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## **'Sangwari Chhattisgarh'**

### **Why in News**

- Recently, Chhattisgarh Khadi and Village Industries Board Chairman Rajendra Tiwari inaugurated 'Sangwari Chhattisgarh' center at Santoshi Shopping Complex of New Willingdon Camp of Air Force located at Lok Kalyan Marg (formerly Race Course Road), New Delhi.

### **Key Points**

- This center has been opened with the aim of making the famous products of Chhattisgarh Khadi and Village Industries more easily available to the people in Delhi.
- On this occasion, the Managing Director of Chhattisgarh Khadi and Village Industries Board, Rekha Shukla said that Chhattisgarh Khadi and Village Industries Board would encourage the spirit of self-reliance among the villagers by creating employment opportunities in rural areas as well as encourage the spirit of self-reliance amongst the villagers and the products prepared by the weavers and artisans. Provides a better market In this episode, this sales center named 'Sangwari Chhattisgarh' will make a new identity in the capital of the country.

## **Help Desk for 'Omicron' in Chhattisgarh**

### **Why in News**

- On November 30, 2021, the Health and Family Welfare Department of Chhattisgarh informed that as per the guidelines of the Central Government, help desks will be set up at all the three airports of the state - Raipur, Bilaspur and Jagdalpur for screening 'Omicron'.

### **Key Points**

- The help desk will seek information from persons coming from abroad for COVID-19 test, vaccination, quarantine and symptoms of corona.
- This is part of surveillance and wider precautions in view of the new version of the coronavirus 'Omicron' found in South Africa.
- Persons who have not completed the seven-day quarantine period after coming to India will be asked to ensure seven-day home quarantine.
- He will undergo a Real Time Polymerase Chain Reaction (RT-PCR) test on the eighth day. If the test comes back

positive, the sample will be sent for whole genome sequencing (WGS).

## **State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority Chhattisgarh Constituted**

### **Why in News**

- On December 2, 2021, the State Level Environment Impact Assessment Authority, Chhattisgarh (Authority, Chhattisgarh) was constituted by the Government of India.

### **Key Points**

- For its formation, a notification was issued by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India on November 23, 2021. In this regard, a proposal was sent by the State Government to the Central Government, which was accepted by the Central Government.
- Under the issued notification, former head and chief conservator of forests, Chhattisgarh Forest Department, Devashish Das has been made the chairman of the authority, Chhattisgarh. Similarly, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, Nagarjuna Postgraduate Science College, Raipur Dr. Deepak Sinha has been made a member. Apart from this, Chhattisgarh Environment Protection Board, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar will be its member-secretary.
- Similarly, for the purpose of assisting the Authority, Chhattisgarh, State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC) Chhattisgarh has been constituted by the Government of India in consultation with the State Government of Chhattisgarh.
- This authority will take its decision on the recommendations of Chhattisgarh State Level Expert Appraisal Committee (SEAC, Chhattisgarh).

## **Chhattisgarh Received three National Awards**

### **Why In News**

- On the occasion of International Day of Disability on December 3, 2021, President Ram Nath Kovind honored Chhattisgarh with three National Awards for

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outstanding work for the welfare of Divyangjans in a program organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

### Key Points

- Chhattisgarh's Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhediya received these awards at the hands of the President.
- Braille Press Bilaspur has received National Award for the remarkable work in online teaching of visually impaired persons with text books, literature and informative books in Braille script as well as e-library under Sugamya Library.
- The Braille Press based in Bilaspur has prepared the ballot paper for the election along with preparing text material, literature for the visually impaired. Along with this, the facility of an online library for the blind of Braille Press has helped the students a lot during the Corona period.
- Apart from this, Nava Raipur Atal Nagar Development Authority has been given a national award for the construction of road, building, public places and other places for handicapped persons in Nava Raipur Atal Nagar, construction of barrier free environment, construction of toilets for Divyangjan etc.

## Chhattisgarh's First Makhana Processing Center

### Why in News

- On December 5, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel virtual launched the first Makhana Processing Center of Chhattisgarh 'Makhana Farming, Processing and Marketing Center' in village Lingadih of Arang development block of Raipur district in the transfer program of Godhan Nyay Yojana.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister released an amount of Rs 50 lakh for the smooth operation of 'Godhan Nyay Mission' in the amount transfer program of Godhan Nyay Yojana.
- On this occasion, he launched the Makhana produced in this farm under the brand name 'Dauji' in the name of Late Krishna Kumar Chandrakar Dau Ji, who started Makhana cultivation at Ojas Farm, Lingadih.
- Free technical information for Makhana cultivation, periodic visits to Makhana field and training of farming

are given to the farmers by the 'Makhana Farming, Processing and Marketing Center' of Lingadih.

- Along with the availability of Makhana seeds for the farmers, the purchase of Makhana is also done by this center.
- Along with the pond, cultivation of makhana can be done in one to one and a half feet deep field. A net profit of about 70 thousand rupees per acre can be earned from the cultivation of Makhana.
- Makhana, associated with the identity of Mithila region of Bihar, is being cultivated in a very limited area of Raipur, Dhamtari and Mahasamund of Chhattisgarh.

## Most Improved State in Environment Award

### Why in News

- Chhattisgarh has been awarded the first prize in the Most Improved State in Environment category at the India Today State of States 2021 Conclave on December 5, 2021. India Today Senior Associate Editor Rahul Noronha handed over the award to Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

### Key Points

- According to the report published by India Today, the state of Chhattisgarh is ranked first in the year 2021, being 17th in the year 2018, 6th in the year 2019 and second in the year 2020.
- Similarly, according to the India State of the Forest report, there has been an increase in the forest area of the state. This is a major achievement of the work done by the state government towards environmental protection under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.
- To check the air quality in the atmosphere, 18 air quality stations have been set up by the Chhattisgarh government.
- Micro action plans have been prepared under the National Clean Air Program in three major municipal corporations most affected by air pollution - Raipur, Bilai, Korba.
- About 6 million people live in urban areas out of Chhattisgarh's population of 28.8 million. About one thousand 650 tonnes of solid waste is collected daily from urban areas. The Mission Clean City program is being run by the state government in the entire state.

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## Environmental Warrior Award

### Why in News

- Recently, Khushi Thakur, a resident of Raipur, the capital and city of Chhattisgarh, has been honored with the **International Environmental Warrior Award at the International Environment Conference held in Lumbini (Nepal)**, the birthplace of Gautam Buddha.

### Key Points

- Khushi Thakur has been honored with **'Green Youth of Lumbini (Nepal)' and 'Kamla Watershed Conservation Campaign, Janakpur (Nepal)' and 'Didiji Foundation Joint Effort'** by Nepal's organization 'Peepal, Neem and Tulsi Abhiyan'.
- Khushi Thakur has received this award at the global level for her awareness towards the environment.

## Silver Medal in Asian Thai Boxing

### Why in News

- Asian Thai Boxing Competition was organized from 3 to 5 December 2021 at Sarurnagar Indoor Stadium, Hyderabad under the aegis of World Thai Boxing Federation and Asian Thai Boxing Federation, in which 2 players from Chhattisgarh got silver medals.

### Key Points

- The Thai Boxing Indian Federation includes 6 players from Chhattisgarh, out of which Rohit Jagne and Kanika Chandrakar of Durg won the silver medal.
- Anees Memon from Chhattisgarh Thai Boxing said that the team of 12 Asian countries including India were invited in this.
- Here in the age group of 14 to 16, Rohit Jagne was defeated by the Maharashtra player 52-56. That's how he won silver.
- In the women's section, Kanika Chandrakar of Durg also won the silver medal in the final after losing to Maharashtra.

## Crockery bank launched to make single use plastic free

### Why in News

- On December 7, 2021, **Sarpanch Muktilata in Narayanpur Gram Panchayat of Chhattisgarh** started a new initiative by opening a utensil bank to free her gram panchayat from single-use plastic.

### Key Points

- Under the **Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin**, meaningful efforts are being made to make the district single-use plastic free, as a result, in Narayanpur gram panchayat of Kunkuri block, the **Crockery bank was started by the sarpanch** through the **Swachhagrahi** group with the amount available in the gram panchayat.
- Due to which, instead of plastic **Dona Pattal, spoons, bowls, disposable glasses**, utensils will be used in the social programs organized in the Gram Panchayat.

## Important Decisions Taken in the Meeting of the Council of Ministers

### Why in News

- On December 8, 2021, under the chairmanship of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the Council of Ministers took important decisions at his residence office.

### Key Points

- The cabinet decided to distribute additional food grains free of cost under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana on the ration cards issued under the Food and Nutrition Security Act. On this, the expenditure of Rs 223.58 crore will be reimbursed to Chhattisgarh State Civil Supplies Corporation under the Chief Minister's Food Assistance Scheme.
- Industries based on plant and machinery engaged in solar power generation were included in the category of high priority. Industry based on wood produced on private land was included in the priority industry.
- The earlier amendments in the Industrial Policy were approved to be effective from November 1, 2019. Jute bags/gunny bags used in paddy/rice procurement were included in high priority.

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- In the Kharif marketing year 2021-22, the rate of old jute gunny bags for the purchase of paddy from farmers in support price has been fixed from Rs 18 per piece to Rs 25 per nos. The Chief Minister was approved to make payment of support price to the farmers along with the payment of support price.
- The Chief Minister has announced to give custom milling incentive amount of Rs 120 per quintal to rice mills in the Kharif marketing year 2021-22.
- The proposal for the post of Vice-Chairman was approved by amending the sections of the Chhattisgarh State Backward Commission Act, 1995.
- Under the Godhan Nyay Yojna, it was decided to include compost produced in Gothan Samiti for sale through cooperative societies to private institutions/firms and allow 0.5 percent administrative expenditure in the budget provisioned under the scheme.
- The Chhattisgarh Appropriation Bill, 2021 was approved for the presentation of the Second Supplementary Estimate Year 2021-22 in the Vidhan Sabha.

## Dedication of Eco Learning Center Dudhwa and Eco Tourist Place Kodar

### Why in News

- On December 8, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the eco-learning center built on Dudhwa Dam in North Bastar Kanker and eco-tourism site built on Kodar Reservoir in Mahasamund district to promote tourism.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that this would also provide employment to the local people. Both these tourist places will definitely be successful in creating awareness about the environment along with giving information about wildlife and biodiversity to the general public.
- It is noteworthy that under the announcement made by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for tourism development under the Ramvangaman Path in the archeologically built Sirpur in March 2021, Van Chetna Kendra Kodar has been developed as an eco-tourism destination.
- Facility for sale of products made by Self Help Groups of the district and Sanjeevani products is also being

developed in this center. The Khallari Mata temple is located near the site, where tourists can also visit.

- The Eco Learning Center located at Dudhwa Reservoir in Kanker district will be operated by the Forest Management Committee.

## Institute of Driving and Traffic Research Inaugurated

### Why in News

- On December 9, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the Institute of Driving and Traffic Research Chhattisgarh at village Leopard in Atal Nagar, Nava Raipur.

### Key Points

- The Institute of Driving and Traffic Research, equipped with all modern facilities for teaching, has been established at a cost of Rs.17 crore on a vast land area of 20 acres in village Leopard.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced a 50 percent concession in training fee to women and third gender candidates getting training in IDTR and free of cost training to disabled candidates.
- Transport Minister Mohammad Akbar said that the candidates getting training in this training institute will be supported in providing employment. Those who get training here will be given priority in recruitment to the post of driver in the government department. Licenses will be given to those who complete the training.
- Kenichi Ayukawa, CEO and MD, Maruti Suzuki India, said that in the last 20 years, 39 lakh people across the country have been trained in driving by his institute. This IDTR located at Nava Raipur is the 8th organization of Maruti Suzuki in the country.

## LifeTime Achievement Award

### Why in News

- Recently, Professor Dr. Nirmal Verma has been honored with LifeTime Achievement Award at the 8th Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine (IAPSM) South Central Zone Conference held in Bhopal district of Madhya Pradesh.

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**Key Points**

- Professor Dr. Kamlesh Jain, who has done better and commendable work in the field of public health, has also been honored with Dr. MC Mittal Samman.
- In this conference, subject experts selected for the LifeTime Achievement Award, who have done very credible and remarkable work in public health for a long time, were also honored with Public Health Expert Late Dr. MC Mittal and Late Dr. VB Saxena Samman.
- Indian Association of Preventive and Social Medicine is the association of PSM experts.
- At present, Preventive and Social Medicine is known as Community Medicine and in colloquial language, Public Health, that is, Public Health.

## **International Para Badminton Competition-2021**

**Why in News**

- Abhijeet Sakhuja and Nihal Gupta of Chhattisgarh state have won gold medals in Under-16 Youth Asia Cup Para Badminton Competition-2021 held recently in Bahrain.

**Key Points**

- Abhijeet with left foot is the youngest (16 years) of the International Para Badminton tournament and the first player from Chhattisgarh to participate in the said event.
- Abhijeet Sakhuja and Nihal Gupta defeated the Indian pair of Palak Kohli and Jyoti in the Under-16s to register a 21-13, 21-11 win in the final.
- In the semi-finals of the said event, the pair of Abhijeet and Nihal defeated the pair of Spanish players and entered the final.
- Abhijeet also won silver medal in singles and doubles category in the national para badminton competition held in Uttarakhand in the year 2018.

## **Announcement to Make Sonakhan a Tehsil**

**Why in News**

- On December 10, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the establishment of a life-size statue of

Shaheed Veernarayan Singh at Jaistambh Chowk in the capital Raipur and to make Sonakhan a tehsil.

**Key Points**

- On December 10, 1857, Veer Narayan Singh was hanged by the then British government at Jaistambh Chowk in Raipur.
- On the occasion, the Chief Minister also unveiled a life-size statue of Martyr Veer Narayan Singh riding a horse in the Martyrs Memorial Complex of Sonakhan. He also gifted various development works worth Rs 28 crore 60 lakh here.

## **Chhattisgarh State Green Council**

**Why in News**

- In an official communication issued on December 11, 2021, it has been said that Chhattisgarh will soon constitute Chhattisgarh State Green Council to give a new direction to regenerative development and make the state a leader in this field.

**Key Points**

- Bhupesh Baghel has directed the Chief Secretary to take immediate steps to form a council and start its work in the office of the Minor Forest Produce Association.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will be the chairman of this council. At the same time, Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey, Forest Minister Mohammad Akbar and Advisor to the Chief Minister Pradeep Sharma will be the Vice-Chairman of the Council.
- A total of 12 members will be appointed in the council apart from the member secretary and technical advisor. The Chairman will nominate seven members from amongst eminent personalities from the private sector.
- Chhattisgarh Forest Department will be the administrative department for regenerative development work.
- It is known that due to continuous environmental degradation, the temperature of the earth has increased and the effects of climate change are being seen. The only option to counter this is regenerative and sustainable development.

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## **'Run for CG Pride'**

### **Why in News**

- On December 14, 2021, '**Run for CG Pride**' was organized in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh, for the self-respect and pride of Chhattisgarh. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel flagged off the '**Run for CG Pride**' from Gandhi Udyan Chowk.

### **Key Points**

- In the last three years, the Chhattisgarh model of folk art, culture, tradition and development has created a new identity in the country and the world. To celebrate this self-respect and pride, Run for CG Pride was organized in the capital.
- More than 20 thousand runners of every age group including Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel participated in this race organized for the self-respect and pride of Chhattisgarh.
- In the race, in the senior citizen category above 60 years of age, Gujari Lal got the first position. Similarly, in the above 14 years and below 60 years category, Mukesh Kumar stood first in the men's category and Priyanka Sahu stood first in the women's category. Similarly, Karan Sahu got the first position in the boys category below 14 years and Kamini Sahu got the first position in the girls category.
- Out of these, participants in the age group of 14 to 60 years will be given first prize of Rs.21 thousand, second prize of Rs.15 thousand, third prize of Rs.11 thousand and from fourth to tenth position Rs.21 hundred. On the other hand, in the category of senior citizens and children below 14 years of age, the first prize will be Rs 11,000, the second prize will be Rs 7,000 and the third prize will be Rs 5,000.

## **Big Decision in the Interest of Weavers**

### **Why in News**

- On December 15, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, taking a big decision in the interest of thousands of weaver families of the state, directed to purchase the uniforms of school students through Chhattisgarh Handloom Development and Marketing Cooperative Federation of Maryadit.

### **Key Points**

- With this important decision of the Chief Minister, thousands of weavers associated with the Handloom Development and Marketing Cooperative Federation will get regular employment and they will get financial benefits.
- After this initiative of the Chief Minister, the School Education Department has given in-principle consent to Chhattisgarh Handloom Development and Marketing Cooperative Federation Limited regarding the purchase of uniforms for the academic session 2022-23.
- Uniforms will be distributed free of cost to the primary-secondary students of the School Education Department and only Rs.10 to the students of economically weaker families studying in high school-higher secondary schools.
- There are 292 weavers' societies working in the state, out of which 250 weavers' societies are engaged in the production of 59 types of government garments in the Handloom Association. In the last three years, 7812 women of 651 women self-help groups working in the state were also provided additional employment in sewing clothes by the state government.
- The State Government has provided about Rs 10.02 crore for new weaving training and skill training of 3100 traditional weavers to 1346 beneficiaries willing to adopt handloom weaving employment.
- Along with this, to encourage the children of weavers by the Handloom Association, a scholarship of Rs 36.19 lakh has been provided to 885 students who have passed class 10th and 12th with 60 percent marks.

## **Released the book 'Chhai Kori, Chhai Agar Taria Au Budha Narva'**

### **Why in News**

- On December 15, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the book '**Chhai Kori, Chhai Agar Taria Au Budha Narva**' written by Govind Patel in his office room located in the Vidhan Sabha.

### **Key Points**

- In this book, information about 126 ponds excavated during the reign of Gond kings in Dhamdha block of Durg district has been published.

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- The name of those ponds, construction year, measles number, area and waterlogging have been mentioned in the book.
- Through this book, an attempt has been made to revive the tradition of water conservation which has been going on since ancient times.

## **Gariaband District Ranks First in the State in Making E-shram Card**

### **Why in News**

- By registering a total of 2 lakh 8 thousand 308 e-shram cards till December 14, 2021, Gariaband district is at the first place in the entire state and has achieved 169.8 percent achievement against the target.

### **Key Points**

- Instructions were given by the Gariaband Collector for 100% registration within the stipulated time period, under which, with the cooperation of the Labor Department, E-District Manager and other departments, the target set ahead of time has been achieved.
- Along with this, the target 122692 achieved for Gariaband district has been completed before the scheduled date of December 31, by organizing camps for development block-wise and village-panchayat wise registration with the help of the members of the committee.
- It is noteworthy that, taking special cognizance of the registration by the Collector, in view of the problem being faced in the portal during the day, instructions were given to organize night camps in all the Gram Panchayats. By implementing this, this achievement has been achieved ahead of time while fulfilling the target achieved.

## **Two new Lokpals of MGNREGA Appointed**

### **Why in News**

- On December 16, 2021, two new Lokpals were appointed in the state by the **Panchayat and Rural Development Department** of Chhattisgarh to hear

complaints related to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA).

### **Key Points**

- With these two Lokpals appointed by the Panchayat and Rural Development Department, **now there are 16 Lokpals in the state**, whose **jurisdiction includes 27 districts of the state**.
- **Vivek Shukla has been appointed as Lokpal for Rajnandgaon district and Chhatra Kumar Sahu for Dantewada, Bijapur and Sukma districts.**
- Along with this, a member has also been appointed in the **Lokpal Appellate Authority** at the state level. **Rajarshi Kumar Trivedi has been appointed as the third member of the three-member Lokpal Appellate Authority.**
- The Panchayat and Rural Development Department informed that the Lokpal and the members of the authority have been **appointed for two years**. Their tenure **can be extended for two years and one year respectively**.

## **Chhattisgarh Assembly Passed Supplementary Budget and 5 Bills**

### **Why in news**

- On December 15, 2021, the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly passed the supplementary budget and five bills. Thereafter the session was adjourned sine die.

### **Key Points**

- Replying to the second supplementary budget for the financial year 2021-22, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the **supplementary budget has been kept up to Rs. 2108.62 crore**.
- Giving data on the change in contribution in various schemes of the central government, he said that in 2014 the ratio of agriculture-horticulture allocation and integrated scheme of women and child departments was 85-15, which is now 60-40.
- Similarly **MGNREGA which was in the ratio of 90-10, is now in the ratio of 75-25, Indira Awas in the ratio of 75-25 to 60-40 and School Education in the ratio of 70-30 to 60-40.**

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- On the **issue of ready-to-eat** (which BJP boycotted) he said that in 2009, 1627 women **self-help groups** were given work, out of which only 638 groups are working.

## **Prize for Better Implementation in CCTNS and ICJS**

### **Why in News**

- Chhattisgarh was awarded the **second prize for better implementation in CCTNS** (Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System) and ICJS (Inter-operable Criminal Justice System) by the Government of India in New Delhi on December 17, 2021.

### **Key Points**

- In a two-day conference held from December 16-17, the **National Award was announced for better implementation in forensics under the ICJS scheme**, in which Chhattisgarh was given the **second position in the whole country**. On the other hand, the **first place was given to the state of Orissa** and the **third place was given to the state of Madhya Pradesh**.
- It is noteworthy that in Chhattisgarh the work of integration of CCTNS, Forensic, Court, Prosecution and Jail on digital platforms through ICJS has been completed.
- **E-Forensic Software Application** has been developed by the State Forensic Laboratory, through which all the proceedings from case registration to report preparation are uploaded. This data is sharing another column of ICJS.

## **Swasthya Ratna Award**

### **Why in News**

- Recently, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel honored **Dr. Faizul Hasan Firdausi**, a **well-known surgeon** of Ambikapur in Surguja district and **Director of Firdausi Hospital**, with the **Swasthya Ratna Award** at a private function in Raipur.

### **Key Points**

- Dr. Firdausi has received this **award for performing laparoscopic surgery on people in Surguja zone during the Corona period**.

- He did the surgery of people through **Ayushman Bharat Yojana** and **Dr. Khubchand Baghel Health Scheme**, due to which the common man was treated free of cost.
- It is noteworthy that by performing the surgery through a laparoscopic method, the beneficiary immediately recovers and returns to his work, due to which he does not suffer financial loss.
- Dr. Faizul Hasan Firdausi is the son of Laparoscopic Surgeon Late Dr. NH Firdausi and is the operator of Dr. Firdausi Hospital Kharsia Road.

## **Keshkal Adventure Festival**

### **Why in News**

- On December 17, 2021, the **three-day Keshkal Adventure Festival** started at **Tatamari tourism area located in Keshkal, Kondagaon district of Chhattisgarh**. In this adventure festival, travel bloggers and tourists from all corners of the state including Karnataka, West Bengal were welcomed according to the tribal tradition.

### **Key Points**

- Tourists were shown various viewpoints, waterfalls, caves, unique flora and prehistoric rock paintings located in Manjhingarh. Tourists were overwhelmed by the glimpse of prehistoric rock paintings and primitive tribal culture.
- In the next two days, this festival will include the old capital of Bastar, Baddongar, Buddhist monasteries of ancient Bhongapal, Shilpgram, Pardhi Tribal Village tour, waterfall darshan and local delicacies in the form of adventure sport with rock climbing, paramotor, rappelling, jeepline, camping and Tracking has been arranged.
- Apart from this, various cultural programs and competitions will be organized every evening.
- Through this festival, the district administration is trying to identify it in the tourism map by developing the tourism potential available in the district.
- Keshkal is famous for its natural resources, picturesque waterfalls and unique tribal culture throughout the state as well as across the country.
- It is noteworthy that a **glass bridge is being prepared by connecting two hills at Tatamari in Keshkal**, which will be the first glass bridge to be built in Chhattisgarh.

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## 'Gothan Map' Mobile App

### Why in News

- On December 20, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched 'Gothan Map' (Gothan Multi Activity and Livelihood Management) mobile app developed by Chhattisgarh Infotech Promotion Society (CHiPS-CHIPS) for Gothan Management in a program organized at his residence office. .

### Key Points

- Through this app, complete details of cow dung purchase, Gothan details, pasture and pardan, information on activities of self-help groups, infrastructure etc. will be available at a single click.
- The app, developed in-house by CHiPS, will have a Gothan wise database of Gothans operating across the state, with details of resources, activities, beneficiaries and services etc. available in the Gothans. Digital mapping of Gothans will be done through Geo-tagging, which will provide continuous accounting of resources of Gothans.
- A database of multi activities conducted by Self Help Groups will be prepared in each Gothan. This framework will enable accurate monitoring of key indices of Gothans. With this, the availability and marketing of the material produced in the Gothans and the accounts of the beneficiaries will be available.
- The App will have a robust digital evaluation mechanism for both Gothan affiliated Gothan Committees and Self-Help Groups for the State Government and a Gothan centric database ensuring accuracy. Based on this database, it will help in planning future activities in Gothans.
- New sources of livelihood will be identified through monitoring the trend and performance of income generating activities in Gothan. This will increase the income of the stakeholders and increase the scope for planning and promotion of the micro industry.

## Guru Ghasidas University becomes Partner of Malaysian University

### Why in News

- Recently Guru Ghasidas University, Bilaspur, Chhat-

tisgarh, became an international participant in a postgraduate seminar organized by Kelantan University, Malaysia on the topic 'Research and Innovation towards Sustainable Food System'.

### Key Points

- A letter of appreciation has been issued to Guru Ghasidas University for being an international participant in the program organized by the Faculty of Agro-based Industry of Kelantan University.
- The conference was organized by Guru Ghasidas University School of Life Sciences and Kelantan University in online mode.
- Yogyakarta University (Indonesia), Yogi Vemana University, (Andhra Pradesh), Princess of Naradhiwas University, (Thailand) and Vikram Singhpuri University, (Andhra Pradesh) also joined as partners.

## Selection of Gariaband District Under Prime Minister's Micro Food Upgradation Scheme

### Why in News

- Gariaband district of Chhattisgarh has been selected under the **Prime Minister's Micro Food Upgradation Scheme (PMFME)** of the Government of India. The district has been selected considering the production, collection and quality of minor forest produce.

### Key Points

- In the workshop organized in this regard, Divisional Forest Officer Mayank Agarwal said that 26,000 quintals of minor forest produce had been collected in the district last year. The collectors have got a profit of Rs 15 crore due to this.
- He said that after collection, a system of processing has been made in Van Dhan Kendras. It is being sold through Sanjeevani Kendras in the district. About 3 thousand quintals of chironji have been collected this year.
- Collector Nilesh Kshirsagar said in the workshop that lac, chironji, sarai seeds are produced in abundance in the district. The Sarai seeds here are in great demand

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in foreign countries. Preparations are being made to open a mini food park and processing center in the district.

- Zilla Panchayat CEO Sandeep Agrawal informed that 8 thousand 500 groups have been formed in the district under Bihan, which are earning income through different activities. He informed that 241 women members have been selected under this scheme, for which Rs 60 lakh will be released by the Industries Department.
- Under this scheme, the individual investor will get a maximum capital grant of Rs 10 lakh at the rate of 35 percent of the project cost. A maximum capital of Rs 40,000 will be provided to the members of the Self Help Groups. Apart from this, capital grant at the rate of 35 percent will be given to the Farmer Producer Organization.

## **'Chhattisgarh Herbals' Stall Got First Place in International Herbal Fair**

### **Why in News**

- **The stall of 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' got the first position in the 8th International Herbal Fair held at Lal Parade Ground, Bhopal, capital of Madhya Pradesh from 22 to 26 December 2021.**

### **Key Points**

- In this fair, a stall of 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' was set up by the Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association. More than 120 products of Chhattisgarh Herbals were displayed in the fair. These products are prepared from such minor forest produce grown on the natural forests of the state, which are organic-certified.
- In the International Herbal Fair, the state has achieved another special achievement with the stall of herbal products of Chhattisgarh getting the first position. The Forest Minister of Madhya Pradesh also visited the stall of Chhattisgarh Herbals and appreciated the work of Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association and their products.
- In the buyer-seller conference held on 23<sup>rd</sup> December in the fair, contracts worth about one crore rupees

were signed for the wholesale sale of raw minor forest produce of the state, in which forest produce like Harra Kacharia, Bahera Kacharia, Sabut Harra, Sabut Bahera and Kalmegh are included.

- After the primary processing of these forest produce collected from the forests, it is brought to **Van-Dhan Kendras**, where they are processed and value added to produce high quality products. These products are sold through 'Sanjeevani Sales Center' and online platforms like Amazon, Flipkart.
- More than 7000 women self-help groups are working in this work of collection, processing and value addition of minor forest produce in Chhattisgarh, most of whom are from the Scheduled Tribes category.

## **Chhattisgarh in Good Governance Index 2021**

### **Why in News**

- **Chhattisgarh ranks first in 'Social Welfare and Development' among Group B states in the Good Governance Index, 2021**, released by the Central Government on Good Governance Day on December 25, 2021.

### **Key Points**

- **This index, prepared by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG), Government of India, has been released to test the states on the test of good governance.**
- **Gujarat tops this index, while Maharashtra and Goa are in second and third place respectively.** According to the index, 20 states have improved the overall GGI scores for the year 2021.
- In the GGI-2021, the ranking has been given by dividing the states and union territories into four categories - Group A, Group B, North Eastern and Hill States, Union Territories. 58 indicators from 10 sectors have been considered for preparing GGI-2021.
- In Chhattisgarh, in the last three years, better work has been done in all areas through schemes. These development works are also getting appreciation at the national level. This is the reason that Chhattisgarh is on top of the Group B states in the parameters of social welfare and development.

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## Chief Minister Released the Book 'Kahat Kabir'

### Why in News

- On December 27, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the book 'Kahat Kabir' focused on the couplets of Sant Kabir at his residence office.

### Key Points

- For the first time in this book published by Kabir Vikas Sanchar Studies Kendra, Kushabhau Thackeray Journalism and Mass Communication University Raipur, 24 popular couplets of Sant Kabir have been expressed through cartoons.
- Appreciating the innovative experiment done in this book, the Chief Minister said that this effort would prove fruitful in taking the message of Sant Kabir to the people.

## Country's First 'Indigenous Knowledge Study Center'

### Why in News

- For the operation of the country's first indigenous knowledge study center recently started at Dr. Hari Singh Gour Central University, Sagar, Madhya Pradesh, cooperation and guidance will be given by Chhattisgarh Traditional Vanaushadhi Trained Vaidya Sangh.

### Key Points

- This study center has been started with the aim of proving the scientific authenticity of traditional medical knowledge based medicine and conservation, promotion and development of rare forest medicines.
- This will be the first such indigenous knowledge study center in India, where initiative will be taken to prove the scientific authenticity of the public health tradition of the whole of India. A separate department has been created for this in the university, which has been recognized by the UGC.
- In this study center, students will be able to get help for research and scientific authenticity to the treatment method of traditional doctors. This work will prove to be helpful in the continuous livelihood development of the family of Vaidyas, on the other hand the common

man will get the benefit of Vanaushadhi medical system in incurable diseases.

## Chhattisgarh in NITI Aayog Health Index 2021

### Why in News

- On December 27, 2021, government think tank **NITI Aayog** released the **fourth edition of its health index for 2019-20**, ranking states on the basis of overall health performance. In this, **Chhattisgarh ranks 10th in terms of overall health performance among large states, while Kerala is at the top.**

### Key Points

- The report was **divided into three parts - large states, small states and union territories.** Among the **smaller states, Mizoram was the best performing state while Nagaland remained at the bottom.**
- According to the NITI Aayog report, Chandigarh tops the Union Territories, followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli at number two and Delhi at number three.
- In terms of overall health performance among large states, **Chhattisgarh ranks 10th out of 19 states with a score of 50.70.** On the other hand, Kerala is ranked first with 82.20, Tamil Nadu is second with 72.42 and Telangana is third with 69.96.
- NITI Aayog's Health Index is a weighted composite score consisting of 24 indicators covering key aspects of health performance.

## Chief Minister Honored Farmers in Kisan Sammelan

### Why in News

- On December 28, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel honored the farmers who did excellent work in the farmers' conference organized at village Godmarra in Dondilohara block of Balod district.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel also unveiled a life size statue of Bharat Ratna former Prime Minister Late Rajiv Gandhi at the venue.
- He honored Dhansu Ram and Chandra Kumar of

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Dondilohara block for selling cow dung under **Godhan Nyay Yojana**.

- In the conference, Godhan Mahila Self Help Group of Piparkharna Gauthan and Gayatri Mahila Self Help Group of Tatenga Gauthan were honored for manufacturing organic manure.
- Under the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, farmers Daman Lal and Heera Lal of Bhedi village, who took other crops in lieu of paddy, and Shyamlal and Sanjeev Chaudhary, farmers of Pinkapar, were honored.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced the construction of 3.50 km road up to Godmarra-Suregaon, beautification of Godmarra Pat, renaming Kharkhara reservoir after former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Late Rajiv Gandhi and renaming Kharkhara-Mohdi Pat project after Dau Pyarelal Belchandani.

## Tableau of Chhattisgarh's Godhan Nyay Yojana Selected For Republic Day National Parade

### Why in News

- Recently, the High Level Expert Committee of the Union Defense Ministry has given its green signal to Chhattisgarh's Godhan Nyay Yojana for the Republic Day parade ceremony to be held at Rajpath.

### Key Points

- This committee included the country's leading craftsmen, painters, photographers, musicians, singers and expert members of other disciplines.
- The tableau of Chhattisgarh, centered on the **Godhan Nyay Yojana**, will present options for solutions to many global concerns at once by synergizing the traditional knowledge and scientific approach to the use of rural resources.
- In the tableau, water management systems being developed in the state, increasing productivity and a happy farmer will be shown in fresco style. In the same sequence, women of self-help groups preparing dung products and vermicompost from cow dung will also be displayed in the tableau.
- In the foreground of the tableau, rural women will be shown collecting cow dung and taking them to the

collection centers of Gauthans for sale. These women will be in traditional tribal costumes, wearing hand made clothes and ornaments.

- Out of these, a woman will be shown preparing products from cow dung and taking them to the market for sale. Flower pots will be decorated around the women, symbolizing the cultivation of vegetables and flowers in the Gothans. Diyas made of cow dung will be decorated at the bottom. These diyas will show the self-reliance and self-confidence in the lives of rural women.
- In the back part of the tableau, Gauthans will be shown to be developed as Rural Industrial Parks. It will show how women are developing their own entrepreneurship, running small industries in villages using new technologies and machines.
- The central part will show how the goals of environmental protection, organic farming, nutrition, employment and income enhancement are being achieved by keeping the cow at the center of the rural economy.
- Lastly, the rural woman painting will be displayed as a symbol of the development of the traditional crafts and arts of Chhattisgarh.

## End of State Level Sports, Cultural and Intellectual Competition of Eklavya Model Residential Schools

### Why in News

- On December 29, 2021, the three-day state level sports, cultural and intellectual competition of Eklavya Model Residential Schools was concluded at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium. Bastar division was the overall champion in the competition.

### Key Points

- In the state sports competition, Bastar division has secured first, Surguja second and Bilaspur division has secured third position.
- Similarly, in cultural and intellectual competition, Bilaspur division got first place, Durg division got second and Raipur division got third place in cultural and intellectual competition for age group below 14 years and age group up to 19 years.

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- State Scheduled Castes and Tribes Development Minister Dr. Prem Sai Singh Tekam presented prizes to all the winning participants.
- Secretary, Scheduled Castes and Tribes Development Department DD Singh said that more than 15 thousand children displayed their talent in the state level competition. In the sports competition, participants performed in 16 types of sports disciplines. The competition was organized for boys and girls in the age group of 14 years and above 19 years.
- Commissioner of Scheduled Castes and Tribes Department Shammi Abidi informed that a total of 71 Eklavya Model Residential Schools are operating in the state.

## Campaign for Language and Mathematical Skills will be Run in Schools from New Year

### Why in News

- Recently, the Education Department of Chhattisgarh said that a campaign will be launched from the new year for special education of basic education and mathematics of children studying in schools. Children up to class VIII will be made proficient in this 100-day long campaign.

### Key Points

- According to the information received from the Education Department, instructions have been issued in this regard to all the District Education Officers, Principal Diet, District Mission Coordinator, Samagra Shiksha. The instruction suggests language and math activities for 14 weeks in the campaign.
- All the districts and blocks will prepare the language and mathematics related **Professional Learning Community (PLC)** material at their own level.
- During the Corona lockdown, teachers in the state innovated under '**Padhai Tuhar Duar**' to continue the studies of school children. In the second year, **under Padhai Tuhar Duar-2.0**, various competitions were organized from cluster to district level, giving practice of reading, writing, math, science experiments and making group projects.
- The judges in these competitions were selected from amongst the community and parents. This created a good atmosphere in the schools of the state, for which it is planned to implement this program to continue it further.
- Arrangements will be made to provide course material through social media to schools at local level in advance by designing interesting activities by extending week wise, subject wise material through Professional Learning Community (PLC) at local level.



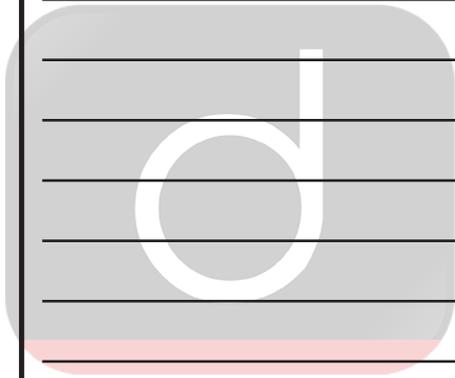
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