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So far, the Figure of Paddy Procurement in the State has Crossed 94.57 Lakh Metric Tonnes

Why in News

- A new record has been set for purchasing 94.57 lakh metric tonnes of paddy in the current season of procurement of paddy on support price in Chhattisgarh till January 31, 2022. In the last season 2020-21, 92.803 lakh metric tonnes of paddy was procured as of today.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that last year till date 20.54 lakh farmers had sold paddy, whereas this year paddy has been purchased from 21.38 lakh farmers. So far, Rs 17,906.33 crore has been released to farmers under a bank linking system in lieu of paddy purchase.
- Keeping in view the demand and need of the farmers, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has decided to extend the date of purchase of paddy by one more week for the convenience of the farmers. Now paddy will be procured from registered farmers till February 7.
- The state government has set a target of purchasing 105 lakh metric tonnes of paddy from more than 24 lakh farmers this year. Till now 54.99 lakh metric tonnes of paddy has been lifted by the millers through DO and TO.
- The state of Chhattisgarh has also created a new record in the matter of depositing rice in the central pool. So far 14.46 lakh metric tonnes of quality rice has been deposited in the central pool. These include 8.03 lakh metric tonnes of rice stored in the Food Corporation of India and 6.42 lakh metric tonnes in the Civil Supplies Corporation. On the other hand, Chhattisgarh has to deposit 61.65 lakh metric tonnes of Arva rice in the central pool this year.
- It is noteworthy that the procurement of paddy from farmers on support price has started from December 1, 2021 in the state of Chhattisgarh. A record more than 24 lakh farmers have registered for selling paddy this year. The registered paddy area is also more than 30 lakh 15 thousand hectares.

Important Decisions of the State Council of Ministers Meeting

Why in News

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on February 1, 2022, many important decisions were taken including approval of the draft amendment in the Industrial Policy of Chhattisgarh State, 2019-24 to promote entrepreneurship among the OBC people.

Key Points

- In the meeting, the draft of amendment in the Industrial Policy of Chhattisgarh State, 2019-24 was approved. Under this, 10 percent plots will be reserved in industrial areas for the citizens of Other Backward Classes, which will be provided at the rate of 10 percent of the land premium rate and at the rate of one percent land rent.
- In view of the requirement of a large quantity of jute bags for the procurement of paddy in the state, it was decided to give a special investment incentive package for 'Jute Bag Manufacturing Project' under the State's Industrial Policy, 2019-24.
- In order to encourage the establishment of large, mega and ultra mega industries in the state, it was decided to give a special incentive package for 'Electric Vehicle and Lithium Ion Batteries Sector' under the State Industrial Policy, 2019-24.
- Under the '**Kaushalya Matritva Yojna**', permission was given to determine the eligible beneficiaries and implement the scheme for providing one-time assistance of Rs. 5 thousand on the birth of second child girl child to the eligible beneficiaries in the socio-economic census.
- The decision to purchase Kodo, Kutki and Ragi at the minimum support price in the state through Primary Forest Produce Cooperative Society was approved.
- It was decided to increase the rebate of 10 percent to 40 percent instead of 30 percent in the guideline rates of properties of municipal corporations and their investment area. Similarly, it was decided to increase the rate of registration fee from 4 percent to 5 percent in the mentioned area. This relaxation and enhancement will be effective from the date of issue of departmental notification till March 31, 2022.

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- In order to organize the youth power of Chhattisgarh state and to take the social, cultural, sports activities and government schemes of the state to the people, it was decided to start 'Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club Yojna'.
- The draft of the amendment was approved in the Chhattisgarh Transport (Forest Produce) Rules, 2001, in which, in order to simplify the process of felling and transportation of trees located in the private sector in the Chief Minister's Tree Plantation Promotion Scheme, transport permit for 32 types of wood and firewood. exempted from the necessity. Along with this, all the bamboo species owned by a person have now been freed from the requirement of transport permit in all the districts of Chhattisgarh state instead of 9 districts.
- It was decided to take cess amount for the financial funding of 'Chhattisgarh Employment Mission' and 'Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club Yojna'. Under this, the amount of cess will be charged on the transfer of vacant land and land for agricultural purposes, which is taken by way of sale, gift or lease of 30 years or more or in the form of mortgage of enjoyment.
- The proposal to amend the structure of Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) Raipur Smart City Limited and Bilaspur Smart City Limited constituted under Smart City Mission was approved.
- In view of the implementation of Chief Minister's Tree Plantation Promotion Scheme to encourage tree plantation in the state of Chhattisgarh, the draft of amendment in the earlier rules for felling of trees in the private sector was approved.
- A total of 20 people will be trained in this handloom center in each training session. The duration of the training will be of 4 months, in which each trainee weaver will be provided a monthly scholarship of Rs.500 and a loom of Rs.15,000 free of cost. In this way, an amount of Rs 6.8 lakh will be spent in each session.
- On this occasion, Minister Guru Rudrakumar also distributed 80 electric chinks worth Rs 13 lakh 20 thousand to potters beneficiaries. With this, potter beneficiaries will be able to easily discharge their lives by making terracotta, diyas, piggy banks and various types of clay artistic-decorative materials.
- This will encourage rural culture and the potters will be financially strong. Common citizens are also showing environmental awareness by using pottery and in future the trend of clay products will increase.
- This training center is an effective start and will not only enhance the art and skills, but will also increase the employability. Young men and women trained in this training center will be able to decide a better direction for their future.
- He said that the unemployment rate in the state is only 2.1 percent, to reduce it further in future, other positive steps will also be taken by the state government. More such training centers will be opened, so that the youth of Chhattisgarh can become self-reliant and provide employment to others.

Village Industries Minister Inaugurated Handloom Training Center

Why in News

- On February 2, 2022, Chhattisgarh Public Health Engineering and Village Industries Minister Guru Rudra Kumar inaugurated Handloom Training Center at village Kodia under Dhamdha block of Durg district and distributed electric chalk to 80 beneficiaries.

Key Points

In the presence of MP Rahul Gandhi, landless laborers of Chhattisgarh laid the foundation stone of Gandhi 'Sevagram' and Chhattisgarh 'Amar Jawan Jyoti'

Why in News

- On February 3, 2022, in the presence of former Congress National President Rahul Gandhi and Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the foundation stone of 'Chhattisgarh Amar Jawan Jyoti' was laid in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh, in memory of the martyrs who laid down their lives for the country.

Key Points

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- The workers who laid the foundation stone of 'Chhattisgarh Amar Jawan Jyoti' along with MP Rahul Gandhi are Ramkumar Nishad (Durg), Khuji Maurya (Bastar), Sona Netam (Balodabazar-Bhatapara) and Masius Turkey (Balrampur-Ramanujanj).
- Rahul Gandhi launched the state government's ambitious 'Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumiless Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana' and 'Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club Scheme' in Raipur.
- On this occasion, Rahul Gandhi also released a coffee-table book 'Jo Kaha-So Kiya', published on the achievements of the Chhattisgarh government for three years.
- He transferred the amount of the first installment of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumiless Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana to the account of landless families of Rs 3.55 lakh online. Along with this, the amount of Rajiv Yuva Mitan Yojana was transferred online in the account of the beneficiaries.
- 'Chhattisgarh Amar Jawan Jyoti' will be constructed at 4th Battalion of Chhattisgarh Armed Forces, Mana Raipur.
- 'Chhattisgarh Amar Jawan Jyoti' will become an effective medium to cherish the memories of the sacrifices of the brave sons of the country, to keep the spirit of respect and gratitude and patriotism alive in the hearts of the present generation as well as the future generations.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said in the context of 'Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumiless Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana' that this is the first example in the country of helping landless laborers.
- Through this scheme, the families of landless laborers, shepherds, barbers, washermen, priests, priests and pauni-pasari working in the fields will get an amount of six thousand rupees every year.
- The Chief Minister said that the 'Sevagram' to be built in Nava Raipur would be developed as a pilgrimage of modern India to understand, feel, learn and remember Gandhiji and Gandhism.
- Wardha's Sevagram Ashram has been an important milestone in Gandhi's thought, philosophy and center of Gandhism, similarly Nava Raipur Sevagram will become a Gandhian center of excellence.

Chhattisgarh Becomes 35th state/UT to Implement 'One Nation One Ration Card' Scheme

Why in News

- Recently, the Department of Food and Public Distribution has approved the inclusion of Chhattisgarh in the existing group of portability states/UTs under 'One Nation One Ration Card' (ONORC). With this, Chhattisgarh has become the 35th state/UT to implement the 'One Nation One Ration Card' scheme.

Key Points

- It may be noted that the progress of the States/UTs towards the implementation of the ONORC scheme was reviewed by the Department. The department has approved the inclusion of Chhattisgarh after successful testing of portability transactions.
- Accordingly, ONORC scheme for nationwide portability of National Food Security Act (NFSA) ration cards has been implemented in Chhattisgarh from February 2, 2022.
- Under ONORC, migrant NFSA beneficiaries of Chhattisgarh will also now be able to purchase subsidized food grains at any Fair Price Shop (FPS) across the country.
- After the inclusion of Chhattisgarh, the ONORC scheme is being implemented in 35 states/UTs and is covering about 96.8 percent of the NFSA population of the country (about 77 crore NFSA beneficiaries).
- ONORC is a technology driven distribution system, which makes food security affordable across the country. This is very beneficial for migrant NFSA beneficiaries, who usually constantly change their place of residence in search of temporary employment etc. Migrant beneficiary family members, who have returned home, can purchase the rest of the ration without any difficulty.
- It provides an option to the beneficiaries to purchase their fixed quantity of food grains from any FPS of their choice anywhere in the country using their same/existing ration card.
- It may be mentioned that since the launch of the ONORC scheme in August, 2019, more than 56 crore portability transactions have been registered in the

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States/UTs under it. At the same time, 100 lakh metric tonnes of food grains worth Rs 31,000 crore have been distributed as food subsidy through inter-state and intra-state portability transactions.

- As a key indicator, on an average, around 2.5 crore portability transactions (including intra-state, intra-state and PM-GKAY foodgrain transactions) are being recorded per month across States/UTs under ONORC.

Freedom Fighter's Funeral After 109 Years

Why in News

- On February 4, 2022, the ashes of freedom fighter Lagur Nagesia were cremated after 109 years at Samri in Balrampur district of Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- Lagur Nagesia of Kusmi block of Rajendrapur in Balrampur district, along with Bigud (Bigu Bania) and Thithir Oraon, killed many people working for the British in the year 1913.
- After this incident, Thithir Oraon was killed by the cavalry of the British Army and Bigur and Lagur were put to death in hot oil.
- Of these, the skeleton of Lagur Nagesia was named after the teaching of science students at the then Edward School (the present Multipurpose School) of Ambikapur, which was kept there till now.
- The story of freedom fighter Lagur-Bigur is still famous in Surguja region as Lagur farmer and Bigur Bania.

Chhattisgarh Film Policy 2021 Published in Gazette

Why in News

- Chhattisgarh Film Policy 2021 has been published in the Chhattisgarh Gazette on February 4, 2022. Under the policy, provision of grants has been made in different categories.

Key Points

- With the implementation of Chhattisgarh Film Policy, local people including thousands of artists, technicians and producer-directors associated with the film industry in the state will get its benefit.

- It is noteworthy that on the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, under the guidance of Culture Minister Amarjit Bhagat, a new film policy 2021 has been prepared in Chhattisgarh.
- Under this film policy, provision and incentives have been made for the production, filming of feature films, web series, TV serials and reality shows and documentary films. This will encourage private investment in the film sector.
- The main objective of implementing Chhattisgarh Film Policy 2021 is to make Chhattisgarh a film friendly state and to give national identity to the culture and tourism of the state through film industry in the state and to provide maximum employment opportunities for the local people here.

Narva's Treatment Raised the Water Level by 1.6 Meters

Why in News

- A recent government survey states that under Chhattisgarh's ambitious 'Narwa, Garua, Ghurva and Bari' scheme, the treatment of drains in the villages of the state has led to an increase of 1.6 meters in the groundwater level in wells and tube wells in the respective villages.

Key Points

- According to an official statement, 2,477 drains in the state were treated in the last three years. Remedies include construction of stop dams, soil boulder checks, gully plugs and brush hoods.
- An amount of Rs 614 crore was spent in the treatment works and the drains were revived across the state.
- The groundwater level in the villages through which these drains pass has risen between 0.20 to 1.60 meters, the statement said. Villagers having their fields on the banks of the drain benefited and are now able to go for double crops.

Previous Record of Paddy Purchase Broken in Chhattisgarh

Why in News

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- In the paddy procurement campaign that was concluded in Chhattisgarh on February 7, 2022, the state government set a new record this year by buying 97 lakh 97 thousand 122 metric tonnes of paddy from farmers in the state at support price, breaking its previous year's record.

Key Points

- This year, paddy procurement in the state was scheduled from December 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022. In order to give opportunity to the farmers who could not sell paddy due to unseasonal rains, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had extended the stipulated period of paddy procurement from January 31 to February 7.
- This year, 21,77,283 farmers have sold their paddy on support price, which is 1,23,683 more than the 20,53,600 farmers sold last year.
- It is worth noting that due to the farmer-friendly policies of the Chhattisgarh government, there has been a significant increase in the number and production of paddy producing farmers in the state in the last three years, due to which the record of buying paddy on support price is breaking year after year.
- For the convenience of the farmers, the number of paddy procurement centers was also increased from 2311 to 2484, which made it easier for the farmers to sell paddy. The price of gunny bags of farmers was also increased from Rs 18 to Rs 25.
- A new record has been set for purchasing 97.97 lakh metric tonnes of paddy this year. 92 lakh metric tonnes of paddy was procured in the year 2021, 83.94 lakh metric tonnes in the year 2020 and 80.37 lakh metric tonnes in 2019.
- This year, a total of 24,06,560 farmers had registered for selling paddy in the Kharif marketing year 2021-22, the area of paddy sown by them is 30 lakh 10 thousand 880 hectares, while the area of paddy registered last year is 27 lakh 92 thousand 827.
- It is worth mentioning that along with giving a fair price to the farmers for their crops, the **Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana** is being run by the Chhattisgarh government to promote crop productivity and crop diversification. Due to this, people who have turned away from farming have also started returning to farming, due to which the number of farmers, area under cultivation and crop productivity are increasing continuously in the state.

- According to the information received from the Food Department, Rajnandgaon district has been the leader in the procurement of paddy on support price in the state. Out of 149 procurement centers of Rajnandgaon district, maximum 8 lakh 25 thousand 127 metric tonnes of paddy was procured. Janjgir-Champa district stood second by procuring 8 lakh 24 thousand 552 metric tonnes of paddy and Mahasamund district stood third by purchasing 7 lakh 74 thousand 136 metric tonnes of paddy.
- So far 64.43 lakh metric tonnes of paddy has been lifted. By custom milling, 9.47 lakh metric tonnes of rice has been deposited in the Food Corporation of India and 7.66 lakh metric tonnes in Civil Supplies Corporation. This year, 19 thousand 83 crore 97 lakhs have been paid to them in lieu of paddy purchased from farmers.

Country's First Idea Lab Inaugurated

Why in News

- On February 8, 2022, Chhattisgarh's School Education Minister Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam inaugurated the country's first All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) Idea Lab at Shri Shankaracharya Institute of Professional Management and Technology College, Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that many engineering colleges from all over the country had applied for the setting up of Idea Lab, out of which 49 colleges were selected. Out of these, AICTE has chosen Shankaracharya College, Raipur.
- Minister Dr Tekam said that the Idea Lab has been set up with the objective of making the students understand the basic principles of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics and gain practical experience by using it. With the establishment of this lab, excellent facilities will be available to the students for research and innovation.
- This idea lab will play an important role in giving shape to the imagination and thinking of the students studying in technical institutions. This lab can be used by the students as well as the general public.

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- Youth starting a new venture will be able to take full advantage of it. If any student has any technical idea, then they can come to this lab and make their dream come true and they can patent their idea. The products designed by him can be developed here. This will be a big step in the field of self-employment.
- Resource-rich laboratories and developed facilities can also be used by the students of remote areas, so that they can play their important role in all round development.
- It is noteworthy that under the Idea Lab scheme, grants are given in selected institutions of the country, from which institutions purchase state-of-the-art equipment. This does not cause any difficulty in the training of the students. Idea Lab helps students to develop innovation and startup ideas.
- The scheme has been designed keeping in mind the idea development, evaluation and applications under the National Education Policy-2020. This will develop skills like Imagination, Creativity, Critical Thinking, Design Thinking, Problem Solving and Collaboration in the students. This lab will be open for seven days and 24 hours.

Center Cuts by 45 Percent in Chhattisgarh's Fertilizer Demand

Why in News

- According to the information received from Chhattisgarh State Marketing Association on February 8, 2022, the central government has cut the demand quota of chemical fertilizers of the state by 45 percent. Against 7 lakh 50 thousand metric tonnes, the Center has given approval to supply only 4 lakh 11 thousand metric tonnes of fertilizers, due to which a situation of shortage of chemical fertilizers has been created in the state.

Key Points

- Due to non-supply of chemical fertilizers as per demand by the central government to the state of Chhattisgarh for the current Rabi season, farmers in the state are facing problems regarding chemical fertilizers. Despite this, fertilizers are being made available to the farmers of the state on the basis of availability of chemical fertilizers from the societies.

- A total of 7 lakh 50 thousand metric tonnes of chemical fertilizers have been demanded from the Government of India for the current Rabi season, but in today's situation, the state of Chhattisgarh has got only 3 lakh 20 thousand metric tonnes of fertilizers.
- The state of Chhattisgarh has so far received 1,17,522 metric tonnes of urea, which is only 34 percent of the state's demand. Similarly, the state of Chhattisgarh has got only 28 percent of the demand, potash 53 percent, NPK complex 43 percent.
- It is noteworthy that this year in the state of Chhattisgarh, the target of sowing various crops in 18 lakh 50 thousand hectares has been set in the Rabi season. So far 15 lakh 76 thousand hectares have been sown.
- Chhattisgarh government sent a demand for 7.50 lakh metric tonnes of chemical fertilizers to the central government, including urea 3.50 lakh metric tonnes, DAP 2 lakh metric tonnes, potash 50 thousand metric tonnes, NPK complex 75 thousand metric tonnes and super phosphate (ash) 75. 1000 Metric Tonnes, against which 4,11,000 Metric Tonnes have been approved by the Central Government, which is 55 percent of the demand of Chhattisgarh State. This is much less than the demand of the state.
- The state has received 93,214 MT of chemical fertilizers in the cooperative sector for the current Rabi season, which is 39 percent less than 1,52,027 MT received in the corresponding period of last year. Urea 31,500 MT has been obtained, which is 15 percent less than last year. The DAP has been received at 19,434 MT, which is 68 percent less than last year. Potash has been found at 4,191 MT, which is 74 percent less than last year's 15,847 MT. Similarly, there is less supply of NPK as compared to last year.

Intensive Mission Indradhanush 4.0 Launched in the State

Why in News

- Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 was launched in Chhattisgarh on February 7, 2022 with the aim of expediting routine immunization. At present, it has been started in five districts of the state – Bastar, Dhamtari, Durg, Kanker and Rajnandgaon.

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- Under Mission Indradhanush 4.0, run by the Health Department, a list has been prepared by health workers and mitanins in the above five districts, after home visits and marking the children who were left out of routine vaccination.
- Under the campaign, a target has been set to vaccinate 5 thousand 435 children from birth to 2 years and 2 thousand 604 pregnant mothers. Through this campaign, children who are deprived of routine vaccination will be vaccinated.
- Mission Director of National Health Mission Chhattisgarh, Dr. Priyanka Shukla said that this campaign will be conducted in the state in three phases, in which the first phase will be from 7 February to 13 February, the second phase from 07 March to 13 March and the third phase from 4 April to 10 April. Each phase will be of seven days.
- The campaign covers those pregnant mothers who have not been able to get Td 1, Td 2 and Booster Td vaccines due to some reason. Under the campaign, children from birth to 2 years who were left out of routine vaccination were given BCG, polio, diphtheria, tetanus, whooping cough, Hepatitis-B, Haemophilus, Influenza-B, Rotavirus, Pneumonia, Meningitis, Measles, Rubella, and Zappene, Encephalitis vaccines are being administered.
- In the first phase, 2199 sessions will be organized in identified districts in the state, so that more than 5400 children up to 02 years and more than 2600 pregnant mothers will be vaccinated. All immunization sessions will be conducted at Anganwadi centers in the identified villages of the districts.

Government Departments Will Now Get the Products of 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' with 10% Discount

Why in News

- On February 9, 2022, Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh Amitabh Jain has directed all the departments of the state, Chairman Revenue Board, Bilaspur, Heads of Departments, Collectors and Public Undertakings that the products manufactured under the brand 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' should get 10 percent discount on MRP. Taking advantage, implement the system of making government purchases.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that as per the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, all the departments of the state government, government undertakings and municipal corporations etc. have been instructed to compulsorily purchase the products of 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' brand with discount as per their requirement.
- In relation to direct purchase of ayurvedic medicines, herbal products and processed food items from minor forest produce manufactured by Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association Limited at the prescribed rate, rule 8 of Chhattisgarh Store Purchase Rules 2002 (as amended in 2020) has been amended.
- The Chief Secretary has directed all government institutions to compulsorily purchase all such items, which are sold under the brand 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' through Sanjeevani Kendras, with a discount of 10 percent on MRP.
- It may be mentioned that 'Chhattisgarh Herbals', a unit of Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce (Trade and Development) Co-operative Federation, plays an important role in meeting the financial needs of the people living in and around the forests in the state, especially the tribals.
- Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Cooperative Federation procures 61 minor forest produce and is producing more than 150 value added products. The Sangh has set up 30 Sanjeevani Kendras in all the major districts of the state for retail sale of products.
- The presence of 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' in various International, National and Inter-State level exhibitions has expanded the reach of the products globally. 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' participated in International Gulf Food Festival in Dubai, International IndusFood Event in Delhi, Tribal Festival in Delhi, International Herbal Fair in Bhopal, Chhattisgarh Diwali Haat Mela, Rajyotsav and Exhibitions at Malls.
- Apart from this, exhibitions of 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' are organized from time to time in various important programs organized by government and private organizations.

Production of Kodo-Kutki-Ragi will Get a Boost in the State

Why in News

Note:

- On February 9, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain, in the meeting of the Inter-departmental Coordination Committee of Millet Mission organized through video conferencing, under 'Millet Mission', made an action plan for increasing the production area of Kodo-Kutki and Ragi in the state. instructed.

Key Points

- At present, these crops are produced in an area of 69 thousand hectares in the state. A target has been set to increase the area under crop production to one lakh 17 thousand hectares by the next procurement year.
- The purchase of Kodo-Kutki-Ragi is being done by Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association on support price. So far 27,000 quintals of millets have been procured in this procurement year.
- It is worth noting that under the support price fixed by the state government, Kodo is being purchased at the rate of Rs 30, Kutki (black) at Rs 30, Kutki (brown) at Rs 30, Ragi at Rs 33.77 per kg.
- The scheduled date for purchase of Kodo, Kutki and Ragi crops on support price in the state was from December 1, 2021 to January 31, 2022, which has been recently extended till February 15, 2022.

Now 61 Minor Forest Produce are Purchased on Support Price in Chhattisgarh

Why in News

- On February 8, 2022, Chhattisgarh's Forest and Climate Change Minister Mohammad Akbar informed that keeping in mind the interest of the forest dwellers of Chhattisgarh state, the number of minor forest produce for purchase at present support price in Chhattisgarh has been increased from 52 to 61.

Key Points

- Minister Mohammad Akbar informed that in Chhattisgarh, the number of minor forest produce for purchase on support price has increased from 7 to 61 in about three years.
- It is noteworthy that under the support price fixed by the state government in Chhattisgarh, 61 minor forest produce increased from 52 to Harra Bal, Mahua Phool Kacha (Food Grade), Jhadu Chhind (Grass), Kodo,

Kutki (Black), Kutki (Brown), Ragi, Amchur (white) and Amchur (brown) are new minor forest produce.

- According to the fixed support price, these include Harra Bal Rs 30, Mahua flower raw (food grade) Rs 10, Broom Chhind (grass) Rs 15, Kodo Rs 30, Kutki (black) Rs 30, Kutki (brown) Rs 30, Ragi Rs 33.77 Amchur (white) will be purchased at the rate of Rs 120.
- Sanjay Shukla, Managing Director of Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association said that Malkangani seed (dry), Baybuding, Kalmegh/Bhuinim (dry), Amla (seedless) dry, Contains Rangini lac/Chilli lac (dry), Reetha fruit (dry), Van cumin seed, Satavar root (dry), Charota seed, Honey and Nagarmotha (dry).
- Similarly Mahul Patta, Harra Sabut (Dry), Harra Kacharia, Bahera Sabut (Dry), Bahera Kacharia, Giloy (Dry), Kusumi Lakh/Chilli Lakh (Dry), Van Basil Seed, Bhelwa, Shikakai Phalli (Dry), Tamarind Aati (with seeds), Tamarind flower (seedless), Tamarind seed, Mahua flower (dry), Mahua seed, Broom flower (grass), Kaunch seed, Dhavai flower (dry), Chironji kernel, Karanj seed, Belguda (dry), Kullu gum, cashew kernels, sal seed, safflower seed, neem seed (dry) and jamun seed (dry) are being purchased at support price.
- Apart from this, Amla fruit (raw), Rangini Lakh Beehan (with live lac insect), Kusumi Lakh Beehan (with live lac insect), Broom Kanta (grass), Belphal (raw), Jamun fruit (raw), Sawai Grass, Patal Kumhra Kand (Dry), Safed Musli Kand (Dry), Tikhur Kand (Raw), Ashwagandha Root (Dry) are also being purchased at support price.

'Oro Scholar' and 'Project Inclusion' Programs Started

Why in News

- On February 11, 2022, Chhattisgarh's School Education Minister Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam organized a virtual program of 'Oro Scholar' and 'Project Inclusion' program for children with special needs from class I to XII of the state in his residence office. launched.

Key Points

- Under the Oro Scholar program, children will be able to get a scholarship of thousands of rupees by participating in the quiz competition.
- Similarly, the Project Inclusion Program is to identify children with special needs and bring them along with normal children.

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- Both these programs will be conducted through Sri Aurobindo Society.
- Minister Dr. Tekam informed that the Oro Scholar program is for the students studying from class I to XII. In this, children can participate in 20 quizzes by registering themselves in the Oro Scholar App. They will get 50 rupees for scoring 80 percent marks in each quiz. In a month, the child will get one thousand rupees for scoring 80 percent marks in all of the 20 quizzes.
- With the money received from the quiz, children will not only be able to bear the cost of further studies on their own, but will also be able to provide financial support to their families.
- Under the Project Inclusion program, teachers will be given training by the Aurobindo Society to identify children suffering from physical and mental diseases and how to improve their weak areas. After taking training, teachers will be able to identify such children and remove their shortcomings and make them learnable like normal children.

'Balwadi' will be Set up For the Novices in Chhattisgarh

Why in News

- According to the information received from the School Education Department of Chhattisgarh on February 11, 2022, 'Balwadi' will be established under the new education policy to improve the education and education level of the young people in the state. The emphasis will be on the learning of the newbies through play based activities in these Balwadi centers.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had recently announced the establishment of more than 6000 kindergarten centers across the state in the first phase on the occasion of Republic Day.
- Under Early Childhood Care, play school 'Balwadi' will be established for children in the age group of 5 to 6 years at such places where Anganwadi and primary school are in the same courtyard.
- In the first phase, more than 6 thousand such Balwadi will be started. The number of such centers in the state is 6536, where primary schools are located

in Anganwadi only. According to the proposal, the operation of Balwadi (Balvatika) will be started from the academic session 2022-23 itself.

- The estimated number of children in the age group of 5 to 6 years for admission in Balwadi is one lakh 15 thousand. SCERT has also prepared a Balvatika Activity Book for these children.
- It is worth mentioning that in Chhattisgarh, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the state government has taken many steps for the secure future of the new generation, from school education to higher education and from employment to developing culture.
- Swami Atmanand Excellent English Medium Schools have been established to provide better opportunities in future to the children of the economically weaker sections of the state. At present 171 Swami Atmanand Excellent English Medium Schools are being run in the state, in which more than 20 thousand children are being educated in English medium. Similarly, such Hindi schools will also be established in every district.

Housing For All Mission

Why in News?

- On February 10, 2022, during the meeting of the State Level Approval and Monitoring Committee of '**Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Housing for All Mission (Urban)**' chaired by **Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh Amitabh Jain**, the construction of 12 thousand 60 houses in the state was approved.

Key Points

- In the meeting, Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain directed the officers to determine the priority basis for allotment of houses under the scheme.
- Under the Housing for All (Urban) Mission, 12060 houses will be constructed in the state at a cost of Rs 374 crore 93 lakh 12 thousand. The cost of each house will be Rs 3.05 lakh.
- It is noteworthy that the '**Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, Housing for All Mission**' has been **implemented by the Central Government** for urban areas **Since June 2015**.

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Notification of Reservation of 10 Percent Plot in industrial areas for OBCs

Why in News?

- Recently, the Department of Commerce and Industry of Chhattisgarh issued a notification amending **Industrial Policy '2019-24' to reserve 10 percent plots for Other Backward Classes in industrial areas** and to provide them at 10 percent rate of land premium rate and 1 percent land rent'.

Key Points

- On the occasion of 73rd Republic Day, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced to reserve 10 percent land for OBCs in industrial areas and 10 percent land premium rate and 1 percent land to promote entrepreneurship among OBC citizens.
- The **period of reservation will be for two years from the appointed date or the date of establishment of the industrial area**, whichever is later.
- The quantity of plot/land will be as per the eligibility rules and provisions mentioned in '**Chhattisgarh Industrial Land and Building Management Rules-2015**'. These amendments shall be deemed to have come into force from the date of issue of this notification.

Bastar Cafe Will Open in Raipur and Delhi

Why in News

- In the meeting of Chhattisgarh Tea-Coffee Board held under the chairmanship of Chhattisgarh Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Ravindra Choubey, initiative was taken to start Bastar Cafe in Raipur and New Delhi for sale-cum-marketing of coffee produced in Bastar.

Key Points

- In the meeting, it was decided to sign MoUs with private companies for expanding the area under tea and coffee cultivation in Bastar and Surguja divisions and for marketing of coffee produced in Bastar.

- Presently, Bastar Cafe is being operated in Jagdalpur for sale-cum-marketing for coffee produced in Bastar.
- Minister Ravindra Choubey gave instructions to make a project by conducting a survey to promote the cultivation of tea and coffee in the plateau areas of Surguja division of the state including Bastar and said that for the marketing of coffee produced in Bastar, MoU with private companies with the condition Be that the name of Bastar will be compulsorily included in the brand name of coffee.
- He said that the necessary amount should be ensured from the DMM fund for setting up the machine for its processing. Along with this, the officials were also instructed to identify the area for coffee cultivation in Sukma district.
- Coffee plantation planted in 20 acres in Darbha has started production. In the first phase, 8 quintals of coffee has been produced, which is being used through Bastar Cafe operating in Jagdalpur, where two kg of coffee is being consumed per day. At least three more cafes can be started for the use and marketing of the quantity produced. For the branding of Bastar Coffee, it was said that one cafe each would be started in Raipur and Delhi.
- It was informed in the meeting that in the year 2021, coffee has been cultivated in 55 acres in Darbha of Bastar. At present, coffee cultivation is proposed in a total of 5108 acres in Bastar district.
- It is worth mentioning that in Bastar district, the target is to expand the cultivation of coffee in 1000 acres every year. It will be cultivated in 5820 acres by the year 2026.
- In the meeting, the action plan for promotion of tea cultivation in Jashpur district and the resources required for tea-coffee production were also discussed.

Governing Body of Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club Constituted

Why in News

- On February 14, 2022, the governing body of Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club was formed by issuing an order by the Sports and Youth Welfare Department of Chhattisgarh State Government.

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- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has been made the chairman of the governing body and Umesh Patel, the sports and youth welfare minister, has been made the vice-president.
- Panchayat and Rural Development Minister TS Singhdeo, Urban Administration and Development Minister Dr Shivkumar Dahria, Lok Sabha MP Deepak Baij, Rajya Sabha MP Chhaya Verma, MLA Devendra Yadav, MLA Vinay Bhagat, Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain and Additional Chief Secretary Subrata Sahu as members and Sports and The Secretary, Youth Welfare Department, has been made the ex-officio Member Secretary.
- It is noteworthy that in Chhattisgarh, Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club scheme has been started for the youth of 15 to 40 years of age, under which youth Mitan clubs have been formed.
- Conservation of environment, sports and culture is being promoted through Yuva Mitan Club. Youth Mitan Clubs are being formed in all the gram panchayats and urban bodies of the state.

'Toilet Before Tablet' Campaign

Why in News?

- On February 15, 2022, Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain gave instructions to give a concrete shape to the 'Toilet Before Tablet' campaign in the upcoming education session.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that the meeting of the **Samagra Shiksha Executive Committee** of Chhattisgarh's School Education Department and the **State Level Monitoring cum Steering Committee constituted for the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (Mid-day Meal) scheme** was held at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan, which was presided over by Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain.
- It was decided in this meeting that model **toilets would be constructed in each ward of all urban areas and one school in each gram panchayat**. Good quality construction work in these toilets at low cost will be done on priority basis.

- Proper arrangement for running water, drainage etc. will be made in the toilets. Also, special arrangements will be made for their regular cleaning and maintenance. These toilets will be constructed in coordination with various schemes run by different departments.
- The Chief Secretary directed that the purchase of other items including the food items used under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (Mid-day Meal) scheme should be done from the Rural Livelihood Center operated in the Gauthans.
- In the meeting, **an annual action plan of Rs 3456.98 crore was approved for the academic session 2022-23 under Samagra Shiksha and a total annual action plan of Rs 696.18 crore for the mid-day meal scheme was approved**. After approval, these proposals will be sent to the Government of India for approval.

Special Handloom Expo

Why in News?

- On February 15, 2022, Bilaspur Commissioner, Chhattisgarh, Dr. Sanjay Alang inaugurated the **Special Handloom Expo and Exhibition** at Taran Pushkar Maidan.

Key Points

- The handloom art of weavers from 7 states has been beautifully displayed in the expo. The exhibition was organized in a series of various programs organized to commemorate the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. The exhibition will run till February 27. During this, the exhibition will be open daily from 12 noon to 9 pm.
- After the inauguration, Commissioner Dr. Sanjay Alang visited various stalls and met weavers and artists and inspected the samples of the textile exhibition.
- The exhibition has been **organized by the Handloom Development Commissioner, Government of India and Sant Ravidas Madhya Pradesh Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation, Bhopal in collaboration with the local district administration**.
- Managing Director Anubha Srivastava informed that this exhibition has been organized with the aim of nurturing the talent of handloom artists and providing them a market.
- Famous weavers from Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Karnataka, Odisha, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh are participating in the exhibition.

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Atmanand Hindi School in Each District of Chhattisgarh

Why in News

- Chhattisgarh Government has decided to establish at least one **Hindi Medium School of Excellence** in each district following the popularity of **Swami Atmanand Government English Medium Schools**.

Key Points

- A total of 32 new schools of Hindi medium will come into existence from the coming academic session. The buildings of the designated schools will be renovated and the schools will be developed qualitatively as well as aesthetically.
- The schools will be upgraded into **multipurpose schools in the name of Swami Atmanand**.
- It is worth mentioning that at present 171 English medium schools are running in Chhattisgarh with 74 thousand students. In which a total of three such English schools have been started in the state capital Raipur. The establishment of these schools proved to be a great success. Earlier, only 57 children were studying in RD Tiwari School (Hindi) in Raipur, but after it was upgraded as Swami Atmanand Government English Medium School, it has 1,000 students.
- The **children enrolled in these schools are from economically weaker families**. The government bears the entire cost of students' fees, books and uniforms.

Rajim Maghi Punni Mela

Why in News

- On February 16, 2022, the Speaker of Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly Dr. Charandas Mahant inaugurated the '**Rajim Maghi Punni Mela**'.

Key Points

- The 'Rajim Maghi Punni Mela' began **at the confluence of three rivers (Triveni)**, in which devotees took a holy bath and worshiped the deities. It will end on March 1.
- It is noteworthy that the **city of Rajim and its temple is situated at the confluence of three rivers – Sondur, Parri and Mahanadi**, which is **considered as the 'Prayagraj' of Chhattisgarh**. Every year during 'Magha Punni', devotees take a holy dip at the Sangam.

- In the month of Magh, the water of all rivers becomes sacred as Ganga and Mahanadi is the real Ganges. It has been praised in the Puranas as Chitrotpala. In Treta Yuga by Jagdamba Jankiji, Shivling was installed with sand in the middle of its confluence during the time of Shri Ram Vanagaman and he was worshiped as Chitrotpaleshchar, which later became Kuleshwar.
- In this fair, saints coming from different parts of the state and country have been provided 'Sant Niwas'.
- Special transport and sanitation, drinking water, toilets and parking areas have been ensured for this 14-day fair.

Rare Ancient Statue of Yoga Narasimha

Why in News

- On February 17, 2022, a rare ancient **idol of Yoga Narasimha**, found during pond deepening in **village Kumhari under Arang block of Raipur district** of Chhattisgarh and was brought to the **Ghasidas Memorial Museum in Raipur by the Department of Culture and Archeology**.

Key Points

- This ancient idol of Yoga Narasimha is **made of red sandstone** and is **dated back to 4th-5th century AD**. During the excavation of the pond, pottery of the Gupta period tradition has also been found.
- It is worth mentioning that on the basis of the news of the discovery of an ancient statue of Narasimha, the Director of Culture and Archeology Department, Vivek Acharya, formed a team of departmental officers and inspected the statue and its receipt. were instructed to do.
- This idol was found on Bhatia land, located near the temple named Bagdhara, in the north of the settlement.
- According to the Department of Archeology, this is a unique and rare idol. It is also called Narasimha or Shanta Narasimha. In such a posture the deity is depicted sitting alone in silence. Usually the idol of Narasimha killing Hiranyakashyap is found in abundance, but the sculpture of this form of Narasimha is relatively less.
- The size of this idol made of red sandstone is 18×12.5×02 cm, the lower part of which is partially fractured.

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Gadh Kaleva Chowpatty

Why in News

- On February 17, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel gave instructions to start Gadh Kaleva Chowpatty for Chhattisgarhi and local cuisine in all district headquarters. In this episode, the Vice-Chairman of Surguja Development Authority and Ramanujganj MLA Brihaspat Singh inaugurated Gadh Kaleva Chowpatty at District Headquarters Balrampur.

Key Points

- While emphasizing on making women self-help groups self-supporting, MLA Brihaspat Singh said that Gadh Kaleva Chowpatty has been started in the district headquarters by the Chhattisgarh government ensuring the participation of women self-help groups.
- With the opening of Gadh Kaleva Chowpatty in the district headquarters, people will be able to taste Chhattisgarhi cuisine as well as local delicacies.
- In this Gadh Kaleva Chowpatty, stalls of various dishes have been set up by Lakshmi Self Help Group, Mango Self Help Group, Jeevan Palan Self Help Group, Durga Self Help Group and Shivshakti Self Help Group.

Balwadi Scheme

Why in News

- In a cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on February 18, 2022, it was decided that 'Balwadi' would also be started in the premises of 6536 schools of the state where Anganwadis are running.

Key Points

- They will be operated like 'Balwadi' pre-school, where children in the age group of 5 to 6 years will get education through academics and games.
- This decision of the state government is in line with the National Education Policy 2020. 68 thousand 54 children will be benefited in the academic year 2022-23 through this scheme to be operated under the name 'Balwadi'.
- Children's material named 'Balvatika' has been prepared for the operation of 'Balwadi'. Preparations have been made for the training of teachers. Kindergarten will

be run in the school premises two hours before the meal break.

- By running this scheme at these places, the foundation will be provided to improve the basic literacy and numeracy among the children before school, which will prove to be the foundation stone in improving the educational level of the children in the primary level.
- Out of 3 lakh 23 thousand 624 students in the age group of 5-6 years of the state, 68 thousand 54 students will be benefited from this session (2022-23).
- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had announced the operation of 'Balwadi' in his message to the public on Republic Day on January 26, 2022.
- The total number of primary schools in the state is 30 thousand 574 and the number of Anganwadi centers is 52 thousand 474. The number of such Anganwadi centers, which are located within the school premises, is 6 thousand 536. Pre-schools are to be started at these places through education and sports for children of 5-6 years in the name of Balwadi. Phase wise schemes will be expanded in the coming time.

Digital Technology Sabha-2022 Award

Why in News

- For making educational activities easier through technology in Chhattisgarh, the School Education Department of the state was awarded the Digital Technology Sabha-2022 Award by the National Indian Express Group in a virtual conference.
 - This award has been given to N.I.C. Senior Technical Director of A.K. Posted by Somashekar.

Key Points

- The award has been given for the use of Nclear App and Telepractice App developed in collaboration with NIC for academic assessment of school children. Through the above two apps being used by the Education Department, assessment and monitoring of school children can be done easily.
- In Nclear, children are given a QR code card with their ID, whose expenditure on 40 students for a year comes to just Rs 20. Children have to keep this card safe with them.

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- The biggest advantage of the Nclear app is that when teachers ask multiple choice questions in the classroom, children have to hold and display the card based on the correct answer in a particular direction. The cards of all the children are scanned remotely by the teacher from one place in the class with his mobile camera. Students are automatically assessed as soon as they are scanned and question wise, student wise reports can be viewed by the teacher and at various levels. In this, the teachers get rid of the hassle of checking the answer of each question and giving marks.
- Similarly, for assessment of students, oral quizzes can be conducted with children through a tele-practice app developed by NIC. For this, by adding students to the Telegram group, through a program called Python, pictures and written questions are sent on the screen by sending voice messages to the children.
- Oral answers to these questions are given by the students. In this program, the responses of the students together in the form of a film can be seen by the individual students, their teachers and parents. Teachers can give marks based on the answer of each question by watching student wise videos.
- Through this program, the time of both teachers and students is saved by having the provision of answering questions to many students at the same time. Teachers also find it easier to check the status of each student and save time.
- The possibility of wrong assessment can also be avoided by having proof of such assessment. Each student has the opportunity to watch their own video with questions and answers based on their answers. All this makes the job of teachers very easy.
- During the Corona Period, the School Education Department of Chhattisgarh State has established its identity in the whole country in terms of innovation and digital technology in education. The nation has appreciated the technique of providing home-based education to school children during the Corona crisis by the School Education Department. 'Padhai Tuhar Duar' has also received awards at the national level for this.

Distribution of Cards Issued Under PDS

Why in News

- According to the information received from the Food Department of the Government of Chhattisgarh on February 20, 2022, so far a total of 69 lakh 50 thousand 49 families have been issued ration cards under the Food and Nutrition Security Act, 2012 and the Chhattisgarh Public Distribution System Control Order-2016.

Key Points

- These ration card holders include families of Antyodaya, destitute, disabled, priority families and APL families.
- Among the ration card holders, 54 lakh 60 thousand 678 families belong to rural areas and 14 lakh 89 thousand 371 families are from urban areas.
- Ration cards have been issued to 45 lakh 5 thousand 867 priority families, 14 lakh 21 thousand 585 families of Antyodaya and 38 thousand 645 destitute families in the state.
- The number of handicapped card holders is 11 thousand 483 and the number of APL general family ration card holders is 14 lakh 89 thousand 371.
- It is worth mentioning that ration cards are being issued to the eligible missing beneficiaries in the state as per rules.

Distribution of Fortified Rice in Aspirational and High Burden Districts

Why in News

- Recently, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers, an important decision has been taken for distribution of fortified rice in aspirational districts and Highburden districts to tackle the problems like Malnutrition and Anemia.

Key Points

- Fortified rice will be distributed by the state government to the ration card holder families of the state scheme under the public distribution system in 10 aspirational districts and 2 high burden districts in the financial year 2022-23. The state government will bear the cent percent cost of rice fortification.
- The fortified rice will be distributed in 10 aspirational districts of the state - Korba, Rajnandgaon, Mahasamund, Kanker, Narayanpur, Dantewada, Bijapur, Bastar,

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Kondagaon, Sukma and 2 high burden districts Kabirdham and Raigarh.

- In these districts, fortified rice will be distributed in the state scheme ration cards on the same lines as the National Food Security Act ration cards.
- 'Fortified' rice is rich in iron and vitamins. This rice contains vitamin A, vitamin B1, vitamin B12, folic acid, iron and zinc, a mixture of all the nutrients. Along with supplying essential nutrients in the diet of the people, it is helpful to a great extent in the control of malnutrition.

Plastic and Textiles Industry Included in Special Incentive Package

Why in News

- Recently, keeping in view the immense potential in the state, it was approved to give a special investment incentive package to two industries of plastic and textile sector.

Key Points

- The two industries which have been approved to give special incentive packages include plastic goods manufacturing plants and non-woven interlining fabric industry.
- An MoU of Rs.107.73 crore has been signed with M/s VTech Plastics Pvt Ltd, Raipur for setting up a plastic goods manufacturing plant, in which about 200 people will get employment.
- Similarly, an MoU of Rs 22.15 crore has been done by M/s SBT Textiles Private Limited, Raipur for setting up non-woven interlining fabric industry. With the establishment of this textile industry, about 220 people will get employment.
- Under the 'B Spoke Policy', the iron-steel, cement and electricity industries of the core sector of the state have already been included in the special incentive package.
- Under the 'B-spoke policy', about 400 people will get employment in the state due to the establishment of two industries of plastic and textile. Under this policy, the sector-wise exemption limit for sponge iron and steel sector industries has been given from 60 percent to 150 percent.

Distribution of Food Grains Through e-Pass

Why in News

- Recently, while issuing a letter to all the collectors of the state by the Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Department of Chhattisgarh, it has been said that food grains will be distributed through e-pass from the month of March in the fair price shops run by the Chhattisgarh government.

Key Points

- The department has given instructions for distribution of food grains for the month of February through e-pass devices as well as through tablets.
- It may be mentioned that 13 thousand 294 government fair price shops are being operated in the state, out of which e-pass equipment has been installed in 12 thousand 322 government fair price shops.
- In these shops, the distribution of food grains will be done through e-pass devices instead of tablets. Food grains will be distributed through tablets till the e-pass device is installed in the remaining 972 fair price shops.
- Except Narayanpur, Bijapur, Sukma and Dantewada districts, the ration card holders of 12 thousand 322 fair price shops established in the remaining 24 districts will get the facility of getting ration from the fair price shop of their choice in these districts.
- Such ration card holders, whose Aadhaar of any member is verified but Aadhaar authentication is failing through the e-pass device, have been asked to send a proposal to the Food Directorate through the District Collector for the determination of the nominee (representative) for the distribution of food grains. After getting permission from the Directorate, the food can be distributed through the nominee after the food officer has appointed the other beneficiary as the nominee at the district level.
- On the written application of disabled, more than 60 years or less than 10 years of ration card holders, distribution of food grains can be done through the nominee by appointing the beneficiary appointed by the Food Officer at the district level.
- According to the monthly allocation in all government fair price shops, the storage distribution of rice, sugar, gram, salt, jaggery and kerosene has been compulsorily

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asked to be done every month before the first day of the month.

- Along with this, it has been directed that under any circumstances, manual distribution of food grains should not be done by the government fair price shop operators to the ration card holders.

National Bravery Awards For Children

Why in News

- On February 24, 2022, the Child Welfare Council of India, New Delhi selected Aman Jyoti Zahire, a resident of Korba district of Chhattisgarh, for the National Child Bravery Award 2021.

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- This award is given every year by the Indian Council of Child Welfare along with a certificate and a cash amount to the children for their courageous deeds and bravery.
- Keeping in view the COVID circumstances, the date for conferring this National Award will be announced later.
- Aman Jyoti was recently awarded the State Bravery Award by the Chhattisgarh State Child Welfare Council for the courageous work done by him.
- 15 years old Aman Jyoti, a resident of Korba, saved the life of a student who was older than him on Friendship Day on August 1, 2021.

Durg District Hospital Recognized for DNB Course

Why in News

- Recently, Doctorate of National Board (DNB) has given recognition to DNB courses for ENT (Nose, Ear, Throat) and Pediatric (Pediatrics) to Durg district hospital of Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- With this, Durg District Hospital has become the first institute in Chhattisgarh to get recognition for DNB course.
- After getting the recognition of DNB course, now every year in two seats of ENT and Pediatric, eligible

doctors will be able to complete the course and get the certificate.

- Permission for DNB course in Durg District Hospital has been given from January 2022 to December 2026. For this, the doctors of ENT and Pediatric departments working in the hospital have been appointed as faculty. DNB is a two year post graduate diploma course.

Tifra Flyover Bridge

Why in News

- On February 25, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the Tifra Flyover Bridge constructed at a cost of more than Rs. 107 crore rupees.

Key Points

- With the construction of a new flyover bridge at Tifra on Bilaspur-Raipur road, Maharana Pratap Chowk and Tifra end will get rid of jams. This bridge connecting Raipur road with Bilaspur city will bring relief to the residents as well as all the passers-by who use NH 130 for traffic.
- The Tifra Flyover Bridge has been constructed by the Urban Administration and Development Department in a length of 1620 meters from Tifra end to Late Jamuna Prasad Verma College.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister gave the gift of Vyapar Vihar Smart Road and Planetarium to Bilaspur. In a program organized at Lal Bahadur Shastri Maidan in Bilaspur, the Chief Minister inaugurated 97 development works costing about Rs.353 crore 56 lakh for Bilaspur city and Bilaspur district.
- In Bilaspur city from Maharana Pratap Chowk to Tarbahar Chowk, a smart road equipped with systematic and modern facilities has been constructed by Bilaspur Smart City Limited at a cost of about Rs 26 crore 83 lakh.
- Due to being the largest commercial center of the Administrative Division, there is always heavy vehicular traffic on this route, but in the past there was always the problem of traffic due to the chaotic route of this route. With the creation of a four-lane smart road, business transport in Vyapar Vihar will be smooth and easy.
- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Planetarium has been constructed by Bilaspur Smart City Limited in three and a half acres at a cost of Rs.6 crore 77 lakh. In this planetarium,

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citizens will get important information about science and astronomy along with observing the celestial view during the day itself.

- Four key single technology projector has been installed for the visitors in this planetarium with a seating capacity of two hundred people, apart from this, oxygen has also been constructed in the planetarium complex. Keeping in mind the facilities for the visitors to reach the Planetarium, the approach road has also been constructed by Bilaspur Smart City Limited.

Scientific Use of Cow Urine in Agriculture

Why in News

- On February 25, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel directed the Chief Secretary of the state to prepare an action plan for scientific and systematic use of cow urine in agriculture in Chhattisgarh, which is rapidly moving towards organic and regenerative farming.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister has asked the Chief Secretary to prepare an action plan regarding the possibilities of scientific use of cow urine in two weeks after discussing with agricultural scientists, farmers using cow urine instead of chemical fertilizers and pesticides and experts of Kamdhenu University.
- In view of the large-scale use of vermicompost and super compost in the state and its positive results, cow urine is being seen as an alternative to chemical fertilizers and toxic pesticides.
- Due to the continuous use of chemical fertilizers and toxic pesticides, the fertility of the soil is continuously decreasing. The excessive use of chemicals in agriculture is also affecting the health of the general public. Starting the use of Vermicompost and Super Compost manufactured in Gothans of the state has shown positive results and Chhattisgarh is moving towards organic and regenerative farming.
- Similarly, there is immense potential for the use of 'cow urine' as an alternative to the use of toxic chemicals in agriculture. There are examples of successful use of cow urine in some places of the state itself.
- Before promoting the use of cow urine on a large scale, the research done so far in this direction in the country should also be compiled.

MoU between Chhattisgarh Culture Department and ICCR

Why in News

- The Culture Department of Chhattisgarh has signed an MoU with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR). After the MoU, Chhattisgarhi artists will also be given a chance to perform in the programs being held in the country and the world, which will be important in cultural exchange of the state with the country and the world.

Key Points

- The Indian Council of Cultural Relations is an organization of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India. This organization works to promote the culture of India at the world level. Under this, programs related to art, culture are organized in other countries of the world.
- Director of Chhattisgarh Culture Department, Vivek Acharya said that any information regarding presentation of cultural programs from abroad will now be informed to the state as well.
- Artists of the state will be sent for presentation by the Culture Department. This will give an important opportunity to the artists of Chhattisgarh to perform abroad, as well as the world will be able to see our rich cultural heritage. Through this, the artists of the state will also get an opportunity to know the foreign culture.
- It is noteworthy that so far 2 thousand 25 artists and 443 art teams of the state are registered in the Chinchari portal of the Culture Department.

Gondwana Cup All India Tennis Tournament

Why in News

- On February 27, 2022, Chhattisgarh Governor Anusuiya Uikey launched the prestigious Gondwana Cup All India Tennis Tournament of Central India at Union Club Raipur.

Note:



Key Points

- The emerging tennis players of the state were felicitated by Governor Uike at the launch ceremony.
- On this occasion, Governor Uike was honored with a memento by the Chhattisgarh Pradesh Tennis Association.
- Gondwana Cup was started about 85 years ago in 1937-38 and Union Club, Raipur was the first organizer of the Gondwana Cup.
- Chhattisgarh Pradesh Tennis Association, doing another remarkable work, has started the Gondwana Cup ITF Women's Tennis Competition from last year.



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