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'National Tribal Dance Festival'

Why in News

- On October 30, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released four books '**Padamuntom Bastar**', '**Salute to Historic Victory**', '**Coffee-Table Book on National Tribal Dance Festival, 2019** and '**Humar Culture, Humar Tihar**' at the closing ceremony of the three-day National Tribal Dance Festival.

Key Points

- '**Padamuntom Bastar**', a work from these books released by the Chief Minister, focuses on the development of Bastar division and the tribes living there.
- The second work '**Salute to Historic Victory**' brings to the fore India's historic victory in the 1971 war, the valor of the soldiers and the leadership and personality of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Late Smt. Indira Priyadarshini Gandhi.
- The memories of the National Tribal Dance Festival, 2019 have been decorated in the form of a '**Coffee-Table Book**' by the Public Relations Department.
- The fourth work, '**Hamar Culture, Hamar Tihar**', presents information about the folk festivals of Chhattisgarh.

Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana and Godhan Nyay Yojana

Why in news

- On November 1, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel made online payment of an amount of Rs 1510 crore 81 lakh to 21 lakh rural farmers of the state under '**Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana**' and '**Godhan Nyay Yojana**' on the occasion of Rajyotsav.

Key Points

- This amount includes Rs 1500 crore of the third installment of Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana and Rs 10 crore 81 lakh as dividend to cow dung vendors, Gothan committees and women self-help groups under **Godhan Nyay Yojana**.
- The Chief Minister said that in the last three years, the farmers of the state have produced paddy in

abundance and the government has also procured ample paddy. The record of buying paddy every year in three years has been broken. This year one crore 5 lakh metric tonnes of paddy is expected to be procured.

- He said that from December 1, the procurement of paddy at support price would start in the state. For the convenience of farmers under Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, the date of registration has been extended till November 10, 2021.
- Agriculture Production Commissioner Dr. Kamalpreet Singh said that with the encouragement of the Chhattisgarh government, farmers have entered the state and the farmers have increased towards the cultivation of Rabi crops. This year, the target is to sow rabi crops in 2 lakh 80 thousand hectares in the Rabi season.

'ZORAN'

Why in news

- On November 1, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the online dashboard of '**Mukhyamantri Slum Health Scheme**' and a gift pack of '**Zoran**', a smart food version of Chhattisgarh's traditional cuisine prepared by women self-help groups, on the occasion of State Foundation Day.

Key Points

- In order to make the Mukhyamantri Slum Health Scheme more accessible to the citizens, the dashboard of the Slum Health Scheme has been launched.
- From the online dashboard of Mukhyamantri Slum Health Scheme, citizens will be able to take advance appointments for free treatment from the comfort of their homes. Also, you will be able to see when the mobile medical unit vehicle is going to arrive in their area.
- The drug prescription and test report of the patients will also be available online on this dashboard. To take advantage of this scheme, citizens will have to register on the online dashboard.
- It is noteworthy that on the special initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, a year ago on November 1, 2020, 'Mukhyamantri Slum Health Scheme' was launched with the aim of providing free and better health facilities to the citizens of the slum areas of the state.

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- Under this scheme, treatment facilities are being provided to the needy people in their locality through 60 mobile medical units in 14 municipal areas. In just one year, through Mukhyamantri Slum Health Scheme, more than 11 lakh citizens have been given free treatment and health benefits have been given to them.
- Under the **Urban Livelihood Mission**, women of self-help groups of Raipur city have prepared millet smart food under the brand name 'Zoran'. 'Zoran' includes 14 smart food products such as Bajra ki Barfi, Darbha Coffee and Ragi Cookies, Bajra and Bastar Cashew Nut Cookies, Millet Pedia, Papchi, Typhari.
- In Chhattisgarh, there is a tradition of giving dishes to the daughter in a jhanpi as a gift at the time of marriage, after which this gift pack has been named 'Zoran'.
- On the occasion of festivals, people will be able to use this gift pack to give gifts to each other. The products made from millet by scientists have been termed as nutritious and smart food.

State Decoration Award, 2021

Why in news

- On November 1, 2021, the Governor of Chhattisgarh Ms. Anusuiya Uike, on the occasion of State Foundation Day, organized at the Science College Ground in the capital Raipur, at the closing ceremony of the state decoration and Rajyotsava to various personalities of Chhattisgarh for their achievements and honored with state decoration awards for contributing to the development of the state.

Key Points

- This time 31 personalities who have done excellent work in different disciplines were honoured.
- The names of the eminent personalities who have been awarded the state decoration awards are as follows-
- Provided by **Tribal Welfare Department**
 - **Shaheed Veernarayan Singh Award** - Janki Prasad Pulast (District- Bilaspur)
 - **Guru Ghasidas Samman** - Puranik Lal Chelak (District- Durg)
 - **Haji Hasan Ali Samman** - Janab Raunak Jamal (District - Durg)

- **Bhanwar Singh Porte Award** - Jango Raitar Social Welfare Committee Chhattisgarh
- Provided by **Home (Police) Department**
 - **Pandit Lakhan Lal Mishra Award** - Kundanlal Gaur (District- Durg)
- Provided by **General Administration Department**
 - **Yeti Yatanlal Samman** - Ramakrishna Mission Ashram Narayanpur
 - **Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla Award** - Ms. Vidya Rajput (District- Raipur)
 - **Maharaja Agrasen** - Ms. K.M. Naidu (District- Bastar)
- Provided by **Department of Sports and Youth Welfare**
 - **Gundhoor Samman** - Kumari Rohini Sahu (District- Bilaspur)
- Provided by **Department of Women and Child Development**
 - **Minimata Samman** - Dr. Ms. Kalpana Deshmukh (District- Durg)
- Provided by **Cooperative Department**
 - **Thakur Pyarelal Samman** - Chhattisgarh State Cooperative Bank Limited, Raipur
- Provided by **Department of Agriculture**
 - **Dr. Khubchand Baghel Award** - Mukesh Chaudhary (District- Raigarh)
- Provided by **Social Welfare Department**
 - **Danveer Bhamashah Samman** - Bhavani Saw Ramlal Saw Dharmada Trust Gandhiward (District- Mungeli)
- Provided by **Department of Fisheries**
 - **Smt. Bilasa Bai Canvteen Fisheries Development Award** - Anil Kumar Sahu (Dist. Durg)
- Provided by **Department of Higher Education**
 - **Sanskrit Bhasha Samman** - Dr. Toyamidhi Vaishnav (District- Raipur)
- Provided by **Department of Labor**
 - **Maharaja Ramanuj Pratap Singhdev Samman** - Prasenjit Saha, V. Janardhan Rao, Ramlal and Deepak Kumar Pandit (NTPC Thermal Power Station Jamnipali Korba)
- Provided by **Department of Village Industries**
 - **Bisahu Das Mahant Award for the year 2018-19** - Sunil Kumar and Rajaram Devangan (District- Janjgir-Champa)
 - **Bisahu Das Mahant Award for the year 2019-20** - Tukaram Devangan and Shriram Devangan (District- Janjgir-Champa)

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- **Rajarajeshwari Karunamata Handloom Incentive Award** - Rajesh Kumar Devangan and Tikaram Devangan (District- Balodabazar Bhatapara)
- Provided by **health department**
- **Dhanwantri Samman** - Dr. K.B Srinivasa Rao (District- Raipur)
- Provided by **Public Relations Department**
- **Chandulal Chandrakar Memorial Journalism Award** - Anbu Sharma (Print Media Hindi) (District- Dantewada) and Anshuman Sharma (Electronic Media Hindi)
- **Madhukar Kher Memorial Journalism Award** - Tikeswar Patel (Print Media English) (District- Raipur)
- **Pt. Madhavrao Sapre National Creativity Award** - Mrinal Pandey (Tikamgarh, Madhya Pradesh)
- Provided by **Law and Legislative Department**
- **Barrister Thakur Chhedilal Samman** - Thakur Bhupendra Pratap Singh (District- Balodabazar) and Kumari Shamim Rehman (District- Raipur)
- Provided by **Department of Culture**
- **Pt. Sunderlal Sharma Award** - Nandkishore Tiwari (District - Bilaspur)
- **Chakradhar Samman** - Prabhanjay Chaturvedi (District- Durg) and Sunil Tiwari (District - Raipur)
- **Dau Mandraji Samman** - Kashiram Sahu (District- Bilaspur) and Rekha Dewar (District - Mungeli)
- **Devdas Banjare Memorial Award**- Hriday Prakash Anant (District - Janjgir-Champa) and Amoldas Tandon (District - Durg) (for the year 2021)
- **Devdas Smriti Panthi Dance Award** - Gaukaran Das Baghel (District - Durg)
- **Kishore Sahu Award** - Manmohan Singh Thakur (District - Raipur)
- **Kishore Sahu National Award** - Apoorva Badgaiyya (Mumbai)

Chhattisgarh Folk Literature Art and Youth Festival

Why in News

- On November 1, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced to organize Chhattisgarh Lok Sahitya Kala and Yuva Mahotsav every year on the lines of tribal festivals to promote Chhattisgarhi art and culture on the occasion of State Foundation Day.

Key Points

- The celebration of this festival will start from January 12, 2022, the birth anniversary of **Swami Vivekananda (National Youth Day)**, which will last for three days.
- In this festival, litterateurs of all folk languages and dialects including Chhattisgarhi, Halbi, Gondi, Kudukh, Sarguji will be provided a big platform, while Pandwani, Bharthari, Sua and Panthi as well as folk artists of ancient dance and dance will also get a platform.

Chhattisgarh Among the Top Five States of the Country in Good Governance

Why in News

- Chhattisgarh has been included in the top five best governance states in the 'Public Affairs Index, 2021' recently released by the Public Affairs Centre.

Key Points

- Chhattisgarh has been ranked fourth in the list of Best Governance States. At the same time, the state has secured the third position in the Sustainability Index.
- According to the Public Affairs Index, 2021, Kerala has topped the list with a score of 1.618. Chhattisgarh has secured the fourth position in the country by scoring 0.872.
- The index is ranked by looking at and evaluating the growth, equity and stability indicators of the states.
- Chhattisgarh ranks third in the Sustainability Index with a score of 0.946. The Sustainability Index ranks states on the basis of access and use of resources. It has an impact on the economy, environment and mankind.
- The Public Affairs Index, 2021 highlights the quality governance of the State Government and the State Government's involvement in particular in containing the COVID-19.

Bhopal-Raipur- Bhopal Flight Started

Why in News

- On November 2, 2021, Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia flagged off the first direct flight

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of Indigo Airlines on Bhopal-Raipur route at Raja Bhoj Airport in Bhopal.

Key Points

- Rakesh Ranjan Sahai, director of Raipur's Swami Vivekananda Airport, said the flight would operate three days a week- Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
- The flight from Bhopal will leave at 10.15 am and will reach Raipur at 12 noon. The flight will leave from Raipur at 12.20 pm and will reach Bhopal at 1.35 pm.
- 59 passengers left from Bhopal and 63 from Raipur on the first day.

Jhiram Valley Inquiry Commission

Why in News

- The report of the Jhiram Valley Inquiry Commission was submitted to Governor Ms. Anusuiya Uikey on November 6, 2021. This report was submitted by the Secretary of the Commission and Registrar (Judicial) of Chhattisgarh High Court, Santosh Kumar Tiwari. Controversy has also started over the submission of the report to the Governor.

Key Points

- This commission was constituted under the chairmanship of former Chhattisgarh High Court judge Prashant Kumar Mishra. Mishra was also the Acting Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court and is currently the Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court.
- This report has been prepared in 10 volumes and 4,184 pages.
- The Jhiram Ghati incident happened on May 25, 2013. The commission was constituted on 28 May 2013 to investigate this incident. The commission has submitted its report to the Governor after 8 years.
- Although controversy has started over the Commission of Inquiry giving the report directly to the Governor instead of the State Government, experts say that usually the Commission should have submitted the report to the Home Department, so that it can be presented in the House by the Government.
- The Congress objected to the manner in which the report was submitted, saying that whenever a judicial

commission is constituted, the commission submits its report to the government.

- It is noteworthy that on May 25, 2013, Naxalites attacked the convoy of Parivartan Yatra of the then Congress in Jhiram Valley of Bastar. In this attack, about 32 other people including MLA and former state president **Nandkumar Patel**, former minister and leader of opposition **Mahendra Karma** were martyred. Former Union Minister **Vidyacharan Shukla** was seriously injured in this incident, who later died during treatment.

Record Production at Hasdeo Bango Hydroelectric Power Station

Why in News

- On November 6, 2021, official sources of Chhattisgarh State Electricity Generation Company said that Hasdeo Bango Hydroelectric Power Station has set the record of producing a maximum 90.10 million units of electricity in the month of October.

Key Points

- This is the record for the highest ever production during a month. Power generation in October stood at 100.92 percent Capacity Utilization Factor (CUF). During this, 100% Plant Availability Factor (PAF) with zero tripping was achieved.
- It is noteworthy that before this, Hasdeo Bango Hydropower House had set a record of 87.743 million units of electricity generation in August 2020. The CUF during this period was 98.278 percent.
- Power Generation Companies Bango Hydroelectric Power Station has a total generation capacity of 120 MW. In this three units of 40-40 MW are functional.

Madan Singh Chauhan Received Padma Shri Award

Why in News

- On November 8, 2021 President Ram Nath Kovind honored Sufi singer and musician Madan Singh Chauhan from Chhattisgarh with Padma Shri at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

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Key Points

- Madan Singh Chauhan has been awarded the Padma Shri award in the field of arts for the year 2020.
- It is worth noting that a total of 141 people were selected for the Padma Awards for the year 2020, out of which 7 people were selected for Padma Vibhushan, 16 for Padma Bhushan and 118 for Padma Shri.
- These Padma Awards for the year 2020 could not be conferred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which were presented at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on November 8, 2021.

C-Mart

Why in News

- On November 9, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel directed the Industries Department to establish C-Mart like a modern showroom in the cities, taking a new initiative to connect the finished products in the villages with the market of cities for the rapid development of the rural economy.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister set up modern showrooms in cities for commercial marketing of the products manufactured by women self-help groups, craftsmen, weavers, artisans, potters and other traditional and cottage industries under the schemes of various departments of the state government to ensure proper price. Instructions have been given to set up C-Mart like this.
- With the establishment of C-Mart, all these categories of entrepreneurs will get maximum benefit.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that in the first phase, in the first phase, C-marts should be established in all the district headquarters in the form of modern showrooms in 8 to 10 thousand square feet in the case of municipal corporations and 6 to 8 thousand square feet in the case of municipalities.
- For this, he has given instructions to use any government building available at present. He said that in places where suitable building is not available, land should be allotted to the Collector, Industries Department or Forest Department as per requirement in a good location.
- The Chief Minister has asked to utilize the departmental funds of various schemes, CSIDC or Minor Forest Produce Association funds for the upgradation of the

buildings available for C-Mart or for the construction of new buildings.

- The Chief Minister has given instructions to make arrangements for marketing of these items by Laghu Vanopaj Sangh like the products of 'Chhattisgarh Herbals'. At the same time, he has asked the district collectors to coordinate with the Managing Director, Small Forest Produce Association for processing, packaging, branding and marketing of all other traditional products manufactured by women's groups.

Padma Shri to Panthi Dancer Dr. Radheshyam Barle

Why in News

- On November 9, 2021, President Ram Nath Kovind presented the Padma Shri award to Dr. Radheshyam Barle, a well-known cult dancer of Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- Dr. Barle has been given this honor for the year 2021.
- On November 8, 2021, the famous musician Madan Singh Chauhan of Chhattisgarh was awarded the Padma Shri for the year 2020.
- Dr. Radheshyam Barle is taking the message of Baba Guru Ghasidas ji to the people through Panthi dance. He has made the country proud not only of Chhattisgarh state but also with his art.
- Dr. Barle was born on October 9, 1966 in village Khola in Patan tehsil of Durg district. He has done MBBS as well as Diploma in Folk Music from Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya. Dr. Barle has been honored with many awards for his art practice in the past as well.
- Dr. Radheshyam Barle is a registered folk artist of the Regional Public Relations Office, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Raipur.

4G Mobile Towers in Bastar District

Why in News

- Recently, as part of the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' ceremony, the foundation stone laying ceremony was organized for installation of a 4G mobile tower in Sadrabodenar village of Naxal-affected Bastar district of Chhattisgarh.

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- RK Garhwal, Deputy Director General (Compliance), DoT, Chhattisgarh laid the foundation stone of 4G mobile tower as part of a project of Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) of DoT.
- Under the **Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)** project of the Department of Telecommunications, a total of 971 towers will be installed in 14 Naxal-affected districts of Chhattisgarh at a cost of Rs 848 crore.
- The commissioning of 4G enabled mobile towers will increase broadband penetration and provide coverage to many villages and help bridge the digital divide. Also, mobile coverage in these Naxal-affected areas can prove to be a game changer in tackling Left Wing Extremism.

Website for Tracking Students**Why in News**

- On November 11, 2021, Tribal and Scheduled Caste Development Minister Dr. Prem Sai Singh Tekam created a website <http://eklavya.cg.nic.in/> launched.

Key Points

- This website has been **developed jointly by the Department of Tribal and Scheduled Castes and NIC.**
- Through tracking information about what the children who have studied before 5 years from **Prayas Residential School and Eklavya Adarsh Residential School** are currently doing (government, non-government job or doing their own business or other work), information will be obtained.
- Eklavya Adarsh Residential Schools are run by Chhattisgarh State Level Tribal Welfare Residential and Ashram Educational Institute Committee, Raipur, constituted by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India to run **Eklavya schools** in the state.

National Award for Chhattisgarh for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities**Why in News**

- On November 12, 2021, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities under the Union

Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment announced the winners of the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities for the year 2020. Chhattisgarh received National Award in three categories.

Key Points

- This award will be presented to Chhattisgarh on the occasion of **International Day of Disability** on 3rd December in New Delhi.
- The Bell Press, run by the Social Welfare Department in Bilaspur, has been selected in the category of Best Braille Press for the National Award.
- Naya Raipur has been selected in the category of local body for excellent work in creating a barrier-free environment for disabled persons. For this, Atal Nagar Vikas Pradhikaran will be honored with the National Award.
- Similarly, in the category of Best Employer and Placement Officer/Agency for Self Employed with Divyangjan, Nook Tea Cafe Ventures LLP of Samta Colony Raipur has been selected as Best Employer for Private or Non-Government Organization or Office.

Chhattisgarh's Excellent Performance in Cleanliness Competition**Why in News**

- Recently, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India has informed the state of Chhattisgarh that this year, Chhattisgarh has again performed its best in the field of cleanliness while maintaining its status of the cleanest state in the country. In the year 2019 and 2020 also, Chhattisgarh was the leading state in terms of cleanliness.

Key Points

- Chhattisgarh will be rewarded in the category of cleanest states of India by President Ram Nath Kovind in the Swachh Amrit Mahotsav organized under the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on the 75th anniversary of independence.
- Chhattisgarh has also won this time in the world's biggest cleanliness competition organized by the

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Government of India. Chhattisgarh will not only be rewarded as a state but 61 cities here will also be rewarded for their excellent performance. Chhattisgarh will be the state whose highest number of bodies will be rewarded.

- Apart from this, Chhattisgarh has been declared as the first ODF plus state of the country by the Government of India.
- Swachh Survekshan is organized every year among all the cities and states of the country by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India. In this, urban cleanliness is assessed under various parameters.
- Mainly, door-to-door garbage collection, scientific disposal of waste, open defecation free city, garbage free city etc. through third party assessment, feedback of citizens are also included in this. On this basis, by releasing the ranking of states and cities, the best performing states and cities are rewarded.

Chhattisgarh Tribal Craft Fair

Why in News

- On November 15, 2021, Chhattisgarh's Tribal and Scheduled Caste Development Minister Dr. Premsai Tekam inaugurated a three-day state level Tribal Craft Mela at Haat Bazar Pandri, Raipur on the birth anniversary of Veer Jannayak Birsa Munda.

Key Points

- Tribal Craft Fair is being organized by Tribal Research and Training, Nava Raipur in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India from 15 to 17 November.
- The purpose of organizing the Tribal Craft Mela is to preserve, promote and promote tribal craftsmanship and to disseminate tribal skills among the general public.
- Minister Dr Tekam said that tribal folk artists would get an opportunity to showcase their skills and craftsmen would get an opportunity to sell their products in the fair. Various cultural groups will perform on stage here every day, in which they will also get an opportunity to exchange their cultural ideas.

Toll Free Child Helpline Number

Why in News

- On November 15, 2021, Chhattisgarh launched a toll free child helpline number 1800-123-6010 at an event on child protection organized by the Crime Research Department, Police Headquarters and UNICEF.

Key Points

- On this occasion a booklet on juvenile delinquency was released and police officers who did excellent work in child protection were felicitated.
- Nine videos based on child safety were shown on the occasion. Painting and painting competition was also organized.
- It is noteworthy that to mark Children's Day, a statewide 'Child Safety Week' has been started. It aims to make parents and citizens aware of the need to protect and encourage children.
- Under this, an intensive campaign will be launched against child labor and begging. And while rescuing the victims children, strict legal action will be taken against the culprits.

'Plant Genome Savior Award'

Why in News

- On November 19, 2021, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar honored four farmers of Chhattisgarh with 'Plant Genome Savior Award' for conservation of traditional varieties of plants.

Key Points

- Awarded farmers include Linguram Thakur (Bijapur), Deendayal Yadav (Janjgir-Champa), Hetram Devangan (Janjgir-Champa) and Sanjay Prakash Choudhary (Balod).
- Along with the award, the Agriculture Minister presented Rs 1.50 lakh in cash and a citation to these farmers.
- Farmer Linguram Thakur has played an important role in preserving and promoting the endangered species of paddy in tribal dominated areas.
- Deendayal Yadav was awarded for conservation and promotion of 36 traditional varieties of vegetables,

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while Hetram Devangan was awarded for conservation and promotion of indigenous varieties of Sai Bitter gourd and Sai Gourd.

- Sanjay Prakash Chaudhary was honored for conservation of Arkar Dubraj (Paddy) by using innovative experiments for organic farming using traditional knowledge. They do organic farming of 11 traditional varieties of paddy, which are known for their aroma and taste in an organic way.
- This award is given every year by the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights Authority, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare to farmers for saving and promoting the production of those varieties.

Chhattisgarh Got the Cleanest State Award

Why in News

- On November 20, 2021, Chhattisgarh was awarded the cleanest state in a program organized by President Ram Nath Kovind at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel received this award on behalf of Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- The event was organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India as part of the Swachh Bharat Mission-Urban 2.0.
- Swachh Survekshan is conducted every year among all the cities and states of the country by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India. In this, various criteria have been prescribed for assessment.
- These mainly include categories like door-to-door garbage collection, scientific disposal of waste, open defecation free cities, garbage free cities. Ranking is given on the basis of these parameters and on the basis of ranking the performance of cities and states is decided. The city and state that excel is rewarded on the basis of its category.
- After the year 2019 and 2020, for the third time in a row, Chhattisgarh has achieved the distinction of being the topper in cleanliness. In the category of Safai Mitra Safety Challenge-2021, the Best Performing State award went to Chhattisgarh. At the same time, out of 239 awards given in different categories, a maximum of 67 bodies received awards.

- 67 bodies of Chhattisgarh received awards in different categories. These include Ambikapur as Self Sustainable Small City (category II in one lakh to three lakh population), Faster Mover State Capital in Raipur, Cleanest City in Bhilai-Charoda (category first in 50 thousand to one lakh population), Innovation and Best Practices in Birgaon. (Category 4th place in population from 50 thousand to one lakh).
- The cities have also been placed in three and five star categories (3 and 5 star category) based on the ranking during the cleanliness survey. In this, two cities of Chhattisgarh-Ambikapur and Patan have been included in the five-star category, while 44 other cities have been given 3-star ranking.

CG Camp Portal

Why in News

- On November 22, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the CG Camp Portal before the cabinet meeting at his residence office. This portal is an online advanced platform for monitoring the priority schemes of the state government.

Key Points

- In this portal, online monitoring will be done mainly for the top priority schemes like Godhan Nyay Yojana, Mukhyamantri Haat Bazaar Clinic Yojna, Chief Minister Suposhan Abhiyan, CG E District, Chief Minister Urban Slum Health Scheme etc.
- Through the CG Camp Portal, the progress of priority schemes of any district for different time periods, comparative assessment of the progress of the districts can be done.
- With this, information on major schemes of the state will be available on real time in a unified dashboard. Through this, the work of implementation and monitoring of schemes will be done.
- **Jan Grievance Portal** has been prepared for redressal of grievances of the general public. Any person can register his complaint online on the Jan Grievance Portal.
- District wise, department wise information will be available on the dashboard for information, diagnosis and monitoring of complaints.

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Chirag Project

Why in News

- On November 24, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the 'Chirag Project', to be operated with the assistance of the World Bank, at a cost of about Rs.1735

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced to name the Government Women's Polytechnic Dharampura after Dharamu Mahara and Bastar High School after Jagtu Mahara. Along with this, he announced the construction of a grand community hall in the name of Jagtu Mahara.
- He said that the 'Chirag Project' would be implemented in 14 districts including Bastar and Surguja divisions of Chhattisgarh. Through this project, new and developed methods of development in the agriculture sector will be promoted.
- The Chief Minister said that the **main objective of the Chirag project is to provide maximum benefits to the farmers by improving the nutritional diet, value addition of agriculture and other products** according to climate change, from the perspective of improved agriculture, good health.
- Under the project, in addition to small grain crops, integrated agriculture, promotion of organic farming, ground water enrichment, horticulture crops, horticulture development, improved fisheries, animal husbandry and milk production, the work has been done to earn more income by adding value to the farmers' produce. Apart from this, efforts will also be made for market availability for various agricultural products.
- The implementation of the project will be done by keeping the **Gothans** of the State Government's **Suraji Yojana** at the center.
- For this project, the World Bank and the United Nations Organization for Agricultural Development, IFAD, have given financial assistance. 730 crore by World Bank, Rs. 486.69 crore by IFAD for this project. The state government has provided 30 percent of the total amount (Rs. 518.68 crore) of this project from its state fund.
- The Chirag project will be implemented in tribal development blocks of Bastar, Bijapur, Dantewada,

Kanker, Kondagaon, Narayanpur, Sukma, Mungeli, Balodabazar, Balrampur, Jashpur, Koriya, Surajpur and Surguja districts.

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also visited the stalls (Krishi Mela) set up by the Agriculture and Allied Departments in the program organized in the Agricultural College campus and met the progressive farmers here.
- He also distributed beneficiary oriented material under various schemes during this period.
- Krishi Vigyan Kendra-Indira Gandhi Agricultural University at the Krishi Mela brought threshing machine, small grain crop sowing machine, plough, weeder, kodo weeder, paddy weeder, cycle wheel, Bastar agricultural product display, various varieties of small grain crops, Cashew processing center etc. were demonstrated.
- Fisheries Department, Coconut Development Board, Chhattisgarh State Rural Livelihood Mission (Bihan) in Krishi Madai, Harihar Bazaar, Danex, Livestock Development Department, Horticulture Department, Agriculture Development and Agriculture Welfare and Biotechnology Department exhibited various products, agricultural machinery Gaya.

Chief Minister Launched the Facility of Wellness Tourism

Why In News?

- On November 24, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel also formally launched Wellness Tourism on the occasion of the launch of Think Bee Start Up Center in Jagdalpur. Guidance and counseling will also be given to tourists for a healthy lifestyle under wellness tourism. Tips for physical, mental and spiritual health will also be taught.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that tourists from all over the country and abroad would be attracted to visit the Bastar region through wellness tourism. Apart from promoting tourism in the region, people will also get a source of income.
- He distributed Arogyam Yoga Kit to the members of the Tourism Committee on this occasion. Yoga Kit includes Yoga Mat, Aromatic Oils, Incense sticks,

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Music System, Curry, Thermal Scanner, Induction Cooker, Diffuser, Gloves etc.

- It is worth mentioning that in order to attract the tourists and to provide them all possible facilities, new experiments are being done continuously by the district administration Bastar. Under this series, facilities for wellness tourism are being made available at the main tourist places in Bastar for the tourists.
- Wellness tourism will be operated by the local tourism societies with the help of qualified and trained trainers, which will also generate substantial income for the local villagers.

Sustainable Development Goals Urban Index released by NITI Aayog: Raipur Urban Area Front Runner

Why in News

- Recently, Raipur urban area of Chhattisgarh state has been placed in the category of 'Front Runner' in the 'Sustainable Development Target Urban Index' released by NITI Aayog.

Key Points

- For the first time, the urban index has been released under such a sustainable development goal by NITI Aayog.
- In the index, 56 urban areas of the country have been ranked on the basis of progress achieved in 77 indices, in which Shimla is on the first rank with the highest score of 75.5. Raipur has secured 20th rank by securing 67.36 marks.
- According to the information received from the Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission, the score and rank of Raipur city in this index is better than many big and major cities like- Mumbai, Kolkata, Hyderabad, Bhubaneshwar, Lucknow, Prayagraj, Ranchi, Indore.
- The United Nations has set 17 SDG goals to ensure sustainable development. Countries and states are committed to fulfilling the objectives of SDGs.
- In the 'Sustainable Development Goals Urban Index', Raipur city has been ranked as SDG. The highest score was 86 in Goal 12 (Responsible Production and Consumption), 79 in Goal 4 (Quality Education) and Goal 6 (Clean Water and Sanitation).

- Also in Goal 7 (Affordable and Clean Energy), Goal 9 (Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure), Goal 11 (Sustainable Cities and Communities), Goal 13 (Climate Action) and Goal 16 (Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions). Good score has been received, due to which Raipur has been placed in the category of 'Front Runner'.

Chhattisgarh Ranks First in the Country in the Field of Environmental Improvement

Why in News

- According to the recently published report of India Today magazine, Chhattisgarh ranks first in the field of environmental improvement in the year 2021, achieving great success in the direction of management of air, water pollution, solid waste and conservation and promotion of forests.

Key Points

- According to the published report, the state of Chhattisgarh is ranked first in the year 2021, being 17th in the year 2018, 6th in the year 2019 and second in the year 2020. Similarly, according to the India State of the Forest report, there has been an increase in the forest cover of the state.
- The state of Chhattisgarh is full of minerals like iron, coal, dolomite, due to which mineral based industries have expanded in the state. With the establishment of these industries, while the income of the people of the area has also increased, on the other hand the challenges of air pollution, water pollution and solid best management are also being met.
- To check the air quality in the atmosphere, 18 air quality stations have been set up by the state government.
- Micro action plans have been prepared under the National Clean Air Program in the three major municipal corporations most affected by air pollution - Raipur, Bhilai, Korba. The amount of sulfur in the air has come down to 37 percent. It was 26.02 micrograms in 2016, which decreased to 16.34 micrograms in 2020.
- Similarly, the daily nitrogen dioxide concentration has also decreased by 17 percent. It has come down from 24.11 micrograms to 19.88 micrograms.

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- Similarly, under the Water Quality Monitoring Program, the state government has set up 27 stations to check the quality of water in 7 major rivers of the state. In these, the water of 5 major rivers- Kharoon, Mahanadi, Hasdeo, Kelo and Shivnath has been found potable. Apart from this, 10 stations are being built to check the quality of water.
- Out of about 28.8 million population of Chhattisgarh, 6 million people live in urban areas. About one thousand 650 tonnes of solid waste is collected daily from urban areas. The Mission Clean City program is being run by the state government in the entire state.
- Decentralized waste segregation and recycling model is being successfully implemented in Ambikapur. In Balodabazar district also, separate facilities have been developed for the disposal of harmful waste. Similarly, 4 units are also proposed for the disposal of biomedical waste.
- Recently, the President has honored Chhattisgarh as the best cleanest state in the country. Chhattisgarh ranks first in terms of cleanliness in the country for three consecutive years.
- The state of Chhattisgarh is covered with 44% forests, this is also helping to reduce the effects of greenhouses, while plantation has been made mandatory by the government in 30 percent of the industrial area.

National Gopal Ratna Award

Why in News

- On November 26, 2021, Union Minister for Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Purushottam Rupala honored Madhuri Jangle, a Chhattisgarh animal husbandry and artificial insemination technician Dularu Ram Sahu, working in the Livestock Development Department, with the prestigious National Gopal Ratna Award.

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- These awards were presented by the **National Milk Development Board** and the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries at a program organized in Anand, Gujarat on the birth centenary of Late Verghese Kurien, father of White Revolution in India and National Milk Day.
- This award is given to selected persons by the Ministry of Animal Husbandry, Dairying and Fisheries, Government

of India for their excellent work in animal husbandry and livestock development.

- Dularu Ram Sahu, an artificial insemination technician of village Mura in Kurud block of Dhamtari district, has received the second prize of Rs.3 lakh in the category of best insemination technician. Similarly, Madhuri Jangle, a cattle breeder of village Sandi of Huikhadan development block of Rajnandgaon district, got the third prize of Rs. 2 lakh in the best indigenous breed farmer category.

'Mahatma Phule Samta Award'

Why in News

- On November 28, 2021, on the occasion of Mahatma Phule's 131st death anniversary (Samata Divas), Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel was honored with '**Mahatma Phule Samta Puraskar**' at a function organized at Mahatma Phule Memorial Samta Bhoomi, Pune.

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- In this function organized by All India Mahatma Phule Samta Parishad, National President of the Council Chhagan Bhujbal honored Chief Minister Baghel with a Phule turban, honorary shawl, Samman Nidhi and memento.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel was awarded this year's Mahatma Phule Samta Award for his extraordinary decisions and important works towards providing justice to the deprived sections of the society during his tenure.
- A copy of Jyotiba Phule's book '**Kisan Ka Koda**' was also presented to the Chief Minister at the award ceremony.
- On the occasion of Samta Diwas, All India Mahatma Phule Samta Parishad presents '**Mahatma Phule Samta Puraskar**' to celebrities for their remarkable contribution in various fields including politics, literature and journalism.

Nagri Dubraj Got GI Tag

Why in News

- In the meeting of the Geographical Indication Committee held at Gwalior on November 29, 2021, approval was given to give GI tag to the 'Nagri Dubraj'

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variety of paddy in Dhamtari development block of Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- 'Nagri Dubraj' is the second crop of the state of Chhattisgarh, which has got the Geographical Indication Registry tag, i.e. GI tag. Prior to this, the state has got a GI tag for the variety of cumin flower paddy.
- Nagari Dubraj is also called Basmati in Chhattisgarh, because this rice is used as a fragrant rice in traditional banquet programs of Chhattisgarh.
- The origin of the city Dubraj is believed to be from the Shringi Rishi Ashram area of Sihawa. It is also described in Valmiki Ramayana. In various research papers also, the source of Dubraj has been told to the city Sihawa.
- The rice coming out of the city of Dubraj is very fragrant. It is a completely indigenous variety and has small grains. Its rice is very soft to eat after cooking. One acre gives a maximum yield of six quintals. Paddy has a low height and maturity period of 125 days.
- According to the **World Intellectual Property Organization** (WIPO), a Geographical Indication Tag is a type of label that gives a specific geographical identity to a particular crop, natural or artificial product. It is considered a right of intellectual property.
- The Indian Parliament had implemented 'Geographical Indications of Goods' in 1999 under the Registration and Protection Act. On this basis, the legal right of a specific item found in any area of India is given to that state, person or organization etc.



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