to increase from Rs. 406416 crores in the previous year 2021-22 to Rs. 457608 crores, which shows an increase of 12.60 percent. Is.

- In this, the year the agriculture and allied sector 854.92 crore in the year 2021-22 increased from Rs 2022-23, in to Rs 946.35 crore to Rs 163616 similarly, the industry sector increased from Rs 2022-23 in the year 183586 crore service sector in the and from Rs 136329 crore in the year 2022-23 155995 The percentage increase over the previous year is estimated to be, respectively Rs. 10.70, Rs. 12.21 and Rs. 14.43 percent.
- According to quick estimates, the state's Gross Domestic Product at Market Prices (GSDP at Market Prices) has increased by 8.46 percent in the year 2021-22 as compared to the previous year 2020-21, in which agriculture and allied sectors (agriculture, mining, electricity, there has been an increase of 8.07 percent in the gas and water supply sector and 9.80 percent in the service sector.
- The per capita income is expected to increase from Rs 1,20,704 (One Lakh B Thousand Seven Hundred Four) in the Quick Estimates for the year 2021-22 to Rs 1,33,898 (One Lakh Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Eight) in the Advance Estimates for the year 2021-23., which shows an increase of 10.93 per cent over the previous year.

The Chief Minister Announced the State Decoration Award in the Name of Saint Poet Pawan Dewan.

Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel made an important announcement to give state ornamentation award in the field of poetry writing in honour of Saint Poet Pawan Diwan in honour of 'Sant Kavi Pawan Diwan' tribute meeting and honour ceremony held in the capital Raipur.

Key points

- The awards, in the name of saint poet Pawan Diwan, will be presented annually from the upcoming state ornamentation ceremony.
- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel also felicitated the poets and litterateurs of Chhattisgarh for their outstanding contribution in the field of literature and poetry writing on the occasion.

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- Among them, Padma Shri Dr. Surendra Dubey was awarded the Viprakul Gaurav Shikhar Samman-2023. Similarly, Arun Kumar Nigam and Kashipuri Kundan were awarded the Sant Kavi Pawan Diwan Smriti Asmita Samman.
- Each of them was awarded with a cash prize of Rs 21,000 each and a shawl and a shawl.
- He also released the Vipra Yoga Magazine and the monthly bulletin of VIP College on the occasion.
- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel while addressing the function said that Saint Poet Pawan Diwan had a deep attachment with the soil of Chhattisgarh. In his poem, the soil of Chhattisgarh is repeatedly mentioned. His writings give a very beautiful and intuitive depiction of the present state of the society, which related to the feelings of people of every class and every society.
- Saint poet Pawan Dewan was born on January 1, 1945, in a prestigious Brahmin family in Kirwai village near Rajim (lively confluence of Mahanadi parry and Sodoor river) called Prayag in Chhattisgarh.
- After the Emergency in the year 1975, in 1977, he contested from Rajim Vidhansabha seat on Janata Party ticket and surprised everyone by defeating veteran Congress leader Shyamacharan Shukla (Congress Party). He was the jail minister in the Janata Party government in undivided Madhya Pradesh.
- After this, he joined the Congress and then remained in the Congress till the formation of a separate state Chhattisgarh. He was the chairman of the Cow Service Commission in the previous government.

Chief Minister Released a Booklet 'Jatra' Based on Specially Protected Tribes

Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel held a meeting on special protected tribes of Chhattisgarh in his office room located in the Vidhan Sabha. He released a booklet written by Satyajit Sahu and published under the title Jatra".

Key points

- Dr. Satyajit Sahu said that in the booklet, the concentration of special backward tribes living in

Chhattisgarh, their lifestyle, living and food habits have been mentioned.

- Along with this, information has also been given about the efforts made by his team to create health awareness among these tribes through the camp as well as to remove misconceptions about minor diseases.
- He said that his team is organizing camps in remote tribal areas to provide information about the health schemes being run by the state government, as well as providing free health check-ups and medicines.

President honored Gayatri Devi Yadav with Water Warrior Category

Why In News?

On March 4, 2023, at held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi the 'Swachh Sujal Shakti' Award Ceremony, President Draupadi Murmu honoured volunteer Gayatri Devi Yadav, who is playing the role of water woman in Rajasthan, with the water warrior category.

Key points

- Gayatri Devi has been honoured for her outstanding work done through rural women self-help groups to make farm ponds in Sambhar block area of Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- It is noteworthy that Gayatri Devi Yadav, along with The Gram Chetna Kendra Sanstha of Jaipur, has done excellent work for rainwater harvesting and conservation by forming 65 women self-help groups in about 68 villages of Sambhar block for the last several years and contributed significantly to making women water literate in rural areas.
- Bansi Lal Meena, member of Gram Chetna Kendra Sanstha, said that Gayatri Devi Yadav worked to help the people in spreading the schemes being run by the state government and the central government for rainwater harvesting and clean water management through women self-help groups.
- He trained the villagers to collect rainwater through farm ponds, especially in rural areas, to make it fit for drinking and farming and to do better water management.

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- Gayatri Devi's important work of training rural women to get pure drinking water and other crops from the accumulated rainwater stopped the migration of families in rural areas and increased their income, giving rural women an opportunity to lead a respectable life.



Chief Minister Increased the Amount of Assistance for Marriage Conferences

Why In News?

On March 4, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has increased the grant amount to encourage mass marriage conferences to be held in the state.

Key points

- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that under the mass marriage scheme, now 25 thousand rupees will be given per couple. In this, the newly married woman will get a grant of 21 thousand rupees and the institution will get a grant of 4 thousand rupees. This amount will be payable to marriage conferences held from April 1, 2023.
- It is known that at present this amount is being given 15 thousand and 3 thousand rupees respectively i.e., a total of 18 thousand rupees.
- Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has announced an increase in grants in the budget, taking important decisions towards promoting social activities like mass marriages, preventing malpractices like dowry system and reducing unnecessary expenditure 2023-24.
- A provision of Rs 10 crore has been made on behalf of the Chief Minister for the year 2023-24 as assistance. With this, a target has been set to provide mass marriage grant to about 4000 couples.

- He has agreed to give an additional assistance of Rs 10 lakh to the organizers for the participation of families of different communities, castes and religions in mass marriages. Realizing the spirit of 'unity in diversity', this amount will be given for organizing marriages of at least 25 couples. In this, there is a provision to aid of Rs 2 crore to about 20 institutions.

Chief Minister inaugurated Gahoi Bhawan in Raipur

Why In News?

On March 5, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the newly constructed building built by Shri Gahoi Vaishya Samaj of Raipur at Tatibandh near AIIMS in the state capital Raipur.

Key points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel said that this building has been constructed by Shri Ghai Vaishya Samaj to plan for the stay of patients and their families during the treatment of patients in AIIMS.
- He said that with the construction of the newly constructed building, people of other societies will also get its benefit. This building will be very useful for patients coming from Chhattisgarh and other states outside Chhattisgarh. Many times, the treatment must be stopped for a long time, in such a situation, through this building, the problem of stay of patients and their families will be solved and will provide them a lot of relief.
- The Chief Minister said that this work of the society is a high-quality human service. Any society which does not own land is being given land for giving a fixed amount for social work. Collector guidelines have also been reduced by 30 percent.



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Chhattisgarh Budget 2023-24

Why In News?

On March 6, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel presented a budget of the year 2023-24 for the progress and prosperity of the state with the aim of 'Garhbo Nawa Chhattisgarh', in which a provision of Rs 1 lakh 21 thousand 500 crore was made. This budget will prove to be a strong step towards fulfilling the objectives contained in the 'Chhattisgarh Model' based on agriculture and rural economy.

Key points

➤ Economic 2023-24 Status of Budget:

- The state's gross domestic product of the current year 2022-23 is estimated at 8 percent compared to the year 2021-22 at a stable rate. This is higher than a 7 percent increase at the national level.
- In the year 2022-23, there is a 5.93 percent increase in agriculture, 7.83 percent increase in industrial sector and 9.21 percent increase in service sector. Agriculture, industry and service are more estimated than the state growth rate center in all three areas.
- The state's gross domestic product on the prevailing price increased from 4 lakh 06 thousand 416 crore in the year 2021-22 to 4 lakh 57 thousand 608 crore in the year 2022-23, which is 12.60 percent more than the previous year.
- In the year 2021-22, per personal income per year of Rs 1,33,898 per person in 2022-23, which is 10.93 percent more than the previous year.

➤ Highlights of the Budget:

- A provision of Rs 6,800 crore for Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyaya Scheme to make the state of Chhattisgarh, famous as a 'bowl of paddy'. Rajiv Gandhi Rural Landless Agricultural Worker Justice Scheme expansion for rural areas as well as Nagar Panchayat area.
- A provision of Rs 250 crore for providing unemployment allowance at the rate of Rs 2500 per month under the new scheme to provide unemployment allowance to educated unemployed.
- The amount of monthly pension given under the Social Security Pension Scheme to the destitute, elderly, disabled and widow and abandoned women will be given Rs 500 per month.

- Provision of Rs 1000 crore for various urban infrastructure construction works in urban areas.
- A provision of Rs 50 crore for the establishment of an industrial park in the urban area on the lines of the establishment of Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park.
- A provision of Rs 200 crore for the establishment of new medical colleges in Manendragarh, Geedam, Janjgir-Champa and Kabirdham districts.
- A new thermal powerhouse will be established in Korba West. Provision of Rs 25 crore for this in the budget.
- 101 Naveen Swami Atmanand provision of Rs 870 crore to open schools of English medium.
- Provision of Rs 38 crore for Chief Minister Kanya Vivah Yojana.
- Provision for introduction of Light Metro service from Nava Raipur Atal Nagar to Durg.
- Monthly honorarium of Anganwadi workers 6,500 per month to Rs increased from Rs 10,000 per month. Honorarium of Anganwadi helpers 3,250 to Rs increased from Rs 5,000 per month. Honorarium of mini Anganwadi workers 4,500 to Rs increased from Rs 7,500 per month.
- Honorarium at the rate of 2200 rupees per month from the state item to Mitani sisters from earlier incentives.
- Village Kotwars increased the amount of earlier honorarium based on service land to Rs 3,000 to Rs 3,000, Rs 3,375 to Rs 4,500, Rs 4,050 increased to Rs 5,500 and Rs 4,500 to Rs 6,000 per month. Village Patel's monthly honorarium increased from Rs 2,000 to Rs 3,000.
- Under the mid-day meal program, the amount of honorarium being given to the kitchens that make lunch in schools increased to Rs 1,500 to Rs 1,800 per month. The honorarium of sanitation workers working in schools also increased from Rs 2,500 to Rs 2,800 per month.
- The honorarium of home guard personnel increases a minimum of Rs 6,300 to a maximum of Rs 6,420 per month.
- 750 rupees to the chairman of the Steering Committee of Swavalambi Gothans and Rs 500 to non-government members.

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- 50 lakhs for interest grant on housing loans up to Rs 25 lakh under Journal House Construction Loan Grant Scheme for cooperation in private housing construction to journalists.



School Education Department Received Mbillionth Award

Why In News?

On March 6, 2023, at a program held in New Delhi, the School Education Department was awarded the Competence Award for teaching in the field of school education in Chhattisgarh through 'Niklar App'.

Key points

- It is worth mentioning that in South Asia, the Ambillionth Award honors the innovations being done in the direction of making life easier by using technology to the general public through mobile, which was started in 2010, this is the 12th series of the award.
- In Chhattisgarh, the School Education Department and NIC have also developed the Nickler app by doing long research to ease the assessment related work of teachers.
- This technology is used to ease the work of teachers. To use the app, one must first go to the Google Play Store and download the Nickler app.
- On the basis of U-Dice of the school, the students have to download the QR code cards from the portal and paste it in a booklet. In this way, a unique card has to be given for each student with his name. It should not be interchanged. It should remain with him throughout the session in the name of that child.
- If you want to ask questions after teaching a topic, you can ask the available questions related to that text in the Nickler app or you can give your own questions.

There should be four options for the question to be asked. Children have to be taught how to hold the card based on the right choice.

- The presence of children can also be taken using the Nicker app. You can also ask questions by creating audio of various questions asked through this app. If there is any problem in the use of the app, technically expert teachers help them by making help videos from among the teachers, which has made it easier to implement it in the classroom.
- Samagra Shiksha is constantly providing necessary support for the use of this app. This year, budget has also been made available to all schools for internet. Teachers have also been trained to use the Niklar app.
- It is known that in the 'Sugghar Padhvaiya' Scheme launched by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on November 14, 2022, schools can also be assessed in a very short time through the Niklar app. Teachers are also being prepared for this.

Lord Buddha idol of Panduvanshi Era Found in Village Sondra

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on March 10, 2023, during the excavation work being done for the construction of a house in village Sondra, located on the Raipur-Bilaspur Road, other archaeological statues including the ancient Buddha statue of Panduvanshi period have been found.

Key points

- It is worth mentioning that during the excavation work done by Dilendra Banchor in village Sondra for the construction of a house in the individual housing complex, a statue of Buddha has been found from a depth of about 3 feet from the surface of the land.
- As soon as information was received in this regard, the team of Archaeological Department (Dr. P.C Parakh, Dr. Vrishottam Sahu and Dr. Rajeev Minj) conducted site inspection.
- Officials of the Department of Archaeology and Archives said that 16 km from Raipur to Bilaspur main road. Village Sondra is situated at 2 km west of Sankara. Kharun river is located about 3 km west

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from the above site. The place where the idol was found is situated on the highest part of the village and evidence of ancient mound is visible here.

- Officials said that the width of this statue made of local sandstone is 74X height 87X thickness 40 cm.
- The marking of Urna (Tilak mark) on the forehead of this huge stone statue of Buddha gives it a unique look and, on this basis, it seems more likely to be a meditative Buddha. This bust statue of Buddha is incomplete, on which the marks of chisel are clearly visible.
- This is the upper part of the Buddha statue made in the three-tier construction technique. This technique was used for the construction of huge statues of sandstone, in which a statue was built in three stone blocks in levels according to the plan and installed vertically. Examples of Buddha statues made of this technique can be seen at Sirpur and Rajim in Chhattisgarh and Bodh Gaya in Bihar.
- Officials said that on-site inspection, information has also been received about the presence of other idols here, which are installed in the nearby temple and on the plinth next to the temple.
- Among the idols, Buddha in Bhumisparsh Mudra, Worshiper, Unknown Sthanak Statue, Buddha in Yogic Dhyan Mudra, Lalitasana Mudra Tara, Sthanak Bodhisattva as well as 4 Shivlings, 4 Fragmented Padar Silbatte, 1 Pranal Statue Peeth, some fragmented statues and architectural fragments were received. Are. The antiquities of the above site seem to be of Panduvanshi period (6th to 9th century AD).



Mathpuraina Urban Primary Health Center got National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate

Why In News?

According to the information given by Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on March 10, 2023, the Mathpuraina Urban Primary Health Center of Raipur, which provides excellent healthcare and better treatment to patients, was awarded the National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS) certificate by the Union Ministry of Health.

Key points

- The Union Health Ministry team had inspected this UPHC (Urban Primary Health Center) last December and tested the quality of services available to the patients. The team also took feedback from the patients in this regard. Mathpuraina Urban Primary Health Center got 93 percent marks in the evaluation of the Health Ministry team.
- During the inspection of Mathpuraina UPHC, the team of Union Health Ministry visited dressing room and emergency, immunization, communicable diseases, outreach, pharmacy, lab, general administration, non-communicable diseases, family planning, new-born and child health, maternity health and general clinic. Services were evaluated.
- It is worth mentioning that before providing the National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate, the services and satisfaction level of the hospital are tested on eight parameters by the team of experts.
- These include parameters such as services available, patients' rights, inputs, support services, clinical services, infection control, quality management and outcomes. Only hospitals that meet these stringent standards are issued quality certificates by the Union Health Ministry.

'Education in Angana' Program Received SKOCH Award for the Year 2022

Why In News?

On March 13, 2023, Chhattisgarh School Education Department has once again 2022 for its outstanding work

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done in under the 'Angana Ma Shiksha' program run by Samagra the year 2022 received SCOTCH Award Shiksha in the state.

Key points

- This entire program of 'Angana Ma Shiksha' is being conducted by a group of women teachers from Chhattisgarh. This year will be the third year of the programme and every year some new designs are incorporated by women leadership.
- The SCOTCH Award is the country's highest civilian honour given by an independent organisation, which recognizes people, projects and institutions who make extra efforts to make India a better nation.
- This award was instituted in the year 2003. This award is given for best efforts in the field of digital, financial and social inclusion.
- It is known that at the time of Corona, when the entire staff of the School Education Department was constantly trying to continue the education of the children and by encouraging the teachers for this work, efforts are being made to continue the education of the children in new ways. At the same time some women teachers of the state proposed their contribution in this state-wide program 'Padhai Tunhar Duar'. He trained the mothers and started the effort to teach the children while staying at home through them in the form of 'Angana Ma Shiksha'.
- Through the 'Angana Ma Shiksha' programme, it was successful in awakening the interest of the mothers towards the education of their children. Mothers and small children should be taught by organizing fairs in every village, by inviting mothers and children to the fair, using materials available at home like utensils, vegetables, fruits, clothes, etc. Work was done on this.
- In this program, mothers doing better work at the village level were selected and honored as smart mothers.
- Smart Mothers also used to help other mothers in this program and help in learning, as well as from time to time, they used to go to kindergartens and primary schools to help in the education of children and to get information about the learning work of their children from teachers. Through this program, mothers have been successful in developing a culture of teaching children at home.
- What the children learned was made to be made to ensure that the mothers gave it to their children's teachers by designing a support card instead of a report card. An attempt was made to show the status of the mothers in different competencies of the children using simple symbols in very easy ways.
- Arrangements were made by the groups of teachers to monitor the entire program through core groups at the cluster, development block, district and state level.



Chhattisgarh All Over Champion for the 11th Time in the All-India Forest Sports Competition

Why In News?

Chhattisgarh became the overall champion for the 11th time in the 26th All India Forest Sports Competition held in Panchkula, Haryana on March 14, 2023.

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Key points

- In the 26th All India Forest Sports Competition, Chhattisgarh again retained its first position by winning a total of 164 medals, beating its nearest rival Karnataka.
- It is noteworthy that in this five-day long event, tennis, table tennis, badminton, swimming, carrom, chess, weightlifting, power lifting, kabaddi, along with indoor games like cricket, football, basketball, hockey, golf, there are various events in athletics.
- In this competition, the highest officers of the Forest Department participate in sports events from PCCF to guard.
- In the 26th All India Forest Sports Competition, the Forest Department team of Chhattisgarh won gold medal for the seventh time by defeating Jammu and Kashmir in cricket. Similarly, in football, Chhattisgarh got the first position by defeating the Haryana team. The basketball team of Chhattisgarh won the gold medal by defeating the Karnataka team.
- Chhattisgarh has won total 19 gold medals in weightlifting, powerlifting, 12 gold in tennis, 04 gold in badminton, 06 gold in swimming, 18 gold, 10 silver, 08 bronze medals in athletics. Similarly, 09 gold and 02 silver medals have been obtained in tennis.
- In this way, in this year's 26th All India Forest Sports Competition, Chhattisgarh won a total of 164 medals and scored a total of 542 points.



Agriculture Minister Launches 'Meri Policy Mere Haath' Program

Why In News?

On February 15, 2023, Chhattisgarh's Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey inaugurated the 'Meri Policy

Mere Haath' program at his residence office by distributing policies to farmers.

Key points

- The farmers were given policies under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and the restructured weather-based crop insurance scheme.
- Along with this, from February 15, a total of 2 lakh 23 thousand 873 farmers insured under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana by the MP, MLA or Collector at the district level and a total of 13 thousand 487 farmers under the Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme will be distributed by the insurance company.
- It is notable that under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Reorganized Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme, comprehensive crop insurance cover is provided for economic protection of crop loss from adverse weather conditions, cereals, pulses, oilseeds and horticulture crops have been included in these schemes. .
- The scheme is voluntary for loanee and non-loanee farmers for the notified crops. Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme, from the year 2016-17 to the year 2022-23, the claim amount of Rs 6235.24 crore has been paid to the eligible farmers against the premium amount of Rs 1191.06 crore payable by the farmers.
- Against the premium amount of Rs 17.90 crore payable by the farmers under Rabi season 2021-22, claim payment of Rs 382.10 crore has been made to the farmers.

Chhattisgarh Millet Carnival

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on February 15, 2023, the Chhattisgarh Millet Carnival will be organized in the capital Raipur from February 17 to 19.

Key points

- In this millet carnival, renowned chefs of India of millet will teach you how to make new dishes and serve it to the guests.
- The carnival will be held at Subhash Stadium under the joint aegis of Chhattisgarh State Small Forest Produce Association and IIMR Hyderabad. This unique

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carnival will have a specially lit food court, where common citizens will be able to taste the delicious dishes of millet.

- The purpose of the Millet Carnival is to include millet in the daily diet of the people and to create public awareness about its nutritive value.
- The event will see discussions by national experts to share the features of Millet with the participants and visitors. Also, to create demand for millet, millet start-ups will showcase their packaged millet products.
- Apart from this, street plays will be performed by educational institutions and cultural programs will be performed every evening by local folk artists to make the younger generation aware about the environmental benefits of millet cultivation.
- It is noteworthy that after the announcement of celebrating the year 2023 as the International Millet Year, with the signing of an MoU between ICAR-IIMR January 10, 2022, the 'Millet Mission' was started in Chhattisgarh on in a meeting held under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister and 14 districts.
- Chhattisgarh State Small Forest Produce Association was also directed to purchase Kodo, Kutki and Ragi at the minimum support price announced by the state government. On the same occasion, the Small Forest Produce Association also signed an agreement with ICAR under which IIMR became the knowledge partner of the Millet Mission.
- It is known that Chhattisgarh is the first state where Kodo, Kutki is being purchased at Rs 30 per kg and Ragi at Rs 33.77 per kg.
- in some Chunida blocks to encourage millet-based industries, plant and equipment CSIDC has introduced a 50 per cent subsidy on land.
- The state cabinet has announced an amount of Rs 'Rajiv Gandhi Nyay Yojana' per acre under the 9,000 to encourage the production of millets. This amount will be given to the farmers for the cultivation of Kodo, Kutki and Ragi.
- In order to increase the consumption of millet products in the state, there is a plan to include millet products in PDS, Anganwadi and Mid-Day Meal soon.
- In the last one year, the state has made remarkable progress in achieving the goal of the Millet Mission. Finally, rapid steps are being taken towards making Chhattisgarh the millet hub of India. More than 50 thousand quintals of millets have been purchased in

the first year, so far this year 38 thousand quintals of Kodo, Kutki and Ragi have been purchased at support price. 12 small millet processing centers have been set up in 10 districts of the state.

- With the announcement of minimum support price, farmers are Now getting a purchase price of Rs 20-25 per kg instead of Rs 12-15 per kg in the market. Asia's first millet processing unit with a capacity of 5000 metric tonnes per annum has been commissioned in Kanker district.

The Chief Minister Gave a Big Gift in the Gaurav Samagam-2023 of the Urban Administration and Development Department

Why In News?

On February 15, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced to give about Rs 1,000 crore to all urban bodies for development works in the Gaurav Samagam-2023 of urban administration and development department, along with many other important announcements and rewarded urban bodies for excellent work.

Key points

- Participating in the Gaurav Samagam-2023 of the Urban Administration and Development Department, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced an amount of about one thousand crore rupees to all the urban bodies for development works.
- He gave 100 crores to Municipal Corporation Raipur, 50 crores to Bilaspur Municipal Corporation, 25 crores to Durg Municipal Corporation, 20-20 crores to Bhilai-Charoda, Ambikapur, Jagdalpur, 15-15 crores to Risali, Rajnandgaon, Raigarh and Korba, Birgaon, announced to give an amount of 10 crore each to Dhamtari and Chirmiri.
- Along with this, he announced to give Rs 5 crore to all municipalities and Rs 3 crore to all Nagar Panchayats.
- The Chief Minister announced urban women livelihood centers in Raipur, Bhilai and Bilaspur, drainage system in waterlogged areas of Raipur city, simplification of land development rules, upgradation of Mahatma

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Gandhi Stadium in Ambikapur, road construction and beautification.

- The Chief Minister made a big announcement that BPOs with software and hardware facilities will be opened in Raipur and Bhilai to provide employment to the youth.
- For better education of students, a world-class central library reading zone will be made in Bhilai at a cost of Rs 20 crore.
- The Chief Minister announced the opening of Urban Cottage and Service Industries Parks in all municipal corporations and municipalities on the lines of REPA.
- In order to increase the health facilities of the citizens, he announced the creation of smart health kiosks in municipal corporations, in which free facility of BP, sugar, blood tests will be available.
- Announcing CCTVs, modern toilets and development arrangements in the market areas of the cities, the Chief Minister said that on the demand of public representatives, the octroi compensation amount of urban bodies would be increased from Rs 26 to Rs 35.
- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel gave away awards to the urban bodies for excellent implementation of various departmental schemes at Gaurav Samagam function.
- Municipal Corporation Birgaon was awarded for the most active body, Municipal Corporation Bhilai Charoda for comprehensive coverage and Municipal Corporation Ambikapur for the implementation of services related to the urban body, for excellent performance in 'Mukhya Mantri Mitan Yojana'.
- Municipal Corporation Dhamtari, Municipal Council Dalli rajhara and Nagar Panchayat Amdi were awarded for their excellent performance in 'Chief Minister's Slum Health Scheme'.
- Nagar Palika Nigam Raigarh, Nagar Palika Parishad Gariaband and Nagar Panchayat Gurur were awarded for better performance in 'Shri Dhanwantri Generic Medical Stores Scheme'.
- Municipal Corporation Raipur, Nagar Palika Parishad Deepka and Nagar Panchayat Kharora were awarded for maximum revenue collection.
- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel released a coffee table booklet based on departmental achievements of the last 4 years on the occasion of Gaurav Samagam celebrations. He also released videos based on

departmental achievements, release of More Performance More Samman Guide under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Guide for Aspirational Toilet Design under Swachh Bharat Mission.

- The Chief Minister distributed prizes to the selected beneficiaries in the competition organized by the Government of India under the Prime Minister's Housing Scheme on the theme of Happiness.

79th Mahant Raja Sarveshwar Das Memorial All India Hockey Tournament 2022-23

Why In News?

On February 16, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel attended the closing ceremony of the 79th Mahant Raja Sarveshwar Das Smriti All India Hockey Tournament 2022-23 held at the International Astroturf Hockey Stadium in Rajnandgaon.

Key points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced Rs 2 crore for the construction of flood lights and pavilion at International Astroturf Hockey Stadium Rajnandgaon .
- It is noteworthy that from February 8 to February 16, 2023, the 79th Mahant Raja Sarveshwar Das Smriti All India Hockey Competition 2022-23 was organized by the Digvijay Stadium Committee and the Organizing Committee at the International Astroturf Hockey Stadium in Rajnandgaon, called the nursery of hockey.
- from across the country participated in the prestigious Mahant Raja Sarveshwar Das Memorial All India Hockey Tournament across the country as many as 20 teams.
- The final match of the competition was played between Petroleum Sports Promotion Board New Delhi and SAIL Academy Rourkela, in which Petroleum Promotion Petroleum Board New Delhi defeated SAIL Academy Rourkela by 7-1 goals to win the title of 79th Mahant Raja Sarveshwar Das All India Hockey Championship. Captured.
- 2 lakh 51 lakh with huge silver cup to the winning team, 2 lakh rupees cash and silver cup to the runner-up team, 51 thousand rupees cash to man of the match Devendra Valmiki, 11 thousand rupees to man of the tournament Karbil Lakra Awarded with cash prize.

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13 Units of Natural Paint from Cow Dung Started in Gauthans

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on February 19, 2023, 13 units have been started to make natural paint from cow dung as an innovation along with conducting various income-oriented activities in the Gauthans established for the conservation and promotion of livestock in the state.

Key Points

- As per the intention of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, gauthans established for the conservation and promotion of livestock in the state have started developing rapidly as rural industrial parks. Natural paints are being produced from cow dung as an innovation along with conducting diverse income-oriented activities in gauthans.
- At present, the establishment of natural paint making units from cow dung in 32 identified gauthans of 21 districts is in the final stage, where natural paint will be produced soon.
- A total of 45 paint production units have been approved for making natural paint from dung, out of which 13 have been completed and production has been started there.
- Two units have been set up in Raipur district, while 1 unit each has been set up and operational in Kanker, Durg, Balod, Korba, Koriya, Kondagaon, Dantewada, Bijapur, Bemetara, Surajpur and Bastar districts.
- So far 30,218 liters of natural paint has been produced through working units, out of which 14,358 liters of natural paint has earned Rs 29,70,300 from the sale.
- So far, 11 thousand liters in 2 units of Raipur district, 7768 liters in Kanker, 2900 in Durg, 700 in Balod, 284 in Korba, 800 in Korea, 2608 in Kondagaon, 1443 in Dantewada, 800 in Bijapur, 300 in Bemetara, 300 in Surajpur 500 liters of natural paint has been produced in Bastar and 1160 liters of natural paint. The produced paint is also being sold.

GST Council Agrees to Have Two Judicial Members and Two Technical Members in the Tribunal on Chhattisgarh's Proposal

Why in News?

In the GST Council meeting held under the chairmanship of Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman on February 18, 2023, on behalf of Chhattisgarh, on the proposal to have two judicial members and two technical members (one from the state and one from the center) in the tribunal Consensus was reached in the council.

Key Points

- This will also enable states to get proper representation while taking proper care of cooperative federalism. States will also have the right to determine the number of benches of tribunals based on their geographical and other circumstances.
- It is worth mentioning that the 49th meeting of the GST Council was held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chowdhary and Finance Ministers of other states, officers and Chhattisgarh Commissioner, Commercial Tax Bhim Singh also participated in the meeting.
- The proposal was put forward by Chhattisgarh's commercial tax minister TS Singhdeo. Chhattisgarh demanded to provide the amount of compensation soon. It was decided to give compensation amount of Rs 505 crore immediately by the central government.
- The main issue in the meeting was the GST Appellate Tribunal (Tribunal). The Group of Ministers was constituted to reconsider the tribunal provision after the Madras High Court declared the tribunal provision of TNGST illegal in the Madras Bar Association case. The report of this Group of Ministers was presented in the meeting.
- Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh supported status quo on Orissa's proposal to reduce GST rate on tendu leaves to zero. Earlier, in the 22nd and 37th meeting of the Council, it was decided to keep the rate unchanged and to maintain status quo based on opinion of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh.

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- It is noteworthy that due to the policies of the Chhattisgarh government, tendu leaf collectors are provided the highest benefit across the country. Due to the transfer of maximum benefit, the burden of tax does not have to be borne by the collectors, as well as the tax burden is borne by the government due to RCM (reverse charge) on tendu leaves.
- Bhartiya Kisan Sangh, Chhattisgarh State proposed to give such input tax to the farmers (as it is given to other manufacturers) on fertilizers, agricultural machinery etc. purchased after paying the tax.
- It may be noted that the eligibility for input tax is only after registration and taxable sale. Farmers are not eligible for input tax due to lack of registration and taxable sales. Therefore, a proposal was put before the council by converting this proposal from Chhattisgarh to keep all the materials used by the farmers free from GST, which was recommended to be sent to the Fitment Committee for consideration.

Government of India Approves CM's Proposal to Include Millets in Mid-day Meals

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on February 18, 2023, the Central Government has approved the proposal to include millets in the mid-day meal scheme by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

Key Points

- After the approval of the Center, now under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Yojana, food items made from millets will be distributed to school children four days a week in place of soya chikki in 12 districts of Chhattisgarh.
- It is known that in line with the intention of the Chhattisgarh government, the Directorate of Public Education had sent a proposal to the Central Government to partially revise this scheme and distribute food items made of millets in place of soya chikki. This proposal has been approved by the Director of the Central Government, PM Poshan.

- It is noteworthy that farmers are being given a lot of incentives for the production of millets in the state. Millets like Kodo, Kutki-Ragi are being procured at support price. Apart from this, input subsidy of Rs 9,000 is being provided to the millet producing farmers of the state under the Millet Mission. The year 2023 has been declared as the International Year of Millets.
- Earlier, in the annual action plan of the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman Yojana, the central government had approved Rs 1787.20 lakh as central share and Rs 1198.14 lakh as state share for providing soya chikki to children under supplementary nutrition diet in 7 districts of Chhattisgarh.

'Chhattisgarh SDG District Progress Report' and Online Monitoring Tool 'SDG Dashboard'

Why in News?

On February 20, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the 'Chhattisgarh SDG District Progress Report 2021' prepared by the State Planning Commission for monitoring sustainable development goals and also launched an online monitoring tool 'SDG Dashboard' in a virtual meeting held at his residence.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the state of Chhattisgarh is committed to achieve the SDG target in a time-bound manner. The resolution of 'Antyodaya' is also included in the objectives of the 'Public Declaration' as per the SDG target.
- The Chief Minister said that 'Score' and 'Ranking' have been provided to each district in the 'Chhattisgarh SDG District Progress Report 2021' prepared by the State Planning Commission and 'SDG Dashboard' prepared for online monitoring.
- Score and Ranking will act as a guiding light for the districts to achieve the target set by 2030 and will also help all collectors to identify the areas identified as growth bottlenecks and take evidence-based decisions.
- This report and dashboard will enable each district and department to play a decisive role in ensuring multifaceted development of its stakeholders by identifying their local implementation commitment.

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- All the District Collectors will ensure effective monitoring of related schemes and data collection and reporting system and ensure every effort to achieve the target set by 2030.
- Ajay Singh, Deputy Chairman of State Planning Commission said that the state government has constituted a 'District Level SDG Implementation and Monitoring Committee' under the chairmanship of the District Collector. The committee consists of convenor, chief executive officer, district panchayat and co-convenor, district planning and statistics officer.
- The report provides 'score' and 'ranking' to the districts based on the progress achieved in a total of 82 indicators related to social, economic, environmental and other aspects.
- Responsible departments and district level officials have been mapped for each SDG indicator, as well as schemes related to each target have also been identified.
- The districts are divided into four categories based on the 'score' earned by them - Achiever (100 points), Front Runner (65-99 points), Performer (50-64 points), Aspirant (less than 50 points)
- According to the report, as of 2021, eight districts (Dhamtari, Rajnandgaon, Balod, Durg, Bemetara, Gariaband, Mahasamund and Raipur) Runner category and remaining are Performer category. Dhamtari District has secured the first rank by scoring 72 marks.
- Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain said that the development agenda of the state government is mainly intertwined with the SDGs. The reports and dashboards provide data-based evidence for appropriate decision-making by the concerned departments towards achieving the SDG goals.
- The District Collector and the District Planning and Statistics Officer have been informed about how the District Indicator Framework can be used to achieve the SDG goals. SDG related 'Hindi booklet' has also been issued for better dissemination at the district level.

CM Transfers Rs 8.63 crore to Beneficiaries of Godhan Nyay Yojana

Why in News?

On February 20, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released an amount of Rs 8.63 crore online to cattle rearing

villagers, women groups associated with gauthans and gauthan committees under the Godhan Nyay Yojana through a virtual program held at his residence office .

Key Points

- So far, Rs 412.19 crore has been paid to the beneficiaries of this scheme. With this, a total of 105 lakh 63 thousand quintals of cow dung has been purchased since the launch of this scheme. In lieu of this, an amount of Rs 211.25 crore has been provided so far after payment of Rs 4.76 crore to cow dung sellers .
- Out of the total amount being transferred, Rs 4.76 crore was paid for the purchase of cow dung. Out of this, an amount of Rs 2.06 crore has been paid by the Agriculture Department and an amount of Rs 2.70 crore has been paid by the self-reliant gauthans.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that a total of 10,732 gauthans have been sanctioned in the state, out of which 9,720 have been constructed and are operational , construction of remaining gauthans is going on rapidly.
- The Chief Minister said that in the last one year, the number of cattle farmers benefited from the Godhan Nyay Yojana has increased by 59 percent and the purchase of cow dung has increased by 85 percent. 3 lakh 28 thousand rural cattle rearers have benefited from the scheme.
- So far, 5064 gauthans have become self-reliant in the state, who have started purchasing cow dung from their own deposited capital. So far, cow dung worth of Rs 43.19 crore has been purchased and paid by self-sufficient cow shelters.
- The Chief Minister said that 45 units have been approved in 21 districts for making paint from cow dung, out of which 13 units have been started. The remaining 32 units are being constructed at a rapid pace. So far, 30 thousand 218 liters of paint has been produced. Out of these, 14 thousand 358 liters of paint has been sold. This has earned an income of Rs 29,16,300.
- He said that cow urine is being procured in 99 gauthans. So far, 01 lakh 33 thousand 484 liters of cow urine has been procured. Its price is 05 lakh 37 thousand 936 rupees. So far, the income from the manufacture and sale of Brahmastra pest controller and Jivammrit growth enhancers from cow urine has been Rs 28,96,845 .

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- It is noteworthy that under the Godhan Nyaya Yojana, the share of self-supporting Gauthans has been 60 to 70 percent in the amount being paid for the purchase of cow dung for the past several fortnights. In today's situation, more than 50 percent Gothans have become self-supporting, who along with the purchase of cow dung and cow urine from their own funds, are spending other expenses of the Gothans from their own capital.

Decisions of the Council of Ministers meeting

Why in News?

Several important decisions were taken in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at his residence office on February 20, 2023.

Key Points

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers, taking a major decision in the interest of the unemployed, the Government of Chhattisgarh took an important decision to provide unemployment allowance to the unemployed youth of the state.
- The draft of the Chhattisgarh Appropriation Bill-2023 was approved regarding the presentation of the third supplementary estimate year 2022-2023 and the budget estimate year 2023-2024 in the Legislative Assembly.
- The draft Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Members Salary, Allowances, Pension (Amendment) Bill-2023 was approved.
- Industrial Training Institute Upgradation Scheme was approved in partnership with Tata Technologies Limited. Under this, a total of Rs 1216.80 crore will be spent on the development of 36 ITIs in Chhattisgarh. With this, other short term courses including Mechanic, Electric Vehicle, Basic Designer and Virtual Verifier (Mechanical), Manufacturing Process Control and Automation, Advanced CNC Machining, Industrial Robotics and Digital Manufacturing and Artisan Using Advanced Tools will also be conducted in ITI institutions.
- The twenty-first annual report of the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission (for the period from April 1, 2021, to March 31, 2022) was authorized to be tabled in the Legislative Assembly and the General Administration Department was authorized for further action.
- The proposal for formation of Chhattisgarh State Innovation Commission was approved. The State Innovation Commission will suggest ways to promote innovation in public welfare schemes, increase efficiency in administrative services, suggestions for implementation of the manifesto and other important points given from time to time.
- The Hon'ble Governor's address was approved for the 16th session of Chhattisgarh's fifth Vidhansabha March-2023.
- Under the Godhan Nyaya Yojana, as the percentage of conversion from cow dung to vermi compost per kilogram has increased from 40 to 33, it has been decided to pay the cost of additional cow dung used in the production of vermi compost from the amount of reimbursement cess of one rupee.
- It was decided to exempt the Public Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education Department from the Chhattisgarh Store Purchase Rules in relation to purchase/procurement from a single source.
- It was decided to create the post of Commissioner Medical Education under the Department of Medical Education.
- It was decided to purchase chana under the subsidy scheme of Rs 8000 per tonne from the buffer stock of government of India for distribution of gram to Antyodaya and priority families of Scheduled Area and Mada area under Public Distribution System.
- Under the Industrial Policy 2019-24, it was decided to implement a special incentive policy for closed and sick industries in Chhattisgarh. This will be applicable to industries that have been closed and sick after November 1, 2019. This policy will be applicable only to manufacturing industries.
- It was decided to implement the Chhattisgarh State Logistics Policy 2022 to develop the state of Chhattisgarh as a logistics and warehousing hub.
- It has been decided to include widows, widowers, abandoned and unmarried men and women in the state-promoted Chief Minister--Prime Minister's Housing Scheme and the date of registration for housing has been extended till March 31, 2024.
- The draft Chhattisgarh Municipal Corporation Act 1956 (Amendment) Bill and Chhattisgarh Municipalities Act 1961 (Amendment) Bill 2023 were approved.

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CM inaugurates e-Library

Why in News?

On February 20, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the e-library of Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekananda Technical University Bhilai in a virtual program held at his residence office.

Key Points

- Through the e-library, 27,000 students studying in pharmacy, diploma, engineering and management institutes of 33 districts from Surguja to Bastar will be able to get online books facility on their mobile and laptop.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that these books would be available on the mobile and laptop of the students for the next 7 years through the e-library created by Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekananda Technical University Bhilai.
- In the next 4 years, about 60,000 students will be able to take advantage of this facility anytime on their mobile and laptop.
- The Chief Minister said that this effort of the university will help in the studies of the students of the state and motivate them to perform better.

On-Demand Multi-Language Teaching Online Course Launched by School Education Minister

Why In News?

On February 21, 2023, Chhattisgarh School Education Minister Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam launched an online course for online demand multi-language teaching for district and development block level officers on International Mother Language Day.

Key points

- Apart from this, School Education Minister Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam released reading material for teachers to impart multi-language teaching to children based

on linguistic survey in the state. He also launched an on-demand capacity building programme for teachers to use podcasts to tell stories to children in their local language.

- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has announced to provide education to school children in their local language in the state, on the basis of which various works have been started on mother tongue teaching, its benefits are being given to the children of tribal areas in the state.
- Chhattisgarh is the first state where linguistic survey work has also been completed in collaboration with Language and Learning Foundation (LLF) and UNICEF. In such a situation, now when the local language has to be used in the classes to teach the children, an online course has been started for the officers of the School Education Department.
- Chhattisgarh is the first state to conduct a linguistic survey based on the language spoken by children. The reference material has been prepared by Samagra Shiksha to understand this report and to bring necessary improvements in teaching methods by informing teachers in schools on various issues related to multilingualism. This material will be made available to the teachers at primary schools.
- At present, a discussion paper is published every month in the form of a podcast by a team of teachers in the state, which the teachers listen to with great interest and try to implement the things said in it in their respective classes.
- In this series, some expert teachers, some local language expert teachers and some external organizations who want to cooperate in this work, together with various local stories, making podcasts on them, sharing print versions of some of the stories selected later will be done with this team.
- A team of interested people for this work will be formed through social media. These podcasts can be used by teachers in schools using mobiles, speakers available in primary schools, etc. By listening to this podcast, children will be able to be proud to know their culture, history and traditions.
- for demand and support based on technical support in podcast creation, requirement of equipment for use in classrooms It is also proposed to be uploaded on 'Vidyaanjali' portal.

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An E-library Classroom will be Set Up in the E-library of the District Library

Why In News?

On February 22, 2023, Doman Singh, Collector of Rajnandgaon district of Chhattisgarh, in Rajnandgaon district, launched the first edition of District Library Live with the aim of providing an opportunity to the youth preparing for competitive exams in the district library in a series of new experiments in Rajnandgaon district. Approval has been given to make an e-library classroom on the ground floor at a cost of Rs 18 lakh.

Key points

- On this occasion, Collector Doman Singh said that the e-library classroom will help the youth preparing for competitive exams to prepare for the examination.
- Through the e-library classroom, you will be able to prepare for competitive exams like PSC, UPSC, Engineering, Medical.
- The library will be run by the School Education Department.

Dr. Mamta Chandrakar honored with Sangeet Natak Akademi Award

Why In News?

On February 23, 2023, at a function held in New Delhi, President Draupadi Murmu, renowned folk singer of Chhattisgarh, honored with Padma Shri and Dr. Mokshada (Mamta) Chandrakar, Vice-Chancellor of Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh, honored with Sangeet Natak Akademi Award.

Key points

- President Draupadi Murmu presented Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships (Akademi Ratna) and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Akademi Puraskar) for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 in New Delhi.
- It is known that the General Council of Sangeet Natak Akademi, National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama, New Delhi, in its meeting held in New Delhi on

6-8 November 2022, has unanimously nominated ten (10) eminent personalities in the field of performing arts as Academy Awards. Elected as Fellow.

- Fellowship of the Academy is a most prestigious and rare honour, limited to 40 at any given time. With the selection of these ten (10) Fellows, the Sangeet Natak Akademi now has 39 Fellows.
- The General Council has recommended Academy Awards for the years 2019, 2020 and 2021 for overall contribution/scholarship in music, dance, theatre, traditional/folk/tribal music/dance/theatre, puppetry and performing arts for musical drama. One hundred and twenty-eight (128) artists were selected. These one hundred and twenty-eight (128) artists include three joint awards.
- Mamta Chandrakar Khairagarh, who has performed her art in the country and abroad, has been awarded the 2019 Sangeet Natak Akademi Award. Mamta Chandrakar has been awarded the honorary degree of D.Litt by Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya. She was decorated with the Padma Shri in the field of arts by the Government of India in 2016 and the Chhattisgarh Ratna in 2013.
- The Sangeet Natak Akademi is India's national academy for music, dance and drama. In 1952, by a resolution of the (then) Ministry of Education, Government of India, Dr. P.V. Rajamannar was appointed as its first chairman.
- It is currently an autonomous body of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India and is fully funded by the Government for the implementation of its schemes and programmes.
- The Academy establishes institutions and projects of national importance in the field of performing arts. Some important institutions are:
 - National School of Drama, New Delhi in 1959.
 - Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Academy, Imphal- 1954.
 - Kathak Kendra (National Institute of Kathak Dance), New Delhi- 1964.
 - National projects in support of Kutiyathem (Sanskrit theater of Kerala), Chhau dance of Eastern India, Sattriya tradition of Assam etc.
- **Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (Akademi Ratna):**
 - Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship is the highest honor conferred by the Sangeet Natak Akademi without distinction of nationality, race, caste, religion, creed or gender.

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- Fellowship of the Academy is the most prestigious and rarest honour, which can be awarded to a maximum of 40 people at a time.
- The honor of Akademi Fellow carries a cash award of Rs.3,00,000/- along with a copper plate and angavastram.
- **Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards (Academy Awards):**
 - Awards are given to artists in the field of music, dance, theatre, traditional/folk/tribal music/dance/theatre, puppetry and performing arts etc. for overall contribution/scholarship.
 - The Akademi Award consists of a Tamrapatra and Angavastram along with a cash prize of Rs.1,00,000/-.

Biswabhusan Harichandan takes Oath as the Governor of Chhattisgarh

Why In News?

On February 23, 2023, Biswabhusan Harichandan took oath of office as the ninth Governor of Chhattisgarh at a ceremony held at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan. He was administered the oath by Justice Arup Kumar Goswami, Chief Justice of the High Court, Bilaspur.

Key points

- Biswabhusan Harichandan has served as the governor of the neighboring state of Andhra Pradesh before being appointed as the governor of Chhattisgarh. He succeeds Anusuiya Uikey, who was recently appointed as the Governor of Manipur.
- Hailing from Odisha, 84-year-old Harichandan has been a five-time MLA and four-time minister from Bhubaneswar and Chilka assembly constituencies of Odisha. He started his political journey in 1971 with Jansangh. After this, he remained the Andhra General Secretary of the Jana Sangh till the Janata Party was formed in 1977.
- Harichandan was also a national executive member of the Jana Sangh. He was also the state president of BJP from 1980 to 1988. He was also the leader of the BJP Legislature Party in the Odisha Legislative Assembly for 13 years between 1996 and 2009. He also served as a cabinet minister in the BJP and BJD governments of Andhra Pradesh in 2004.



State's Second Millet Cafe Started in Korba

Why In News?

On February 23, 2023, Korba District Collector Sanjeev Jha and Mayor Raj Kishore Prasad inaugurated the district's first and state's second millet cafe in front of Smriti Udyan in Niharika, Korba city in the presence of public representatives and citizens.

Key points

- On this occasion, Mayor Rajkishore Prasad said that the year 2023 is being celebrated as International Millets Year all over the world. In this episode, the first millets cafe of the district has also started in Korba. In this cafe, people will be able to relish the health-rich dishes of millets.
- Collector Sanjeev Jha said that as per the intention of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the first Millets Cafe has been inaugurated in Korba district. This cafe is the second millet cafe in the state after Raigad district.
- In this millet's cafe, traditional dishes of Chhattisgarh along with kodo, kutki, ragi and other small grain crops like idli, dosa, poha, upma, bhajjiya kheer, halwa, cookies, mold will be available to the people.
- Korba's first Millets Cafe has been started with the initiative and cooperation of the district administration. It will be run by Nav Jagriti Mahila Self Help Group. This will promote women self-employment and entrepreneurship. This will also benefit the farmers.
- It is noteworthy that the year 2023 has been declared as the International Year of Millets to promote the production of millets and to create public awareness about the nutrients obtained from them. Kodo, Kutki and Ragi are mainly cultivated under millets. Due to the encouragement being given to its production, the enthusiasm of the farmers has also increased.

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State's First Ethanol Plant is taking Shape at Kokodi in Kondagaon

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on February 23, 2023, the state's first ethanol plant based on maize processing at Kokodi in Kondagaon district is now taking concrete shape. The maize processing plant has been targeted to be completed by June 2023.

Key points

- According to the information, this first plant is being set up in the field of cooperatives in Kondagaon district with the help of the state government at a cost of Rs 140 crore. Kondagaon district in Chhattisgarh state has the highest production of maize.
- This plant will prove beneficial not only in Kondagaon but also for the farmers of Chhattisgarh. The maize processing plant being built on 14 acres of government land in village Kokodi will be operated by Maa Danteshwari Maize Processing and Marketing Cooperative Society.
- The plant will process 200 metric tons of maize per day, which will produce 80 thousand liters of ethanol. With the installation of this plant, a new environment will be created for private investors to set up other ancillary industries.
- Ethanol produced at the plant will be sold to Indian Oil Corporation, which will be sold mixed with petrol. This will also save foreign exchange as well as farmers will get a fair price for maize.
- The maize processing plant will open the door to economic prosperity of the maize producing farmers of the district. This will directly benefit more than 45 thousand farmers. Along with this, maize of maize producing farmers of other nearby districts will be processed. More than 200 people of the area will get direct employment in the maize processing plant.
- Maize production in Kondagaon district has received a major boost in both kharif and rabi seasons in the last three-four years. Encouraged by the establishment of the plant, farmers are increasing the area of maize year after year. At present, 3 lakh 48 thousand 127 metric tonnes of maize are produced every year in Kondagaon district.

- The processing plant for ethanol production from maize was found to be fizzy by the State Project Finance Committee. Farmers of about Rs 140 crore in the construction of this plant being built at a cost have contributed a share capital of Rs 7.06 crore. Similarly, Rs 21.19 crore has been given by the Mandi Board, Rs by the state government 35.32 crore from the cooperative society's own fund and Rs 2.10 crore. The remaining Rs 75 crore has been raised through bank loans.
- In Kondagaon district, 47 procurement centres have been set up for procurement of maize at support price. Maize is produced on a large scale in Kondagaon Makdi, Farasgaon, Baderajpur development block of the district. The work of maize procurement is being done by Chhattisgarh Civil Supplies Corporation.
- Maize producing farmers are also being given input subsidy at the rate of Rs 9000 per acre by the state government under the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana.
- One lakh 24 thousand 188 tonnes of maize are produced in Kharif season and 2 lakh 23 thousand 929 tonnes in Rabi season in Kondagaon district. About 65 thousand farmers of the district are associated with maize production.
- It is worth mentioning that in the industry policy of Chhattisgarh government, establishment of agriculture and forest produce based industries has been kept in special priority category.

Two Hospitals of Chhattisgarh got NQAS Certificate under 'Muskan' Program

Why In News?

On February 23, 2023, the National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS) by the Union Ministry of Health to Durg District Hospital and Patan Community Health Center for providing excellent health care and better treatment to children and new-borns under the 'Smile' program. Certificate has been provided.

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- The Union Health Ministry team had inspected the District Hospital Durg in December last year and the Community Health Center Patan in January this year and examined the quality of services available for

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children and new-borns in these two hospitals. The team had also taken feedback from those undergoing treatment there in this regard.

- District Hospital Durg scored 97 per cent and Community Health Centre Patan scored 84 percent in the evaluation of the Union Health Ministry team.
- The team conducted tests of paediatric OPD, paediatric ward, SNCU and NRC (Nutrition Rehabilitation Centre) at Durg District Hospital. At the same time, he inspected the paediatric OPD and NBSU (**Newborn Stabilization Unit**) at Patan Community Health Center and evaluated it.
- It is noteworthy that national quality assurance standard certification of hospitals is done on the basis of 12 standards. Hospital services and satisfaction levels are tested on several parameters by a team of experts before providing national quality assurance standard certificates.
- For this, the organization evaluates the quality of parameters like service delivery, patient satisfaction, clinical services, inputs, infection control, support services, quality management, outputs. Only those hospitals which pass the evaluation are issued a quality certificate by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

CREDA Signed MoU with International Organization NRDC.

Why In News?

On February 23, 2023, the Chhattisgarh State Renewable Energy Development Agency (CREDA) signed an agreement (MoU) between the Global Head of US-based NRDC and Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) in Delhi.

Key points

- CREDA has entered into an MoU with ASCI to share technology related to energy efficiency and cool roof in the buildings constructed in the state and to build efficiency in this field of the concerned departments, institutes, technical persons, real estate companies etc. of the state.
- Chief Executive Officer Alok Katiyar has signed the agreement on behalf of the Chhattisgarh State Renewable Energy Development Agency (CREDA). Under this, technical assistance and advice will be

given to improve and increase the speed of energy efficiency in the buildings of Chhattisgarh, for which no funds will have to be provided.

- For this purpose, activities like workshop, seminar, training, visit of subject experts, etc. will be organized by NRDC. NRDC will work to implement Energy Efficiency Building Code (ECBC) and Cool Roof Program in Chhattisgarh and provide technical facilities and demonstrations.
- Energy efficient commercial buildings will be constructed in the state under Chhattisgarh ECBC (CGECBC). For this purpose, for the design and construction of energy efficient buildings complying with the CGECBC code and the approval process for building construction, as well as third party verification of the compliance of the Chhattisgarh ECBC during construction and after construction. By imparting training to assessor units, this capacity can be created in the state itself.
- Administrative Staff College of India (ASCI) located in Hyderabad, which has done a great job of capacity building in the field of energy efficient buildings in Telangana and other states of the country. With their cooperation, this capacity building will be possible in Chhattisgarh as well. With this, the technical staff available in the state itself can be trained. In the coming time, this will create new possibilities of employment in the state.
- The Natural Resources Defense Council (NRDC) is a United States-based non-profit international environmental advocacy group headquartered in New York. The organization, founded in 1970, has more than three million members, including nationwide online activities and nearly 700 lawyers, scientists and other policy experts.
- NRDC is an international organization engaged in the field of climate change on the issues of environment, natural resources and energy conservation.

Rural Technical Centers will be Established in All Ripa of the State with the Help of Bhabha Atomic Research Center

Why In News?

On February 24, 2023, in the meeting of the Planning Commission, chaired by Ajay Singh, Deputy Chairman of

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the Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission, it was informed that in rural industrial centers i.e., RIPA, now in collaboration with Bhabha Atomic Research Center (BARC) Mumbai, all RIPA centers of Chhattisgarh will have rural Rural technical centers will be set up for technology demonstration and training.

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- In this meeting, Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Ajay Singh said that more than 72 rural economy-based enterprise techniques will be trained to the youth in REPA centers. Master trainers will also be prepared here by BARC.
- In this meeting, Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission Ajay Singh said that more than 72 rural economy-based enterprise techniques will be imparted to the youth in RIPA centers. Master trainers will also be prepared here by BARC.
- Ajay Singh said that in this meeting of the State Planning Commission, meaningful discussions were also held regarding the establishment of rural technical centers in Ripa and expansion of latest technology and units for production of electricity from cow dung.
- It was decided in the meeting that a main rural technical center would be established at Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur.
- In the meeting, BARC officials said that youth will be encouraged to join employment by training them in rural technical centers. In these centres, training will be imparted in relation to the method and other methods of making different types of food items from fruits, vegetables and forest produce.

Short Film Competition Under 'DISHA' Scheme

Why In News?

On February 24, 2023, this year's short film competition will be organized in the tribal-dominated Jagdalpur town located in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh state, under the 'Disha' scheme being run under the joint aegis of the Department of Justice and NALSA, Government of India.

Key points

- In this competition, short films of 5 to 10 minutes duration can be prepared on the theme of Justice

Department and NALSA's 'Disha' scheme and presented to the District Legal Services Authority or Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority by March 15.

- Any government, semi-government department, private person, organization or any institution can participate in this competition.
- The first, second and third prizes will be given to the participants.
- Apart from this, other short films related to legal awareness (on 'DISHA' and other topics) non-competition can be submitted in category, they can also be screened.
- It is known that under the 'DISHA' scheme, the work of providing legal assistance through mobile and video and through the Public Information Center (Common Service Center) is being done in all the District Legal Service Authorities of Chhattisgarh state and for this, a tele-advocate has also been appointed for each district.

21st All India Inter Agricultural University Sports Competition

Why In News?

- According to the information provided by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on February 27, 2023, the players of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University have achieved the sixth position in the 21st All India Inter Agricultural University Sports Competition organized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research in Hisar (Haryana).

Key points

- In this competition, the players of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University won two gold, one silver and one bronze medal under various events.
- Representing Indira Gandhi Agricultural University in this competition, Vijay Kumar, a student of MSc Agronomy from Agriculture College, Raipur, won the gold medal in the long jump event and Sameer Camaron, a student of the Department of MSc Agricultural Meteorology, won the gold medal in the javelin throw event.
- Similarly, Nilavati Nag, a student at Agriculture College, Bemetara, won a silver medal in the long

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jump women's event and Rajesh Kumar Sori, a student at Agriculture College, Rajnandgaon, won a bronze medal in the 1500-meter race.

- It may be recalled that the (Haryana) this year in Hisar 20 to 24 by the Indian Agricultural Research Institute from February 21st All India Inter-Agricultural University Sports Competition was organized, in which teams from 66 agricultural universities from all over the country participated.

Mahila Madai

Why In News?

On February 27, 2023, on the occasion of International Women's Day, Chhattisgarh's Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhendia inaugurated a 6-day Mahila Madai at BTI Ground in Shankar Nagar, capital Raipur.

Key points

- Minister Anila Bhendia also honored 100 sanitation sisters of the Municipal Corporation by giving them caps and T-shirts on the occasion.
- The Mahila Madai organized by the Women and Child Development Department at BTI Ground will continue till March 4. There is an exhibition of 66 stalls of self-made materials by women self-help groups and women entrepreneurs from 33 districts of the state.
- Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhendia said that this madai will give a clear glimpse of the empowering steps and self-reliant life of the women of Chhattisgarh. With this, women's groups and entrepreneurs will get a platform and new identity.



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