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Raipur Development Plan, 2031

Why in News?

On May 31, 2022, the Raipur development plan, 2031 was discussed in detail in the workshop held at the convention hall of the new circuit house in the capital under the chairmanship of Chhattisgarh's Housing and Environment Minister Mohammad Akbar.

Key Points

- The draft Raipur Development Plan (Reviewed), 2031 is being prepared by the Department of Urban and Village Investment.
- Housing and Environment Minister Mohammad Akbar informed that due to the increasing population and development prospects in Raipur city, the scheme is being prepared keeping in mind the population of 30 lakh in 2031 for the purpose of planning.
- Raipur Development Plan Review (Draft), 2031 aims to provide and improve green cover in the investment sector.
- Similarly, emphasis is being laid on conservation of natural resources and water bodies, improvement of environment, decentralized approach and segregation of regional traffic. At the same time, improvement in internal routes for smooth movement of local vehicles and possible changes in future - changes in land use patterns have been included.

Azadi se Antyodaya Special Campaign

Why in News?

On June 2, 2022, under the guidance of Taran Prakash Sinha, Collector of Rajnandgaon, Chhattisgarh, a special camp for divyang people was organized under the special campaign from Independence to Antyodaya (Azadi se Antyodaya) to commemorate the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav.

Key Points

- In this camp, unique identity cards of divyang person, UDID cards and medical certificates were made.
- It may be recalled that the Azadi Se Antyodaya Abhiyan was launched in April, 2022 by Giriraj Singh, Union Minister for Rural Development and Panchayati Raj.

- The 90-day campaign, which is part of the year-long celebrations of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, aims to reach out to the benefit schemes of the Central Ministries to the lowest level of the people in 75 districts of 28 States and Union Territories.
- These districts are associated with the birthplace of 99 self-styled fighters who laid down their lives for the freedom of the country.
- The campaign will cover all rural stakeholders, such as families of freedom fighters, Panchayati Raj Institutions, women and youth groups and students.

Bhoramdev Co-operative Sugar Factory

Why in News?

On June 2, 2022 Bhupendra Kumar Thakur, managing director of Bhoramdev Cooperative Sugar Factory established in Kabirdham district said that Bhoramdev Sugar Factory is playing an important role in international trade by supplying sugar in the country as well as exporting sugar abroad.

Key Points

- Those who have provided capital resources in setting up the factory include 16 thousand 922 farmers besides Mandi Boards, Cooperative Societies and Government of Chhattisgarh.
 - Bhoramdev Co-operative Sugar Growing Factory Limited Kawardha is functioning as a remunerative co-operative society. Bhoramdev Cooperative Sugar Factory has benefited 45 thousand 200 farmers in 2021-22 from 2018-19.
- In the last four years, 12 lakh 73 thousand 766.257 tonnes of sugarcane has been procured and crushed, from which 324.27 crore rupees have been paid to the farmers. In the last four years, 13 lakh 33 thousand 504 quintals of sugar has been produced.

The state's first Well-equipped Resort

Why in News?

 On June 4, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the state's first all-weather resort



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'Limdarha Mid-Way' at Khale Murvend in Keshkal block of Kondagaon district.

Key Points

- Built at a cost of Rs 7 crore, the Limdarha Mid-Way Resort is the first well-equipped resort in the state where national and international cuisines will be available.
- At the same time, the Chief Minister announced to develop a game zone here on the suggestion of tourists. A cottage with a food chain as well as a toilet will also be built in the resort for tourists.
- The Limdarha Mid-Way Resort is adjacent to the Keshkal Ghat, where 40 cottages are planned to be constructed in the next one or two years, while the convention hall for tourists will also be prepared in the next six months.
- It is worth mentioning that Keshkal Ghat is the gateway to Bastar. It is famous for its winding roads.

CM gifts 'Hamar Lab' to Kankerites

Why in News?

On June 6, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, during his state-wide meet-up programme, dedicated a state-of-the-art integrated 'Hamar Lab' at Kamaldev District Hospital in Kanker district.

Key Points

- 'Hamar Lab' is an integrated health lab with stateof-the-art equipment. Here, quality testing services will be made available to the patients using all the resources related to the investigation in one place. This will also relieve the patients from the problem of testing at expensive rates outside.
- Now patients will get the facility of 120 different types of health check-ups under one roof. These include screening for diseases such as cancer and TB.
- In 'Hamar Lab', 15 types of tests related to hematology, 39 types of tests related to clinical pathology, 42 types of tests related to biochemistry, 8 types of tests related to sirology, 10 types of tests related to microbiology as well as 6 related to histopathology and cytology. Type of check features will be found.

Apart from this, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the Mother and Child Diseases Hospital at Albelapara in Kanker district headquarters. Earlier, the Adarsh Mahila Mahavidyalaya was being run here. It was converted into a COVID-19 hospital during the Corona period, after which the Mother and Child Health Hospital, which runs at District Hospital Kanker, has been shifted here.

Cooperative sugar factories Pandariya and Ramhepur set a new national record in recovery rate

Why in News?

Two co-operative sugar factories recently set up in Kabirdham district of Chhattisgarh, Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Co-operative Sugar Factory Limited Pandaria and Bhoramdev Cooperative Sugar Factory, Ramhepur, Kawardha have set a new record in recovery rate by being at the first and second position respectively at the national level.

Key Points

- Both the factories have left behind all the cooperative sugar factories in the country in terms of recovery. Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Co-operative Sugar Factory Limited Pandrit Pandariya was ranked number one in the entire country with 13.12 per cent recovery in crushing season 2021-22 and Bhoramdev Co-operative Sugar Factory Ramhepur, Kawardha came second in the entire country with 11.8 per cent recovery.
- With the recovery rate being higher, 18 thousand 497 farmers of the district will get an additional amount of Rs 53.83 crore. This will lead to payment of Rs 280.7 crore to farmers in the financial year.
- These farmers will receive an additional amount of Rs 53.83 crore at the recovery rate, along with a benefit of Rs 50.58 crore under the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyayyojana.
- 29 lakh 5 thousand 338 metric tonnes of sugarcane was procured from farmers in the crushing season 2021-22 at Iron Man Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Cooperative Sugar Factory Limited Pandariya. At bhoramdev



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cooperative sugar factory, Ramhepur, Kawardha, 34 lakh 5 thousand 3 metric tonnes of sugarcane has been procured from the farmers.

Significantly, the rate of sugarcane is decided by the FRP, in which a minimum of 9.50 per cent recovery or less is given at the rate of Rs 275.50 per quintal. With a recovery of more than 9.50 per cent, it increases by Rs 2.90 per quintal per 0.1 per cent.

Chhattisgarh First in Resolving Public Grievances Online

Why in News?

As per the information received from the official sources of the state government recently, Chhattisgarh is the first in the country in resolving public grievances in the Centralised Public Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System (CPGRAMS) portal created by the Central Government for redressal of public grievances.

Key Points

- Chhattisgarh has come first with the resolution of 97 per cent of the troubleshooting applications received in the Centralized Public Grievance Redressal and Monitoring System portal.
- A total of 60,998 out of 62,738 applications received in the state till June 3, 2022, have been disposed of in the last five years.
- The CPGRAMS online portal receives complaints. Applications for resolution are transferred online to the State Governments.
- It may be mentioned that the Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh holds meetings of departmental and district officials on virtual mode for one hour continuously. Usually eight district headquarters are added in a single day for review. This helps in speedy disposal of complaints.

The State now Bought Paddy for Rs.2640

Why in News?

On June 8, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced to buy paddy at the rate of Rs.2640 per quintal in the next kharif season in the state.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel made the announcement after the Central government increased the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of general grade paddy by Rs 100 for the crop year 2022-23.
- On June 8, 2022, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the increase in the MSP of 14 kharif crops, including paddy.
- The MSP of general grade paddy has been increased by Rs. 100/- per quintal to Rs. 2040 per quintal for the crop year 2022-23. It was Rs. 2040 per quintal last year.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that after the increase of Rs.100 in the Centre's MSP, the farmers of Chhattisgarh will get an amount of Rs.2640 per quintal by adding the amount of input subsidy.
- Due to nyaya scheme and input subsidy, farmers of Chhattisgarh will get Rs.700 more for one quintal of paddy as compared to other states.
- > The state government had purchased paddy at Rs.2540 per quintal in the last kharif season, which also includes an incentive of Rs.600.
- It is worth mentioning that the Chhattisgarh government buys 15 quintals of paddy behind one acre of farmland. Under the Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay yojana, farmers are given input subsidy of 9,000 rupees per acre i.e.
 15 quintals of paddy.

Four Startups from Chhattisgarh Won Awards at India First Tech Startup Conclave

Why in News?

Recently, startups from the state of Chhattisgarh have received the award for best startups in 4 categories at the India First Tech Startup Conclave, Bengaluru.

Key Points

- The conclave was organized in Bengaluru by the All India Council for Robotics and Automation on June 8 and 9 to encourage startup companies.
- In this conclave, startups from Chhattisgarh were awarded the best startup award to Smart Yatri Pvt Ltd in the immobility category, Greenfield EcoSolutions



Private Limited in the women's category, Siddharth Agro Marketing and Logistics Pvt. Ltd. in the Agritech category and Prominant Innovation Lab Private Limited in the Blockchain Technology category.

- Apart from this, Indira Gandhi Agricultural University
 Rabi was awarded as the Best Incubation Centre for Startup Incubation.
- In this conclave, Joint Director, Department of Commerce and Industry, Government of Chhattisgarh, Sanjay Gajghate gave detailed information about the startup ecosystem in the state of Chhattisgarh and various grants being provided by the department and to encourage investors to establish and invest in startups in the state. invited.
- It is worth mentioning that 12 startup companies from Chhattisgarh participated in this conclave.

Chhattisgarh First State to Issue Mental Health Helpline Number for Children Studying in Eklavya Vidyalaya

Why in News?

Helpline number – 9343007820 has been launched on 9th June, 2022 in collaboration with Department of Primitive Castes and UNICEF for the overall development of children studying in Eklavya Model Residential School in Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- This helpline number can be used by superintendents, teachers, parents and children and get help from expert counsellors.
- It may be mentioned that out of all the Eklavya Model Residential Schools operating in the country, Chhattisgarh is the only State where such a helpline number has been issued to address the problems of the children of Ekalavya Vidyalaya.
- This number was earlier started experimentally in some districts. Considering its success, it is now being released at the state level.
- Through this, children can be consulted by calling this helpline number if they show symptoms such as being sad and extremely calm, spending most of the time

alone, feeling very scared or nervous, getting very angry or fighting, not going to school continuously, doing any kind of intoxication, hurting or harming themselves, etc.

Online Facility Running in Chhattisgarh Transport Department wins Innovation Award

Why in News?

Recently, Innovation Award was given to the online facility running in the Chhattisgarh Transport Department at the Self-Reliant India Summit held in New Delhi.

Key Points

- The award was presented by U.P., Secretary, Ministry of Textiles, Government of India, in a virtual function organized by ELETs in New Delhi. Singh provided.
- The ELETs group met Assistant Transport Commissioner Shailabh Sahu, Chhattisgarh Transport Department and presented this citation.
- The conference was attended by officials from transport and other departments across the country.
- Chhattisgarh Transport Department told in its presentation that under the 'Sarthi Yojana', 'Tunhar Sarkar Tuhar Dwar', so far more than 10 lakh RC and DL have been sent home through speed post. Due to this applicants do not need to come again to the transport office to get the card.
- Presently centralized new QR based system has been adopted for RC and DL under this scheme. As soon as the QR is scanned, all the information about the vehicle and driving license is immediately received by the enforcement officer.
- Medical certificate Form 1A is issued online after medical examination for driving license. Chhattisgarh is the first state to do so.
- Challans are being sent directly to the drivers through the e-challan app. A photo fitness app has been created for transparency in fitness. It has made it mandatory to take a photograph of the vehicle at the designated site near the transport office from the GO tag.



Integrated De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centre Launched

Why in News?

On June 10, 2022, Chhattisgarh's Minister for Women and Child Development and Social Welfare, Anila Bhedia launched the Integrated De-addiction and Rehabilitation Centre under Municipality Balod.

Key Points

- In the de-addiction centre, counselling is provided to eliminate addiction, get rid of addiction and stay away from it. This will now help the affected people a lot in getting rid of drugs.
- People coming to the de-addiction and rehabilitation centre will get a variety of facilities free of cost, including counselling to stay away from drug abuse, accommodation, free health check-ups, yoga, meditation, music, exercise, indoor and other types of facilities.
- Apart from this, Anila Bhedia also inaugurated the District Disabled Rehabilitation Centre at the Social Welfare Department office premises at Village Jhalmala in Balod district.
- Due to the availability of rehabilitation center facility for the disabled in Balod district, the needy here will not have to go out to any other district, they will get facilities in the district itself. This will greatly facilitate the differently abled people of the district.
- Minister Bhendia benefitted the differently-abled by providing checks of incentive amount and accessories under various schemes.

Coal Mine Project in Hasdeo Arand Forest Area Banned

Why in News?

Recently, the Chhattisgarh government has put on hold three upcoming coal mine projects allotted to Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Limited (RRVUNL) in Hasdeo Arand forest area of Surguja division.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that the state government has taken this decision due to strong opposition from the local people and workers against these projects.
- Confirming the suspension of mining projects, Surguja District Magistrate Sanjeev Jha informed that three upcoming projects- Parsa, Parsa East and Kante Basan (PEKB) Phase II and Kante Extension Coal Mine, which are in various stages before the mine commences, has been put on hold till further orders.
- All the three mines have been allotted to RRVUNL and Adani Group is associated as MDO (Mine Developer and Operator). Work will continue in the mines where work is going on in the area.
- Locals claim that the coal mine will cause huge damage to biodiversity and environment. Mining in the ecologically sensitive Hasdeo Arand forest area will not only displace the tribals, but also increase the man-elephant conflict in the area.
- It is noteworthy that the state government had recently given final approval for the Parsa mine and PEKB's second phase coal mining projects on the request of the Rajasthan government.

Abujhmad Will Get Litchi Orchard

Why in News?

On June 11, 2022, official sources in the Horticulture Department of Chhattisgarh informed that the department is planning to plant litchi orchards in the direction of giving a new identity to the dense forest of Abujhmad in Narayanpur district.

Key Points

- In 1995, 100 saplings were planted in the government garden of Orchha. Those trees are now bearing good fruit. After the success of this experiment, the Horticulture Department is planning to further increase the cultivation area of litchi.
- After the survey, tribal farmers of the area have been given a deed of forest land rights. A tribal farmer is given 20-30 saplings. After this, the horticulture department will give them training.
- It may be recalled that the Chief Minister, during his recent visit to Bastar, had announced to develop the orchard in 200 acres of land in Orchha area.



- Litchi is a short-term crop. The trees bear fruit till around May 10 and its season ends by June 10, but a farmer can earn Rs 4-5 lakh if 200 trees are planted per hectare.
- It is worth mentioning that litchi plants require long winters and enough rain. The weather in Abujhmad region is favourable in this regard.

Dantewada District Got National Award for Skill Development

Why in News?

Recently, Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh was honored with the National Award in the field of skill development in a function organized at Dr. Ambedkar International Center in New Delhi.

Key Points

- It may be recalled that two districts 'Dantewada' and 'Mahasamund' from Chhattisgarh were selected for this award.
- Dantewada district was awarded the Award for Excellence for its outstanding performance towards innovation and self-employment in the field of skill development and entrepreneurship.
- Various programmes were undertaken for better implementation in Dantewada, a tribal dominated area. Innumerable self-employment and employment opportunities are being provided under The Puna Madakal Cell in the district.
- Nava Dantewada Garment Factory was started by the district administration on January 31, 2021 in Gram Panchayat Haram for women's self-reliance. Another unit of Denex has been set up in Katekalyan, Barsur block of the district, in which more than 770 people have got self-employment.
- Apart from this, another unit of Denex is also being set up at Chhindnar. The target is to provide employment to 1200 families in the four denex.
- Mother on June 8, 2020, to provide materials made by self-help groups in the district and daily use of an equal nutrition campaign, to provide quality and cheap rate in school and ashram hostels and to connect the self-help group's sisters with employment.

Danteshwari Mart was launched. There are a total of 14 marts operating in all the four development blocks of the district.

260 Schools to Reopen in Four Naxal-Affected Districts

Why in News?

On June 12, 2022, the Chhattisgarh School Education Department has issued a letter to restart 260 schools in four Naxal-affected districts- Narayanpur, Dantewada, Bijapur and Sukma.

Key Points

- The school education department has directed the collectors of the four districts to organize 'Shala
 Pravesh Utsav' (School Pravesh Utsav) and 'Thank
 You Chief Minister's Programme'.
 - The education department has asked the collectors to ensure 100 per cent admission and regular attendance of children and invite the minister-in-charge of the district, district panchayat president, other public representatives and officials to the programmes.
- Earlier, around 400 schools were closed in naxal areas due to various reasons. Based on the community's demand in these districts, the government has decided to reopen 260 schools.
- These schools will be formally opened by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on June 16 during the state-level school admission festival.

Chhattisgarh's Big Achievement in the Khelo India Youth Games

Why in News?

In the Khelo India Youth Games held at Panchkula, Haryana on June 13, 2022, the sportspersons from Chhattisgarh excelled in their sporting talent to bag a total of 11 medals including 2 gold medals, 3 silver medals and 6 bronze medals.

Key Points

It is worth mentioning that 122 players from 13 sports from the state of Chhattisgarh participated in the Khelo India Youth Games held at Panchkula in Haryana.



- Chhattisgarh bags its first gold medal in weightlifting at the Khelo India Youth Games. Among them, Dnyaneshwari Yadav has lifted 164 kg to break her old record and clinch the gold medal. In this event, Raja Bharati of Chhattisgarh has won the bronze medal by lifting a total weight of 211 kg.
- Similarly, in Malkhamb, Sarita Poyam got 1 gold and one bronze medal, Monu Netam got 2 silver medals and girls and boys team got 1 bronze each.
- Apart from this, Ranveer (individual) got 1 silver medal in Gatka and Gatka Dal of Chhattisgarh state got 1 bronze medal and in Kalaripayattu, Sadhika Dubey brought laurels to Chhattisgarh by winning 1 bronze medal.

Hackathon Competition Started at Police Headquarters Nava Raipur

Why in News?

On June 15, 2022, a hackathon competition named Hack-Manthan was inaugurated in the chief hospitality of Chhattisgarh Director General of Police Ashok Juneja.

Key Points

- It may be recalled that in order to find a solution to the technical problems of the police, a hackathon competition called 'Hack-Manthan' is being organized by the Chhattisgarh Police in collaboration with the International Institute of Information Technology (Triple IT) Nava Raipur from May 27, 2022.
- Additional Superintendent of Police (Technical Services) Kavi Gupta said that the month-long competition will include 460 teams from technical institutes associated with IT from across the country, such as IITs, NITs, Triple IT, etc.
- On the basis of the accepted applications, in the first phase, efforts will be made by the participants to find a solution to the problem statements issued for hackathons from 13th June to 20th June through coding.
- A total of 12 teams will be shortlisted for the final round after the first round of competition. The final phase will be held on June 29, 2022 at Hotel Marriott, Raipur, wherein solution presentations prepared (by themselves) by the selected teams will be given.

- On the basis of these presentations, the first, second and third winners will be announced, who will be awarded cash prizes of Rs 80,000, Rs 40,000, and Rs 20,000 respectively.
- Pradeep Gupta, Head of Technical Services and Additional Director General of Police, said that in order to make the hackathon relevant and interesting, technical problems faced in real life policing have been included in this competition in the form of problem statements, which include - Cryptocurrency based Solutions for tracking of transactions, policing upgradation of feeds received from CC TV cameras, filtering of emergency calls received in dial 112 and speech emotion recognition, sentiment analysis of social media posts and crime data analysis.
- Assistant Inspector General of Police (Technical Services) Manish Sharma said that applications from more than 1200 participants have been received from all over the country in this national level competition, which shows the success of this competition. In this competition, the corporate world is also making joint efforts with the police.
- Pradeep Sinha, Director, Triple IT, said in a statement that this is the first event of its kind by the police department and triple IT and there is a need to organize such a competition in the future as well.

Chief Minister Inaugurated the School Entrance Festival

Why in News?

On June 16, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the Shala Pravesh Utsav in schools of the state in a virtual programme.

Key Points

- Along with the Shala Pravesh Utsav, 6 thousand 536 balwadis were also started in the primary school campuses of the state.
- The Chief Minister resumed 260 schools in four naxalaffected districts of Sukma, Dantewada, Bijapur and Narayanpur, which had been closed for a decade and a half. 11,013 children have taken admission in these schools.
- Bijapur district has the highest number of 158 schools, Sukma district 97, Narayanpur district 4 and Dantewada district has one closed school being reopened.



- The Chief Minister also released posters to be put up in schools based on the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi at the event.
- Speaking at the Shala Pravesh Utsav programme, the Chief Minister said that during the Corona lockdown, the 'Padhai Tuhar Duar' platform was provided, which was well utilized by teachers, parents and students.
- Swami Atmanand excellent English and Hindi medium schools are being run to enhance the infrastructure and quality of education in the state. Under this, 171 English medium and 32 Hindi medium schools are being run in the state.

Dnyaneshwari Became the Country's Number One Weightlifter

Why in News?

On June 16, 2022, in the national competition of weightlifting ranking underway in Himachal Pradesh, weightlifter Dnyaneshwari Yadav of Rajnandgaon defeated 49kg in the junior category. She has become the country's number one weightlifter by winning a gold medal in the weight category.

Key Points

- In this competition, Dnyaneshwari won the senior category's 49kg. He has won a silver medal in the weight category. In this category, she had competed with the country's number one weightlifter Mirabai Chanu and has won a silver medal medal.
- It may be mentioned that in the recently held Khelo India Youth Games, Dnyaneshwari Yadav of Chhattisgarh won 164 kg. He had won the gold medal by lifting weights, breaking his old record.
- Earlier, Dnyaneshwari won the 49kg at the Junior World Weightlifting Championships held from May 1 to 10, 2022 in the Heracleon, city of Greece. In the weight category, 156 kg. in snatch, clean and jerk competition. She has become the first woman weightlifter from Chhattisgarh to win 3 silver medals by lifting weights, who has won the silver medal title at the Junior World Championships on foreign soil.
- It may be recalled that the National Khelo India Weightlifting Ranking Senior, Junior and Youth category competition is being held from June 14 to 22, 2022

at Rainbow International School, Nagrota Bagwan in Kangra district of Himachal Pradesh.

Documentry on Rescue Operation of Child Trapped in Borewell

Why in News?

On June 16, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has said that a documentary film should be made on the rescue operation carried out to rescue the child trapped in the borewell of Janjgir-Champa district.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said this while addressing a felicitation function of those who have been instrumental in the operation of those who have been instrumental in the rescue operation of the child trapped in the borewell, including jawans of the district administration, NDRF and SDRF, Army and Police.
- The Chief Minister said that through this documentary film, the experience of the rescue team will be understood by the people of the state and the country. This film will also be a lesson to prevent such incidents in the future.
- Technical team engaged in rescue operation, light, tent, generator, welding machine, gas cutter, machinery labour provider, borewell camera setup operator, drilling, poclain operators, rescue team of SECL and food providers were also felicitated at the event.
- The Chief Minister said that the child Ajrul, who pulled out the child Rahul Sahu from the borewell, and the entire team will be invited to the Rajyotsav and everyone will be felicitated there.
- It is worth mentioning that it is the biggest rescue operation in the country that lasted for 104 hours to rescue the child Rahul Sahu who was trapped in the borewell of village Pihrid in Janjgir-Champa district.

'Jagaar-2022': State Level Awards to Accomplished Craftsmen

Why in News?



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On June 16, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel felicitated the siddhahastha artisans by presenting state level handicraft awards to siddha handicraftsmen and certificates to the weaver students who passed out from IICD Jaipur at the 10-day 'Jagar-2022' fair held at Chhattisgarh Pandri Haat Bazar complex in capital Raipur.

Key Points

- It may be mentioned that the ten-day Jagar Mela, which runs from June 10 to June 19, has 140 stalls for display-cum-sale of various products of artisans and weavers from 12 states, including Chhattisgarh.
- Among the artisans selected for the State level award were Ambalal Jhara, Dhokra Shilpkar (Raigarh), Tilochani Dewangan, Tuma Shilpi (Bastar), Renu Vishwakarma, Paper Meshi Art Shilpi (Raipur), Farharo Prajapati, Godna Shilpi (Sarguja) and Pratima Daharwal, Mural Shilpi (Raipur) were conferred the State Level Handicrafts Award for the year 2019-20.
- Similarly, Jitendra Kumar Baidya, Dhokra Shilkar (Kondagaon) and Chanaibai Jhara, Dhokra Shilpi (Raigarh), Bhagelal Sodi, Iron Craftsman (Kondagaon), Dashrath Kashyap, Wood Craftsman, (Bastar) and Champa Pavle, Godna Shilpi (Sarguja) were conferred the State Level Handicraft Awards for the year 2020-21.
- Rajesh Kumar, Deepak Jhorka, Manoj Kumar and Rajendra were awarded certificates for the year 2020 (Craft Design) 4 years Diploma in Hard Material Application among the students who passed out from IICD Jaipur.
- It is worth mentioning that this Jagar-2022 Mela has been held after two years due to the Corona infection period. In this fair, various products of handicrafts as well as handloom, khadi, village industries, matikala have been put up for sale.
- Out of these stalls, a total of 80 stalls have been allotted for Chhattisgarh. At the same time, artisans from Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Bihar, Rajasthan, Punjab, Haryana, Maharashtra, West Bengal, Delhi and Jammu and Kashmir are displaying their products in 60 stalls.
- The Jagar Mela-cum-Exhibition will co-sell the display of well-known handicrafts bellmetal crafts, iron crafts, wood crafts, bamboo crafts carpet crafts, shishal crafts, tattoo crafts, tuma crafts, terracotta crafts, chhind bronze, kosa sarees in handloom textiles, dupattas,

salwar-suits, dress material, bedsheets, sheets and various types of readymade garments of the State of Chhattisgarh.

The Jagar Mela-2022 is witnessing a collection of crafts from a total of 11 states including Chikankari of Lucknow in Uttar Pradesh, Banarasi Saree of Banaras, Chanderi of Madhya Pradesh, Brans of Maheshwari and Tikamgarh, Jutework of West Bengal, Kanthawork and Bengali sarees, Phoolkari of Punjab, Mojri of Rajasthan and Gujarat, Delhi, Haryana, Maharashtra, Bihar and Jammu and Kashmir.

Chief Minister Launched Works Under Narva Vikas Yojana

Why in News?

On June 17, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel in a virtual programme organized by the Forest Department at his residence office launched the works sanctioned at a cost of Rs.300 crore from CAMPA head in 40 forest divisions of the state in the year 2022-23 under the ambitious programme 'Narva Vikas' run by the state government.

Key Points

- He also transferred an amount of Rs 34 crore 41 lakh to 4.72 thousand collectors of 432 societies as incentive remuneration directly in their bank accounts for the tendu leaf collection work done in the state in the year 2020.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister also inaugurated laboratories set up at Raipur, Bilaspur, Kanker, Jagdalpur and Sarguja for testing the quality of forest produce and products at the forest circle level at the forest circle level. He also launched the works of eco-tourism development at a cost of Rs.5 crore in Mahasamund Forest Division.
- Addressing the function, the Chief Minister said that the Narwa Development Scheme is important to bring greenery in Vananchal and increase the income of the people. Keeping in view its importance, the Narva Development Programme will be given the shape of a campaign.
- The Chief Minister said that during the meeting, information was received that these works in forest areas have led to an increase of about 30 cm in



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water levels, while in plain areas, the water level has increased by about 7 cm.

- He said that the work of Narva development will not only provide water for wildlife and animals and birds in the forest areas, but the cultivators will also be able to take two crops, which will also help in increasing the bio-diversity.
- Referring to the commencement of Mahua (Madhuca Longifolia) collection from the net in some districts, the Chief Minister said that it is benefiting the Mahua collectors well, on the same lines, four Char-Chironji (Cuddapah Almond) will also be collected through the net.
- Forest Minister Mohammad Akbar said that Narva Vikas is a multi-purpose scheme in reviving the sewer including conservation and enrichment of ground water. For this, preparations are also being made to assess the increase in water level and increase in irrigation area due to Narva Development Works.
- The Forest Minister informed that in the interest of the forest dwellers in the State, continuous efforts are being made to provide maximum benefits to the forest dwellers through arrangements ranging from collection of minor forest produce to processing etc. As a result of this, Chhattisgarh tops the country in terms of collection of minor forest produce. At present, about three-fourths of the minor forest produce in the country is collected in Chhattisgarh.

Iron-Fortified Rice may Contain High Amounts of Iron: Report

Why in News?

Releasing a fact-finding report after visiting 11 villages in four districts of Chhattisgarh on June 20, 2022, ASHA (Alliance for Sustainable and Holistic Agriculture) Kavitha Kuruganti said that iron-fortified rice can lead to iron excess.

Key Points

- Releasing the report after visiting 11 villages of five blocks of Bastar, Kondagaon, Surguja and Korba, Kuruganti said Chhattisgarh is self-sufficient in paddy production and also has a decentralized procurement system.
- He said that there is really no basis for large-scale scaling of rice fortification scheme in the state, where

Chhattisgarh is now distributing 25-45 percent of all fortified rice being distributed across the country.

- According to the report, in Kondagaon district, neither the pilot work has been completed, nor has the evaluation been carried out and the results have been kept for public viewing, but it has been extended to 12 districts.
- Sangeeta Sahu of Right to Food Campaign (RTFC) Chhattisgarh said that pilot evaluation can be not only of efficacy but also of safety.
- He said that with the burden of diseases like Sickle Cell Disorder, Thalassemia, Tuberculosis (TB), Chhattisgarh should move out of the Centre's unscientific and risky policy of iron-fortified rice in public schemes.
- Chhattisgarh already has a high disease burden of sickle cell disorders of about 1.5 lakh persons. Thalassemia, Malaria and Tuberculosis are also prevalent in the state.
- He said the state already has some exemplary and unique initiatives such as a holistic, diverse, foodbased 'Suposhan Abhiyan', 'Narwa, Garuwa, Ghuruva and Badi' (NGGB) and 'Godhan Nyaya Yojana', etc.

Professional Boxing Event in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

According to a press release issued by the public relations department of the state government on June 21, 2022, professional boxing with an event titled 'Rumble in the Jungle' in collaboration with the Chhattisgarh government will be held for the first time in Raipur.

Key Points

- The pro-boxing event will be held at Balbir Singh Juneja indoor stadium, Raipur in august, with Olympic medalist Vijender Singh's bout (headline bout) along with other international professional boxers' bouts.
- Significantly, Vijender Singh met Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on June 8 and discussed the possibilities of promoting boxing in Chhattisgarh and urged him to organize a professional boxing event in Chhattisgarh, to which the Chief Minister had agreed.
- Vijender Singh is the first Indian boxer to win an Olympic bronze medal in the year 2008. Vijender



Singh, who became a professional boxer in the year 2015, has won 12 matches including 8 knockouts. 'Rumble in the Jungle' will be his sixth match in India during his professional boxing career.

> The event will be organized by Purple Got Sportion LLP.

Kawardha District Hospital got National Quality Assurance Certificate

Why in News?

Recently, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has awarded National Quality Assurance Certificate (NQAS) to Kabirdham District Hospital of Chhattisgarh for providing better treatment and excellent health facilities to the patients.

Key Points

- With this, Kabirdham has become the 10th district of the state to get the National Quality Certificate. Nine district hospitals of the state - Korba, Jashpur, Raipur, Kanker, Mahasamund, Balodabazar, Mungeli, Narayanpur and Bijapur have already been awarded this certificate by the Government of India.
- After inspection of 12 different departments of Kawardha District Hospital by the team of Union Health Ministry, the health facilities were found to be in conformity with the national standards. The team inspected OPD, Labor Room, Maternity Ward, Pediatric Ward, SNCU, NRC, Operation Theatre, PP Unit, IPD, Blood Bank, Laboratory and General Administration Department there in the last May.
- Under the National Health Mission, Chhattisgarh, the process of internal and state level assessment, service delivery audit and patient satisfaction survey of the institution is done after regular training of health workers to provide excellent health service in the state hospitals and provide better treatment to the patients.
- It is worth mentioning that before awarding the National Quality Assurance Standard certificate, the services and satisfaction level of the district hospital are tested on several parameters by a team of experts from the Union Health Ministry. Only hospitals that meet these stringent standards are issued quality certificates by the Government of India.

Five Laboratories Set up for Quality Testing of 'Chhattisgarh Herbals'

Why in News?

Recently, 5 Quality Testing Laboratories have been set up in the state to ensure the quality of products to be produced under the 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' brand.

Key Points

- It may be mentioned that it was launched at a recent event organized by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. The operation of these laboratories will be carried out by the Chhattisgarh State Small Forest Produce Association.
- At the forest circle level, these laboratories set up at Raipur, Ambikapur, Jagdalpur, Kanker and Bilaspur will primarily issue quality certificates of the products after testing. This will further boost the sale of Chhattisgarh herbals products in the country and outside the country.
- As per the protocol laid down in the laboratory, 65 minor forest produce and 59 medicinal, 46 food,
 7 cosmetic and 22 other products will be tested.
 These will test the products of all district unions and
 Van-Dhan Development Centres falling under the respective circle.
- It is worth mentioning that 8,011 self-help group members are working in the processing of minor forest produce in the state. For marketing of the products produced by them, it is necessary that their quality and components are tested in recognized laboratories from time to time.
- Keeping in view that there were not enough laboratories in Chhattisgarh for testing of minor forest produce, herbal products and herbal medicines, these laboratories have been set up.

Bhuiyan Programme of Chhattisgarh State

Why in News?

On June 23, 2022 Bhuyan Software, a Land Records project run by the Office of the Commissioner of Land Records in Chhattisgarh, has been awarded



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the prestigious IMC Digital Awards, 2021 at a grand ceremony held in Mumbai.

Key Points

- The award has been conferred on the Office of the Commissioner for Excellence in the Government Sector, Commissioner, Land Records and National Informatics Centre.
- It may be mentioned that the Bhuiyan programme has been created to digitize the land records in the state and to make it available to the people in a seamless manner through online medium.
- Bhuiyan software map presents Khasara and its associated land papers online, as well as solves the problem of duplicate registry by integrating the registry of the property.
- In this software, the project has created the log-in ID of key officials of the departments - Revenue, Food, Agriculture, NCPI, Soil Health, Commercial Taxes, Town and Country Planning and Secretaries of many other departments and Collector of the District, SDM, Tahsildar, Revenue Inspector and 3800 More than one bank has been integrated with the land, which can prevent the delivery of duplicate loans on a land and also online entry of loans.

Swami Atmanand Excellent English Medium schools

Why in News?

On June 24, 2022, Chhattisgarh's School Education Minister Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam informed that 76 new Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools are being started in the state by the School Education Department from this academic session. Students will be given admission in these new schools from July 1.

Key Points

Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam informed that on the request of parents and children, Chief Minister Baghel had announced to open 50 more new English medium schools in the state. During the meeting of the assembly constituencies, on the demand of the people, the Chief Minister had announced the opening of 26 more new English medium schools. As per the intention of the Chief Minister and his announcement, 76 new schools are being opened.

- With the opening of 76 new schools, the number of Swami Atmanand Excellent English medium schools in the state will increase from 171 to 247. There are 32 Swami Atmananda Excellent Hindi Medium Schools operating in the state.
- Hindi medium will continue to operate in these schools as before. No fixed number has been fixed for the admission of Hindi medium students. Schools can give admission as per their requirement and capability. Schools can be operated in two shifts as per requirement.

Music and Dance College to open in Raigarh

Why In News?

In the meeting of Chhattisgarh Sanskriti Parishad on June 24, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel directed to prepare a proposal for setting up of a Music and Dance College in Raigarh.

Key Point

- The college will be set up under Indira Sangeet and Kala Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh.
- > Raigarh is known as the cultural city of Chhattisgarh.
- The Raigad gharana is famous for its Kathak dance style and classical music.
- In Raigarh, Raja Chakradhar Singh organized a variety of music, literature and sports during the Ganesh Puja, which are still going on. It is known as 'Chakradhar Ceremony'.

Food Processing and Packaging Lab Inaugurated in Jashpur

Why In News?

On June 27, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the Food Product Processing Laboratory and Packaging Centre Building at food processing and packaging lab located in Ranjita Stadium complex of Jashpur district.

Key Point

The building has been constructed by DMF Fund at a cost of about 22 lakh 72 thousand rupees.



- This is the first high-level lab in the state, in which raw material of various products is processed and sent to C Mart for sale, which is giving good income to the women of the group.
- State-of-the-art machines like Bond Siller, Electromagnetic Cap Siller, Automatic Granule Filling Machine, Tea Bag Filling Machine, Vacuum Packaging, Chyawanprash and Honey Packaging, Sanitizer Filling Machine, BOD Incubator, Laminar Air Flow, Fume Hood, Moisture Analyzer were used to process the products. will go.

Telescope Inaugurated at Sarna Ethnic Resort

Why In News?

On June 27, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel dedicated the telescope at Sarna Ethnic Resort to promote tourism in Jashpur district.

Key Point

- The Chief Minister provided this telescope to the Deshdekha Tourism Women's Self Help Group.
- By whom this telescope will be operated at the tourist spot of Deshdekho, which will provide employment to the local people.
- Along with this, an MoU was signed between startup Jashpur Trippy Hills and Deshdekaha Tourism Committee before the Chief Minister. Jashpur Tourism Circuit was started at the resort site, which will provide information about each tourist destination.
- During this, the Chief Minister launched the 'Johar Jashpur Website' designed to provide information about the tourist spots of the district in the online social media platform. Through the website, people will be able to get online information about the location, approach route and all other necessary information of all the tourist spots of Jashpur.

Chhattisgarh Minor Forest Produce Processing

Why In News?

Recently, chhattisgarh state minor forest produce association and two self-help groups from vandhan vikas kendra bakawand of jagdalpur district and donganala in korba district were given the prestigious grid award. It has been nominated and selected at the E.S.G. World Summit.

Key Point

- It may be recalled that Chhattisgarh has received this award in the categories of sustainable development, poverty alleviation and women empowerment.
- The winners were selected on the basis of an analysis of proposals on stringent test parameters in three phases that lasted about three months.
- The Carp Stage of Singapore and E.s.G. The objective of the Research Foundation is to expand the goals and impacts of E.s.G benchmark development and to establish sustainable development goals set by the United Nations.
- As per the categories of 'Sustainable Development
 Goals' for these awards, nominations were received
 from businessmen from all over the world.
- The Grid Awards ceremony will be held in Singapore on July 22 and 23. 2-2 women members of the winners' Self-Help Groups will be sent to Singapore.
- The women selected from Chhattisgarh include Saroj Patel and Phulbai Neti from Donganala and Padmini Baghel and Bela Bai Kashyap from Bakawand.
- The grid awards ceremony will be attended by delegates from 150 countries, ex-operatives from more than 200 institutions across the world, investors from entrepreneurs' banks, social workers, social organizations, environmentalists, government and other delegates.

Krishna Kunj Will be Inaugurated in August

Why in News?

On June 28, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest and Climate Change Subrata Sahu gave instructions to all the Collectors and Forest Divisional Officers of the state regarding all necessary preparations for the inauguration of 'Krishna Kunj' in the urban bodies in August.

Key Point

Significantly, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has made an announcement regarding the development of



'Krishna Kunj' by planting trees in the urban areas of the state. In the coming August, 'Krishna Kunj' will be inaugurated simultaneously on the scheduled date (on the day of Krishna Janmashtami).

- In all the urban bodies of Chhattisgarh, 'Krishna Kunj' will be developed by planting life useful trees of cultural importance in at least one acre of land.
- These include Mango, Tamarind, Ganga Tamarind, Jamun, Plum, Ganga Ber, Mulberry, Tendu, Char, Pomegranate, Sycamore Catha, Kadamba, Peepal, Neem, Banyan, Acacia, Palash Guava, Cilantro, Bel and Amla species for planting has been included.

Decrease in the Rate of Malaria Infection in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

On June 28, 2022, Special Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, Chhattisgarh cum Director of National Health Mission, Dr. Priyanka Shukla said that along with Bastar, the rate of malaria infection in entire Chhattisgarh has reached the lowest level ever.

Key Points

- The first five phases of the 'Malaria Mukt Chhattisgarh Abhiyan' have shown a massive impact in the Bastar division, which is most affected by malaria in the state. In the entire Bastar division, in the first phase, the malaria positivity rate was recorded at 4.6 percent. At the same time, in the sixth phase, it has come down to only 0.21 percent.
- If we compare the first phase and the sixth phase of 'Malaria Free Chhattisgarh Campaign' in January 2020, the malaria positivity rate in Bastar district is 2.05 percent in the first phase and 0.09 percent in the sixth phase.

- It may be mentioned that in the first phase of malaria free Chhattisgarh campaign, 64 thousand 646 malaria cases were registered. At the same time, only 7 thousand 170 cases have been found in the sixth phase, which are being treated immediately.
- During the sixth phase of this campaign, till now 33 lakh 96 thousand 998 people have been tested for malaria by reaching 7 lakh 6 thousand homes by the health department teams. During this, the patients found positive were started on the spot.
- With the impact of this campaign, which was earlier called the 'Malaria-Free Bastar Campaign', there has been a big reduction in the number of malaria patients found annually per 1,000 population.
- Under the campaign, all the people were tested for malaria with RD kit after reaching door-to-door in the inaccessible, inaccessible and remote areas of Bastar surrounded by dense forests and mountains. Those found positive were given full doses of medicines under the supervision of Mitanin.
- During the campaign, to ensure that every house and every person is checked, stickers are pasted in the houses and marking the toes of the checked people.
- Significantly, the sixth phase of the 'Malaria-Free Chhattisgarh Campaign' to eliminate malaria from Chhattisgarh has been launched from May 17.
 Considering the impact of the campaign, it has been extended to 21 districts of the state.
 - Under this, work is being done on the action plan of activities related to spreading awareness to prevent malaria in the entire Chhattisgarh along with remote forests of Chhattisgarh, in which people are mainly encouraged to use mosquito nets, water stored around houses, drains. Spraying of DDT/burnt oil, important measures to maintain cleanliness and prevent mosquito breeding around the houses are being told.

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