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Country's First Block Public Health Unit Launched in Patan

Why in News?

- On April 1, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the country's first Block Public Health Unit at Patan in Durg district. He also inaugurated 'Hummer Lab' on this occasion. There will be 54 types of tests.

Key Points

- Block Public Health Unit is the first unit in the country. Another 3,000 similar units will be commissioned in the country in the near future.
- Surveillance of diseases will be greatly facilitated through these units.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that there would be a lot of facilities in the Public Health Unit to get the people of Patan tested. This will go a long way in improving the infrastructure here.

Establishment of Science Park to Make Understanding of Science Easier

Why in News?

- On April 1, 2022, the women scientist of Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology J.K. Rai said that to make science interesting and easy, a science park has been established in the school premises for the school students by the Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology.

Key Points

- Science Parks have been set up under the Science Popularization Scheme of Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology for wide dissemination of science in the state and for learning and understanding the principles of science through science demonstrations in sports and games among school students. .
- A target has been set by the council to establish science parks in all the districts of the state.
- Through these parks, students will be able to understand the various dimensions of science through play and

play. Through this, the understanding and attitude of scientific facts useful in daily life, analytical thinking and creative talent will be developed in the students.

- Science Park was established by B.M. Birla Science Centre, Birla Archaeological and Cultural Research Institute Division, Hyderabad as per their criteria.
- In these science parks, mobile exhibits based on various principles of school science curriculum have been set up. Through these models, students are able to easily understand the principles of science included in the curriculum.
- These models include anti-gravity angle to represent the center of gravity theory, Race the roller for the principle of moment of inertia, pendulum patterns on the principle of pendulum, Newton cradle on Newton's principle, xylophone for the theory of sound wave, black to represent angular momentum. Split Personality for Hole, 2D and 3D Theory and Corona Virus Demonstration Board for COVID-19 etc.
- It is noteworthy that a total of 12 science parks have been established in the state, out of which two science parks have been established in Raipur, one each in Durg, Narayanpur, Dhamtari, Janjgir-Champa, Balodabazar, Raigarh, Mahasamund, Kondagaon and Bilaspur.
- Recently, Science Park has been established in Government Higher Secondary School, Pauwara in Durg district and work of setting up outdoor-indoor Science Park in Government Higher Secondary School, Marra is in progress.

Chhattisgarh Tops in the Lowest Unemployment States in the Country

Why in News?

- According to the latest figures of unemployment recently released by the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy Organization, **Chhattisgarh has topped the country with the lowest unemployment rate in the month of March.**

Key Points

- According to the latest report, the unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh has reached the lowest level ever (0.6 percent). The unemployment rate in the country

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is 7.5%. The urban unemployment rate is 8.5 percent and the rural unemployment rate is 7.1 percent.

- According to the data released by CMIE as on April 2, 2022, the highest unemployment rate was in Haryana 26.7 percent, Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir 25-25 percent, Jharkhand 14.5 percent, Bihar 14.4 percent, Tripura 14.1 percent and Himachal Pradesh was 12.1 percent.
- Chhattisgarh adopted a new model three years ago in line with **Mahatma Gandhi's vision of 'Gram Swaraj'**, while setting the goal of inclusive growth, with an emphasis on increasing economic connectivity between villages and cities.
- Under this model, **Suraji Gaon Yojana, Narva-Garva-Ghurva-Bari program, Godhan Nyay Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihin Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana**, establishment of Rural Industrial Parks, Minor Forest Produce for economic empowerment of villages under this model. Schemes and programs like collection and value addition, entrepreneurship development are being implemented.
- New employment opportunities are being created in rural areas due to these schemes being run by the state government. These schemes are giving impetus to the development of the state, due to which the unemployment rate is continuously declining in the state.
- Even **during the first and second wave of Corona, the economy of Chhattisgarh remained untouched by the nationwide economic slowdown**, even then the unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh remained completely under control.
- **Rozgar (Employment) Mission** is being operated to create 12 to 15 lakh new employment opportunities in the coming 5 years in Chhattisgarh.

Three Fencing Players of the State Selected for Junior World Championship

Why in News?

- Recently, for the Fencing Junior and Cadet World Championship, **three players from Chhattisgarh - Sukham Ningthuba, K. Denny Singh and S.N. Shiva Magesh** has been selected.

Key Points

- These three players from Chhattisgarh have been selected after getting medals in individual events in 29th Junior National Fencing Championship (Boys and Girls) held in Sonapat, Haryana from 25 to 28 December 2022.
- In the foil event of this championship, Sukham Ningthuba and K. Dani Singh won silver and bronze medals respectively while S.N. Shiva Magesh won the gold medal in the EP event.
- It is worth mentioning that the **Junior and Cadet World Fencing Championships (Boys and Girls) are being organized by United Arab Emirates Fencing Federation under the aegis of International Fencing Federation** from April 2 to April 10, 2022 at Dubai Hamdan Sports Complex.
- A 47-member fencing team of Indian Junior and Cadet (Boys and Girls) Fencing Team is being sent by the Fencing Association of India in this championship.
- Sameer Khan, former General Secretary of Chhattisgarh Pradesh Fencing Association and presently member, has been appointed as Team Manager of Indian Junior and Cadet Fencing Team by Fencing Association of India.

Hariyali Prasar Yojana

Why in News?

- On April 5, 2022, Rakesh Chaturvedi, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief of Forest Force of Chhattisgarh informed that 83 lakh 31 thousand Planting has been done in three years (2019, 2020 and 2021) under the '**Hariyali Prasar**' scheme run by the Forest and Climate Change Department.

Key Points

- Under Hariyali Prasar Yojana, one thousand 600 hectare area in the year 2019-20, 3 thousand hectare area in 2020-21 and 2 thousand 800 hectare area (total 7 thousand 400 hectare area) in 2021-22 was covered with greenery.
- Under this scheme, 18 lakh 56 thousand saplings have been planted in the year 2019-20, 33 lakh 80 thousand saplings in the year 2020-21 and 30 lakh 95 thousand saplings in the year 2021-22.
- Under Hariyali Prasar Yojana, 10 thousand 497 beneficiaries have been benefited in the year

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2019-20, 20 thousand 16 beneficiaries in the year 2020-21 and 13 thousand 651 in the year 2021-22.

- Under this scheme, plantation of plants of teak, bamboo, khamhar, amla, rosewood, sandalwood, milia-dubia, clonal Nilgiri, tissue culture bamboo, tissue culture teak, mango, jackfruit, munga, cilantro and other species are included.
- It is noteworthy that under the Hariyali Prasar Yojana, 50 to 5 thousand saplings are provided per beneficiary by the Forest and Climate Change Department to encourage agro-forestry on the farmers' own land and to increase the greenery and for their maintenance. Partial amount is also made available in the form. With this, farmers will be able to earn a profit of about 30 thousand rupees per acre per year.

C-Mart launched in Kawardha

Why In News?

- On April 6, 2022, Chhattisgarh's Forest and Climate Change Minister and Kawardha MLA Mohammad Akbar launched the **virtual C-Mart in Kawardha**.

Key Points

- On the lines of big cities like Raipur, Bilaspur, Durg-Bhilai, C-Mart has been established in Kawardha.
- It is noteworthy that the state government is setting up C-Mart with the aim of providing a platform to sell the products manufactured by the women's group under one roof and to make women self-reliant.
- Women groups of Kawardha district can bring their goods to C-Mart for sale. The **National Urban Livelihoods Mission** (Nagar Palika Parishad, Kawardha) has provided a loan amount of Rs 10 lakh through Canara Bank Kawardha.
- This C-Mart will be operated by Deepanjali Mahila Self-Help Group Kawardha. In C-Mart, items made by women of Deepanjali Mahila Self-Help Group and items of daily use will be sold.
- Here, other items including Badi, Bijori, Sevai, Potato Chips, Masala, Haldi, Mirchi, Gobar Gamla, Rice Flour, Dalia, Wheat Flour, Papad, Murku, Phenyl, prepared by women will be sold.

About 1000 Transport Facilitation Centers will be Established in the State

Why in News?

- On April 7, 2022, the process of opening about 1000 transport facilitation centers across the state was approved to make transport related services easier and closer to home in Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had made an announcement on January 26 for the establishment of a Transport Facilitation Center across the state for expansion of transport related services.
- During this, a draft was prepared by the Transport Department regarding the establishment and role of Transport Facilitation Center. After approving this draft, the process has been started for further action. With the establishment of 1000 Transport Facilitation Centers, there is a possibility of generating employment for about five thousand youth.
- According to Gazette No. 240 (A) of the Government of India issued on March 31, 2021, the Transport Facilitation Center can be authorized to make a learning license. In order to give employment-oriented nature to this vision, it has been decided to establish a Transport Facilitation Center in Chhattisgarh.
- In addition to the learning license, applications can be made for other transport related services in transport facilitation centers. With this, while transport related services will be available to the general public easily and near to home, educated youth and unemployed will also get employment. Fees have also been fixed for various services in the Transport Facilitation Centers in the guide.
- Till now, due to lack of correct information, a large number of people have been applying for transport related service by contacting unauthorized agents, due to which they have to suffer financial loss along with taking more time. Now there will be no need to visit unauthorized agents for transport related facilities.

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Jhalmalko Laya-Lyor Gotul Racha Utsav

Why in News?

- On April 8, 2022, the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel attended the 'Jhalmalko Laya-Lyor Gotul Racha Utsav' at village Amakra in Antagarh block of Kanker district.

Key Points

- This festival was organized to preserve the local culture, tradition, folk songs and folk dances.
- It is noteworthy that the basic objective of this program is to bring tribal youth and girls into the mainstream of development by connecting them with their culture, heritage.
- Cultural and social events like Gotul culture, Mandari, Rela, Hulki, Kolang are almost disappearing from the tribal society, which is known to be preserved.
- This program is being organized for the purpose of giving
- Jhalmalko is a surname given to young men and women. It is related to those tribal youth and girls, who are not only full of special qualities, as well as they have complete knowledge of their tribe, customs and culture and tradition.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced the establishment of District Co-operative Bank in Koylibeda along with giving full tehsil status to Koylibeda and Amabeda.
- Apart from this, for the protection of local culture, 10 gotuls and 10 devgudis were also announced in the Antagarh area.
- Like 'Badal' established in Bastar, the Chief Minister also organized and promoted dance, art and literature in Kanker district. It also gave approval to send 14 youth of Antagarh region on a study tour to Indonesia to study the innovations happening in the field of agriculture and forest produce.

State Level Manas Singing Competition Launched in Shivrinarayan

Why in News?

- The three-day state-level Manas Mandali competition organized from April 8 to 10, 2022, was inaugurated by Rajshri Mahant Dr. Ram Sundar Das, chairman of Chhattisgarh Gauseva Aayog, at the fair ground of Shivrinarayan, a famous pilgrimage site in Janjgir-Champa district.

Key Points

- In the state level Manas singing competition, about 350 artists from selected Manas circles of 25 districts will give their presentations in this state level competition.
- In this competition the winners will be given first prize of Rs.5 lakh, second prize of Rs.3 lakh and third prize of Rs.2 lakh.

Barnawapara Sanctuary

Why in News?

- On April 8, 2022, Chhattisgarh's most excellent and attractive sanctuary **Barnawapara** has been transformed into a new form.

Key Points

- This rejuvenation has been done with the amount approved in the **annual action plan 2021-22 of CAMPA** (Chhattisgarh Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) under wildlife habitat upgradation work.
- Under this annual action plan, intensive lantana eradication and eupatorium eradication work has been done in an area of 5 thousand 920 hectares, Out of which the work of eradication of lantanas in total area of 950 hectares in 19 chambers of Barnawapara Sanctuary and Eupatorium eradication work in total area of 4 thousand 970 hectares in 32 cells.
- Due to the wildlife habitat upgradation work done in Barnawapara Sanctuary, located under Balodabazar forest division, located at a distance of about 100 km from the capital Raipur, the grass species has started growing rapidly due to the moisture in the soil. Along with this, the wildlife in the sanctuary has now got good facilities for grazing grass, due to which they have started roaming freely after the eradication work of Lantana and Eupatorium. Due to this, the tourists have got an easy sight of the wildlife and the wildlife has also started appearing healthy.

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- It is worth noting that the total area of Barnawapara Sanctuary is 244.86 sq km. In which there are mainly mixed forests, sal forests and teak plantations of the east. Mainly Karra, Bhirra, Senha are found in mixed forests in Barnawapara. Teak plantation is the naturally grown teak in the area and the Sal forest area is in less area.
- In addition to the above beehive species, herbaceous species, such as Eupatorium, Lentana, Charohta etc. are major weeds, due to which the herbivore wildlife found in the Barnawapara sanctuary area does not get grass, wildlife also has problems in movement and it becomes difficult to defend against carnivorous animals as well.
- It is noteworthy that in Barnawapara Sanctuary, wildlife like leopard, gaur, bear, sambar, chital, nilgai, kotari, chausingha, wild boar, wild dog, striped hyena, fox, wolf and mouse antelope are found in abundance and are also easily visible.

Ramayana Interpretation Center

Why In News?

- On April 10, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the **Ramayana Interpretation Center at Shivrinarayan in Janjgir-Champa district** under the **Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit** being developed in Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- In the Ramayana Interpretation Center, information depicted through paintings has been provided about the events of Ramayana and the places visited by Shri Ram on foot during the exile period.
- Through these paintings, the future generations will be able to get information about the events of Ramayana and people will also be able to understand the historicity of Shivrinarayan very well.
- The total area of the Ramayana Interpretation Center, built at a cost of Rs 90 lakh, is 6000 square feet. It is divided into two halls of 40 × 50 ft. Ramayan Interpretation Center as well as Tourism Information Center is established in a hall.
- A statue of Mata Shabari has also been installed outside the Ramayana Interpretation Center, in which she is seen feeding her jujube to Lord Rama. Along

with Lord Rama, an idol of his brother Lakshmana has also been installed.

- The Ramayana Interpretation Center established at Shivrinarayan under the Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit will be a center of attraction for the tourists and through this the Ram Van Gaman circuit will also be promoted in Chhattisgarh.

Inauguration of the first phase of development works in Shivrinarayan under Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit

Why In News?

- On April 10, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the first phase of renovation and beautification and development works under Ram Vanagaman tourism circuit in Shivrinarayan, a famous pilgrimage site of Chhattisgarh, located at the confluence of Mahanadi, Shivnath and Jonk rivers.

Key Points

- The state government has started the Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit project to give a new identity to the culture of Chhattisgarh while saving the memories associated with Lord Ram.
- In the first phase of this project, the work of development and beautification of tourism facilities has been completed at 2 out of 9 places selected for development. Out of these, the development works of Maa Kaushalya Dham Chandkhuri were inaugurated on October 7, 2021.
- A huge lamp pillar has been constructed inside the temple premises so that the devotees do not face any problem in lighting the lamp.
- Shivrinarayan is a city full of natural shade, which is famous as Jagannathpuri Dham of Chhattisgarh.
- Along with reverence, this Sangam beach should also be known for tourism, for this a viewpoint has been constructed on the ghat, from where tourists will have amazing views.
- According to mythological belief, Lord Rama spent about 10 years in Chhattisgarh during his 14 years of exile. During his exile, he entered Chhattisgarh from Sitamarhi Harchowka in Korea. Moving from

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north to south, he passed through many places in Chhattisgarh. His last stop was Ramaram of Sukma.

- Lord Rama covered about 2260 km during the exile period. In such a situation, in order to save the memories of the exile period of Lord Ram associated with Chhattisgarh and to promote culture and tourism, the Government of Chhattisgarh under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel performed Bhoomi Pujan at Mata Kaushalya Temple in Chandkhuri in the year 2019 under the Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit Project.
- Upgradation of access road, sign board, tourist facilitation center, interpretation center, Vedic village, pagoda waiting shed, basic facilities, drinking water system, toilets, sitting benches, restaurant, water front development, electrification Etc. will be done at selected 75 places under the project..
- The importance of Shivrinarayan is known from the fact that it has been named as the fifth dham after the four major dhams of the country namely Badrinath, Dwarka, Jagannathpuri and Rameshwaram.
- This place is the original place of Lord Jagannath, hence it is famous as Jagannathpuri of Chhattisgarh. Here the Narayani form of Lord Rama is secretly seated, hence it is also known as Gupt Teerth Dham or Gupt Prayagraj.
- In the first phase under Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit, Sitamarhi-Harchuka (District- Korea), Ramgarh (District- Surguja), Shivrinarayan (District- Janjgir-Champa), Turturia (District- Balodabazar), Chandkhuri (District- Raipur), Rajim (District- Gariaband), Saptarishi Ashram Sihawa (District- Dhamtari), Jagdalpur and Ramaram (District- Sukma) are being developed.

Chhattisgarh won national awards again

Why In News?

- On April 11, 2022, for the Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Panchayat Empowerment Award, 2022, along with Zila Panchayat Kabirdham, other panchayats have been selected at the national level.

Key Points

- The award will be presented by the Prime Minister on the occasion of National Panchayat Day on 24th April.

- On the basis of various notable works done during the financial year 2020-21, the district has been selected for the National Panchayat Award.
- It is noteworthy that in Kabirdham district, mainly under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, a large amount of employment was given to the villagers. While women were linked with livelihood promotion, better work was done in all areas like infrastructure development in the gram panchayat area.
- Similarly, Gram Panchayat Kejedah will be respected at the national level for providing maximum employment to the villagers, expansion of basic facilities and documentation and transparency.
- Panchayats of Chhattisgarh have also been selected in these categories-
- Patan and Surajpur have been selected for Block category along with District Panchayat Kabirdham in district category for Deendayal Upadhyay Panchayat Empowerment Award. On the other hand, in the Gram Panchayat category, the prizes will be given to the villages of Dhamtari district, Chhipli and Hardibhata, Chirmi of Koriya district, Parry of Balod district, Basdai of Surajpur district and Kejedah of Kabirdham district.
- Here, Bancharoda will be rewarded under the Arang block of Raipur district in the Child Friendly Gram Panchayat Award category.
- Jevra of Durg district will be honored in the Gram Panchayat Development Plan Award category. On the other hand, Sarora has been selected for Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Puraskar under Tilda block of Raipur district.

Old Pension Scheme implemented in Chhattisgarh

Why In News?

- On April 11, 2022, on the initiative of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the old pension scheme for state government employees was implemented in Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- With this decision, the officers and employees of the new contributory pension scheme will also start

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getting the benefit of the old pension scheme from this financial year. About three lakh officers and employees will benefit from this decision.

- It is noteworthy that for a long time, various employees' organizations of the state government had been demanding to implement the old pension scheme in place of the new contributory pension scheme on the employees appointed on and after November 1, 2004. After which Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had announced the implementation of an old pension scheme for state government employees in the budget session of the Vidhan Sabha.
- According to the instructions issued by the Finance Department regarding the old pension scheme, instructions have been issued to deduct 12 percent from the basic pay in the provident fund from April 1, 2022.
- Similarly, 10 percent monthly deduction for the new contributory pension scheme from the salary of state government employees appointed in the year 2004 and after has been abolished from April 1, 2022.
- It has also been mentioned in the issued instructions that the details of deduction of the General Provident Fund will be kept separately at the Directorate, Treasury Account and Pension level and this amount will be shown in the new General Provident Fund account number allotted to the concerned employees.

Release of Book 'Aaina-e-Chhattisgarh'

Why in News?

- On April 12, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the book 'Aaina-e-Chhattisgarh' authored by senior journalist Shankar Pandey.

Key Points

- Senior journalist Shankar Pandey told the Chief Minister that his column named 'Aaina-e-Chhattisgarh' has been published regularly, out of which selected columns have now been compiled in the form of a book.
- In these columns, the history, culture, archeology, social events of Chhattisgarh including the day-to-day changing politics of Chhattisgarh, contemporary issues including bureaucracy have been included. This is the fifth book written by Shankar Pandey.

National Tribal Literature Festival, 2022

Why In News?

- On April 17, 2022, Tribal and Scheduled Caste Development Minister Dr. Prem Sai Singh Tekam informed that on April 19, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel would inaugurate a three-day National Tribal Literature Festival at Pandit Deendayal Auditorium, Raipur.

Key Points

- Along with the National Tribal Literature Festival, a state level art and painting and tribal dance festival will be organized under the auspices of the Tribal Research and Training Institute.
- Padmashree Damayanti Besara, Padmashree Haldhar Nag, Padmashree Saki Neti Ramachandra (Koya tribe) related to the preservation and development of folk culture will be specially involved in its opening ceremony.
- On the first day of this festival, on April 19, in the first session, a research paper was presented on the topic of tribal literature, linguistics and translation, tribal identity in tribal literature and depiction of tribal life in tribal literature and relevance of the oral tradition of tribal societies and diversity and challenges in tribal literature.
- On the second day, 20th April, research papers will be presented on gender related issues in tribal literature, tribal art literature, socio-cultural conflict in tribal literature, issues of tribal literature, challenges and possibilities and issues and challenges of tribal development.
- In the fifth session on the third day, 21 April, research papers on tribal freedom fighters (their struggle, role and contribution in the Indian independence movement) will be presented.
- Various dance forms of Chhattisgarh, such as Shaila, Sarhul, Karma, Sondo, Kuduk, Dussehra Karma, marriage dance, Madai dance, Garvsingh Gedi, Karsad, Mandari, Dandar etc. will be performed in the festival. Along with this, under the program, theatrical performances based on tribal culture and tribal great men and Krantiveer, Gundadhur, Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh will be done by eminent artists.

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Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojna

Why In News?

- On April 18, 2022, the list of beneficiaries of **Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojna** was published in the concerned Gram Panchayat.

Key Points

- With the publication, the process of verification of the list has also started, so that such beneficiaries whose names are listed in the eligible list, but have died at present, in such cases, after receiving applications from their legal heirs, their names can be added to the eligible list after examination as per rules.
- Those who are currently included in the list of eligible beneficiaries, but have become ineligible under the scheme due to the acquisition of agricultural land by them or any member of their family, can be deleted from the list of eligible beneficiaries after receiving the objection/report from Patwari regarding such beneficiaries.
- It is worth noting that **Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumihen Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojna** was started in the financial year 2021-22.
- The main objective of this scheme is to identify the landless agricultural labor families in the rural areas and to provide financial grants to the landless agricultural families on an annual basis. Under this, financial assistance of Rs 6,000 will be given annually to each family.
- The implementation of this scheme is being done under the supervision of the Revenue Department. The District Monitoring Committee has also been constituted for its successful operation.

Chhattisgarh's Godhan Nyay Yojana gets National Alets Innovation Award

Why in News?

- The ambitious Godhan Nyay scheme of Chhattisgarh government has been awarded the Elets Innovations

Award at the national level at the two-day Elets Atma Nirbhar Bharat Summit held in New Delhi on April 19, 2022. The state of Chhattisgarh has been given this award in the category of innovation in agriculture.

Key Points

- Dr. Ravi Gupta, Founder, CEO and Editor-in-Chief of Alets Technomedia Pvt Ltd and Secretary, Government of India, Ministry of Textiles, U.P. Singh jointly presented this award to RL Khare, joint director of Godhan Nyay Yojana.
- It is noteworthy that the Godhan Nyay Yojana of the Government of Chhattisgarh has earlier received the 'Skoch Gold Award' for its outstanding contribution to environmental protection and sustainable development. This award was presented by Skoch Group to Godhan Nyay Yojana of Chhattisgarh on March 20, 2021 in New Delhi.
- It is noteworthy that on the initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Godhan Nyay Yojana was started in Chhattisgarh on July 20, 2020 from Hareli festival. Under this scheme, cow dung is being procured from livestock farmers and villagers at the rate of Rs.2 per kg.
- Through this scheme, livestock protection and crop promotion and protection of the environment, control of stray animals, income to villagers and animal owners from the sale of dung, employment and income to women self-help groups from vermicompost and super compost and other products and organic farming. Got encouragement. The use of vermicompost and super compost manure is improving the quality of food grains and the fertility of the land and reducing the cost of cultivation.
- With this scheme, dairy and animal husbandry have been encouraged and milk production has also started increasing.

Chhattisgarh State Organic Certification Organization got recognition of certification of organic products

Why In News?

- Recently, **Chhattisgarh State Organic Certification Organization, Raipur (CGOcert)** has got permission from **Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export**

Note:

Authority (APEDA) to register the organic product and get it certified as an organic product after getting tested by the authorized body of the country.

Key Points

- Farmers of Chhattisgarh will now be able to sell certified crop produce outside the state and outside the country by registering them as organic crops in the State Organic Certification Organization.
- Additional Director of Chhattisgarh State Organic Certification Society AB. Asna said that the framers of the state would get a lot of benefits from getting the recognition of certification of organic products. The demand for Aromatic Rice, Fortified Rice, Kodo, Kutki, Ragi of Chhattisgarh state has increased abroad.
- If it is supplied abroad after certification of aromatic rice, Kodo, Kutki, Ragi produced through organic farming, then farmers will get 10 times to more than 100 times the price, which will directly benefit the farmers and the country will get foreign exchange. Money will also be received.
- It is noteworthy that Chhattisgarh state is an agricultural state. Minor cereal crops, such as Kodo, Ragi and Kutki, fragrant rice, such as cumin flower, Devbhog, Jawa flower etc. are produced in the state.
- The demand for such organic agricultural products of Chhattisgarh has started becoming very high in the country and abroad as well. With the recognition of certification of organic products, farmers will be facilitated and by taking advantage of this, farmers will be motivated and encouraged towards organic farming.

Inauguration of 33 Road Projects Costing Rs.9240 crore in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

- On April 21, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari built a total of 1017 kms in Chhattisgarh costing Rs.9240 crores. Inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 33 road projects of length.

Key Points

- These projects were inaugurated and the foundation stone was laid in the program organized by the Ministry

of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India and the National Highways Authority of India at Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru Memorial Medical College, Raipur.

- With the construction of these roads, the connectivity with the neighboring states of Odisha, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh will become better. A smooth road network will be developed for the backward areas of the state. This will result in savings in fuel, travel time, distance and overall transportation cost.

National Tribal Literature Festival

Why in News?

- A three-day program of National Tribal Literature Festival, State Level Tribal Dance Festival and State Level Tribal Art and Painting Competition was organized in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh from 19-21 April, 2022.

Key Points

- It was organized in collaboration with the Government of India, Ministry of Tribal Affairs and Tribal Research and Training Institute.
- During this event, along with various programs, eminent litterateurs of the country had in-depth discussions on tribal literature and culture.
- Literary discussion and research paper reading were done under Sahitya Mahotsav. A total of 08 sessions were organized under the literary discussion program, in which eminent litterateurs of the country participated.

'Mor Gaon Mor Pani' campaign

Why In News?

- On April 22, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel honored the women involved in water quality testing in Ganj Mandi courtyard of Durg district by giving them the title of '**Jal Bahini**' at the end of the '**Mor Gaon Mor Pani**' campaign.

Key Points

- This campaign was carried out in all the districts of Chhattisgarh in collaboration with UNICEF.

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- It was started under the Jal Jeevan Mission on March 22, 2022, on the occasion of World Water Day.
- The purpose of this campaign, run from 22 March to 22 April, is to enrich and conserve the entire water by making proper management of the gray water generated after the use of water and rain water in each village by various technical methods.

CSI SIG e-Governance Award

Why In News?

- The School Education Department of Chhattisgarh was awarded the **CSI-SIG e-Governance Award 2021** at the 19th CSI-SIG Award ceremony held at Motilal Nehru National Institute of Technology, Prayagraj on 23rd April, 2022.

Key Points

- This award has been given to the state of Chhattisgarh in the recognition category for tele-practices implemented to make assessment and practice work easier for school children.
- It is noteworthy that the Department of School Education in collaboration with the **National Informatics Center (NIC)** is implementing a program called **Tele-practices** to simplify the assessment and practice of children and to remove the commonly occurring discrepancies in the assessment procedures.
- In this, teachers and students have to work in a group in Telegram. Questions come and go in front of the children, which children have to answer without wasting time. Each child's e-answer automatically generates a separate video. After watching these videos teachers can assess the children.
- Tele-practices program is being fully utilized by the School Education Department in Chhattisgarh in collaboration with NIC Chhattisgarh. The questions used in this are also prepared by the teachers here.
- Various organizations have observed tele-practices prevalent in the state and found them useful for easing the work of children's practice and teachers' assessment.
- It may be mentioned that the CSI SIG e-Governance Award is a prestigious national level award given by the Computer Society of India to recognize the best innovations in e-Governance.

Aakarshi Kashyap in Commonwealth and Asiad

Why In News?

- Recently, the emerging badminton player of Chhattisgarh, Akarshi Kashyap became the winner in the women's singles in the selection competition organized by the Badminton Association of India.

Key Points

- Akarshi Kashyap has now decided to participate in the Commonwealth Games, 2022 and Asian Games, 2022 to be held in England due to getting the first position in the selection competition.
- In both these international tournaments, Akarshi will participate with India's top female badminton player PV.Sindhu.
- Apart from Asiad and Commonwealth, Akarshi will also get a chance to play in the Uber Cup 2022.
- It is worth noting that in the final match of the women's singles selection event, Akarshi defeated Ashmita Chaliha in a thrilling three-set competition to claim the top spot.

Awarded to organizations doing excellent work in the field of cooperatives

Why In News?

- On April 25, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel awarded cooperatives for their outstanding work in the field of co-operatives at the National Cooperative Conference and National Award Distribution Ceremony held at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium in the capital Raipur.

Key Point

- The Chief Minister presented the first prize to Tamil Nadu State Apex Cooperative Bank, Chennai, second to Andhra Pradesh State Cooperative Bank Vijayawada and third to Telangana State Apex Cooperative Bank Hyderabad for overall performance in the State Cooperative Bank category.
- On the occasion, he presented special awards to M. Jhansirani, President, Andhra Pradesh and Dr. Reddy, MD Apex Bank Andhra Pradesh. He also conferred

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a special award on Baijnath Chandrakar, Chairman, Chhattisgarh State Co-operative Bank for his outstanding contribution in the field of co-operatives.

- Apart from this, the first prize of State Cooperative Bank over All Performance Award was given to Kerala State Cooperative Bank Thiruvananthapuram, second prize was given to Assam Co-operative Apex Bank Guwahati and third prize was given to Sikkim State Cooperative Bank Gangtok.
- The first prize for best performance in the category of District Central Cooperative Bank was jointly awarded to Karimnagar District Cooperative Central Bank Telangana and Karnataka Central Cooperative Bank Dharwad, the second prize was jointly given to Ahmedabad District Cooperative Bank Gujarat and Rajkot District Central Cooperative Bank Gujarat and the third prize was given to Salem District Central Cooperative Bank Tamil Nadu.
- The first award of Subhash Yadav Award in primary agriculture cooperative society area is M.M. 137 Alagyal Primary Agriculture Cooperative Credits were awarded to Society, Pudukotti, Tamil Nadu.
- The second prize for outstanding work in the field of Nafscob Award Primary Agriculture Credit Society was jointly awarded to Sandhol Agri Service Cooperative Society Himachal Pradesh and Timiri Service Cooperative Bank Kerala and the third prize to Chopdandi Karimnagar Telangana.
- The first prize for outstanding work in the agriculture cooperative training centre area was given to Himachal Pradesh, the second prize was given to Punjab and the third prize to Telangana.

Union Health Ministry honours Chhattisgarh for reduction in malaria cases

Why In News?

- On The World Malaria Day on April 25, 2022, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya felicitated Chhattisgarh for the decline in malaria cases in New Delhi.

Key Point

- Dr Priyanka Shukla, Director, National Health Mission and Department of Health and Family Welfare and

Dr. Subhash Mishra, Director, Epidemic Control, received the honour on behalf of the State Government in New Delhi.

- With the impact of the Malaria-Free Chhattisgarh Campaign and the Malaria-Free Bastar Campaign, there has been a major decline in the API rate (**annual parasite incidence**, i.e., the number of malaria patients found annually per 1,000 population). In 2018, while the state's API was 2.63, it has come down to 0.92 in 2021.
- It may be recalled that the first phase of 'Malaria Free Bastar Campaign' was conducted by the Department of Health and Family Welfare and the National Health Mission, Chhattisgarh in January-February 2020 in all the seven aspirational districts of Bastar division.
- 14 lakh six thousand people were tested for malaria in the first phase, 23 lakh 75 thousand in the second phase, 15 lakh 70 thousand in the third phase, 19 lakh 98 thousand in the fourth phase and 14 lakh 36 thousand in the fifth phase. The API of Bastar division, which had 26.78 APIs in 2016, has come down to 7.07 in 2021.
- Considering the good impact of the campaign in Bastar division, under the 'Malaria Free Chhattisgarh Campaign', it has been extended to a total of 21 districts of the state. The malaria positivity rate in the first, second, third, fourth and fifth phases of the campaign has been recorded at 4.6 per cent, 1.27 per cent, 1.03 per cent, 0.56 and 0.79 per cent respectively. With the impact of the campaign, malaria cases are continuously decreasing.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme: Tribal Tourism Circuit First Phase Completed

Why In News?

- On April 25, 2022, tourism department officials informed that the first phase of construction of '**tribal tourism circuit**' in **vananchal region** of the state under '**Swadesh Darshan Yojana**' has been completed. The cost is Rs.94.23 crore.

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- Under the scheme, the first phase of construction of Jashpur-Kunkuri-Kamaleshwarpur-Mainpat-Maheshpur-

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Kurdar-Sarodha-Dadar-Gangrail-Nathianwagaon-Kondagaon-Jagdarpur-Chitrakot-Tirathgarh has been completed.

- Jashpur, marked for tribal tourism circuit under 'Swadesh Darshan Yojana', has been developed as an ethnic tourism village. At the same time, route facilitation centre at Kunkuri, eco-ethnic destination at Kamleshpur, eco-ethnic destination-tourism facilities at Manpat, marg facilitation centre at Maheshpur and eco-tourist destination at Kurdar have been developed.
- Similarly, the ethnic tourism village at Sarodha Dadar, Eco-Ethnic Tourist Destination at Gangrail, Route Facilitation Centre at Nathianwagaon, Ethnic Tourist Village at Kondagaon, Ethnic Tourist Destination at Jagdarpur (Lamani Park-Cafeteria Parking), Eco-Ethnic Tourist Destination at Chitrakoot and Eco-Ethnic Tourist Destination (Nature Trail, Stair Railing) at Tirathgarh have been developed.
- The action plan for eco-tourism circuit has been prepared under Swadesh Darshan Scheme Phase-II. The circuit covers the border areas of Chilfi Valley, Akalmar-Amarkantak Valley and Hasdeo Bangon Dam. The cost of the proposed scheme is Rs.81.26 crore.

Governor signs the Chhattisgarh Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Bill, 2022

Why In News?

- On 26 April 2022, Chhattisgarh Governor Anusuiya Uikey signed the **Chhattisgarh Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Bill, 2022**, a bill introduced to **amend the Chhattisgarh Land Revenue Code 1959**.

Key Points

- According to the Chhattisgarh Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Bill, 2022, amendments have been made in 12 sections of the original Act, 48 sections of Chapter 7 and 16 sections of Chapter 14 of the Land Revenue Code.
- In the amended Bill, in sub-section 01 of section 50 of the principal Act, for the Settlement Commissioner, 'Commissioner of Land Records' has been substituted. Similarly, '**District Survey Officer**' has been substituted in place of Settlement Officer.
- In Chapter 7 of the principal Act, for the title '**Revenue survey and settlement in non-urban areas**', the

words '**Land survey and land revenue assessment**' have been substituted.

- **A new section 178B** has been inserted in the amended Bill. According to this, the Tehsildar will first issue the information to the interested parties by entering the applications received for account division in the e-namantran portal and will publish the general information or advertisement.
- On receipt of objection in any case or the Tehsildar finds the matter to be disputed due to any reason, he will register the case by transferring the case from online e-namantaran portal to his e-revenue court, otherwise all proceedings in the case will be done through online e-namantaran portal.

11 soldiers of Chhattisgarh Police honored with Shoorveer Samman

Why In News?

- On April 26, 2022, Chhattisgarh Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu honored 11 policemen from constable to TI rank with **Shoorveer Samman** in a program organized to honor brave police personnel who have done excellent work in the state.

Key Points

- Among those who received the honor were Sub-Inspector Zakir Ali, Lady Constable Manisha Yadav, Assistant Sub-Inspector Bhupesh Singh, Principal Constable Sandeep Dixit, Principal Constable Sarfaraz Chishti, Inspector Raman Usendi, Sub-Inspector Deepika Nirmalkar, Assistant Sub-Inspector Manoj Rathor, Principal Constable Sushil Pandey, Inspector Vijay Chelak and Inspector Sumatram Sahu.
- The Home Minister said on this occasion that the police should do their work honestly, so that the general public shows respect for them and there is fear of the police in the minds of criminals.
- Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, while referring to the motto '**Trust, Development, Security**' given by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for Naxalite areas, said that in the last 3 years, about 2 thousand Maoists surrendered after being influenced by the rehabilitation policy of the state government. accepted to join the mainstream.

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Important decision of Chhattisgarh High Court in Habeas Corpus Writ case

Why In News?

- Recently, the Chhattisgarh High Court held in the habeas corpus case that missing persons cases cannot be brought under the provision of Habeas Corpus petition.

Key Points

- Justice Arup Kumar Goswami and Justice N.K. With reference to such cases, Chandravanshi said that **“cases of missing persons are to be registered under the regular provisions of the Indian Penal Code (IPC) and the concerned police officers are bound to investigate the same in the manner prescribed under the Code of Criminal Procedure.”**
- The High Court held that what remains relevant is that establishing grounds for **‘illegal detention’** and a strong doubt about any such **‘illegal detention’** is a condition for moving the habeas corpus petition and Constitutional Courts will not entertain habeas corpus petitions where there is no allegation of doubt about ‘illegal detention’.
- The Supreme Court in its judgment in Union of India v Yumnam Anand M and others has observed that **“Article 21 of the Constitution declares that no person shall be deprived of life and liberty except according to procedure established by law”**. Besides, there is definitely a need for a machinery to investigate the question of illegal detention with utmost urgency. A writ of habeas corpus is an instrument of this nature.”
- It is noteworthy that under the Right to Constitutional Remedies mentioned in Article 32 of the Constitution, 5 writs - Habeas Corpus, Mandate, Prohibition, Abetment and Right to Question have been mentioned.

Three-day Khairagarh Festival inaugurated

Why In News?

- On April 27, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the three-day Khairagarh Festival at The Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh in Rajnandgaon district.

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- During this period, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of development works worth Rs 6.51 crore and refunded an amount of Rs.1.57 crore to 17,127 investors of Rajnandgaon district who were victims of cheating by the chit fund company.
- Chief Minister Baghel also inaugurated 9 Swami Atmanand Excellent English Medium Schools set up at a cost of Rs.14.74 crore in Rajnandgaon district.
- Khairagarh Festival is being organized by Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya Khairagarh from April 27 to 30, 2022.
- The Chief Minister saluted the founder of Khairagarh Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, King Virendra Bahadur Singh and Rani Padmavati Devi and Princess Indira of Khairagarh.
- **Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya is the first university in Asia dedicated to the visual and performing arts. It is the only university of music and fine arts in India.**
- In 1956, the then king of Khairagarh princely state, Virendra Bahadur Singh and Rani Padmavati Devi, had donated their palace to open a university of music and fine arts and named it after their daughter **‘Indira’**.

Akshaya Tithiya will be celebrated in Chhattisgarh as ‘Mati Pujan Diwas’

Why In News?

- On April 27, 2022, instructions were issued by the state government following chief minister Bhupesh Baghel’s announcement regarding the observance of Akshaya Tithiya as ‘Mati Pujan Diwas’ in the state.

Key Point

- It may be mentioned that the State Government is taking several initiatives to promote organic farming. In this link, work is being done to promote the use of cow urine and other organic substances in a big way along with the use of vermi-compost in place of chemical fertilizers and pesticides for the revival of soil fertility.
- Taking this aim forward, a mega campaign to celebrate ‘Mati Pujan Diwas’ is being launched in the state on Akshaya Tithiya on May 3 this year.

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- As per the instructions issued regarding the event, a state level programme will be organized in the capital Raipur on the occasion. At the same time, mati puja will be performed traditionally by organizing programmes at all gram panchayat, janpad panchayat and district panchayat level.
- In the Mati Puja programme, an oath will be taken to protect mother earth and the chief minister's message will be read out.
- The programmes will be attended by the ministers in-charge of the districts, MLAs, representatives of three tier panchayats and farmers and citizens. Active participation of social organisations and school and college students will also be ensured in this important event related to environment.
- It is worth mentioning that Akshaya Tiritiya is also known as 'Akti' in Chhattisgarh.

Launch of Rail Industrial Park in Hathkhoj and various infrastructure in Bilai

Why In News?

- On April 28, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the newly constructed Rail Industrial Park at **Hathkhoj** located in Bilai industrial area of Durg district and the infrastructure constructed at Bilai, a heavy and light industrial area, at Bilai.

Key Point

- It is worth mentioning that there are 22 plots in the rail park. Provision of CC Road, Pipeline, Overhead Tank, Street Lights etc.
- Rail Industrial Park will rapidly expand industrial activities here. Having better infrastructure will benefit the units manufacturing equipment for the Railways.
- The entrepreneurs will be benefited by the availability of infrastructure at one place and it will be easier for the Railways to become a rail park.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister also dedicated a four-and-a-half km CC road in the light and heavy industrial area. The cost is Rs.12 crores.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the state government has so far signed 167 MoUs. An investment of Rs.78,000 crore is proposed in the state

through these, out of which the process of setting up 90 units has also started.

50 new Eklavya residential schools will open in the state

Why In News?

- On April 28, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain directed the departmental officers to pay special attention to the facilities of students in the **Eklavya Vidyalayas** being opened in the state.

Key Point

- It may be recalled that 50 new Eklavya Vidyalayas have been sanctioned by the Government of India in Chhattisgarh in tribal areas. Children from class VI to XII will get education in these residential schools. There is a provision to provide education to 420 children in each school.
- In Chhattisgarh, these 50 Eklavya Vidyalayas are being set up in 17 districts of Balrampur, Bijapur, Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Bastar, Dantewada, Gariaband, Jashpur, Kondagaon, Korba, Koriya, Raigarh, Rajnandgaon, Sukma, Surajpur, Sarguja, Kanker and Narayanpur.
- These are the 50 Eklavya Schools:
 - In Balrampur - in village Barikala, Ramnagar, Devigang, Dohna and Buda Garden (Nawapara)
 - In Bijapur - in Nukanpal, Rudram and Dugaguda
 - In Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi - Lata and Nevasa in Penderoad
 - In Bastar - In Metawara Koypal, Gotia, Kodinar and Chhindwara
 - In Dantewada - in Metapal, Haram and Kuakonda
 - In Gariaband - in Girhola
 - In Jashpur - in Gholeng, Raumakala (Sukhrapara), Dhundrudand, Kardana and Pandripani
 - In Kondagaon - in Bedma, Korgaon, Shampur and Chichari
 - In Korba - in Lafa and Rampur
 - In Korea - in Ghughra and Jamthan
 - In Raigarh - byasi, chattangarh and potra
 - In Rajnandgaon - in Khawashfakadi and Meding-Pinding Dhenu
 - In Sukma - in Erabor and Balatikara (Chhindgarh)

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- In Surajpur - in Khorma, Paldanoli and Bakirma
- In Surguja - in Rikhi, Sahanpur, Petla and Sheopur
- In Kanker - in Anjani, Farsakote, Hilchur and Narharpur
- In Narayanpur - in Orchha

National Quality Assurance Certificate to 5 Hospitals in Chhattisgarh

Why In News?

- On April 29, 2022, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare awarded the **National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS)** certificate to five government hospitals in Chhattisgarh providing excellent healthcare and better treatment to patients .

Key Point

- The five government hospitals that have received national quality assurance standard certificate include three primary health centres and two urban primary health centres.

- The National Quality Assurance Standard Certificates have been awarded to Amadand in Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi district, Adawal in Bastar and Kottara Primary Health Centre in Kanker and Bhathagaon Urban Primary Health Centre in Raipur and Tanki Maroda Urban Primary Health Centre in Durg district.
- It may be recalled that the union health ministry team had inspected these five hospitals in march last year and tested the quality of services available for the patients there. He had also taken feedback from the patients in this regard.
- Under the National Health Mission, Chhattisgarh, internal and state level assessment, service delivery audit and patient satisfaction survey of the institution are processed after regular training of health workers to provide excellent healthcare in the state hospitals and to provide better treatment to the patients.
- It is worth mentioning that the hospital's services and satisfaction levels are tested on several parameters by a team of experts prior to providing the National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate. Only hospitals that meet these stringent standards are issued quality certificates by the Union Health Ministry.

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