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## **'Unified Farmer Portal'**

### **Why in News**

- On September 8, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the **Unified Farmer Portal**- <https://kisan.cg.nic.in>.

### **Key Points**

- Congratulating the farmers while launching the Integrated Kisan Portal, the Chief Minister said that it would be easy for the farmers to register themselves with this portal. To take advantage of various schemes, they have to register only once.
- This portal has been **developed by National Informatics Centre (NIC) in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture**.
- To take advantage of **Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana**, purchase of paddy at support price, **Chief Minister's Tree Plantation Promotion Scheme** and **Kodo-Kutki, Ragi procurement scheme**, farmers will have to **register only once** on the Integrated Farmer Portal.
- Agriculture Production Commissioner and Secretary, Agriculture Department, Dr. M. Geeta informed that the process of registration of farmers for various schemes has been simplified through this portal, so that farmers can be easily registered for various schemes.
- Implementation, management, supervision and reporting of schemes will be easy through this portal. The data available on this portal can also be carried forward as per the requirement.
- The integrated portal has been **linked to the Bhuiyan Portal**. In this portal, online verification of land details and girdawari data will be done from Bhuiyan portal so that accurate and quick data can be obtained. The portal will also facilitate **physical verification of farmers' land** and **calculation of the amount given to farmers under the schemes**.
- The portal **developed by the Forest Department** for the **registration of forest rights lease holders, village panchayats and joint forest committees** under the **Chief Minister's Tree Plantation Promotion Scheme** has been linked to the unified portal, so that single window facility can be provided to the applicants for registration.

## **Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihin Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojna**

### **Why in News**

- On September 8, 2021, **Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel** unveiled the **logo of 'Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihin Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana'**.

### **Key Points**

- It is noteworthy that under the 'Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihin Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojna', about 10 lakh labor families of the state will be given grant assistance of **Rs 6,000 annually**.
- In this scheme, those agricultural labor families of rural areas have been included, who do not have land for cultivation but they are associated with agricultural activities in some way.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had made a budget provision of Rs 200 crore for this scheme in the Vidhan Sabha on July 28, 2021, during the discussion on the first supplementary demand for grants for the financial year 2021-22.
- The state government claims that this is the **first scheme of its kind in the country**, for which the state government has made a provision of Rs 200 crore.
- The registration work for this scheme has started from 1<sup>st</sup> September. Registration will be done till 30<sup>th</sup> November.

## **'Handlooms and Handicrafts' Exhibition**

### **Why in News**

- On September 7, 2021, **Chhattisgarh's Village Industries Minister Guru Rudrakumar** inaugurated a seven-day **handloom and handicrafts exhibition** at Satnam Bhawan, located in Bhilai, Durg district. The exhibition will run till September 13.

### **Key Points**

- The exhibition is being organized by the **District Handloom Office, Durg**.
- In this exhibition, Dhokra handicrafts, iron crafts, wood crafts, bamboo crafts, tattoo crafts, shisal crafts,

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terracotta crafts, murals, stone crafts, cowry crafts, tumba crafts, including traditional textiles of the states prepared by weavers and craftsmen.

- Stalls have been set up for handloom textiles like kosa silk, tussar silk, cotton dress material, saris, dupattas, chadars, bedsheets and khadi textiles and materials manufactured by village industries.
- The artefacts of Janjgir made from paddy straw, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar, Mahavir Swami and Ganeshji's attractive artefacts made of paddy straw, are prominent among the various artefacts in the stalls set up in different districts in the exhibition.
- On this occasion, **Guru Rudrakumar** appreciated all the handloom textile and handicraft art stalls and described it as a medium to keep our culture and civilization alive.
- He said that people associated with village industries get direct benefits from such events and a better market is also available for their art and the products made by them. This helps the artisans and craftsmen to express their expression through art and encourages them and they work with double zeal.

## Poshan Rath

### Why in News

- On September 6, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel flagged off the **Poshan Rath** run by the Department of Women and Child Development on the occasion of **Teeja Pora Tihar** for a tour of different districts.

### Key Points

- This Poshan Rath will travel to different villages of different districts and give the message of nutrition. Films focusing on nutrition will be screened in this.
- Along with this, Chief Minister Baghel and Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhediya signed the **nutrition pledge** and expressed their commitment for the creation of **malnutrition free Chhattisgarh**.
- Through this Poshan Rath, audio and video messages related to nutrition and health will be broadcast in Raipur district.
- In other districts also, through Poshan Rath, publicity is being done at different places, due to which useful information is given after video demonstration by the facilitator among the masses.

- The video is mainly based on **Malnutrition, Nutritious Diet, Anemia, Breastfeeding, Hygiene, Care of Pregnant Woman, Overeating**, in which health nutrition information can be reached to maximum number of people in an interesting way using audio-visual media. 's effort.

## Hindi Medium School of Excellence in Every District

### Why in News

- Recently, **Chhattisgarh's Principal Secretary (Education) Dr. Alok Shukla** directed all the district collectors to **identify one Hindi medium school in each district** and submit a proposal to upgrade it as a school of excellence.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that on September 5, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the opening of one **Hindi Medium School of Excellence** in each district on the lines of **Swami Atmanand Government English Medium School**.
- This announcement was made after the inauguration of **Swami Atmanand RD Tiwari Government English Medium School** at Amapara, Raipur on the occasion of Teachers' Day.
- The Principal Secretary (Education) directed the District Collectors that the **external appearance of the heritage schools should not be changed** and modifications should be done only for advanced laboratories and libraries.
- He appealed to all eligible people to get Covid vaccine for protection and control from Corona. Volunteers including **UNICEF's Chhattisgarh Head Job Jakaria, Ekta Parishad's Ramesh Sharma** were present in the program.

## Memorial Award and State Teachers' Award

### Why in News

- On September 5, 2021, 54 teachers of the state were honored with **State Teachers' Award 2020** and 4 teachers were honored with **Memorial Award** in the

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name of great litterateurs of the state in the **State Level Teacher Award Ceremony** organized on the occasion of Teacher's Day.

### Key Points

- Each of the teachers selected for the State Teacher Award was given a **citation, a shawl and a Samman Nidhi of Rs 21 thousand**.
- 4 Memorial Awards are-
  - **Dr. Padumalal Punnalal Bakshi Memorial Award**- Keshav Ram Verma (Head Reader, Pancham Diwan Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Bhatapara- Balodabazar)
  - **Dr. Gajanan Madhav Muktibodh Memorial Award**- Chovaram Verma (Lecturer, Government Higher Secondary School Kesda, Simga, Balodabazar)
  - **Dr. Mukutdhar Pandey Memorial Award**- Vijay Kumar Sharma, (Head Reader, Government Higher Primary School, Kasekera Bagbahra, Mahasamund)
  - **Dr. Baldev Prasad Mishra Memorial Award**- Kamal Kishore Tamrakar (Teacher, Government Pre-Secondary School, Usrijor, Gariaband)
- Apart from this, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel felicitated 20 teachers of the state who had innovated to keep children engaged in education during the Corona period in '**Shiksha Madai**' organized at RD Tiwari Government English Medium School, Amapara in the capital.

## Special Cover Issued on GI Tagged Products

### Why in News

- On September 5, 2021, **Governor Anusuiya Uikey** released a special cover issued by the **Indian Postal Department** on three **GI tagged** products of Chhattisgarh (**Bastar's Iron Craft, Wooden Craft and Jeeraphool Rice**).

### Key Points

- On the lines of '**Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan**' of the Government of India, the Department of Posts has issued a special cover on 3 GI tagged heritage of the state for wide publicity through the vast network of Department of Posts/Philately Bureaus and counters spread across the country.

- Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that Iron Craft from Bastar and Wooden Craft have an integral place in the tribal culture and history of the state and these crafts have also become the **identity of Chhattisgarh's culture** in the country and abroad.
- Jeeraphool rice is the first and till date only agricultural product of the state, which has been given GI tag by the Government of India for its special quality and identity.

## 'Additional Diet' Programme

### Why in News

- Recently, **Chhattisgarh Food and Civil Supplies Minister Amarjeet Bhagat** virtually inaugurated an '**Additional Diet**' programme under the **Community-based Nutritional Management Programme** from Mohla in Rajnandgaon district.

### Key Points

- The month of September is celebrated as **Poshan Mah** all over the country. The Chhattisgarh government has announced a fight against malnutrition and anemia and launched it as a mass-andolan under the **Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan**.
- A public awareness campaign for **Poshan Aahar** is being launched across the state and **Poshan Rath**s are going to cities and towns of **Bastar region as well as interior areas**.
- Under the campaign, **children and women affected by malnutrition are identified** and medicines and nutritious diet kits are distributed to them.
- **Anganwadi workers, Mitandin and voluntary organizations** are playing an important role in making people aware about nutritious food.

## 'Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana'

### Why in News

- On September 1, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel started the registration for '**Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana**' in the state. The registration for this Scheme will run from September 1 to November 30, 2021.

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### Key Points

- With this, Chhattisgarh has become the first state in the country, which has implemented '**Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana**' to provide grants of Rs. 6,000.
- More than 10 lakh landless agricultural laborers will get the benefit of the scheme. The grant amount of Rs 6,000 per year for each family will be directly deposited in their bank account.
- This scheme launched in the name of former **Prime Minister Late Rajiv Gandhi**, apart from the landless agricultural laborers of the state, families associated with the farming system like shepherds, carpenters, blacksmiths, cobblers, barbers, washermen, priests and forest produce gathering families will also be benefited.
- The most needy families of the state will be helped through '**Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumiless Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana**'. This new episode of Nyay Yojana will help in fulfilling the goal of **Garhbo Nava Chhattisgarh**.
- To get the benefit of '**Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumiless Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana**', it will be mandatory for the heads of rural landless agricultural labor families should register themselves by visiting the Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Bhumiless Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana portal ([rggbkmny.cg.nic.in](http://rggbkmny.cg.nic.in)) within the stipulated time period.

## Quality Assurance Certificate

### Why in News

- Recently, **one community health center** and **four primary health centers** in Chhattisgarh were awarded National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) certificates.

### Key Points

- Health centers to received National Quality Assurance Standards (NQAS) certificates are:
  - Community Health Center Patan (Durg)
  - Primary Health Centers – Gandhi Chowk (Bilaspur),
  - Primary Health Centers- Morga (Korba)
  - Primary Health Centers- Ramatola (Rajnandgaon)
  - Primary Health Centers- Chataud (Dhamtari)
- These health centers were **selected by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** after virtual inspection.

- This certificate is given to hospitals (health centers) **for providing excellent health care.**
- With this, so far 28 health centers in the state have got the NQAS certificate.
  - These include 14 primary health centres, 7 community health centers and 7 district hospitals.

## Chhattisgarh Quantifiable Data Commission

### Why in News

- On September 1, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the **mobile app and portal of Chhattisgarh Quantifiable Data Commission** for the **calculation of Other Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections** in the state's population and started the **survey work** for calculation through this app.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that the State Government has constituted the Chhattisgarh Quantifiable Data Commission for the calculation of Other Backward Classes and Economically Weaker Sections in the state's population. Its office has started in **PWD Chowk, Teak Bungalow Complex, Katora Talab in the capital Raipur.**
- This mobile app named '**CGQDC**' has been developed by **Chips.**
- **Chhattisgarh Quantifiable Data Commission** secretary B.C. Sahu said that after installing the mobile app, the applicant will have to register in the app.

## Global Community Oscar Award Ceremony

### Why in News

- Recently **North America Chhattisgarh Association (NACHA)** has been awarded '**Organization of the Year**' at the **10<sup>th</sup> Annual Global Community Oscar Awards ceremony** held in **Chicago.**

### Key Points

- This is the **first award** that **NACHA** has received from **senior US political leader Danny Kay Davis and Amex Leadership.**

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- It has been selected in view of the rapid growth of **Chhattisgarhi NRI Association** of the Year.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel congratulated all the members of NACHA on being honored with the **Global Community Oscar Award**.
- The Community Global Awards are sponsored by senior US Congressman (House of Representatives) Danny Davis, along with international organizations the American Multi-Ethnic Coalition and the Multi-Ethnic American Task Force.
- It is worth mentioning that **Nacha was started in Chicago in 2017 to promote Chhattisgarh heritage and culture outside India** and now it is an international brand and many programs have been launched to promote the state and support the Chhattisgarh community at the global level.

## Launch of the Logo and Website of 'Investgarh-Chhattisgarh'

### Why in News

- On 2 September, 2021, **Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the logo and website of 'Investgarh-Chhattisgarh'** while formally announcing the Global Investors' Meet 2022 at the inaugural function of 'Investgarh Chhattisgarh Project' held at his residence office.

### Key Points

- Representatives from different investor communities from countries like Vietnam, Malaysia, Singapore, London, USA, Dubai, Egypt etc participated in the event through virtual medium.
- **To attract global investment in Chhattisgarh**, Global Investors Meet 2022 'Investgarh Chhattisgarh' will be organized in Nava Raipur from January 27, 2022 to February 1, 2022.
- It will be organized by **Chhattisgarh Commerce and Industry Department** under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and will be hosted by international level consultancy firm **M/s Eduvision India Pvt Ltd** under the brand name 'Vexpoindia'.
- In the inaugural program of this project, Chhattisgarh government signed an MoU with 'VexpoIndia'. Under

the MoU, the Chhattisgarh government will provide free space to 'VexpoIndia' in Nava Raipur to organize the Global Investors Meet, 2022.

- A detailed project outline has been prepared by 'VexpoIndia' for organizing the 'Investgarh Chhattisgarh' programme. The entire cost of the project will be borne by the company through sponsors in collaboration with the government.
- The total budget of this project is proposed to be around Rs 107 crore. Through this project, the target has been set to attract investment of 50 billion dollars in the state in a phased manner.
- The Global Investors Meet will provide an opportunity to the world's leading investor communities, companies, business leaders, state government officials, local industrialists to gather on one platform and this will also help the state industrialists. This event will accelerate industrial development and create more employment opportunities in the state.

## International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Award 2021

### Why in News

- Recently, IACP, an international policing organization based in the US, has announced the award of '**IACP Award 2021**' to Korea district's SP Santosh Kumar Singh.

### Key Points

- This award will be given to Santosh Singh in the '**40 under 40**' category. It is given to such a police officer under the age of 40 of the world, who has tried to bring change in policing work with good leadership ability and new experiments and good work.
- SP Santosh Kumar Singh has been selected on the basis of his assessment of the work done by him in the last 8 years in better policing and improving the image of the police. In the past, DIG EOW Arif Sheikh from Chhattisgarh has received this award.
- This time 40 police officers from 6 countries of the world - USA, UAE, Canada, Australia, Korea and India will be honored with this award. It also includes the name of IPS Amit Kumar of Uttar Pradesh cadre from the country.

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- The IACP announces such awards every year at its annual function in the month of September. The award will be presented to the selected officers in October 2022 in Texas, USA.
- The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) is the world's largest and most influential professional association for police leaders, currently comprising more than 31,000 police officers from 165 countries around the world. It was established in the year 1893.

## Teeja-Pora/Polā Tihar

### *Why in News*

- On September 6, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, while giving a big gift to the women of the group on the occasion of **Teeja-Pora Tihar** organized at his residence, announced to waive the timeless loans of all women groups under the loan scheme of Mahila Kosh, so that they can start new economic activities by taking loans again.

### *Key Points*

- Along with this, the Chief Minister announced a five-fold increase in the budget of loans given to women groups from the Mahila Kosh every year, and announced to increase the budget of the Women's Fund from Rs.2 crore to Rs.10 crore.
- This announcement of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is being seen as a further step towards justice in the state. With this, the debt burden of 12 crore 77 lakh rupees will be removed from the heads of lakhs of women belonging to self-help groups.
- With the waiver of timeless loans outstanding on women groups, about one lakh women belonging to the groups will be able to conduct their economic activities afresh and they will be able to easily get loans for this.
- With women groups now eligible for a loan of Rs 2 lakh, they will be able to further expand the activities of self-employment and self-reliance. This will increase their income and make them financially empowered.

## 'Mor Jimmedari' Campaign

### *Why in News*

- On September 7, 2021, Chhattisgarh's Health and

Family Welfare Minister T.S. Singhdeo launched the awareness campaign '**Mor Jimmedari**' in collaboration with other voluntary organizations including **UNICEF** and **Ekta Parishad**.

### *Key Points*

- On this occasion, Minister Singhdev flagged off the **Mor Jimmedari Awareness Rath** to motivate the people of the state towards **covid behavior and vaccination**.
- Singhdeo said that the campaign to make people aware of 100 percent vaccination and corona behavior in the state by UNICEF, Ekta Parishad and other allied organizations is a commendable initiative.
- Through UNICEF, their volunteers will go door-to-door in 600 inaccessible villages of 20 districts of the state to make people aware about the prevention of Covid vaccination and infection.
- He appealed to all eligible people to get Covid vaccine for protection and control from Corona. Volunteers including **UNICEF's Chhattisgarh Head Job Jakaria**, **Ekta Parishad's Ramesh Sharma** were present in the program.

## Urban Bodies: 50% Reservation for Women

### *Why in News*

- Recently the **Chhattisgarh government** agreed to provide **50% reservation to women** in urban body areas on the lines of three-tier panchayats.

### *Key Points*

- This consent was given in the meeting of the state cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.
- Significantly, the Central Government had sought the opinion of all the states regarding giving 50% reservation to women in urban bodies.
- After the opinion of the states, the central government will take the final decision in this regard.
- It is noteworthy that **at present 50% reservation is applicable** for women in three-tier panchayats in Chhattisgarh, whereas only 33% reservation is being given to women in urban body areas.

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## Millet Mission Launched

### Why in News

- On September 10, 2021 the Chhattisgarh state government formally launched the 'Millet Mission' with the aim of making the state a millet hub.
  - Under this mission, the Indian Institute of Millet Research (IIMR), Hyderabad signed MoUs with 14 districts of the state.

### Key Points

- Under the mission, MoUs were signed between IIMR and Kanker, Kondagaon, Bastar, Dantewada, Bijapur, Sukma, Narayanpur, Rajnandgaon, Kawardha, Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Balrampur, Koriya, Surajpur and Jashpur districts of the state.
- Under the mission, farmers will get the right price for small grain crops, input support expertise of experts.
- IIMR will provide technical know-how, high quality seeds, assistance and training to the farmers in setting up seed banks.
- Millet Mission will increase the income of farmers in the forest area and tribal areas of the state and will also give a new identity to Chhattisgarh.

## Governor's Award to the Students of Scout-Guide

### Why in News

- On September 10, 2021 under the leadership of State Commissioner of Bharat Scouts and Guides Chhattisgarh and Parliamentary Secretary Vinod Sewalal Chandrakar, the State Award decoration ceremony was organized at Governor's Durbar Hall, Raipur.

### Key Points

- Scouts Dev Narayan Neti, Rajkamal Gupta, Rajnish Kumar Singh, Suryadev Kushwaha of Balrampur district were honored with Governor's certificate by Governor Anusuiya Uikey in this award ceremony.
- For the first time, the children of Balrampur district have been honored with the Governor's Award due to the continuous efforts of **B.Ekka, Education Officer of Balrampur district** and all the officials of Scout-Guide.
- **Scout-Guide District Organization Commissioner Jaipal Vishwakarma** said that the Scout-Guide has always

been honored by the government-administration for his excellent work and like this year, effort will be made for coming years also so that the students of Scout-Guide will get honored with the Governor's Award in the coming years.

## State's first Steel Bridge

### Why in News

- Recently, the **state's first steel bridge** has been completed on **Karmatpara drain** in **Kuakonda block of Dantewada district** of Chhattisgarh. However, Transport has not started on it yet.

### Key Points

- Significantly, this **bridge built between Kuakonda-Mailawada** has been completed in just 20 days.
- Six more such bridges will be built in 6 villages- **Dudhiras, Koriras, Badegudra, Hidpal, Kasoli and Nakulnar** in **3 blocks (Katekalyan, Geedam and Kuakonda)** of the district.
- Due to the construction of these bridges, the villagers of these areas will not have to face the problem of traffic during the rainy days.
- It is noteworthy that this area is a **Naxalite affected area**. There is not much need for the camps of the **security forces to build steel bridges** here. Steel bridges are easily built and ready in less time.

## Amendment in the Definition of Local Residents

### Why in News

- On September 14, 2021, the **General Administration Department of the state government** issued a circular to all the departments of the government regarding the change in the definition of **'local residents' of the state**. It has been said in the circular that along with the above new condition, all other conditions of the circular referred to will remain in force.

### Key Points

- The state government has amended the instructions issued earlier by the general administration regarding the definition of **'local residents'** and **added a new condition**, according to which the applicants who are

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now pursuing **education in schools of other states outside Chhattisgarh or who have passed out of the state** have received an education, if their parents are eligible to get the local residence certificate of Chhattisgarh state, then they will also be **eligible to get the local residence certificate of Chhattisgarh state**.

- Significantly, a decision in this regard was taken in the cabinet meeting held on 8 September under the **chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel**. In compliance of this circular has been issued by the General Administration Department to all the departments of the Government, Chairman Chhattisgarh Revenue Board, Bilaspur, all the Heads of the Departments, all the Divisional Commissioners, all the Collectors, all the Chief Executive Officers of the District Panchayat in this regard.
- It is noteworthy that in this regard, a new condition has been added by amending the instructions issued in the reference circular issued by the **General Administration on June 17, 2003**.

## Badminton Academy in Chhattisgarh

### Why in News

- On September 13, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** announced the establishment of a **badminton academy in the state**.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister made this announcement during discussions with representatives of various sports associations and sports persons related to promotion of sports, development of sports facilities and nurturing sports talent in the state.
- He said that **Chhattisgarh Sports Development Authority** has been constituted to improve sports facilities. Soon the players will be appointed in the body.
- He said that major industries would be entrusted with the responsibility of maintaining the stadium and arranging food and drink for the players. Also, trainers of national and international repute can be appointed through industries.
- The Chief Minister stressed on utilizing the available international level infrastructure facilities to nurture talent.

- Baghel requested the business and industrial groups to contribute for the promotion of sports in the state.

## Sevagram in Chhattisgarh

### Why in News

- On September 13, 2021, **Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel** talked about earmarking 100 acres of land in **Nava Raipur** for setting up a **Sevagram like Wardha**.

### Key Points

- He said it would mark the **75th year of independence** and would perpetuate **Mahatma Gandhi's concept of 'Gram Swaraj'**.
- The Chief Minister directed the officers to submit an action plan in this regard before October 2.
- He said that Sevagram is being established to take forward the work of village reforms. **Sevagram will be a place where visitors can learn about local arts and crafts as well as cuisines**.
- The Chief Minister said that old age homes and schools would also be set up for the underprivileged. It will also have an open theatre.

## Bastar: 'The Most Promising New Destination'

### Why in News

- On September 12, 2021, **Bastar** was honored with **'The Most Promising New Destination'** award at the country's **largest tourism trade fair** held in **Kolkata**.

### Key Points

- **Bastar**, which is developing into a world-class tourism center, remained the center of special attraction in the **TTF fair held at Netaji Subhash Chandra Stadium in Kolkata** from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September.
- The award was received by a tourism delegation led by **Assistant Collector of Bastar Ms. Suruchi Singh** at the Tourism Fair.
- The **tourism, culture and artefacts of Bastar** have been displayed in the stalls put up in this fair.
- Presentation on **'The Most Promising New Destination'** was also given to tour planners and travel agents who

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reached Calcutta from the country and the world in the fair.

- In this fair, a **fourteen member team from Amcho Bastar Tourism Committee** participated from Bastar district administration to showcase Amcho Bastar tourism and local art culture.
- These members were selected from major tourist destinations like **Chitrakote, Tirtha, Bijakasa, Kosartera, Madarkonta, Mahendraghumar, Tamra Ghoomar, Michnar, Tirathgarh, Toppar, Manjhipal** and other tourist places.
- It is noteworthy that on the initiative of **Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel**, a **special action plan** has been prepared to attract tourists from all over the country and abroad and to **highlight the art culture of Bastar on the tourism map**.
- **Beautification of many tourist places** including tourism employment training, tourist trekking, rappelling, paramotor, camping, availability of Bastariya cuisine, tourist guide facility, STF camp, Kosartenda dam, eco resort is being done in **Bastar**.

## Medicinal Processing Centre at Koteswar Dham

### Why in News

- On September 11, 2021, **Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel** announced the opening of a **medicinal processing and training center at Koteswar Dham** in **Damtari** district.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister made this announcement while **addressing the Vaidyaraj (Traditional Healers) convention at Koteswar Dham** in the district.
- Along with this, he also announced the construction of a **rest house for 'Vaidyas'** at **Koteswar Dham** and a paddy procurement centre, a stop dam and community forest rights lease in 4 hectare areas.
- The Chief Minister said the government had started work to document the **traditional knowledge of the vaidyas**. The Vaidyaraj can grow medicinal plants in their backyards for which the government will provide him assistance.
- He said that at **Satdhara** a **stop dam** will be **built** and **Koteswar** will get **solar powered electricity supply and drinking water**.

## National Award for Online Pension Management System of Chhattisgarh

### Why in News

- On September 16, 2021, Chhattisgarh Government's online pension management system '**Aabhar Aapki Sevaon Ka**' was awarded the '**Elets Innovation Award**' at the national level in the category of '**e-Governance Initiative for Government Service Delivery**' for government service delivery.

### Key Points

- **D. Ravi Gupta, Founder, CEO and Editor-in-Chief, Elets Technomedia Pvt Ltd**, presented the award to **Neelkanth Tikam, Director, Treasury Accounts and Pensions, Chhattisgarh** at a virtual function in **New Delhi**.
- It is noteworthy that for the speedy redressal of pension matters of the pensioners of the state, the online pension management system '**Aabhar Aapki Sevaon Ka**' was implemented in the state from **May 2018**.
- It has been developed with an objective to bring **transparency** within the concept of **e-governance as a single window system**.
- As a result of the implementation of this system, the requirement of physical presence of the pensioners for the first pension payment has been done away with.
- Under this system, all the necessary documents (except service book) for settlement of pension cases are submitted online and digitally signed by the concerned officers. All the documents are also sent by the Treasuries to the bank online for the payment of pension to the banks.
- The pensioner can login to the portal to **know the status of pension** details and can even **lodge a complaint online**.
- Also, there is a facility to download the digital copy of the **Identity Card** issued to the pensioners in the Pensioners Corner of the **E-Kosh Lite app for pensioners**.
- So far **A total of 27,231 pensioners** have **benefited** from this system.

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## Combined Course in Higher Secondary Schools

### Why in News

- On September 17, 2021, on the occasion of Vishwakarma Jayanti, Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** launched a **combined course of ITI vocational education along with higher secondary education** in higher secondary schools of the state.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister made a historic beginning of this curriculum designed for quality vocational education along with school education in Chhattisgarh schools from Swami Atmanand School, Patan in Durg district, organized by video conferencing at his residence office.
- In this two-year course jointly prepared by Chhattisgarh **Board of Secondary Education** and **State Council for Vocational Training (SCVT)**, students will be able to study classes 11th and 12th as well as ITI courses.
- In this course, students who pass the 12th examination will also get a certificate of ITI along with higher secondary. Students will be given a certificate of class 12th by the Board of Secondary Education, from which they can take admission in higher education and will also get a certificate of ITI, from which they will be able to get employment. Both the courses will run concurrently.
- Chief Minister Baghel said on the occasion that a Welder trade for students and a Hindi Stenography course for girl students have been prescribed. This course will be of two years duration. This course will be completed in two years during class 11th and 12th.
- Children who get skill training at the school level itself will be easy to get employment in small and big industries being set up in Chhattisgarh. Also they will be able to do self-employment.
- The Chief Minister said that this job-oriented course would be expanded in future and new trades would be included in it as per the need.
- He said that 172 English medium schools have been started in the state to provide quality education in English medium to the children of Chhattisgarh. Similarly, it has been decided to upgrade multipurpose Hindi medium schools as Swami Atmanand Hindi medium schools.

## Unemployment Rate in Chhattisgarh

### Why in News

- According to the report released by the **Center for Monitoring Indian Economy** on September 16, 2021, the **unemployment rate in the state of Chhattisgarh is only half of the national rate**. The unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh is 3.8 percent, while the national unemployment rate is 7.6 percent.

### Key Points

- According to the data, the unemployment rate is 6.5 percent in Andhra Pradesh, **13.6 in Bihar**, 26.7 in Rajasthan, 6.3 in Tamil Nadu, **7 in Uttar Pradesh**, **6.2 in Uttarakhand**, 11.6 in Delhi, 12.6 in Goa, 6.7 in Assam, **35.7 in Haryana**, 13.6 in Jammu-Kashmir, 7.8 in Kerala, 6 in Punjab, 16 in Jharkhand and 7.4 percent in West Bengal.
- The condition of Chhattisgarh state is many times better than the above states. This is the result of efficient management of the state government.
- Chhattisgarh state is an agricultural state. 74 percent of the state's population resides in villages and the basis of its livelihood is agriculture and forest produce.
- Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the state government's continuous efforts to improve agriculture and rural economy has given momentum to the economy of the villages. Employment opportunities have also increased in the villages.
- During the Corona transition period, along with conducting MGNREGA works in a better way, the system of paddy procurement, collection, procurement and processing of minor forest produce was also continued, which has provided continuous employment to the people in the villages.
- Chhattisgarh government's **Suraji Gaon Yojana**, **Godhan Nyay Yojana**, **Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana** have also helped in keeping the economy dynamic in rural areas.
- Through the above schemes and programs of the government, direct help was provided to the villagers, farmers, livestock farmers, **MNREGA** workers, forest produce collectors. As a result, the flow of money in the market remained stable, which has helped in controlling the unemployment rate in the state.

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## 'Nyaya Janata Ke Dwar Abhiyan'

### Why in News

- On September 17, 2021, on the guidelines of the National Legal Services Authority, the Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority launched 'Nyaya Janata Ke Dwar Abhiyan' across the state.

### Key Points

- Starting the campaign, two Legal Aid Clinic buses were flagged off by all the judges of the High Court including Acting Chief Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra from the Chhattisgarh High Court Complex, Bilaspur. These buses will reach the remote areas of the state and make people aware about justice.
- Apart from the High Court premises, one legal aid clinic bus has been dispatched in each district with a special team. This team will go to at least 100 villages to make people aware of justice.
- On this occasion, Justice Mishra said that this special campaign is being run by the Department of Justice, Government of India. Its purpose is to create awareness among people about justice in village-village and make them aware of their rights.
- Under this, **information about justice and the legal field will be given to illiterate people through short films at various public places like Haat Bazaar, so that they can become aware of their rights and go to courts themselves to get justice.**
- During more than 100 camps, information will be given especially about all those important laws which are necessary for a healthy society. These include good touch bad touch, rights of children living in hostels, motivation to participate in sports, awareness of cyber crime, being aware of cyber law.
- Along with this, information will be given on many topics like the law of drink and drive, the law on the ban on fetal testing, the seriousness of the POCSO Act, the rights of women at the workplace and the right to equal pay.
- Apart from this, information about Lok Adalats to be set up in the state for legal aid and settlement of complaints by mutual agreement will also be given and appeals will be made to take advantage of Lok Adalat camps for settlement of disputes.

- At the village level, information about the law related to domestic violence will be given under the 'Hamaar Angana Yojana'. Under the 'Duty Campaign', awareness will be made about Article 51 of the Constitution.
- MSCT matters, New Acts of Motor Vehicle Act, rights of senior citizens and parents to protect against coronavirus, provisions of section 125 CrPC, Legal Services Authority Act, utility of Permanent Lok Adalat and toll free number of NALSA 15100 Information will be given about Awareness will also be made to get information through YouTube channel of NALSA.

## Implementation of NQAS in Chhattisgarh

### Why in News

- The state of Chhattisgarh was **awarded the second prize** in the implementation of **National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS)** in a virtual program organized by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on the occasion of Patient Safety Week.

### Key Points

- This award was given for the performance in the implementation of National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS) in the state between the **2018-19 to 2020-21** in both the **categories of district hospitals and community health centers.**
- Under the **National Health Mission, Chhattisgarh**, the process of internal and state level assessment, service delivery audit and patient satisfaction survey of the institution is done after regular training of health workers to provide excellent health service in state hospitals and provide better treatment to patients.
- The identified hospitals of Chhattisgarh are evaluated on the basis of parameters like OPD, IPD, Laboratory, Delivery Room, Emergency Services, Radiology, Pharmacy & Stores, General Admin, Operation Theater and NBSU by the team of experts from Government of India. Quality certificate is issued by the **Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare** only to the hospitals that qualify the assessment.
- Under the NQAS program, from 2018-19 to 2020-21, a total of 28 hospitals and health centers (including 7 district hospitals, 7 community health centers, 13 primary health centers and one urban primary health

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center) were given Quality certificates for providing quality health services in Chhattisgarh.

- Director of National Health Mission, Chhattisgarh, Dr. Priyanka Shukla informed that in 2020-21, 16 government hospitals and health centers of the state were given quality certificates by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, even during the crisis period of Kovid epidemic. At the same time, in 2019-20 and 2018-19, a total of 6-6 hospitals/health centers were given quality certificates.

## Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club Scheme

### Why in News

- On September 18, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched 'Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club Yojna' in the state during a function organized at his residence office and also released an amount of Rs 19.43 crore to the districts for the formation and operation of the club.

### Key Points

- Under this scheme, a total of 13,269 Rajiv Yuva Mitan Clubs will be formed in all the gram panchayats and urban bodies of the state in a phased manner. A grant amounting to Rs 132.69 crore will be given to the clubs during the year.
- For Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club, Chhattisgarh government has made a provision of Rs 50 crore in the budget. Each club will be given one lakh rupees for conducting creative activities in a year at the rate of 25 thousand rupees every three months.
- The Chief Minister said that the Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club scheme was started to the former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna in the state of Chhattisgarh to realize the dream of late Shri Rajiv Gandhi's youth India.
- Its objective is to carve out the young talents of the state, organize them and provide them with a suitable platform and use their energy in building a new Chhattisgarh.
- The Chief Minister said that youth power is an important capital for the development of the state. This is a revolutionary program to organize the youth power of the state and connect them with creative work. Through youth, it will help to advance the culture, environment, sports of Chhattisgarh and to reach the welfare schemes to the people and people will get its benefits.

- Sports and Youth Welfare Department Secretary N.N. Ekka said that Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club would be formed at ward level in Gram Panchayat and urban bodies. The club will be registered under the Firms and Societies Act. Each club will have 20 to 40 youth, aged between 15 and 40.

- A ministerial committee will be formed under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister for the implementation, supervision and guidance of the scheme. The chief secretary will be the chairman of the state level executive committee. Committees will also be constituted at the district and sub-division level. The ministers in charge of the districts will be the custodians of the district level committee.

- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had announced the formation of Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club at the closing ceremony of Chhattisgarh Youth Festival on January 14, 2020.

## Policy for the Third Gender Community

### Why in News

- On September 18, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel honored 13 newly-appointed police constables of the third gender community in a program organized at his residence office and congratulated them.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that the Government of Chhattisgarh is working for the protection of the interests and constitutional rights of the people of all caste, class, community and gender in the state. It is the policy of the state government to promote social amiability and harmony.
- He said that Chhattisgarh is the first state in the country, which has made a policy for the welfare of the third gender community of the state and to bring them into the mainstream.
- The state of Chhattisgarh has also constituted a welfare board for the rehabilitation and protection of rights of third gender persons.
- The Chief Minister said that the government has made a provision of Rs 76 lakh in this year's budget for setting up ashram-cum-rehabilitation centers for the rehabilitation of third gender persons. This will be the first center of its kind in the country.

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- The state government has prepared online software for data storage of third gender communities. 2919 third gender persons have been identified in the survey, out of which 1,025 persons have been issued identity cards, which are valid for ration cards, passports, Aadhar cards, etc.

## Religious City Ratanpur will be Developed as a Tourist Site

### Why in News

- Recently, the Union Ministry of Tourism has directed to prepare a state government action plan to bring Ratanpur, the religious and mythological city of Chhattisgarh in front of the tourists of the country and the world, and to develop it as a tourist destination/site.

### Key Points

- On the instructions of the **Union Ministry of Tourism, the Chhattisgarh Tourism Board** and the State Government took stock of **Ratanpur and its surrounding tourist places in the past.**
- After developing as a tourist destination, tourists from all over the world will now be able to see this city of King Mordhwaj and Ratnadev.
- From the point of view of tourists, the specialty and art will be raised here, palaces and forts of historical and archaeological importance will be decorated.
- The biggest feature of Ratanpur, popularly known as the city of ponds, is that there is such a series of 200 ponds that are several hundred years old, due to which there has not been a famine here. The ponds have been constructed in such a way that during the rainy season, when one pond is full, the water reaches the other.
- It is noteworthy that this city located in Bilaspur district is famous for the temple of Adishakti Maa Mahamaya Devi. This holy mythological city has an ancient and glorious history. It is also called '**Chaturyuga city**', which means that its existence has been present in all the four ages.
- **The Kalchuri king Ratnadev I of Tripuri first made Ratanpur** his capital and later Kalchuri kings ruled Chhattisgarh for a long period from this capital.
- **The Mahamaya Temple was built by King Ratnadev I in the 11th century.** The idols of goddesses **Mahakali,**

**Mahasaraswati and Mahalakshmi** are seated inside the temple.

- It is believed that the right skanda of **Goddess Sati** had fallen in **Ratanpur**. Lord Shiva himself appeared and gave it the name of **Kaumari Shakti Peeth**, due to which unmarried girls get good fortune from the sight of the mother. Thousands of wishing **Jyoti Kalash** are lit here by the devotees during **Navratri**.

## Chhattisgarh Tops in the Collection of Minor Forest Produce

### Why in News

- According to the recently released data of '**The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)**', during the current financial year 2021-22, during the first quarter month of April to June, Chhattisgarh is the first place in the entire country in the purchase of minor forest produce at minimum support price.

### Key Points

- According to the data released by TRIFED, during this period in the state 27,7958 quintals of minor forest produce worth Rs.80 crore 12 lakh have been purchased at the minimum support price, which is 88.36 percent of the total collected minor forest produce worth Rs.93 crore in the country during this period.
- Of these, 113614 quintals of tamarind (including seeds) worth Rs 40.90 crore and 1,37,946 quintals of sal seed worth Rs 27.59 crore have been collected. Similarly, 6,595 quintals of flower tamarind worth Rs 4.15 crore, 2390 quintals of chironji kernels worth Rs 2.92 crore and 10,493 quintals of Bahera worth Rs 1.78 crore are included.
- During this, Mahul Patta, Nagarmotha, Bhelwa, Bahera Kacharia, Dhavai Phool (dry), Harra Kacharia, Puwad (Charota), Bell Pulp, Satavar (Dry), Safflower Seed, Flower Broom, Rangini Lac, Van Tulsi, Flower Tamarind, Jamun Seeds (dry), Van cumin, Tamarind seed, Amla seedless, Kusumi lac, Kullu gum, Mahua seed, Karanj seed and Bybuding have been collected.
- Apart from this, collection of Patal Kumhra (Bedari tuber), Tikhur, Sawai grass, Korea bark, Chhind grass, Amla (raw), thorn broom, Kutz bark, Adusa leaf,

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Indrajou seed, Safed musli, Palash flower etc. have also been collected.

- It is worth mentioning that at present 52 minor forest produce are being procured in the state at minimum support price. These 52 minor forest produces include Sal seed, Harra, Tamarind seed, Chironji kernels, Mahua seed, Kusumi lac, Rangini lac, Kal Megh, Bahera, Nagarmotha, Kullu gond, Puwad, Bel guda, honey and broom, Mahua flower (dry), Jamun Beej (dry), Kaunch Beej, Dhavai Phool (dry), Karanj Beej, Baybuding and Amla (with seeds) and Phool Tamarind (seedless), Giloy and Bhelwa, Forest Basil seed, Forest Cumin Seed, Tamarind Seed, Bahera Kacharias, Harra Kacharias and Neem Seeds.
- Similarly, kusumi seed, reetha fruit (dry), shikakai phalli (dry), satavar root (dry), cashew kernels, malkangani seed and mahul leaf, Palas (flower), Safed Musli (dry), Indrajou, Patal Kumhra, and Kutaj (bark), Ashwagandha, Amla raw, Sawai grass, broom, Tikhur, Behan lac-Kusmi, Behan lac-rangini, Bel (raw), and berries (raw).
- Apart from the support price, additional incentive money is also being given by the state government on procurement of Kusmi Lakh, Rangini Lakh and Kullu Gond.

## 10 New Colleges in the State

### Why in News

- On September 21, 2021, the state government gave approval for the establishment of **10 new colleges in different districts of the state**. A letter to this effect has been issued by the **Department of Higher Education, Ministry, at Mahanadi Bhawan**.

### Key Points

- The places in the state where these **new colleges** have been approved are-
  - Government New College Nagpur (District - Korea)
  - Government New College Sanna (District- Jashpur)
  - Government New College Bankimongra (District- Korba)
  - Government New Girls College Balrampur (District- Balrampur)
  - Government New College Gobra-Nawapara (District-Raipur)

- Government New College Navagaon Sector-28 Nava Raipur (District- Raipur)
- Government New College Risali (District- Durg)
- Government New College Pendraavan (District- Durg)
- Government New College Saragaon (District- Janjgir-Champa)
- Government New College Surajpur (District- Surajpur)

## In-principle Consent to the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme in the State

### Why in News

- On September 23, 2021, Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel** gave in-principle consent to implement the **Revamped Distribution Sector (RDS)** Scheme in the state.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister gave this consent while attending the meeting held by **Rajkumar Singh, Minister of Power, New and Renewable Energy**, Government of India through video conferencing from his residence office.
- During the discussion, the Chief Minister, while giving in-principle consent to the scheme, **supported the demand** for giving **additional time limit for payment of electricity subsidy** by other states.
- Energy Ministers from **Bihar, Gujarat, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Goa and Daman and Diu** also attended this meeting.
- Under the **Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme**, along with increasing the power infrastructure in the state, action will be taken to **modernize and strengthen** them.
- Under this scheme, **all 53 lakh 50 thousand consumers, except agricultural consumers, will have smart meters installed**.
- The Central government has set **December 31, 2021 as the deadline** for submission of a **detailed project report**.
- The **estimated cost of the scheme is Rs 9,600 crores**, which is targeted to be completed by March 2025.

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## Chhattisgarh Got Four National Awards for Ayushman

### Why in News

- On September 23, 2021, Chhattisgarh received four national awards for best performance in Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and Dr. Khubchand Baghel Health Assistance Scheme.

### Key Points

- Union Health Minister Mansukh Bhai Mandaviya presented these awards to the state in the online 'Arogya Manthan 3.0' organized by the National Health Authority in New Delhi.
- The awards were distributed in six categories by the National Health Authority, out of which Chhattisgarh was awarded in four categories.
- Chhattisgarh has got the first place for registration of maximum number of Ayushman cards across the country through Choice Centres.
- Chhattisgarh secured the top slot in the country in the registration of at least one member of each family in the state.
- Sunil Kumar Kushwaha, Choice Centre Director of Kusmusa village of Bhaiyathan block of Surajpur district, came second in the country in terms of Ayushman card registration.
- Chhattisgarh ranks third in the country in terms of providing treatment to women through the scheme, giving priority to gender equality. Treatment has been provided to 3,20,661 women of the state through the scheme.

## Released Monograph Published by Mukund Radio

### Why in News

- On September 24, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the monograph published by Mukund Radio at his residence office. This monograph has compiled a visual document of nearly six decades of undivided Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh from 1952 to 2021.

### Key Points

- Sanjay Mohdiwale, operator of Mukund Radio, said that in this institute established in the 1950s, a pictorial details of all political-cultural programs has been kept.
- In this way, the institute has an album of photographs with the date of the celebrities attending the programs organized in Chhattisgarh region from the old era to present day digital age. The documents of these photographs have been published in the form of monographs.
- The editor of the monograph Rajesh Ganoudwale told the Chief Minister that in the book the first President Dr. Rajendra Prasad, former Prime Minister Shri Morarji Desai, Smt. Indira Gandhi, Chandrashekhar, Atal Bihari Bajpayee, Former President Giani Zail Singh, Ravi Shankar Shukla, Manna Dey, Pankaj Uddhas, From the arrival of celebrities like Begum Akhtar, Jagjit Singh to Chhattisgarh, select photos from 2 years of Chief Minister Baghel's tenure are included.
- The Chief Minister conveyed his congratulatory message by self-signing a copy of the monograph and said that collecting such a photographic document, which contains the record of all the personalities who came to the state and saving it for decades and publishing it sequentially, is a very important and commendable task in itself.

## Chhattisgarh ranked first in the country in sterilization for the last 5 years

### Why in News

- On September 24, 2021, Dr. Satyarthi, Deputy Director of the Family Planning Program informed that Chhattisgarh has been on the first position in the country for the last 5 years in sterilization during the male sterilization fortnight. During this, 4905 men have got sterilization done for family planning in the state.

### Key Points

- Dr Satyarthi informed that during the male sterilization fortnight, 966 men of the state underwent sterilization in the year 2017-18, 72 in the year 2018-19, 1695 in the year 2019-20, 168 in the year 2020-21 and 1349 in the year 2021-22.

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- He said that during the sterilization fortnight, the department dispels the misconceptions and myths spread among the people regarding male sterilization by running special campaigns from village level to district level. Men are encouraged to undergo sterilization by organizing 'Mor Mitan Mor Sangwari' Choupal at the village level.
- It is worth mentioning that every year, Statewide Male Sterilization Fortnight is celebrated by the Department of Health and Family Welfare to improve reproductive health and increase the participation of men in family planning.
- The fortnight is organized in two phases. The first phase is in the form of Mobilization Week, in which men are made aware of sterilization by increasing the participation of men in population stabilization and conducting NSVT program smoothly in the state and village level on the theme of 'Mor Mitan Mor Sangwari'. In the seminars organized on this, men are motivated for sterilization. The second phase is celebrated as Service Delivery Week.
- The health department gives an incentive of Rs 2,000 to those who undergo sterilization and Rs 250 to the catalysts.

## Devdas Banjare Smriti Panthi Dance Award

### Why in News

- Recently, in compliance with the announcement of **Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel**, the state level 'Devdas Banjare Smriti Panthi Nritya Puraskar' has been instituted by the **Culture Department** in the memory of late **Devdas Banjare**, a famous **Panthi Nartak of Chhattisgarh**.

### Key Points

- Its purpose is to encourage and honor the participants and institutions in the field of **performing arts, folk style 'Panthi Nritya' of Chhattisgarh**.
- The manual of **Devdas Banjare Smriti Panthi Dance Award** has been published in the Gazette on September 10, 2021.
- It is noteworthy that **Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel** had announced to institute **Panthi Nritya Puraskar in the memory of Late Devdas Banjare** on the occasion

of birth anniversary of **Baba Guru Ghasidas Ji on 18<sup>th</sup> December, 2020**.

- This award has been included in the state decoration ceremony organized on the occasion of **State Foundation Day**.
- Under the **Panthi Nritya Puraskar, a prize money of Rs 50,000**, a memento and a citation will be given.
- It is worth mentioning that the **State Culture Department** has already established '**Devdas Banjare Smriti Puraskar**', which is established in the field of performing folk style art sector in the state. In the memory of **Devdas Banjare**, this **second state level award** has been instituted only in the field of performing arts in folk style '**Panthi Nritya**'. In this way, the number of awards given from the **Department of Culture** has now increased to **8**.

## New Species of Turmeric and Coriander

### Why in News

- On Sept 26, 2021, In the annual meeting of the **All India Spices Research Project** held at the **Agricultural College and Research Center Raigarh** new species of **coriander and turmeric developed** from the research of scientists of Raigad were identified for national release.

### Key Points

- After presenting these species before the Central Release Committee, both the species will be brought in the seed production chain.
- One entry of coriander will be included in the name of **Chhattisgarh state Dhaniya-3** and will be released for **10 states of the country**. On the other hand, turmeric will be included in the name of **Chhattisgarh State Haldi-3** and will be released for **7 states of the country**. After release, the seeds of these species can also be produced in different classes.
- **Dr. Shrikant Sanwargaokar**, the chief breeder of these species said that both these varieties of **coriander and turmeric are very important and beneficial** for the **farmers, which are in line with the farmers' market**. Farmers can get **maximum profit from their production**. The production of these species is high and the quality is good. Their cropping period is slightly less than the prevalent species.

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- **Dr. AK Singh**, principal investigator of the project and Dean of the College of Agriculture, said that **not only the farmers of Chhattisgarh**, but also the **farmers of other states would benefit from these two species**. These species have high resistance to diseases and pests. Farmers will get more profit due to **lower cost of production** and **higher production of these species**.

## Rural Self-Employment Training Centers

### Why in News

- On September 25, 2021, **Chhattisgarh Panchayat and Rural Development Minister TS Singhdeo** released the Annual Activity Report, 2020-21 of **Rural Self-Employment Training Centers (RSETI)** operating in the state.

### Key Points

- This report has been prepared by the independent agency **National Academy of RUDSETI (NAR), Bangalore** as per the guidelines of the **Ministry of Skill Development, Government of India**.
- While releasing the report, **Singhdeo** said that under **Chhattisgarh State Rural Livelihood Mission**, rural self-employment training centers operating in **18 districts** of the state are being made self-supporting by providing free residential training to **the youth for various employment-oriented activities**.
- In the **financial year 2020-21**, **302 training sessions** were organized in the state. In which **7003 youth** have been provided **self-employment based training** as per their interest in Bank Mitras, General Entrepreneurship Development, Mushroom Production, Papad Manufacturing, Pickle Manufacturing, Spices Manufacturing, Agarbatti Manufacturing, Candle Manufacturing, Vermicompost Manufacturing, Sewing, Dairy Farming etc.
- **95 percent of the people trained in these centers are women**. On the basis of social inclusion, 36 percent of the Scheduled Tribes, 15 percent of the Scheduled Castes, 46 percent of the Other Backward Classes and four percent of the general category beneficiaries have been trained through these centers.
- **Singhdeo** directed the **Assistant Controller of Assessment and Certification Branch, Arun Kumar**

**Soni**, who was present during the release of the report, to organize training programs for the needy **rural youth in the streams of their interest**, while ensuring the quality of training.

## Inauguration of Sports Academies in the State

### Why in News

- On September 25, 2021, **Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel** made the **historic start of seven sports academies for the players of the state**. Out of these, **4 sports academies** were duly started in **Bilaspur** and **3 in Raipur**.

### Key Points

- In a virtual program organized at his residence office, **Chief Minister inaugurated new sports facilities in Bilaspur and Raipur** costing about 42 crores 14 lakh rupees and performed Bhoomi Pujan. These mainly include academies of **football, kabaddi, archery and athletics**, **two sports hostels**, an **archery training sub-centre** and **synthetic track and field for athletics**.
- The Chief Minister inaugurated **Hockey, Archery, Athletics and Kabaddi Academy in Bilaspur** and **Archery, Girls Football and Boys-Girls Athletics Academy in Raipur**.
- **Boarding and Kabaddi (Girls) Academy of Hockey, Archery, Athletics in Bilaspur** and **Day Boarding Academy of Archery, Football (Girls) and Athletics (Boys-Girls) in Raipur** has 370 seats, in which 180 boarding seats and 190 days.
- Along with this, the **Chief Minister also inaugurated the late B.R. Yadav State Sports Complex**, which now has a 400-meter synthetic athletics track and field, constructed at the cost of Rs. 9.20 crore, 50 seater sports hostel for boys constructed for Rs 2.82 crore, 100 seater sports hostel for girls constructed for Rs 4.75 crore and 4.47 crore.
- He laid the foundation stone for installation of **flood lights in Bilaspur** including **Kabaddi Indoor Hall** to be constructed at a cost of Rs.4 crore 94 lakh, gallery and pavilion of **Astroturf Hockey Stadium** at a cost of Rs.15 crore 96 lakh.
- The Chief Minister also inaugurated **Late Koduram Verma Smriti Archery Training Academy** at the

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**Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Hockey Stadium, Raipur, Football Academy** for girls in **Swami Vivekananda Stadium Complex Kota** and Athletics Academy for boys and girls.

## Sal International Tribal Festival

### Why in News

- In a high-level meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on September 25, 2021, it was decided to name the International Tribal Festival to be held this year as 'Sal International Tribal Festival'.
  - This decision has been taken after the state tree of Chhattisgarh and the deity Sal tree in tribal culture.

### Key Points

- In the meeting, the outline of the Rajyotsava was decided, along with the Tribal Festival. A five-day event of '**Sal International Tribal Festival and Rajyotsava**' will be jointly organized by the state government from **October 28 to November 1** at the Science College ground in Raipur.
- The Chief Minister said that **Sal is the state tree of Chhattisgarh**. In tribal culture, **the Sal tree is worshiped as a god**. Sal tree is worshiped in the Sarhul festival celebrated with pomp in the tribal area. That is why the name of the Tribal Festival has been named 'Sal International Tribal Festival'.
- In the state decoration ceremony on November 1, eminent people and institutions who have made remarkable contributions in various fields including art, culture, development of Chhattisgarh will be honored with the state decoration.
- During the **Saal International Tribal Festival and Rajyotsava**, many programs will be organized including interaction with eminent people in various fields, exhibition, live display of tribal art and culture, tribal craft fair, skill upgradation. Artists of the country and abroad will present their programs during this time.

## State Table Tennis Competition-2021

### Why in News

- On September 22, 2021, President of Chhattisgarh

Table Tennis Association Sharad Shukla informed that the **19<sup>th</sup> Stage Chhattisgarh State Table Tennis Competition-2021** will be organized by **Chhattisgarh Table Tennis Association** from 23 to 30 September at Sprayshala Table Tennis Hall located at Budhapara Raipur.

### Key Points

- Sharad Shukla said that on the first day of the competition, on September 23, Under-19 Boys and Girls Single Category Games will be organized.
- Keeping in mind the Covid-19, the single competition of all the categories will be organized on different days.
- In the junior boys category of this competition, first seed Rohan Lalwani of Bilaspur and second, third and fourth seeded respectively Karan Malhotra, Pranay Chauhan, Ramji Kumar of Raipur.
- R. Devanshi of Bilaspur, Ananya Dubey, Sushmita Som and Bhuneshwari of Dhamtari are in the first, second, third and fourth category in the girl's category respectively.
- The main judges of the competition are International Umpire Vimal Nair and assistant chief judges are International Umpires Abhinav Sharma and Arun Bavaria.

## Vanijya Utsav

### Why in News

- On September 21-22, 2021, under the joint aegis of Chhattisgarh's Department of Commerce and Industry and Directorate General of Foreign Trade, a two-day '**Vanijya Utsav**' was held in the capital Raipur with the Shalek Export Promotion Council.

### Key Points

- The program was inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. In the inaugural function, the Chief Minister said that Chhattisgarh, rich in natural resources, can play an important role in the export scenario of the country and has immense potential in the field of commerce and industry. **This Vanijya Utsav will prove to be effective in promoting exports in the state.**
- The Chief Minister also inaugurated the State Pavilion during this period. Where major exporters of the state displayed their products. Also, he released the booklet '**Bamboo the Green Gold**'.

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- On the first day of the program, a session 'Chhattisgarh State is an emerging economic power in India' was organized. During this, various presentations were given and the possibilities of bamboo-based industries and environment-friendly techniques, the establishment of nutraceutical industries and export prospects of various products from the state were informed and discussed with successful exporters.
- During the exporters workshop on the second day of the program on 22nd September, the financial and regulatory hurdles being faced by the exporters and their solutions were discussed in an interactive open house session.
- Under the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, 'Vanijya Utsav' is being organized in all the districts of the country to showcase India's 75 years of economic progress.

## Kodo-Kutki on Support Price

### Why in News

- On September 22, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, while addressing the tribal delegation from Kanker, Kondagaon and Bastar districts, said that arrangements would be made for the purchase of Kodo-Kutki by the state government in 14 Kodo-Kutki producing districts of the state.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that processing centres for Kodo would also be set up in Gothans of these districts and good arrangements would be made for the marketing of processed Kodo.
- Districts producing Kodo-Kutki include 7 districts of Bastar division, 5 districts of Surguja division and Rajnandgaon and Kawardha districts.
- On the demand of the delegation, the Chief Minister announced the opening of hostels in Bastar division where Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools have been started, saying that this would provide residential facilities to the children coming from distant villages in these schools.

## Teachings of Mahatma Gandhi in the School Curriculum

### Why in News

- The Chhattisgarh State Government has informed that the **basic teachings of Mahatma Gandhi will be included in the curriculum of classes 5 to 12 in the schools of Chhattisgarh**, so that children can be made aware of his ideals and principles related to non-violence.

### Key Points

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has given instructions to the Chief Secretary that the state government to ensure that the education of the children is made self-reliant along with the all-round development.
- In this, education will be given to the children of urban as well as rural areas according to the intention of Gandhiji.
- On the initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, in order to fulfill the concept of self-reliant village of Gandhiji, school children will be told about Narva, Garuva, Ghurva and Bari in detail under the government's ambitious **Suraji Gaon Yojana** by taking a tour of the village.
- With this, children will be able to get information on topics like water and soil conservation along with the rural economy and the dream of a self-reliant village will be realized.

## Chhattisgarh Got One More Medical College

### Why in News

- Recently, the National Medical Commission has given a Letter of Intent (LOI) for 150 seats to Shri Balaji Institute of Medical Science, operating in Raipur, the heart of Chhattisgarh.

### Key Points

- After getting recognition as a medical college, students will be admitted for MBBS in it this year.
- Dr. Devendra Nayak, Director of Shree Balaji Hospital said that the hospital will have facilities of 1,000 beds.
- With the opening of this medical college, students of the area will get a new platform for study and more doctors will be available, which will further strengthen the health system of the state.
- It is worth mentioning that it is the third private medical college in the state after Shri Shankaracharya Medical College Bhilai and Medical Sciences Raipur.

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- Shree Balaji Institute of Medical Science (SBIMS) is a part of Shree Balaji Group of Hospitals, a 1050 bedded (largest private hospital group in Central India) modern and state-of-the-art tertiary care centre. It was inaugurated on February 15, 2009.

## Maximum Collection of Tendu Leaves in Bilaspur Forest in the State

### Why in News

- According to the information received from the **State Minor Forest Produce**, the **maximum number of 276670 standard bags of tendu leaves** has been collected within **Bilaspur forest circle in the state**, during the current financial year.

### Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that during the current financial year, in **Chhattisgarh**, **135710 standard bags of tendu leaves worth more than Rs 522 crore** have been collected during the tendu leaf collection season. In this, **100% payment of collection amount of Rs 110 crore 21 lakh has been made to the Tendu Leaf collectors**.
- Under Bilaspur forest circle, 2 lakh 76 thousand 670 standard bags of tendu leaves worth Rs 110 crore 61 lakh were collected. Of these, 29 thousand 715 standard bags in Bilaspur forest division, 19 thousand 440 standard bags in Marwahi, 3 thousand 763 standard bags in Janjgir-Champa, 44 thousand 702 standard bags in Raigarh, 70 thousand 157 standard bags in Dharamjaigarh, 42 thousand 960 standard bags in Korba, 65 thousand 932 standard bags in Bora and Katghora, were collected.
- After Bilaspur, 2 lakh 55 thousand 675 standard bags of tendu leaves worth Rs 102 crore 10 lakh have been collected under Surguja forestry. Of these, 23

thousand 297 standard bags have been collected in Jashpur forest division, 32 thousand standard bags in Manendragarh, 20 thousand 996 standard bags in Korea, 30 thousand 645 standard bags in Surguja and 58 thousand 207 standard bags in Surajpur.

- Similarly, 2 lakh 49 thousand 679 standard bags of tendu leaves worth Rs 98 crore 98 lakh have been collected under Kanker Vanvrit. These include forest division wise- 91 thousand 320 standard bags in East Bhanupratappur, 70 thousand 120 standard bags in West Bhanupratappur, 12 thousand 446 standard bags in South Kondagaon and 21 thousand 107 standard bags in Keshkal, 15 thousand 322 standard bags in Narayanpur and 34364 in Kanker.
- One lakh 88 thousand 527 standard bags of tendu leaves worth Rs 75 crore 32 lakh have been collected under Forest Circle Raipur. Of these, 22 thousand 890 standard bags have been collected in Dhamtari forest division, 69 thousand 890 standard bags in Gariaband, 74 thousand 871 standard bags in Mahasamund and 20 thousand 877 standard bags of tendu leaves in Baloda Bazar.
- One lakh 76 thousand 505 standard bags of tendu leaves worth Rs 70 crore 60 lakh have been collected under Vanvrit Jagdalpur. Of these, 75 thousand 395 standard bags have been collected in Bijapur forest division, 75 thousand 913 standard bags in Sukma, 10 thousand 395 standard bags in Dantewada, 14 thousand 802 standard bags of tendu leaves in Jagdalpur.
- After this, one lakh 58 thousand 653 standard bags of tendu leaves worth Rs 63 crore 46 lakh have been collected under Vanvrit fort. Of these, 65 thousand 559 standard bags have been collected in Rajnandgaon forest division, 34 thousand 698 standard bags in Khairagarh, 20 thousand 383 standard bags in Balod and 38 thousand standard bags of tendu leaves in Kawardha.



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