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Women Empowerment

Why in News?

- Recently, the aspirational district of Chhattisgarh, Rajnandgaon, has been included by NITI Aayog as one of the leading districts for women empowerment and doing best work towards their interest.

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- In view of the excellent work done in the district, the Collector has been invited by the Union Ministry of Women and Child Development to attend the zonal meeting organized in Ranchi on the theme 'Impact on Women and Children'.
- It may be mentioned that under the leadership of District Collector Taran Prakash Sinha, Gothan in Rajnandgaon district is being developed as Rural Industrial Park. In order to make women self-reliant, they are being encouraged to become self-reliant by working in gothan.
- The women associated with the group are making various products like Papad, Badi, Pickle, Spices at the local level, which are being supplied to schools, Anganwadi centers and hostels.
- In order to make the women of the group self-reliant, loans have been provided to them, which has given them employment. The sale of local products through C-Mart and Gothan complex is being strengthened. At the same time, the shop is being constructed and sold in the railway station.
- Continuous work is being done by Anganwadi workers in the district for the betterment of the health of anaemic adolescent girls, pregnant women and other women. Door-to-door awareness is being made for women's health, nutrition and education.
- Workshops related to physical, mental and social development of adolescent girls are being organized in rural areas. Information on the life and motherhood of the newlyweds is being provided with information about their future life and motherhood, as well as the working system of the Self Help Groups (SHGs) about various schemes to make them financially viable.
- Under 'Pradhan Mantri Matrivandana Yojana', 125 percent target has been achieved in the district. Availability of nutritious food has been ensured under 'Mukhyamantri Suposhan Yojana' and 'Mahatari Jatan Yojana'.

- Information about locally available food and nutritious food is being provided through nutrition fairs, competitions related to nutritious cuisines and other programmes.
- In order to remove anemia in adolescent girls and women aged 15 to 49 years, necessary medicines (iron, folic acid) are being made available in coordination with the health department for anemia test and if found anemic. Coordinating with the police department for drug prohibition in the district, the women of the group are working consciously under the 'Nijat Abhiyan'.

Chhattisgarh Created a Record in Collecting Rice

Why in News?

- Recently, Chhattisgarh has deposited more than 50 lakh metric tonnes of rice in the Food Corporation of India and Civil Supplies Corporation by the end of June, creating a new record in the matter of depositing rice in the central pool.

Key Points

- As a result of the farmer friendly policies and visionary decisions of the State Government, Chhattisgarh has also set a new record in terms of lifting of paddy from the committees and depositing of rice in the Central Pool after setting the record for highest procurement of paddy in the State in Kharif 2021-22.
- With a record procurement of 97.99 lakh mt of paddy at support price in kharif marketing year 2021-22, for the first time in the state, 100 percent of paddy lifting from procurement centers was completed in the month of April-May itself. Apart from this, about 22.90 lakh metric tonnes of paddy stored in the collection centers has also been lifted 100 percent in the pre-rainy month of June.
- It is noteworthy that out of 97.99 lakh metric tonnes of paddy procured in the Kharif marketing year 2021-22, 75.03 lakh metric tonnes of paddy (about 77 percent) were lifted directly from the procurement centres by the millers, while the paddy procured in the Kharif marketing year 2018-19 was 58 percent, 61 percent of the paddy procured in the year 2019-20 and 62 percent of the paddy procured in the year 2020-21 were lifted directly by the millers from the procurement centres.

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- Due to record lifting of paddy by millers directly from procurement centers in Kharif marketing year 2021-22, transportation expenditure, quantity of dryness and cost of protection and maintenance of paddy have also come down as compared to previous years.
- As a result of the system and practical policies for paddy lifting and custom milling by the state government, not only timely lifting of paddy was ensured, but custom milling took place rapidly, due to which the state has achieved remarkable success in harvesting rice.
- So far, about 25.74 lakh metric tonnes in Food Corporation of India and about 24.35 lakh metric tonnes in Civil Supplies Corporation, thus totaling 50.09 lakh metric tonnes of rice has been deposited.
- It is noteworthy that in the year 2020-21 till the end of June, 36.56 lakh metric tonnes of rice was deposited. The quantity of rice deposited this year is about 13.44 lakh metric tonnes more than last year. Rice deposit work is going on continuously in the Food Corporation of India and the Civil Supplies Corporation.

'Tunhar Paudha Tunhar Dwar' Programme

Why in News?

- On July 1, 2022, Chhattisgarh's Forest and Climate Change Minister Mohammad Akbar launched the 'Tunhar Paudha Tunhar Dwar' program by flagging off two greenery propagation vehicles filled with different species of plants at his residence office in the capital Raipur.

Key Points

- The objective of the programme is to encourage people towards clean environment and tree plantation in the State.
- Taking a special initiative by the Forest Department, under the 'Paudha Tunhar Dwar' scheme, free saplings are being supplied to the homes. Under the 'Paudha Tunhar Dwar' scheme, 1 to 5 saplings will be provided in the municipal corporation area, Raipur.
- It may be noted that more than 3 crore 12 lac saplings are currently available in all the 257 nurseries of the Forest Department for the successful implementation of the tree plantation programme in the state.
- Under the program 'Tunhar Paudha Tunhar Dwar' by the Forest and Climate Change Department, sapling

distribution was started in all the forest divisions of the state during the current year.

- In this context, Industries and Excise Minister Kawasi Lakhma under Forest Division, Raigarh, MLA Raigad Prakash Nayak and District Panchayat President Nirakar Patel and MLA Arun Bora in Durg and District Panchayat President Shamini Yadav and Mayor Durg Dheeraj Bakliwal started free distribution of saplings.
- Similarly, free sapling distribution was started by MLA Devti Karma under Dantewada Forest Division, District Panchayat President Harish Kawasi under Sukma Forest Division and District Panchayat President Shankar Kudiya under Bijapur Forest Division.

Crop Insurance Claim Amount Payment

Why in News?

- On July 1, 2022, Chhattisgarh's Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Ravindra Choubey launched the statewide 'Crop Insurance Awareness Week' at his residence office in Raipur .

Key Points

- The Minister of Agriculture and Water Resources flagged off awareness chariots to promote 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' on the occasion. These raths will travel in the rural areas till July 15 and motivate the farmers to know about the provisions of crop insurance and to get crop insurance.
- On the occasion of Amrit Mahotsav, the 75th anniversary of the country's independence, publicity chariots were also dispatched from all the district headquarters of the state under the Crop Insurance Week.
- Under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, farmers will be able to insure paddy irrigated and unirrigated, Arhar, Moong, Urad, Maize and horticulture crops till July 15.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Agriculture Minister said that Chhattisgarh is the leading state in the country in terms of helping the farmers and getting them their due. Chhattisgarh is the first state in the country to have first paid its farmers the crop insurance claim amount for the Rabi season 2021-22.
- Even before the start of the kharif season, more than 1.5 lac farmers have been paid a claim amount of

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Rs.304.38 crore against the premium amount paid by them to them of Rs.15.96 crore.

- Given by more than 4 lac farmers of the state in kharif season 2021, the farmer premium amount has been paid to Rs 758 crore 43 lac in lieu of Rs 157 crore 65 lakh.
- It may be mentioned that under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, farmers have to pay only one and a half percent of the crop insurance premium, while the farmers have to contribute only 5 percent of the insurance premium amount for weather-based horticulture crops. The remaining premium amount is paid by the regime.

Chief Minister Inaugurated 'Jhumka Island'

Why in News?

- On July 3, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the newly constructed 'Jhumka Island' in the middle of Jhumka reservoir of Korea district.

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- On the occasion, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the website of Korea Tourism and the 'I Love Korea selfie point.
- It is worth mentioning that Jhumka Reservoir is located in Baikunthpur town of Korea District.
- The picturesque island surrounded by water on all sides in Jhumka Reservoir was in a desolate condition earlier. It has been given an attractive look after one and a half months of hard work and it has been made a new tourism destination of Korea District.

Jashpur Monsoon Influencers Meet

Why in News?

- According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on July 3, 2022, a three-day Jashpur Monsoon Influencers Meet will be organized by the Jashpur district administration from July 22 to 24, 2022 to promote tourism in the district.

Key Points

- As per the information received, 20 content creators and social media influencers will be selected to visit various tourist spots of the district and participate in other activities.
- These Creators and Influencers get to explore various tourist places of the district, trekking, photography, videography, village tour, glimpse of tribal culture, craft making and complete exploration of Jashpur district in the field of ethnic tourism, cultural tourism, adventure tourism, culinary tourism and there will be a chance to get involved in activities like eco-tourism.
- The event is supported by Chhattisgarh Tourism Board, Trippy Hills, Madhyamik and local tourism self-help groups.

Chhattisgarh Honored as 'Aspiring Leader'

Why in News?

- On July 4, 2022, under the third edition of the States Startup Ranking released by the Central Industry Promotion and Internal Trade Department, in the program organized by Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal in New Delhi, Chhattisgarh was awarded as an aspiring leader for the development of startup ecosystem in the state.

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- It is noteworthy that under the present Industrial Policy of Chhattisgarh, 2019-24, Startup Package has been implemented to benefit startup units. A total of 748 startups are registered in the state.
- In the citation given to Chhattisgarh as an aspiring leader, it has been mentioned that many commendable initiatives have been taken by the Chhattisgarh government to encourage startups, including establishment of startup policy, tax exemption for startups and grants. Provision of and installation and up-gradation of incubators is a major initiative. Provisions have been made for co-working space, mentorship, funding and technology support for startups through incubators.
- Three officers of Chhattisgarh - Anurag Pandey (Special Secretary, Department of Commerce and Industry), Praveen Shukla (Additional Director Industries) and

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Suman Dewangan (Assistant Director) were felicitated by the Union Minister for their outstanding contribution to the startup sector.

- It may be mentioned that under the Chhattisgarh State Industrial Policy, 2019-24, the Chhattisgarh State Startup Package has been implemented to encourage startup units.
- Reimbursement of 40 percent of the building rent for three years, with a maximum limit of Rs 8,000 per month to startups and 50 percent reimbursement for participation in seminars, workshops, seminars, exhibitions by startup units, subject to a maximum limit of one lakh rupees Every year, it is being given.
- To encourage startups in the state, 50 percent of the expenditure to be made for setting up of incubators is being given as grant, maximum amount of Rs 50 lakh and Rs 3 lakh per year for operation.
- Under the Industrial Award Scheme, a provision has been made to give awards in the startup category. Provision has been made for the first, second and third prizes of Rs 1,51,000, Rs 1,00,000 and Rs 51,000 respectively and a citation.

Covid Mukh Gaon Project

Why in News?

- Recently a 'State Level Pre-Launch' meeting was organized in Jagdalpur, Chhattisgarh with the participation of District and State level officials to ensure a seamless, sustainable and integrated strengthening of health care systems, in which 'Vaccination- On Wheels' van, which will provide daily facilities like COVID-19 vaccination, Neapolitan vaccination and other primary level facilities in remote places.

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- It is worth noting that ChildFund India announced the launch of a large-scale project named 'Covid Mukh Gaon' in three states of India- Jharkhand, Rajasthan and Chhattisgarh.
- With the support of Prosper, Childfund aims to establish a sustainable network care model, to ensure better access to quality affordable health services.
- The 'COVID-free cow' project is being supported to provide basic health services, equipment and child-friendly care (paediatric services). Through private sector partic-

ipation, the effort will be enhanced with telemedicine services, health outreach vehicles and camps.

- Significantly, Childfund (NGO) in India is representing the voice of underprivileged children in the country, with its head office located in Bengaluru and a programme office in Delhi, which is also the registered office of Childfund India.
- In India, Childfund operates in 85 districts in 15 states. Through long-term partnerships and direct implementation, it reaches out to about 3 million children, youth and their families in 3200 communities/ villages annually.

Tourist Map

Why in News?

- On July 5, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the Tourist Circuit Map of Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi district at Circuit House during the meeting ceremony in Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi district.

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- This tourist circuit map has identified all the religious, tourist and historical sites of the district, as well as the road map for movement in the adjoining districts of Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi district.
- According to the district administration, the tourist circuit map will easily provide information about all the major sites under the district to the tourists. At the same time, they will have the facility for movement to the sites.

Indira Gandhi National Tribal University

Why in News?

- On July 5, 2022, in the presence of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, an MoU was signed between the Livelihood Business Training Center of the Indira Gandhi National Tribal University, Amarkantak and the Government of Chhattisgarh at the Circuit House of Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi district.

Key Points

- As per the MoU, a community center or skill development center will be set up by The Indira Gandhi

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National Tribal University Amarkantak at Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi. For this, 3 hectares of land has been allotted by the State Government at village Lalpur in the district.

- Prof. Prakash Mani Tripathi, Vice Chancellor, Indira Gandhi National Tribal University Amarkantak, said the area is rich in rare medicinal species. At the same time, the residents here are knowledgeable about plants and rare animals and medicines. If they work together with the university, not only will this area develop, but the welfare of the entire human race.
- Diploma and degree programmes will be conducted by the Centre set up by the University, which will include various employment oriented e-skill courses in line with the National Skill Qualification Framework and as per the guidelines. Also, in collaboration with this center, the service of market linkage and credit linkage will be provided to the candidates who wish to establish self-employment.
- The objective is to work towards tribal upgradation by mastering various disciplines to make women, villagers and youth economically self-reliant by providing them with skill development and employment oriented, vocational education to women, villagers and youth of self-help groups set up under the National Rural Livelihood Mission in the district.
- Regional tribes and farmers will be trained in various trades by the Integrated Training Centre of Livelihood Business Incubation (LBI). The Centre's Integrated Training Centre will provide training to tribal communities and farmers in various trades.
- Various products from regional products - Kodo Kutki, Honey etc. will also be prepared and branded by the Centre and fair price will be provided to the farmers, which will increase the income of the farmer of the region and the products of Chhattisgarh will get recognition at the national and international level.
- The youth of this region will get self-employment opportunities by being proficient in skill development, there will also be opportunities to pursue higher education. At the same time, they will be freed from going to big cities to get higher education.
- The MoU will give an opportunity to the students studying in this center to do research. It will help in integrating the regional tribal community into the mainstream, enriching and self-reliant educationally and economically.

Launch of 'Mor Akhar' and the Sports for Development

Why in News?

- On July 5, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched two innovation programs 'Mor Akhar' and 'Sports for Development' in Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi district as part of a meet-and-greet visit.

Key Points

- The 'Mor Akhar' program will be implemented in 299 primary schools of Gaurela and Pendra block, which is an initiative to improve the elementary language education of children of primary schools, to make the reading and writing ability of children more effective.
- Under the second programme 'Sports for Development', children of 543 primary schools of the district will be prepared through sports in a pilot and practical manner, so that they can have fast learning skills as well as improve their health, physical and mental development and lifestyle.
- It is worth mentioning that this method of practical education has been successfully used in 50 countries of the world.
- Due to the closure of schools during the Corona period, the ability of children to learn has decreased. In view of this, 'Mor Akhar' program has been started, which will be helpful in increasing reading ability and reading habit in children.
- Similarly, 'Sports of Development' has been started in all the schools of Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi district. The aim is to develop physically and mentally and increase children's learning in sports and games.
- The programme includes providing class appropriate, age appropriate and equal opportunities in sports to boys and girls. Both these programmes will be conducted in collaboration with UNICEF.

Godhan Nyay and Mitan Yojana Got Praise

Why in News?

- On July 6, 2022, Chhattisgarh's ambitious 'Godhan Nyaya Yojana' and 'Mitan Yojana' have received appreciation at the Digital India Week held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

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Key Points

- It may be recalled that the Digital India Week is being organized from July 4 to 9, 2022 at Gandhinagar Mahatma Mandir in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Participating in the conference on behalf of Chhattisgarh, Special Secretary, Electronics and Information Technology Department and Chief Executive Officer of Chhattisgarh Infotech Promotion Society Samir Vishnoi gave detailed information about the ambitious Mitan Yojana of the state.
- Vishnoi informed that the main objective of the 'Mitan Yojana' launched by the state government is to provide the benefit of home access service to the citizens while improving the government service delivery system. Apart from this, information about Godhan Nyaya Yojana was also provided.
- Rajendra Kumar, Secretary, Union Ministry of Information Technology has praised the schemes run by the state government using innovation and the innovative aspects of Chhattisgarh.
- Dr.Dinesh Tyagi, Chief Executive Officer, CSC while praising the MITAN scheme said that it is a real use of IT for citizen empowerment. Such initiatives have started in many countries.

Irrigation Schemes of Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

- On July 6, 2022, Chhattisgarh government has sanctioned Rs.15 crore 94 lac 20 thousand for six irrigation projects in the state.

Key Points

- 2 crore 11 lakC 78 thousand rupees have been approved for the construction of a pucca channel in the canal of 'Sedam Vyapvartan Yojna' of development block-Batauli of Surguja district. With the completion of the scheme, irrigation facility will be available in 202 hectare area.
- 1 crore 99 lakh 87 thousand rupees have been approved for earth work, concrete structures and concrete channel construction work in the canal of 'Saliadih Reservoir' of development block Batauli. With the completion of the scheme, irrigation facility will be available in 202 hectare area.

- 5 crore 92 lac 42 thousand rupees have been approved for the restoration work of 'Tamta Reservoir Scheme' of Pathalgaon Development Block of Jashpur district. With the completion of the scheme, irrigation facility will be available in 1160 hectare area.
- 2 crore 24 lakh 62 thousand rupees have been sanctioned for the construction of 'Kododhara Reservoir Scheme' of Vikaskhand Garden. With the completion of the scheme, 195 hectares of kharif area will be irrigated.
- CC in the main canal of 'Udnapur Reservoir Scheme' under Khadganwa development block of Korea district. 2 crore 61 lakh 32 thousand rupees have been approved for the work of drain construction, cleaning of canal beds and raising the height of the bank. With the completion of the scheme, irrigation facility will be available in 403 hectare area.
- Similarly, Rs.1 crore 4 lac 19 thousand has been approved for the restoration work of 'Chandarpur Reservoir' of Bhaiyathan in Surajpur district. With the completion of the scheme, irrigation facility will be available in 214 hectare area.

Chhattisgarh Ranked 19th in 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'

Why in News?

- In the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Chhattisgarh ranks 19th in the entire country. Odisha is at the first position in this index.

Key Points

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal released the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among the general category states, Odisha topped the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.836, while Uttar Pradesh is second with a score of 0.797 and Andhra Pradesh is third with a score of 0.794.
- Among the general category states, Chhattisgarh is ranked 19th with a score of 0.654 in the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.

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- Among special category states/UTs, Tripura is at the first position with a score of 0.788, followed by Himachal Pradesh with a score of 0.758 and Sikkim third with a score of 0.710.
- Also in the three Union Territories, where Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is cash-driven, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu are at the top spot with a score of 0.802.
- The index seeks to document the status and progress of the implementation of NFSA across the country and various reform initiatives after consultation with the states.
- It highlights the reforms undertaken by the States and Union Territories and creates a cross-learning environment and scale-up reform measures by all the States and Union Territories.
- The current index is largely focused on NFSA distribution and will include future purchases, PMGKAY distribution.
- The index for ranking of states and UTs is built on three key pillars, covering the end-to-end implementation of NFSA through TPDS. These pillars are- **i)** NFSA-coverage, targeting and provisions of the Act, **ii)** delivery platform, and **iii)** nutritional initiatives.

Important Decisions of the Council of Ministers

Why in News?

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on July 7, 2022, the approval of the 'Chhattisgarh State Electric Vehicle Policy-2022' and several other important decisions were taken.

Key Points

- The Council of Ministers met to approve the 'Chhattisgarh State Electric Vehicle Policy-2022' to promote electric vehicles in the state.
 - The policy will provide relief to the citizens of Chhattisgarh from rising petrol and diesel prices, while ensuring participation in keeping the environment clean.
 - The policy includes promoting the operation of electric vehicles, both commercial and non-commercial.
 - Under this, various discounts and facilities will be available on purchase of two-wheelers, three-wheel-

ers, four-wheelers, freighters, passenger vehicles and other categories of electric vehicles in the state.

- As per this policy a network of charging stations will be set up to provide easy charging facility for electric vehicles. Charging points will be available to EV owners at fixed intervals across national and state highways.
- An important decision was taken by the cabinet to increase the income of farmers and increase the yield of pulses crops in the state, under which the state government would procure tur, urad and moong crops on support price in the Kharif marketing year 2022-23. Guidelines were issued for this.
- It was decided to further rationalize the process of Chhattisgarh's residence certificate, so that people from outside the state do not take undue advantage of it. For this, it was decided to amend the pre-determined provisions.
 - Under this, along with the prescribed qualifications for admission in any institution or for service under the government, the examination of class 1st, 4th and 5th has been included in place of the examination of class 8 from any educational institution of the state of Chhattisgarh.
 - In other cases also, it has been decided to add 1st, 4th, 5th examination in the educational qualification.
- In order to encourage the establishment of mega and ultra mega projects in the state of Chhattisgarh, it was decided to determine a special incentive package for investment in steel (sponge iron and steel) industries under the state's Industrial Policy, 2019-24.
- Under 'Godhan Nyay Yojana', Gothan Management Committees were selected for public participation in Gothans of the state through NGI and NGO's through Centrally Sponsored Extension Reforms (Atma) Scheme to provide training, incentives and rewards and development and maintenance of Gothans. For maintenance, it was decided to earmark 3 percent of the budget provision under the Godhan Nyay Yojana for administrative purposes.
- It was decided to provide incentives on sale of compost and bonus amount on annual compost sale to self-help groups and primary cooperatives attached to the Gothans.
- Regarding providing incentive amount to rice mills in Kharif marketing year 2021-22, it has been decided that 50 percent amount of incentive will be paid along with custom milling fee and remaining 50 percent

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amount will be paid in full amount of target fixed in central pool. will be done after the deposit of

- The draft Chhattisgarh Panchayat Provisions (Extension to Scheduled Areas) (PESA) Rules- 2022 were approved.
- The 20th Annual Report (period from 1st April, 2020 to 31st March, 2021) of the Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission was approved.
- The draft Chhattisgarh Molassis (Molasses) Control and Regulation Rules- 2022 was approved to regulate the use of molasses in Chhattisgarh.
- The draft Chhattisgarh Cess (Amendment) Bill, 2022 was approved for taking cess amount for Chhattisgarh Employment Mission and Rajiv Mitran Club Scheme.
- The draft Of The Chhattisgarh Private Universities (Establishment and Operation) (Amendment) Bill, 2022 was approved.

Distribution of Funds to the Beneficiaries

Why in News?

- On July 7, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel distributed funds to the beneficiaries of 'Godhan Nyay Yojana' and grant money to the beneficiaries under 'State Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme' in a virtual program organized at his residence office.

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- In the program, the Chief Minister released an amount of Rs 10.84 crore online to cattle farmers, villagers, women's groups associated with Gothans and Gothan Samitis, selling cow dung under 'Godhan Nyay Yojana'.
- Out of this amount, from June 15 to June 30, Rs 3.69 crore was paid in lieu of cow dung purchased from cattle rearing villagers, farmers, landless in Gothans and Rs 4.31 crore to Gothan committees and Rs 2.84 crore to women's groups. was paid.
- Similarly, he paid a grant of Rs 13.63 lakh to 25 beneficiaries under the State Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme to the beneficiaries' accounts.
- The Chief Minister said that due to the success of the Godhan Nyay Yojana, there has been an increase of 44 percent in the number of Gothans in the state. So far 75 lakh 38 thousand quintals of cow dung have been purchased under the scheme and Rs 150.75 crore has been paid to the villagers and cattle rearers who sell cow dung in Gothans.

- 143.19 crore has been paid so far to Gothan committees and women self-help groups. More than 2 lakh 11 thousand rural, animal husbandry farmers are getting benefited from Godhan Nyay Yojana. Women make up 45.97 percent of those earning extra income by selling cow dung.
- More than 1 lakh 33 thousand landless families are getting benefited from this scheme. Women Self-Help Groups have so far earned an income of Rs.72 crore 19 lakhs through the livelihood activities of Gothans.
- The Chief Minister directed the Chief Secretary to prepare an action plan for providing milk to children by boiling them under the mid-day meal programme at Anganwadi centers and schools in villages in collaboration with the district administration.
- This will give a fair price to the cattle herders for milk. Rural milkmen will be encouraged for animal husbandry, cow-mother will be served and the nutritional status will be better with the increase in availability of milk in the rural areas.

Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that different rates of milk in different villages are being given to the beneficiaries. Arrangements for distribution of milk in Anganwadis and schools will bring uniformity in the rate of milk.

He said that after six months, an additional cow will be given to the beneficiaries doing dairy business in the Gothans under another scheme.

- Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey said that 3089 Gothans of the state have become self-supporting. So far 16 lakh 43 thousand quintals of vermi compost has been produced in Gothan, out of which 13 lakh 69 thousand quintals of vermi compost have been distributed to farmers and various departments. 2.89 lakh quintals of Vermi Compost are available in Gothans.
- Production of vermicompost in Gothans will go a long way in tackling the shortage of chemical fertilisers. About 2 lakh 94 thousand farmers have taken vermi compost.

Special Incentive Package

Why in News?

- The Council of Ministers held under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on 7th July, 2022 approved the proposal for earmarking a special incentive package for investment in steel (sponge iron and steel) industries.

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Key Points

- The decision has been taken under the State Industrial Policy, 2019-24 to encourage setting up of mega and ultramega projects in Chhattisgarh.
- It may be recalled that this decision will benefit from the special incentive package under the B-Spoke Policy for the units to be set up by 91 institutions under the MoU signed earlier with the State Government for setting up of steel based units in Chhattisgarh.
- As per the proposal approved in the meeting of the Council of Ministers, 91 institutions have earlier executed MoUs with the State Government for setting up of steel based units. With the setting up of these units, an investment of about 49 thousand 115 crore rupees and about 57 thousand 566 people are likely to get direct employment in the state.
- According to an estimate, with the setting up of these units, the state is likely to get additional revenue of about 50 thousand crore rupees in the next 10 years .
- It may be mentioned that in the past, a special stimulus package was earmarked for 10 units, with an investment of Rs 42.74 crore and employment potential of Rs 5515 crore.

Hypothecation Termination

Why in News?

- On July 9, 2022, Transport Commissioner of Chhattisgarh Dipanshu Kabra informed that taking important steps towards strengthening and empowering 'Tunhar Sarkar Tuhar Dwar' by the Transport Department, now all services related to hypothecation have been made faceless.

Key Points

- Transport Commissioner Deepanshu Kabra said that no physical document will be taken in the RTO office regarding addition and termination of hypothecation under it. The people of the state will now be able to avail all the services related to the hypothecation (HP) sitting at home.
- Around 75 banks, financial institutions and non-banking financial companies (NBFCs) have been integrated with their hypothecation (HP) services.
- Banks and lending institutions will have to submit all documents and NOCs digitally through software

through OTP received on mobile number linked with Aadhaar card, without the need for physical signature.

- Once the loan is disbursed or paid in the bank by the vehicle owner, the data will be directly transferred to the vehicle database by the bank. The verification and approval of HPT service will be done automatically by the Transport Department through the software.
- The 'Tunhar Sarkar Tunhar Dwar' scheme run by the Transport Department is an important scheme for the convenience of the people. With the facilities of the transport department so easily found sitting at home, people no longer need to make frequent rounds of the transport department. This will save the time and money of the applicants.
- Under this, more than 11 lakh smart card based registration certificates and driving licenses have been sent to the homes of applicants in a period of less than one year. These include 7 lakh 50 thousand 934 smart card based registration certificates and 3 lakh 67 thousand 785 driving licences. In this, 22 transport services are being provided to the people at the door of their house.
- The Transport Commissioner said that chief minister Bhupesh Baghel had made an announcement on January 26 to set up transport facilitation centers across the state to expand transport related services. In pursuance of this, about 1,000 transport facilitation centers are being opened across the state. At the same time, the establishment of transport facilitation centers will also create the possibility of generating employment of about five thousand youth.
- Chhattisgarh is the first state in the country to provide online medical certificates required for driving licences for the convenience of motorists. Under this, so far 1.5 lakh people of the state have availed this user-friendly rule through online medium.
- In the last week of March in Chhattisgarh, Transport Minister Muhammad Akbar had launched the portal to issue medical certificates for driving licences online keeping in mind the Corona epidemic. The availability of paperless medical proof in the Corona period has facilitated both the applicant and the doctor.
- Similarly, Chhattisgarh has also become the first state in the country to release the fitness of vehicles through photo footage app by doing GO fencing to the RTO office. The advent of this app has helped in taking effective and transparent fitness action.

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- Voluntary 'Aadhaar' authentication in this facility will provide immediate access to transport services. With the launch of this service, Chhattisgarh has become the first state in the country where the Transport Department is integrating driving licence and registration related services with Aadhaar.

Roka-Chheka Campaign

Why in News?

- On July 10, 2022, a statewide 'Roka-Chheka Abhiyan' was launched to protect kharif crops in Chhattisgarh, which will continue till July 20.

Key Points

- During this, to save the crop from grazing, the animals will be brought to Gothan regularly under the Roka-Chheka campaign.
- Veterinary camps will be organized in Gothans to check the health of animals, castration, artificial insemination and vaccination will be done for the improvement of animal breed.
- Roka-Chheka is an old tradition of the state. Through this, the herders resolve not to leave their animals for grazing in the open, so that the crops are not damaged. The animals are kept in their houses, enclosures and goths and their fodder and water has to be arranged.
- The work of the cattle Roka-Chheka has now become easier with the formation of Gothans in the village. The Gothan committees have started taking up the work of taking care of the animals in the Gothans and managing their fodder and water.
- Gothans are being built in the village with the aim of taking better care of livestock in the state. So far, approval has been given for the construction of 10,624 Gothans, out of which 8,408 Gothans have been completed. In order to provide dry fodder as well as green fodder for the cattle coming to the Gothans, pastures are being developed in all the Gothans. Green fodder is also being produced for livestock in more than 1200 Gothans of the state.

Regularization of Unauthorized Development (Amendment) Bill, 2022

Why in News?

- On July 11, 2022, the Governor of Chhattisgarh, Ms. Anusuiya Uikey signed the Chhattisgarh Regularization of Unauthorized Development Act, 2022 Bill presented for amendment in the Chhattisgarh Regularization of Unauthorized Development Act, 2002.

Key Points

- As per the Bill, the Chhattisgarh Regularization of Unauthorized Development Act, 2002 (No. 21. 2002) of clause (five) of sub-section (2) of section 4 of the original Act, in sub-section (1) of section 6 of the original Act, sub-section (1) of section 7 of the original Act, section of the original Act Sub-section (2) of 9 and sub-section (3) of Section 9 of the original Act have been amended.
- The Bill replaces clause (five) of sub-section (2) of Section 4 of the original Act of the Chhattisgarh Unauthorized Development Regularization act, 2002 as officer-in-charge of the district/Joint Director/Deputy Director/Assistant Director of the Department of Urban and Village Investment.
- Clause (4)(a) of the Act provides for imposition of additional penalty of 5% of the collector's guideline rate currently in force for land in that area for change of use of land other than the prescribed purpose.
- The Act provides that if unauthorized development has been done on a plot/site reserved for the prescribed parking, regularization will be allowed only after the additional amount earmarked for lack of parking has been paid by the applicant.
- The Act states that such unauthorized development/construction, which came into existence before 1st January, 2011, whose building permission/development permit is sanctioned, or such unauthorized building for which property tax is being paid at the rate fixed by the government in the local body concerned, in such buildings, if the Chhattisgarh Land Development Rules, If parking is not available as per the development plan of 1984 or the city concerned, then on payment of additional penalty for parking as follows, regularization of the building may be carried out as follows:

Note:

- Fifty thousand rupees for each car space in case of 25% reduction in parking,
- One lakh rupees for each car space above 25% and up to 50%,
- Rs 2 lakh for each car space above 50% and up to 100%,
- Similarly, on payment of additional penalty amount for parking in such buildings which came into existence on or after January 1, 2011, the regularization of the building can be done in such a way that if there is a reduction of 25% in parking space, 50 thousand rupees for each car space, 25 A provision of one lakh rupees has been made for each car space above and up to 50 percent.
- Clause (iv) states that compoundable parking shall be calculated in such a way that the minimum area available for parking in residential area up to 500 square meters will be zero on per car space (ECS) basis, whereas the area above 500 square meters will be zero. The minimum area available for parking shall be 50% on Per Car Space (ECS) basis. The minimum area available for parking in non-residential areas will be zero on per car space (ECS) basis, whereas in case of more than 500 areas, the minimum area available for parking will be 50 percent on per car space (ECS) basis.
- The provision says that (c) In each case of unauthorized development of such non-profit making social institutions which have not been set up for the purpose of profit making, penalty shall be payable at the rate of 50% of the estimated amount.
- As per the provision laid down in Rule 39 of the Chhattisgarh Land Development Rules, 1984, due to non-availability of width of the route, regularization may be carried out in case any public interest is not affected in the activities existing at the site.
- Further, clause (3) of sub-section (1) of section 7 of the original Act has been omitted. In sub-section (2) of Section 9 of the original Act, in place of the words 'in the period of pendency of the appeal, the appellant shall deposit the amount of monthly rent of unauthorized development, as may be prescribed by the authority, regularly', in place of the words "The amount of monthly fare of unauthorized development by the appellant, which shall be payable for a period not exceeding one year, as may be prescribed by the Authority, shall be deposited regularly during the pendency of the appeal. This provision has been replaced by 'Will be effective on all pending and new cases'.

- In section 9 of the principal Act, for the proviso to sub-section (3), the following shall be substituted "Provided that during the pendency of the appeal, the appellant shall pay the amount of monthly rent for unauthorized development as may be determined by the authority under this Act." shall make deposits regularly for a period not exceeding one year, if prescribed. It will be effective on all pending and new cases.

Release of Published Booklet on Activities of Gothans

Why in News?

- On July 11, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released a booklet published at his residence office on the activities of Gothans built in the border villages of the state.

Key Points

- Alok Chandrakar is the editor of this booklet.
- The booklet covers activities undertaken for conservation and promotion of animals in the Gothas as well as provision of livestock fodder and water there, income-oriented activities of women self-help groups.
- The Change in the standard of living of the villagers of Gothan and Godhan Nyaya yojana, bordering villages from the state, has also been mentioned in the booklet.
- Clippings of news related to Gothas have also been included in this booklet.

Students of Government Schools will Also Get Holistic Report Card

Why in News?

- July 13, 2022 School Education Secretary of Chhattisgarh Dr. S. Bharathidasan instructed all the district education officers to provide multi-dimensional progress sheets (holistic report cards) to the students of classes 1 to 12 studying in government schools operating in Chhattisgarh like private schools.

Key Points

- In the multidimensional progress sheet, grades will be given by adding the marks of project, sponsorship

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works in monthly, quarterly, half-yearly, annual assessment in all subjects. Rank in the class will be given based on grade.

- For cognitive area, the percentage of marks obtained is from 91 to 100, grade-A plus, 81 to 90 percent grade-A, 71 to 80 percent grade-B plus, 61 to 70 percent grade-B, 51 to 60 percent Grade-C plus up to 41%, Grade-C from 41 to 50%, Grade-D from 33 to 40 percent and Grade-E below 33 percent will be given.
- The report card will have a qualitative note in the emotional and psychomotor field, in which Excellent will get Grade-A, Good will get Grade-B and Santoshprad will get Grade-C.
- Self-discipline, leadership ability, environmental cleanliness and awareness, cultural, literary communication and expression, inter-cooperation will have grading of the period from July to December and January to March in the field of emotional field.
- Similarly, grading will be done for the period July to December and January to March in the field of sports, yoga and pranayama, performing arts and work experience in the psychomotor sector. The number of days attended by the school, attendance, attendance of the parent in the meetings of the school will be recorded in the report card.
- The multi-dimensional progress sheet will consist of six monthly assessments of Hindi, English, Mathematics, Environment subject from class I to V of 25-25 marks and quarterly, half-yearly and annual assessment of 50-50 marks.
- The multi-dimensional progress sheet for classes 6th to 8th will also have six monthly assessments of Hindi, English, Mathematics, Sanskrit/Urdu, Science, Social Science subject of 25-25 marks and quarterly, half-yearly and annual assessment of 100-100 marks.
- At the secondary level, there will also be six monthly assessments of 25-25 marks in Hindi, English, Sanskrit, Mathematics, Science and Social Science subjects in the multidimensional progress sheet of class 9th and 10th and quarterly, half-yearly and annual assessments will be of 100-100 marks.
- Along with this, the assessment of theoretical and practical subject will also be mentioned. Instead of annual examination for class 10th, the marks of pre-board test will be filled. Class 9th and 10th report cards will mention the category of quarterly, half-yearly and annual examination as well as pass, need for improvement.

- Similarly, in the report card of class 11th and 12th at the higher secondary level, the assessment of Hindi, English, Sanskrit as well as theoretical and practical subjects will be mentioned.
- Six Monthly Examination will be of 25-25 marks and Quarterly, Half Yearly and Pre-Board/Annual Examination will be of 100-100 Marks. For class 12th, the marks of pre-board test will be filled in place of annual examination.
- Class 11th and 12th report cards will mention the category of quarterly, half-yearly and annual examination as well as pass, need for improvement.

Ten Day Robotics Workshop Begins

Why in News?

- On July 13, 2022, a 10-day robotics workshop was started at Chhattisgarh Regional Science Centre, Raipur. The theme of this workshop is 'Hands on Activity'.

Key Points

- The workshop has involved 50 students from the Faculty of Science in government schools in Raipur, who will learn about the nuances of robotics for 10 days and its need and utility in the future.
- Chhattisgarh Regional Science Centre has been set up with the objective of carrying out innovative discoveries and experimental activities on its own, encouraging the learning process, showcasing the latest scientific and technological inventions, creating awareness about science.
- In this series, a 10-day robotics workshop 'Hands on Activity' is being organized to make school students aware of artificial intelligence (A.I.) and the importance of robotics in the future.
- This is the first time after the establishment of Chhattisgarh Regional Science Centre, that such an event is being organized here.

Important Decisions of the Council of Ministers Meeting

Why in News?

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel

Note:

on July 14, 2022, many important decisions were taken along with the approval of the draft Bill, 2022 in the Chhattisgarh Ministers (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1972.

Key Points

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers, it was approved to implement the new fisheries policy in place of the prevailing fish policy in the state. In the new fisheries policy, a provision has been made to give productivity bonus to the fishermen.
- The proposal for sanction of creation of District Strike Force cadre by abolishing the sanctioned posts of Assistant Guards in the State was approved. This will remove the pay anomaly of the Assistant Guards of the Police Department and all the Assistant Guards of the State will get regular pay scales.
- In the context of the Transfer Policy, 2022, it was decided that a Cabinet Sub-Committee will be constituted in this regard, on the basis of whose suggestion/recommendation the approval of the Chief Minister will be obtained.
- The draft of Chhattisgarh Appropriation Bill, 2022 was approved in the Legislative Assembly for the first supplementary estimate year 2022-2023.
- The draft of the Salary and Allowances Amendment Bill, 2022 of the Honorable Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Leader of the Opposition and Members of the Legislative Assembly was approved.
- The draft Bill, 2022, which was amended in the Chhattisgarh Ministers (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1972 was approved.
- The proposal to increase the annual amount provided in the Chief Minister's voluntary donation item from Rs.40 crore to Rs.70 crore was approved.
- The proposal for enhancement of 'Additional Excise Duty' for the year 2022-23 to reimburse the excise revenue target and requirement of additional amount for development of Gothan and other development activities was approved.
- Necessary amendments were made in the procedure for grant of compassionate appointment to the dependent family member in case of untimely death of the officers/employees of the Dissolved Transport Corporation.
- The proposal for the Chhattisgarh Ground Water (Management and Regulation) Bill, 2022 was approved.

- The proposal to extend the period of **One Time Settlement** Scheme-2020 from 1st April, 2022 to March, 2023 was approved before and after the formation of the State of Chhattisgarh.
- Due to the adverse effects of industrial and economic slowdown, a proposal for relaxation of energy charges under the Special Relief Package from 1st July, 2022 to 31st March, 2023 was approved by the State Government to keep the Stand Alone Rolling Mill under HHV-4 category of steel industry competitive.
- Further amendment to the Chhattisgarh Electricity Tariff Act, 1949 (No.C.,1949) was further approved.

New Fisheries Policy

Why in News?

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on July 14, 2022, a new fish farming policy was approved in the state of Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- The aim of the new fisheries is to increase fish productivity by bringing the entire water area available in the state under fisheries, as well as to provide self-employment to the people by promoting quality fish seed production and fisheries.
- The new fisheries policy also provides for productivity bonus to the fishermen of the State. This amount of productivity bonus will be 25% of the amount to be received by the Chhattisgarh State Fisheries Federation from the auction of reservoirs and barrages.
- The major provisions of the new fisheries policy are as under:
 - Provision has been made in the new policy to encourage ornamental fisheries and gambusia fisheries in the state.
 - The state-based unusable mines will be developed and used for fisheries.
 - Under the right to lease ponds/reservoirs for fisheries under the Panchayat State system, ponds/reservoirs with an average area of 0 to 10 hectares of water area will be provided by the Gram Panchayat on a 10-year lease as per rules.
 - The ponds and reservoirs of an average water area of 10 to 100 hectares will be allotted by the District

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Panchayat, from 100 to 200 hectares by the Zilla Panchayat, 200-1000 hectares by the Department of Fisheries on lease.

- The reservoirs/barrages of more than 1000 hectares will be leased out for a period of 10 years by inviting open tender by the Chhattisgarh State Fisheries Federation.
- For the lease of reservoir and barrage by the Fisheries Federation, 50 percent of the income received from the open tender will be payable in the revenue account of the Fisheries Department. 25 percent of the remaining 50 percent will be given as productivity bonus to the fishermen engaged in fishing at the local level.
- The system of free fishing in rivers and anicuts/ deep pools having water area less than 20 hectares will remain the same.
- The work of fish rearing in the ponds constructed for the Gothans will be done by the Gothan Committee or the group identified by them.
- The increase in the lease amount by the panchayats will be determined by increasing the rate of 10% every two years, which will be used in the development works of public interest.
- Provision has been made to reduce the percentage of non-tribal members from 33 to 30 percent in tribal fishermen cooperative society.
- The post of the chairman of the tribal fishermen cooperative society in the scheduled area will be compulsorily reserved for the scheduled tribes. For the post of Vice-Chairman of the committee, preference will be given to the member of fisherman caste.
- The allocation of reservoirs/ponds with an average water area of 0 to 10 hectares will be done on priority basis to fishermen group, fish cooperative society and local women's group formed under Livelihood Mission, fishermen and fish farmers.
- Diploma in fisheries, graduate or post graduate persons and unemployed young fishermen and fish farmers will be considered.
- For quality control and certification of fish seeds, the Fish Seed Certification Act will be enacted in the State, which will encourage the production of fish seeds and provide information on seed production techniques.

- It will be mandatory for fish seed sellers and growers to register with the Fisheries Department and obtain a licence from the Department.
- Unused and closed mines located in the State will be developed and leased out to the local unemployed for fisheries. The initiative for setting up of cages will be taken to promote fish farming in large mines.
- The Department of Fisheries will be fully authorized for implementation of the Cage Culture Scheme in the irrigation reservoirs, for which the Irrigation Reservoir may be given to the Department on lease for a long period.

Increase in Fish Productivity

Why in News?

- According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on July 17, 2022 fish productivity has increased more than two times in the state due to the incentives being given to fishermen and fish farmers to promote fisheries in the state.

Key Points

- The average fish productivity of the State in the year 2000 was 1850 MT per hectare. Currently, the average fish productivity of the state has gone up to 4,000 MT per hectare.
- Progressive fish farmers have started producing 8,000-10,000 MT of fish per hectare by adopting innovative fishing techniques and following improved species.
- In the year 2000, the State was ranked 9th in the field of fish production. The fish seeds were imported from other regions due to low production of fish seeds in the State. At present, Chhattisgarh has become self-sufficient in the field of fish seed production and has come down to the fifth position in the country and sixth in fisheries production.
- In the year 2000, out of only 1.538 lac hectare water area available, fish farming was done in 1.335 lac hectare water area. At present, about 2 lac hectares of water area is available in the state, out of which pisciculture is being done in about 1.961 lac hectares.
- Due to the geographical and Agro-climatic conditions of the State being favourable for fish farming, the traditional fishermen as well as the people of other classes have started rearing fish.

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- The grant of agricultural status to fisheries in the State and credit facility to the fisheries on the lines of farmers and electric and water tax exemption have given a boost to fisheries in the State. Now it has become a profitable business, which people have started adopting rapidly.
- In view of the increasing growth in the fisheries sector in the state, ensuring the participation of fishermen for its rapid development, development of fish cooperatives, taking the benefits of government schemes and programs to the people associated with fisheries and training of new techniques, New Fisheries Policy, 2022 has been implemented by the Government of Chhattisgarh for the rearing of new species and for the conservation and development of native fish species. This will give a further boost to fisheries in the state.

FGR Portal to be Launched in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

- Recently, in view of the farmer-friendly policies and programs of the Government of Chhattisgarh, it has been decided by the Union Ministry of Agriculture to launch 'Farmer Grievance Redressal Portal' (FGR) as a pilot project in Chhattisgarh. This portal will be launched on July 21, 2022, through video conferencing.

Key Points

- The Commissioner of Agricultural Production of the State of Chhattisgarh has been directed by the Union Agriculture Ministry to ensure online participation of farmer representatives, farmers and office bearers of Panchayats including officials of the Agriculture Department and to apprise them of the short code 14447 .
- It may be recalled that the Union Agriculture Ministry has prepared a Farmers Grievance Redressal Portal (FGR) to address the grievances of farmers across the country related to farming, especially crop insurance.
- The portal is currently being implemented in Chhattisgarh as a pilot project by the central government, the result of which will be implemented later across the country.
- Chhattisgarh was selected by the Ministry of Agriculture, Government of India because of the better performance

of the state in the implementation of Prime Minister's crop insurance and being the leading state in the payment of insurance claim amount in the country.

- The Union Agriculture Ministry is going to launch the beta version of FGR from Chhattisgarh in view of the remarkable results of the Integrated Kisan Portal designed for registration of farmers in Chhattisgarh, Rajiv Gandhi Nyaya Yojana, Chief Minister's Tree Plantation Promotion Scheme etc.
- Through the FGR portal, farmers will be able to find solutions to their problems related to farming, especially crop insurance. The problems and complaints reported by the farmers through telephone or mobile will be registered online in this portal, the diagnosis of which will be reported online by them.

Formation of NRI Cell

Why in News?

- Recently, NRI cell has been formed by the Government of Chhattisgarh to unite the non-resident Indians of Chhattisgarh residing in different countries and to preserve the art, culture and literature of the state.

Key Points

- Indian-origin Korba resident Pallav Shah has been nominated as the coordinator of the NRI cell. He is currently residing in Boston (MA), USA.
- Along with preserving Chhattisgarhi art-culture and literature through NRI cell, its wide publicity and to maintain lively contact with non-resident Indians and to receive suggestions and information from such non-resident Indians for the progress of the state and their implementation.

Inauguration of Newly Constructed Cricket Stadium in Kumhari

Why in News?

- On July 20, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated a cricket stadium built at a cost of Rs 4.5 crore in Kumhari, a municipal council in Durg district.

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Key Points

- The Chief Minister also inaugurated construction works worth Rs.42 crore and performed bhoomi puja on the occasion. These works include dedication work worth Rs.10 crore and bhoomi puja work worth Rs.31 crore.
- The Chief Minister also announced to name the stadium after late Minimata on the proposal of the citizens of Kumhari.
- The Chief Minister lauded the construction work of the stadium and said that the fine infrastructure of such a sport will boost the morale of the players and help in nurturing the sporting talent in the pottery.

Purchase of Arhar, Urad and Moong at support price

Why in News?

- According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on July 20, 2022, the state government will **purchase tur, urad and moong from the farmers at support price** in the Kharif marketing year 2022-23.

Key Points

- The Department of Agriculture Development and Farmers Welfare and Biotechnology has issued detailed guidelines for procurement of **Arhar, Urad and Moong crops at minimum support price** to all the Divisional Commissioners, Collectors along with Markfed and Mandi Board.
- The procurement of urad and moong will be done from October 17, 2022 to December 16, 2022 and arhar in the period from March 13, 2023 to May 12, 2023 .
- These will be procured through Chhattisgarh State Cooperative Marketing Federation Markfed. Arhar and urad will be procured from the farmers at the rate of Rs 6,600 and moong at the rate of Rs 7,755 per quintal.
- 25 agricultural produce mandis with storage facilities have been identified as procurement centres for procurement of arhar, moong and urad.
- Bhatapara, Gariaband, Mahasamund, Basna, Durg, Bemetara, Rajnandgaon, Khairagarh, Dongargarh, Gandai, Kawardha, Pandaria, Mungeli, Lormi, Sakti, Raigad, Ambikapur, Surajpur, Ramanujanj, Jashpur,

Kondagaon, Keshalpur, Pashkal, The purchase of Arhar, Moong and Urad will be done at the support price in the agricultural market.

- Necessary physical resources, equipments and human resources at the procurement centre will be arranged by Markfed.
- After registering the farmer on the '**Unified Farmer Portal**', the available data will be given to NAFED. The data will be integrated by NAFED in the E-Samridhi portal for procurement and tagging of the above farmers will be done from the selected procurement centers. On the basis of the data, the payment will be made by purchasing it from the farmers. Field verification and random verification of farmers' land, area sown crop etc. will be done.
- In addition to ensuring the performance of FAQ product for general knowledge of the farmers in the procurement centres, it will also be ensured that arhar, urad and moong of FAQ standard are not sold at the procurement centre at less than the support price. Intensive monitoring of procurement of FAQ quality will be done.
- A state-level joint team will be constituted with NAFED for random sampling to oversee the procurement work of the procurement centre from preparation to collection. A printed receipt of the quantity purchased from the farmer, mentioning the amount due, will be signed by the earning centre in-charge and given to the farmer.
- It is worth mentioning that in the Kharif season 2022, the state has a target of cultivating Arhar in one lakh 40 thousand hectares, moong in 22 thousand hectares and urad in one lakh 75 thousand hectares. The production of 94,500 metric tonnes of tur, 12,100 metric tonnes of moong and 70,000 metric tonnes of urad is estimated by the Agriculture Department in the state.

Task Force Constituted for Environmental and Climate Awareness and Protection in All Universities of the State

Why In News?

- Recently, on the directions of Governor Anusuiya Uikey, a letter has been sent to all the universities by the

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Raj Bhavan Secretariat for setting up of a **Task Force for awareness and conservation of environment and climate in all government and private universities of the state.**

Key points

- It may be mentioned that this letter has been issued to all the universities by the Raj Bhavan Secretariat in pursuance of the instructions received at the Governor's Conference held at Rashtrapati Bhavan in November 2021 in New Delhi.
- As per the instructions received in the Governor's Conference, a task force will be set up in all the universities to engage the students to keep the country's environment clean by 2030 and to achieve the goals of renewable energy for the economic development of the country.
- In this regard, all the universities have been directed to constitute a Task Force at the earliest and to send the report of the work done by the Task Force to the Raj Bhavan Secretariat, Raipur within the time-frame in each month.
- Further, on the directions of Governor Anusuiya Uikey, a letter has been sent by Raj Bhavan Secretariat for organizing cleanliness and tree plantation programme in all the universities and colleges affiliated to them in the State.
- It may be noted that cleanliness and tree plantation programme is to be organized with an aim to keep all the universities and their affiliated college premises in the state green and clean and to create awareness about environment protection among students.

FGR Portal started as a pilot project

Why In News?

- On July 21, 2022, the **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana** and the **Weather Based Crop Insurance** were prepared for online hearing and redressal of grievances of farmers regarding the Grievance Redressal of Farmers (F.G.R.) The portal was launched in the state of Chhattisgarh as a pilot project through video conferencing.

Key points

- Ritesh Chauhan, Joint Secretary and Chief Executive

Officer, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Government of India, Chief Executive Officer C.S.C. Dr. Dinesh Kumar Tyagi launched the beta version of the FGR portal in Chhattisgarh through video conferencing.

- After the utility and evaluation of this portal in the diagnosis of complaints, it will be implemented in all the states of the country. With the launch of this portal, farmers will no longer have to make rounds of any office or official for redressal of crop insurance related grievances, nor will they have to submit an application in writing.
- Farmers can call the toll-free number 14447 to lodge their complaint, which will be promptly diagnosed. Farmers will also be able to get information about the diagnosis of their grievances through the portal.
- It has been launched as a pilot project in the state of Chhattisgarh, the first in the country. The State of Chhattisgarh has been selected as a pilot project of this portal in view of the remarkable achievements made in the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana in the State.
- It is worth mentioning that the State of Chhattisgarh is one of the leading states in the country in the implementation of crop insurance. Chhattisgarh is the first state in the country to pay its farmers the crop insurance claim amount of Rabi season 2022, the first in the country. In the year 2021-22, 5 lakh 66 thousand farmers were paid an insurance claim amount of Rs.10.63 crore.

India Innovation Index, 2021

Why In News?

- Chhattisgarh has been ranked last (17th) in the India innovation index-2021 released by NITI Aayog vice-chairman Suman Beri on July 21, 2022 in the category of 17 major states.

Key Points

- In NITI Aayog's 3rd India Innovation Index, the states and union territories were categorized into 17 major states, 10 northeastern and hill states and 9 union territories and city-states for an effective comparison of their performance.
- In the category of 17 major states, Karnataka is at the top spot with 18.01 points, while Telangana is second with 17.66 points and Haryana is third with

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16.35 points. Odisha is 16th with 11.42 points and Chhattisgarh is 17th (last) with 10.97 points.

- Manipur topped the northeastern and hill states category with 19.37 points. Uttarakhand (17.67 points) is at the second spot in this category, while Nagaland (11.00 points) is at the bottom.
- Chandigarh (27.88 marks) has topped the union territories and city-states category. In this category, Delhi (27.00 points) is at the second position, while Ladakh (5.91 points) is at the bottom.
- It is noteworthy that the India Innovation Index prepared by NITI Aayog and Competitiveness Institute is a means of evaluating and developing the country's innovation ecosystem. It ranks the states and union territories in order of their innovation performance, so that there is healthy competition among them.
- This innovation index has been prepared on the lines of Global Innovation Index. The analysis was based on 36 indicators in the previous editions, but this time used 66 indicators. The first and second innovation indexes were released in October 2019 and January 2021, respectively.

Coal block in Hasdeo Aranya

Why In News?

- On July 26, 2022, the Chhattisgarh Assembly unanimously passed the non-official resolution to cancel the coal block allotted in Hasdeo Aranya area submitted by Janata Congress Chhattisgarh (J) MLA Dharamjit Singh.

Key Points

- In the Assembly, MLA Dharamjit Singh said that There is a coal reserve of 57 thousand million tonnes in Chhattisgarh. Even in 50 years, only 25% can be mined.
- It is worth mentioning that about 2,22,921 trees are to be cut for Parsa East and Kete Basen coal mines and about 99,107 trees for Parsa coal mines which are currently approved for coal mining in Hasdeo Aranya area.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the Chhattisgarh government has given 1995 sq.km. Lemru Elephant Reserve has been declared in the area. A demand has been made to the Center to ban the coal block attached to it.

- It is worth mentioning that the coal block extension is being done in Hasdeo Aranya. Coal block has been allotted to a power company of Rajasthan. The NOC of the coal block was stuck for a long time. The NOC was issued by the Chhattisgarh Forest Department after the arrival of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot in Chhattisgarh.
- At the same time, the MD of the power company of Rajasthan had come to Chhattisgarh recently. He had met the Chief Secretary and collectors and urged them to start mining at a lower pace. Hasdeo Aranya's case has also reached the High Court and the Supreme Court. At the same time, 'Save Hasdeo Campaign' is also being run to save the forests of Hasdeo.

Chhattisgarh got Three Awards for Excellent Work in Male Sterilization Fortnight

Why In New?

- In the National Family Planning Conference held in New Delhi on July 27, 2022, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has honored Chhattisgarh with three awards for its excellent work in Male Sterilization Fortnight.

Key Points

- Chhattisgarh ranks first in the country in sterilization during the last three years 2019 to 2021 during the vasectomy fortnight.
- Union Minister of State for Health Dr. Bharti Praveen Panwar rewarded the state for this achievement. Deputy Director of Family Planning Program Dr. T.K. Tonder and Consultant Dr. Roshan Gupta received this award on behalf of Chhattisgarh.
- The state has received awards in two more categories for male sterilization. Dr. Sanjay Naval has got the second prize at the national level for the maximum number of vasectomy.
- Mitanin Kevara Verma of Tilda, Raipur district has been awarded in the category of Couple Motivation (motivation) for male sterilization.
- Deputy Director of Family Planning Program Dr. T.K. Tondar informed that during the last three years, 3212 male sterilizations have been done in the state during the male sterilization fortnight. During this,

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1695 men have undergone sterilization in the year 2019-20, 168 in the year 2020-21 and 1349 in the year 2021-22.

- During the sterilization fortnight, by running special campaigns from village level to district level, misconceptions and myths spread among the people regarding male sterilization are dispelled. Men are motivated for sterilization by organizing 'Mor Mitan Mor Sangwari' Chaupal at the village level.

CM launches Agriculture Drone Solution, Animal Operated Cultivator and Planter

Why In News?

- On July 28, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the Complete Agriculture Drone Solution, Animal Operated Battery Operated Cultivator and Planter in a program organized on the occasion of the first festival of Chhattisgarh 'Hareli' at village Karsa in Patan block of Durg district.

Key Points

- The medicine can be sprayed within half an hour in 4 acres of fields through agriculture drones. Normally a farmer takes 3 hours for 1 acre for this. The amount of medicine can also be determined through the machine.
- There is also a problem in getting labor for spraying in rural areas. Through this, the farmers will also save time and the income of the groups will also increase.
- Along with the agriculture drone solution, there will also be an agri ambulance, which will also have the facility of agriculture lab. In this, farmers will be able to do soil testing etc. It will have full facilities for farming and farming. There will also be availability of organic manure.
- It is noteworthy that it will work on PPP model. Work can be done through one machine in 20 villages. This will be done by the working group. Only the youth of the group will be trained to operate the drone. The members of the group will be technically proficient in this. With this, they will get enough time for other livelihood activities apart from farming.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also launched two types of agricultural machines – animal operated

battery operated cultivator and planter, made by the scientists of Agricultural Engineering College, operated under Indira Gandhi Agricultural University.

- According to agricultural experts, the use of these machines will reduce the time spent by the farmers in agricultural work, as well as reduce the cost. The use of battery operated cultivators and planters will also reduce the burden on animals.
- Animal operated battery operated cultivator for secondary tillage can solve the problem of farmers. With the help of this cultivator, 1 hectare of field can be ploughed secondary once in 5-7 hours. With this, while the cattle will have to put less force, the farmer can also easily operate the entire machine by sitting on the seat. The cost of this entire device is about 55-60 thousand rupees.
- With the help of animal operated battery operated planters, the queued seed-to-seed can be sown while maintaining a distance. The distance between the queue-to-row to this planter is 20 to 50 cm according to the crop. You can organize up to. The cost of the planter is about 20-25 thousand rupees.

Pay Revision Bill

Why In News?

- On July 26, 2022, the Chhattisgarh Assembly passed a resolution on the Wages and Allowances of The Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Leader of the Opposition and MLAs Amendment Bill, 2022 and the Chhattisgarh Ministers (Salaries and Allowances) Act, 1972 .

Key Points

- After the passage of the Pay-Allowances Amendment Act in the Assembly, now the MLAs and Ministers will get the enhanced salary. The hike in salaries and allowances is likely to burden the state exchequer with around Rs 6.81 crore annually.
- According to the bill, the chief minister's salary will be Rs 2.05 lakh per month from the current Rs 1.35 lakh after the hike, while the ministers will get Rs 1.90 lakh from the current Rs 1.30 lakh. The basic salary of the Chief Minister has been increased from Rs.35,000 per month to Rs.50,000 per month.
- The Chhattisgarh cabinet has 13 ministers, including Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. The salary of the Speaker will be increased from Rs 1.32 lakh per month

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to Rs 1.95 lakh, while that of the Deputy Speaker will increase from Rs 1.28 lakh to Rs 1.80 lakh.

- The leader of the opposition will get Rs 1.90 lakh per month instead of Rs 1.30 lakh. The 15 parliamentary secretaries will get Rs 1.75 lakh per month instead of Rs 1.21 lakh. The salary of the MLA will now be increased from Rs 1.10 lakh to Rs 1.60 lakh per month.

Cow Urine Procurement Scheme

Why In News?

- On July 28, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel formally launched the 'Cow Urine Purchase Scheme' by buying cow urine at a function organized on the occasion of 'Hareli', the first festival of Chhattisgarh, at village Karsa in Patan Vikaskhand of Durg district.

Key Points

- Chhattisgarh is the first state in the country, which after purchasing cow dung from villagers for Rs. 2 per kg, is now purchasing cow urine for Rs. 4 a liter.
- It may be mentioned that the 'Godhan Nyaya Yojana' in Chhattisgarh started from the day of Hareli festival on July 20, 2020. Under this, cow dung is being procured at the rate of Rs.2 per kg from the pastoral villagers in the cowsheds.
- The unmatched success of large-scale manufacture and use of organic manure through the purchase of cow dung across the country has become the basis for the purchase of cow urine.
- The objective of the purchase of cow urine is to create organic pesticides, bio-germs, growth promoters from it in the gothas so that organic pesticides can be made easily available to the farmers of the state at a lower price. The motive behind this is also to reduce the toxicity of foodgrain production as well as to reduce the cost of cultivation.
- Now, organic pesticides will be prepared from it through women's groups by purchasing cow urine in the gothas, which will be made available to the farmers at a concessional rate. The price of these organic pesticides will be much lower than the price of the expensive chemical pesticide pesticide pesticide available in the market.
- Agricultural scientists say that cow urine pesticides are a better and cheaper alternative to chemical

pesticides. Its immunity is several times higher than that of a chemical pesticide. Its spraying in the fields helps in the control of all kinds of pests. The use of cow urine pesticides is more effective against leaf-eating, fruit incision and stem-piercing insects. Its use is also better for agro-environment and health.

- It is worth mentioning that on the initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, under the 'Garwa' component of 'Suraji Gaon Yojana', Gothans are built and operated in 8408 villages of the state, where there is free provision of fodder and water for the care of animals. In these Gothans, cow dung is being procured for the last two years under 'Godhan Nyaya Yojana', through which women's groups are preparing organic fertilizers and other products.
- Over 76 lakh quintals of cow dung has been procured in the state in the last two years, in lieu of which an amount of more than Rs. 153 crore has been paid to rural cattle farmers. Women's groups have so far produced more than 22 lakh quintals of Vermicompost, Super Compost, Super Compost Plus from the purchase of cow dung and made it available to the farmers of the state for use in agriculture.
- Apart from manufacturing organic manure from cow dung in Gothans, women are also carrying out other oriented activities, which have earned them an additional income of Rs. 74 crore in the last two years.
- Organic farming in the state will be further boosted by the preparation of organic manure as well as organic pesticides by the women's group in the gothas. This will provide additional income to the pastoral villagers and employment and income to women's groups.

Mukhya Mantri Mahtari Nyaya Rath

Why In News?

- On July 28, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel flagged off the 'Mukhya Mantri Mahtari Nyaya Rath' from his residence complex on the occasion of 'Hareli'. The Nyaya Rath will make women aware of their rights and laws.

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- On the initiative of the Chhattisgarh State Commission for Women, this Nyaya Rath Yatra has been launched with the objective of making the women of the state

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aware of their constitutional rights and laws and to build confidence in them.

- The journey began with the phrase 'The matter of honoring the female mind of pride'.
- The Mukhya Mantri Mahtari Nyaya Rath Yatra will be conducted through the State Commission for Women. The rath will travel from village to village in all the districts to make people aware of the legal provisions and their constitutional rights through short films, messages and brochures.
- In the first phase, the Mukhya Mantri Mahtari Nyaya Rath will go to nine districts of Durg, Raipur, Rajnandgaon, Balodabazar-Bhatapara, Mahasamund, Janjgir-Champa, Gariaband, Dhamtari, Kanker. After this, the Nyaya Rath Yatra will start in the rest of the districts of the state. It will start from Durg district. Under this campaign, free legal aid will also be given to women.
- Each Mahtari Nyaya Rath will also have 2 advocates, who will listen to the problems of women and give them information and advice. Women will also be able to apply through the Nyaya Rath. The applications received will be disposed of by the Women's Commission.

- The chariot will feature nationally awarded short films related to various laws of Chhattisgarhi and Hindi language in large LED screens.
- The Mahtari Nyaya Rath will be operated with DMF funds. For this, the state government has made special changes in the DMF policy.
- Dr. Kiranmayi Nayak, Chairperson, State Commission for Women said that the Chief Minister's Mahtari Nyaya Rath has been launched to make all the educated, uneducated, housewives, working women aware about the work of the Women's Commission and the laws, rules and rights made for women.
- Through the Mahtari Nyaya Rath, it will be told how women can apply to the Women's Commission to solve their problems and get free and speedy justice. Even before this, the Women's Commission has released the WhatsApp number 9098382225, through which women are registering their complaints with the Commission.
- Dr Kiranmayi Nayak said that the scheme will be the first of its kind in the country. This will make women aware and increase their confidence. The knowledge of legal rights to women will reduce crimes against women in the state.



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