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## Model Rural Health Research Unit (MRHRU)

### Why in News

- On September 30, 2021, **Chhattisgarh Medical Services Corporation (CGMSC)** and **Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)** signed an **MoU for setting up a Model Rural Health Research Unit (MRHRU)** at Jheet Community Health Center in **Durg district of Chhattisgarh**.

### Key Points

- The MoU was signed by **Kartikya Goel**, Managing Director, CGMSC on behalf of the State Government and **Dr. Arup Das**, Director, National Tribal Health Research Institute (NTHRI), Jabalpur on behalf of ICMR.
- Under this, MRHRU will assist medical staff in **diagnosis, monitoring, research and training of diseases**.
- This model rural health research unit will be set up in 11,000 square feet with an **investment of Rs 2 crore**.
- **Chhattisgarh Health Minister T.S. Singh Deo** said that till now samples of vector-borne diseases were sent to Jabalpur and other states for testing. Now this facility will be available in the state itself.

## Minor Forest Produce

### Why in News

- On October 5, 2021, the **Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association** signed a contract with the **Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)** to improve the collection of minor forest produce in the state.

### Key Points

- Under this contract, **institutes of Indian Council of Agricultural Research will provide latest equipment and technical guidance** to Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association for collection, storage and processing.
- The use of the latest equipment and technology available under the agreement will reduce the labor of the people engaged in the collection of minor forest produce and will ensure improved collection.
  - Along with this, new products will be included in **'Chhattisgarh Herbals'** with ease in cleaning,

sorting, warehousing of forest produce with the use of new technology and production capacity of Van Dhan Kendras will also increase.

- Apart from this, with the use of technology available from various ICAR institutions, **collectors and self-help groups get more income**, increased dividends and social welfare schemes run by Chhattisgarh Minor Forest Produce Association, such as social security, insurance, scholarship etc. will get more benefits.
- It is noteworthy that earlier Chhattisgarh **State Minor Forest Produce Association has signed an agreement with Indian Millet Research Institute (IIMR)** for better **processing work of Kodo-Kutki and Ragi**.
- This agreement is **an important step taken by the state government towards the betterment of minor forest produce collectors, tribals and other traditional forest dwellers families** in Chhattisgarh.
- It is noteworthy that **ICAR is an autonomous organization working under Agricultural Research and Education under the Ministry of Agriculture and Agriculture Welfare, Government of India**. It is the **apex body in the country to coordinate and guide in agriculture, horticulture, fisheries and animal science**.

## Ram Van Gaman Tourist Circuit

### Why in News

- On October 7, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the **first phase of the Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit project in Chhattisgarh to develop the places related to the exile period of Lord Shri Ram as a world-class tourist destination**.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the renovation and beautification work of **Mata Kaushalya temple complex at Chandkhuri** and unveiled a **51 feet high statue of Lord Shri Ram** through light.
- It is worth mentioning that the work of renovation and beautification of Kaushalya Mata Temple is being done at a cost of Rs 15 crore 45 lakh.
- It is noteworthy that Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit of **about 2260 km** is being developed **from Harchowka in Sitamarhi of Korea district to Ramaram in Sukma**.
- Chhattisgarh has its own identity in the whole world as the **maternal grandmother home of Lord Shri Ram**. In this tourism circuit, Lord Shri Ram will be seen step

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by step from Korea district to Sukma and the stories of importance related to him will be seen and heard.

- **Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit Project** includes Sitamarhi Harchowka (Koriya), Ramgarh (Surguja), Shivrinarayan (Janjgir-Champa), Turturiya (Balodabazar), Chandkhuri (Raipur), Rajim (Gariaband), Sihawa Saptarishi Ashram (Dhamtari), Jagdalpur (Bastar) and Ramaram (Sukma) are being developed at a cost of Rs.133 crore 55 lakh from the point of view of tourism.
- Through this tourism circuit, not only rural tourism will get a boost in the state, but **new global tourism opportunities will increase.**

## Fourth Tiger Reserve in Chhattisgarh

### Why in News

- Recently the '**National Tiger Conservation Authority**' (NTCA) approved the proposal of Chhattisgarh government to declare the combined areas of **Guru Ghasidas National Park** and **Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary** as **Tiger Reserve.**

### Key Points

- Situated in the northern part of Chhattisgarh bordering Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand, this new tiger reserve will be the **fourth tiger reserve of Chhattisgarh** after **Udanti-Sitanadi, Achanakmar and Indravati Tiger Reserves.**
- The proposal was considered by the 11<sup>th</sup> Technical Committee of NTCA on September 1 and approved a month later under Section 38K(1) of the **Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.**
- The **Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary was identified in 2011** as part of the **Surguja Jashpur Elephant Reserve.** **Guru Ghasidas National Park was part of the Sanjay National Park** in undivided Madhya Pradesh. Both have been in line to be notified as Tiger Reserves since 2011.
- The **constituent units of the new Tiger Reserve are Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary** spread over 1,44,000 hectares (1,440 sq km) and 60,850 hectares (608.5 sq km) respectively.
- **Guru Ghasidas National Park is in Koriya district,** while **Tamor Pingla Wildlife Sanctuary is in Surajpur district** in the north-west corner of Chhattisgarh.

- **Guru Ghasidas National Park was the last known habitat of Asiatic cheetahs in the country. Originally part of the Sanjay Dubri National Park,** Guru Ghasidas National Park was created as a **separate entity in the Surguja region of Chhattisgarh after the formation of the state in 2001.**
- Wildlife experts and activists in the state believe it is important to convert Guru Ghasidas National Park into a tiger reserve, as it connects Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh and provides a corridor for movement of tigers between Bandhavgarh and Palamu Tiger Reserves.

## PM inaugurates PSA Oxygen Plant at Ambedkar Hospital

### Why in News

- On October 7, 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated a Pressure Swing Adsorption (PSA) Oxygen Plant at Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Medical College, set up under the **PM Cares Fund,** in Raipur.

### Key Points

- Prime Minister Modi inaugurated 35 PSA Oxygen Plants installed in 35 states and union territories through virtual medium at an event organized at All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Rishikesh, Uttarakhand.
- This plant **can produce 960 liters of oxygen in a minute.**
- The medical college has an oxygen plant with a production capacity of 1,450 liters per minute jointly set up by the state government and the **National Health Mission.**
- With both the plants functional, the hospital will have an operational facility of 500 oxygen cylinders to meet the daily requirement of oxygen.

## IGAU's Innovations to be Used in Rural Industrial Park

### Why in News

- On October 8, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the innovations of **Indira Gandhi Agricultural University (IGAU)** would be used in **rural industrial parks being set up in villages to develop technology for processing agricultural products.**

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### Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that the innovations of IGKU would help in the processing of agricultural and **minor forest produce** products. He said the state government is working towards making villages self-reliant as per **Mahatma Gandhi's vision of 'Gram Swaraj'**.
- During this, Chief Minister Baghel also inaugurated a Krishi Vigyan Kendra building, an **Akti Biodiversity Museum** and a Knowledge Center building in the IGAU campus.
- Along with this, he also launched seeds of improved varieties of eight crops including paddy, soybean, maize and raspberry and also inaugurated the technology for separation of protein and glucose from rice developed by the university.
- It is worth mentioning that **Chhattisgarh has consistently topped the country for the last two years in terms of collection of minor forest produce**. According to the data released by '**The Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India (TRIFED)**', Minor forest produce (2,77,958 quintals) worth Rs. 80.12 crore has been procured in the state in the first quarter (month April to June) of the current financial year, which is 88.36% of the total collected minor forest produce for Rs. 93 crore during this period in the country.

## 'No Alcohol Week'

### Why in News

- On the occasion of the 152<sup>nd</sup> birth anniversary of **Mahatma Gandhi**, 'No Alcohol Week' (from October 2 to 8, 2021) was organized by the state's Social Welfare Department. During this, various programs were organized across the state to make people aware about the ill effects of drug abuse.

### Key Points

- It was launched by **Social Welfare Minister Anila Bhediya** by flagging off the drug de-addiction rath (chariot) in Balod district under the **Bharat Mata Vahini Yojana**. Along with this, awareness raths were flagged off by the collectors in various districts.
- Seminars and essay writing, rangoli-painting competitions were organized in schools and colleges on the topic of drug eradication, in which students enthusiastically participated.

- Along with this, through seminars and awareness rallies, people were explained that alcohol intoxication harms a person physically and mentally.
- By organizing yoga camps through the Yoga Commission, people were informed about the health problems caused due to alcohol intoxication and it was explained that life can be made balanced and healthy through yoga.
- Under the liquor de-addiction campaign, these chariots will travel from village to village to create public awareness for drug de-addiction. An awareness rally was also taken out by the women of Bharat Mata Vahini Dal on this occasion.

## Chhattisgarh Ranks Fourth in Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana

### Why in News

- According to the data provided on the website of **Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana**, **Chhattisgarh ranks fourth** in the country, while **Tamil Nadu ranks first** in the implementation of this scheme.

### Key Points

- According to the data (till October 9, 2021) 2314 Gram Panchayats have been selected under the scheme and out of the planned 82,918 projects of rural development, 53,352 projects and activities have been completed, while work on 6,416 village development projects is in progress.
- On the other hand, work has not started on 23,110 projects and activities of rural development under the scheme, which is a little more than one-fourth (28 percent) of the total works. Out of 2,314 gram panchayats selected for the scheme 1,717 gram panchayats have uploaded the details of the village development project on the portal.
- According to the data Tamil Nadu (94.3 percent), Uttar Pradesh (89.8 percent), Gujarat (84.2 percent), Chhattisgarh (79.67 percent), Karnataka (76.68 percent), Uttarakhand (76.66 percent), Kerala (69.78 percent), Madhya Pradesh (68.4 percent) In Manipur (67.57 percent), Mizoram (66.32 percent), Himachal Pradesh (65.25 percent) and Haryana (61.16 percent), have made a good implementation of Adarsh Gram Yojana works.

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- At the same time, 55.06 percent in Rajasthan, 52.63 percent in Jharkhand, 50.38 percent in Telangana, 45.46 percent in Andhra Pradesh, 43.7 percent in Odisha, 42.11 percent in Maharashtra, 38.68 percent in Bihar, 36.97 percent village development work completed in Punjab.
- It is worth mentioning that the **Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana** for the development of villages was mentioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his address from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the occasion of Independence Day in 2014. The scheme was launched on October 11, 2014. Under this, the MPs had to select an 'Adarsh Village' in their area and develop it.
- Under the plan, MPs were to adopt three villages in a phased manner between 2014 and 2019 and five between 2019 and 2024.
- Under the scheme, it has been said to develop villages mainly by promoting four sections - individual development, human development, economic development and social development. Under this, works like cleanliness, education, health, nutrition, skill development, basic facilities, social justice and good governance etc. have been included.
- **No separate allocation is made for 'Sansad Adarsh Gram Yojana'** and MPs have to develop it from the funds of MPLAD.
- The Chief Minister said that the electricity generated from the Gothans would be purchased by the State Government, from which the villages would get revenue. There are already three Gothans generating electricity in Raipur, Bemetara and Durg districts. Soon the villages will be made self-sufficient in electricity generation.
- He said that **Godhan Nyay Mission** is being formed for operation in mission mode of Godhan Nyay Yojana, **under which necessary infrastructure will be constructed in Gothans** at a rapid pace. Measures will be taken to increase the income of farmers, livestock farmers, self-help groups and Gothan committees.
- It may be mentioned that 10,501 Gothans have been approved in the State, out of which 7460 Gothans have been made. So far 52 lakh 21 thousand quintals of cow dung has been purchased under Godhan Nyay Yojana.
- The Chief Minister said that '**Women Self Help Groups**' would not only be given the limited task of converting cow dung into vermi-compost, but various employment oriented activities would be started with the help of state and central government schemes.
- In the Gothans, organic manure making, community kitchen garden, mushroom production, fisheries, goat rearing, poultry and manufacturing of various products from cow dung are being promoted.
- On this occasion, Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey said that **Gothans are being converted into Rural Industrial Parks for multi-level economic activities.**

## Power Generation from Godhans on Mission Mode

### Why in News

- On October 11, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel transferred a total amount of Rs 7.36 crore to the accounts of cattle farmers, dung collectors, women self-help groups and Gothan committees in the form of dividend under '**Godhan Nyay Yojana**' and said that the cow **Electricity will be generated from cow dung on 'Mission Mode'**.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister transferred Rs 1.87 crore to the accounts of cattle owners and dung collectors in lieu of dung purchased from September 16 to September 30, Rs 2.14 crore to women **self-help groups** and Rs 3.25 crore to Gothan committees as dividend.

## Free Rice for Families Under PDS

### Why in News

- According to an official statement issued by the state government on October 11, 2021, a target of providing free rice to a total of 58.91 lakh families in the state from May to November 2021 has been set under the **Public Distribution System (PDS)**.

### Key Points

- In view of the pandemic situation, the Chhattisgarh government had announced to provide free rice to poor and needy ration card holders.
- According to official sources, a total of 51.20 lakh families are covered under the **Pradhan Mantri Garib**

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**Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY)** in the state and they will have to pay Rs 3 per kg of rice.

- Under the '**Annapurna Anna Yojana**' of the Government of Chhattisgarh, **35 kg rice is given to Antyodaya families** and **5 kg rice per member** to priority families.
- Under PMGKAY, each member of the family holding Antyodaya and priority ration cards gets 5 kg additional rice under the Centre's scheme.

## Justice Arup Kumar Goswami

### *Why in News*

- On October 12, 2021, Chhattisgarh Governor Anusuiya Uikey administered the oath to **Justice Arup Kumar Goswami as the 14<sup>th</sup> Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court.**

### *Key Points*

- Justice Arup Kumar Goswami was the Chief Justice of the Andhra Pradesh High Court before being transferred to the Chhattisgarh High Court.
- Justice Arup Kumar Goswami replaces outgoing Chief Justice (Acting) of Chhattisgarh High Court Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra, who has been transferred as Chief Justice of Andhra Pradesh High Court.
- It is noteworthy that under **Article 222 of the Constitution of India**, a provision has been made regarding the transfer of judges of the High Court.
- However, presently, the appointment and transfer of the judges of the High Court is being done under the **collegium system**, whose present form has evolved from the decision of the Supreme Court in the '**Second Judges Case 1993**'.

## My Stamp Scheme

### *Why in News*

- On October 14, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released a postage stamp and special cover on the National Tribal Dance Festival and Rajyotsava under '**My Stamp Scheme**' by the Indian Postal Department, Chhattisgarh Circle at his residence office.

### *Key Points*

- This stamp will be available on the counters of all major post offices in the country and will be useful for the collectors of stamps.

- On this occasion, Postmaster General R.K. Jaibhay informed that the special cover has been issued to commemorate the 21<sup>st</sup> foundation day of Chhattisgarh state and during this, the second National Tribal Dance Festival being organized in the capital Raipur on 28, 29 and 30 October 2021.
- Invitations for the National Tribal Dance Festival have been sent to the Chief Ministers of all the states, Lieutenant Governors/Administrators of Union Territories and tribal artists.
- Tribal artists from all the states and union territories of India will showcase their rich heritage of art and culture in this dance festival.

## Inauguration of State Gamcha of Chhattisgarh

### *Why in News*

- On October 14, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the state '**Gamcha**' of Chhattisgarh, displaying the traditional cultural heritage of the state. In government events, this Gamcha will be presented to the guests.

### *Key Points*

- These **Gamcha** have been made by the tussar silk and cotton weavers and tattoo hand craftsmen by the Chhattisgarh State Handloom Association.
- On the Gamcha, the state bird of Chhattisgarh-Pahari Myna, the state animal-forest buffalo, the famous Gaur crown of Mandar, Bastar and the pictures of folk artists performing folk dance have been inscribed with tattooing.
- The design of the Gamcha depicts a farmer ploughing the paddy and ploughing to represent the state of Chhattisgarh, which is famous as a rice bowl. The impression of the traditional mural painting of Surguja is inscribed on the border of the Gamcha.
- Apart from the remuneration for making the Gamcha, 95 percent of the income from the Gamcha will be given to the weavers and tattoo craftsmen.
- Filcher silk yarn in the warp and Dabha tussar yarn and Ghincha yarn have been used by the weaver in tussar silk Gamchha. The width of the Gamcha is 24 inches and the length is 84 inches.

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- The weaving of this tussar silk Gamcha has been done by the weavers of Seoni Champa. After weaving the Gamcha, the designs have been engraved in them by the women tattoo artists of Sarguja through tattoo prints.
- Cotton Gamcha is prepared through weaving on handlooms by weavers of Balod, Durg, Rajnandgaon of the state.
- Cotton yarn of 2/40 count has been used in the warp in the Gamcha and cotton yarn of 20 mt has been used in the weft. Its width is 24 inches and its length is 84 inches.
- The cost of a silk Gamchha is fixed at Rs 1,534 (inclusive of GST). The weaving wage of silk Gamchha is Rs 120 per piece, while that of cotton Gamchha is fixed at Rs 239 (inclusive of GST) per piece.
- With the recognition of these Gamchas as a memento of the state, 300 weavers will get employment through weaving and 100 tattoo craftsmen will get employment throughout the year. The weaving wage of a cotton pot is Rs 60 per piece.

## Chhattisgarh Tea Coffee Board

### Why in News

- On October 17, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel decided to constitute the Chhattisgarh Tea Coffee Board under the chairmanship of the Agriculture Minister to ensure maximum benefits to the local farmers and processors and to promote tea coffee cultivation in the state.

### Key Points

- The Industry Minister will be the Vice-Chairman on this board. Two special members including the Additional Chief Secretary of the Chief Minister's Secretariat, Agriculture Production Commissioner, Managing Director of CSIDC, one officer each from Agriculture Horticulture and Forest Department will also be included in the board.
- The Chief Minister said that the target of cultivating tea and coffee in at least ten thousand acres would be achieved in the next three years. The farmers cultivating tea and coffee will be given **Rajiv Gandhi**

**Kisan Nyay Yojana** and other facilities of the Agriculture Department.

- It is noteworthy that the northern part of the state, especially in Jashpur district, has huge potential for the cultivation and processing of coffee and the southern part, especially in Bastar district.
- The Horticulture and Industries Department will play an important role in this. For this purpose, along with taking technical guidance from reputed institutions of national level, the help of private sector experts, investors and consultants will also be taken.

## Kalagudi

### Why in News

- On October 17, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the **Kalagudi (Bastar Art Gallery)** built near Dalpat Sagar in Jagdalpur, the headquarters of Bastar district. Also, an MoU was signed between Bastar district administration and Flipkart for the sale of Bastar crafts in the presence of the Chief Minister.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, Bastar Collector Rajat Bansal, while giving information about this complex built for the live display of handicraft arts of Bastar, said that during British rule this building had reached a very dilapidated condition. Presently it was being used by the Public Works Department as an engineering workshop.
- The dilapidated buildings located in this complex have been reconstructed to acquaint the younger generation with the tourists with the traditional handicraft arts of Bastar.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister visited the art gallery set up here and saw a live display of iron crafts, clay crafts, bell metal crafts and sisal crafts made by folk artists. Along with this, the Chief Minister also tasted Bastar Coffee in the cafeteria here.
- In this art gallery, DIET assistant professor Subhash Srivastava, who has been exhibiting art through dry wood for 30 years, exhibited artefacts made of paper as well as artefacts made of bell-metal. Along with this, a workshop of Jagar paintings made in the walls on the occasion of Lakshmi Jagar and Dhankul Jagar was also set up in another room here.

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## Muria Darbar

### *Why in News*

- On October 17, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel attended the 'Muria Darbar' organized in Sirhasar under the world famous historical Bastar Dussehra and made various announcements fulfilling the demands made by the public representatives.

### *Key Points*

- On reaching Sirhasar to attend the Muria court, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel was welcomed by Manjhi-drivers wearing traditional turbans.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced the recruitment of one clerk and one clerk for the Temple Committee and also renamed the Government Engineering College located here after Veer Jhada Sirha. He also announced the construction of a modern Jyoti room in the Danteshwari temple.
- The Muria Durbar in Bastar was started on March 8, 1876, in which the Deputy Commissioner of Sironcha, Make George, addressed the Manjhi-Chalkis. Later, according to the convenience of the people, it was made an integral part of Bastar Dussehra, which continued for 145 years as per tradition.
- The princely state of Bastar established a pargana in his state and appointed a manjhi (head) from the native tribes, who used to convey everything about his area to the king, while also making the villagers aware of the decree. In the Muria court, the **Manjhi** of 80 **Parganas**, set by the king, inform him about the problems of his area.
- Earlier in the Muria court, the king and the officials of the princely state used to listen to the words of the Manjhis and the then administration used to take the initiative to solve them. After independence, the appearance of the Muria court changed. After 1947, along with the king, public representatives also started joining it.
- Before 1965, the Bastar Maharaja Late. Praveer Chandra Bhanjdev continued to preside over the court. After his death, members of the royal family had stopped coming to Muria's court. Since the year 2015, Kamalchandra Bhanjdev of the Raj family has been attending this court.
- Now elected public representatives and senior officials of Bastar division are present in the Muria court of

Bastar. They take applications from the villagers. Manjhi, Chaliki and member-members keep their problems in front of them. The Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh has also attended almost every Muria Darbar since 2009-10.

## Bastar Academy of Dance, Art and Language (BADAL)

### *Why in News*

- On October 17, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the **Bastar Academy of Dance, Art and Language (BADAL)** for the preservation and promotion of folk dance, local dialects, literature and craftsmanship of Bastar in Asna village near Jagdalpur, the headquarters of Bastar division. .

### *Key Points*

- An MoU was signed between BADAL Academy and Indira University of Arts and Music on this occasion. Under this, work will be done jointly for folk dance and folk music at BADAL Academy by Indira University of Arts and Music. The university will conduct the disciplines related to its courses by giving recognition to BADAL Academy.
- Library, recording room, open theatre, dance gallery, changing room, garden and residential house, pathway, exhibition hall, cafeteria have been built in BADAL Academy.
- To transfer the different tribal cultures of Bastar from one generation to another through Badal Academy, to introduce them to the rest of the country and the world, to impart training in local dialect and language to the field staff-officers here for smooth performance of government works etc. work will be done.
- Mainly in this Academy, Folk Songs and Folk Dance Division, Folk Literature Division, Language Division and Bastar Shilp Kala Division have been established.
- Under the Folk Songs and Folk Dance Division, all the folk songs of Bastar, compilation of folk dance songs, sound recording, filming and performance will be trained to the new generation, including Ganwar Sing Nacha, Dandari Nacha, Dhurva Nacha, Parab Nacha, Lejageet, Marirsona, Jagar Geet etc. are prominent.
- Under the Public Literature Division, a compilation of religious customs, social fabric, festivals, poems,

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idioms etc. of all the societies of Bastar will be written and made accessible to the people.

- Under the language division, people will be trained in these dialects by preparing a speaking course for the famous dialects of Bastar, Halbi, Gond, Dhurva and Bhatri.
- Similarly, under the Bastar Shilp Kala Division, the art of performing and producing woodcraft, metal art, bamboo art, jutkala, tumba art etc. will be taught in the crafts arts of Bastar.
- The three buildings constructed in BADAL Academy have been named after the brave martyrs. In these, the administrative building has been named after Shaheed Jhada Sirha, the residential complex has been named after Shaheed Ballesingh of Halba tribe and the library and study building have been named after Shaheed Veer Gundadhar of Dhurva society.
- Along with this, in the presence of the Chief Minister, MoU was signed with Think-B and IIM Raipur, IIT Raipur, Hidayatullah National Law University and Tata Institute of Social Sciences. This MoU was done to promote and incubate the startups of the youth of Bastar desirous of entrepreneurship and self-employment.

## **IANS-C Voter Governance Index**

### **Why in News**

- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is the best performing Chief Minister in the country according to the **IANS-C Voter Governance Index** released on October 18, 2021. **Baghel has got the highest popularity** rating among all the Chief Ministers.

### **Key Points**

- Releasing its survey report, IANS has said that Chief Minister **Bhupesh Baghel has got this popularity due to the welfare schemes being run in the state.**
- According to IANS, Bhupesh Baghel has started several welfare schemes in Chhattisgarh, including providing free education to children studying in private schools who have lost parents/guardians to COVID-19. The Chhattisgarh government is bearing the cost of education of such children under the **'Mahatari Dular Yojna'**.

- According to NITI Aayog's **SDG India Index Report- 2020-21, Chhattisgarh is the top performing state in India on the gender equality parameter** of the Sustainable Development Goals. NITI Aayog tracks the progress of all states and union territories on 115 indicators.
- Last year, Chhattisgarh scored 43 on the gender equality parameter and was ranked seventh in India. This year, Chhattisgarh scored 61 and topped the charts.
- Yashwant Deshmukh, Founder, C Voter said, "People have liked Chief Ministers who have decision-making abilities and have CEO-like style of work."

## **Task Force on Participatory Democracy and Decentralized Planning**

### **Why in News**

- Recently, as per the intention of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Chairman, State Planning Commission, **a task force has been constituted by the State Planning Commission to give suggestions to the State Government regarding participatory democracy and decentralized planning.**

### **Key Points**

- Amarjit Bhagat will be the chairman of this task force, Minister Khad Yojana will be economic and statistics.
- The members of the task force include five honorable MPs, five MLAs, presidents of five district panchayats and presidents of two municipal corporations, municipalities and town panchayats and state presidents of recognized parties in the state. Apart from this, subject matter experts related to the field have also been included in the task force.
- The task force will be coordinated by the Secretary, Head of Department, Panchayat and Rural Development Department and Secretary, Urban Administration and Development Department.
- This **task force will give suggestions on ensuring participation of citizens in planning.** Apart from this, the empowerment of citizens for social audit, will suggest ways to train citizens for financial management and monitoring.
- Expert Task Forces are constituted from time to time by the State Planning Commission to give suggestions to the State Government, in which the eminent subject

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experts and grassroots workers of the country and local are included.

- After deliberation by the task force, appropriate policies are suggested to the state government.
- After the approval of the Chief Minister, various Task Forces have been constituted by the Planning Commission to give suggestions on relevant topics of development of the State.
- The subjects of the task force include school education, higher education, agriculture, water promotion, food processing and allied sectors, tribal development, forest and wildlife management, minor forest produce management, health, nutrition and food security, industry, village industries, skill development, high and technical Important topics like education and employment, social security, women empowerment, labor welfare, art, tourism, archeology and culture promotion are included.
- These task forces will suggest ways to solve the existing problems in the state. Ideas and suggestions are kept on the feasibility of implementing the policies, programs and best efforts found successful at the national and international level in the state and the schemes and programs run by the departments.

## **Bastar Dussehra**

### **Why in News**

- On October 19, 2021, the longest running (75 days) of the world famous historical Bastar Dussehra came to an end with the heartfelt farewell of Mata Mavli. According to tradition, more than 450 deities from 84 parganas and border states of Bastar division were given a respectful farewell after the family jatra.

### **Key Points**

- This year **Bastar Dussehra started with Pat Jatra Vidhan** on August 8, 2021.
- Doli of Maa Mavli and Chhatra of Maa Danteshwari were worshiped with full rituals. At the same time, King Kamalchand Bhanjdev of Bastar carried the mother's doli on his shoulder as per the tradition and got the city circumambulated.
- From Danteshwari temple to Pragati Path, the huge crowd gave a heartfelt farewell to Mata Mavli. During the farewell ceremony, the police personnel also fired joyfully.

- Bastar Dussehra is different from Dussehra in the rest of India, because in the rest of India Dussehra is dedicated to the killing of Ravana, while **Bastar Dussehra is dedicated to Danteshwari Mata. This festival lasts from Shraavan Amavasya to Ashwin Shukla Trayodashi.**
- This princely tradition of Bastar is more than 620 years old. It was started by Kakatiya dynasty ruler Purushottamdev (1408 to 1439 AD).

## **'India Green Energy Award'**

### **Why in News**

- Recently, Chhattisgarh was awarded the '**India Green Energy Award**' by the **Indian Federation of Green Energy** for the remarkable work being done in the field of biofuel. Chhattisgarh has been awarded this award in the Outstanding Renewable Energy Generation Project category of Biofuel.

### **Key Points**

- Union Road and Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari and Union Minister of State for New and Renewable Energy Bhagwant Khuba presented India Green Energy Award citation and memento to Sumit Sarkar, Chief Executive Officer of Chhattisgarh Biofuel Development Authority (CBDA), Raipur at a program organized in New Delhi.
- The Government of Chhattisgarh is promoting new alternatives to unconventional energy to reduce the dependence on conventional sources of energy. In this direction, remarkable work is being done by Chhattisgarh Biofuel Development Authority like establishment of ethanol production plant from surplus grains in the field of biofuel in the state, cooperation in the manufacture of bio-jet aviation fuel and research in the field of biofuels.
- Indian Federation of Green Energy, 2020; In supporting partnership with Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, Sardar Sharan Singh National Institute of Bio-Energy and Association of State Road Transport Undertaking and in knowledge partnership of CARE Rating, various sectors of non-conventional energy such as solar energy, biomass, biofuel Award was given in etc.
- Out of the nominations received from all over India, a distinguished jury consisting of scientists from CSIR, a scientific organization of the Government of India

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and representative of the educational establishment IIT, was selected for the award in each category.

## **Shree Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store Scheme**

### **Why in News**

- On October 20, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched **Shree Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store Yojna** through video conferencing from his residence office. Under this scheme, he launched 84 shops in the state.

### **Key Points**

- Under this scheme 15-15 in Durg district and Janjgir-Champa district, 6-6 in Dhamtari, Korba and Raigarh, 5 in Rajnandgaon, 3-3 in Bilaspur, Kondagaon, Sukma and Bijapur, Raipur, Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, Two medical stores have been opened in Surajpur and Jashpur.
- One store each has been opened in Mahasamund, Balodabazar-Bhatapara, Gariaband, Bemetara, Kabirdham, Surguja, Balrampur-Ramanujganj, Bastar, Narayanpur, Kanker and Dantewada districts.
- Quality medicines will be available to the consumers at affordable rates from Shree Dhanwantri Generic Medical Stores. Consumers will get the benefit of minimum 50.09 percent and maximum 71 percent discount on the MRP of medicines.
- The Chief Minister also inaugurated home kits of medicines and travel kits on the occasion. This kit will be available for sale at Shree Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store. The home kit, priced at Rs 691, will be available in these medical stores at Rs 290 and the travel kit, which costs Rs 311, will be available at Rs 130.
- Under this scheme run by the Urban Administration and Development Department, there is a plan to start 190 medical stores in 169 cities of the state in the coming time. It will be mandatory to sell 251 types of generic medicines and 27 surgical products in these medical stores. Apart from this, Sanjeevani products of Forest Department, cosmetics products and baby food etc. will also be sold.
- The generic medicines available from these medical stores will be from 20 branded companies, which will be affordable as well as quality.

## **'Handbook of Osteoporosis as a Preventable Disease'**

### **Why in News**

- On October 22, 2021, Chhattisgarh's Higher Education and Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Umesh Patel released a book titled '**Handbook of Osteoporosis a Preventable Disease**' at his residence office in the capital.

### **Key Points**

- The **author of this book** is **Professor Dr. Nanda Gurwara and Professor Dr. Daisy Abraham**.
- In this book, detailed information has been given about the causes, symptoms and remedial tests and prevention measures and right eating habits, which will be very helpful in prevention including bringing awareness about osteoporosis disease.
- **Osteoporosis is a common disease, affecting one in three women and one in eight men in India.** It makes the bones weak and brittle, causing fractures when a person is under slight tension, falls, coughs, or in older people. This fracture occurs in the groin, wrist or spine.

## **'E-Mega Legal Service Camp'**

### **Why in News**

- On October 24, 2021, under the aegis of **National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)**, New Delhi and under the guidance of Chhattisgarh State Legal Authority, organized e-mega legal service camps in all civil districts of the state in coordination with District Legal Services Authority and district administration.

### **Key Points**

- Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court and Chief Patron of Chhattisgarh State Legal Services Authority Justice Arup Kumar Goswami launched '**E-mega Legal Service Camp**' through video conferencing in all 23 civil districts of the state.
- This Mega Legal Service Camp is being organized under the All India Awareness and Outreach Campaign under the **Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi**.
- The main objective of the camp is to make people aware of the legal rights guaranteed under the Indian

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Constitution and ensure that justice is provided to all sections of the people as well as providing legal services.

- Information about legal services and beneficiary-oriented materials and financial assistance were distributed to the people involved in this event.
- As per the instructions of **National Legal Services Authority (NALSA)**, the All India Awareness and Outreach Campaign is being celebrated under the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi from October 2, 2021, which will run till November 14, 2021. In this, various legal awareness programs, camps etc. are being organized every day at district and Taluka level for the purpose of giving information about legal services to the general public.

## 'Vertebroplasty' Surgery

### *Why in News*

- On October 26, 2021, the first successful 'Vertebroplasty' surgery for vertebral fracture was performed at the Department of Radiology, Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Memorial Medical College, Raipur.

### *Key Points*

- Dr. Vivek Patre, an interventional radiologist at the institute said that 70-year-old Shakeela Pal of Tilda-Nevra (Raipur) underwent a minimally invasive vertebroplasty surgery for a spinal fracture, for which an image guided vertebroplasty procedure was used.
- No operation fee was charged from the patient for this treatment, as the patient was covered under the **Dr. Khubchand Baghel Swasthya Sahayata Yojana**, whereas the minimum cost of the operation ranges from Rs 2 to 3 lakhs depending on the procedure adopted.
- In the Image Guided Vertebroplasty procedure, a special bone cement is injected into the bone through a hollow needle at the fracture site. The cement settles at that place, which provides support to the broken bones.

## National Award for 'Bhulan the Maze'

### *Why in News*

- Recently, at the 67<sup>th</sup> National Film Awards ceremony,

Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu presented the **National Award to Chhattisgarh's film 'Bhulan The Maze'.**

### *Key Points*

- This film has been made in Chhattisgarhi language by Manoj Verma, a well-known director of Chhattisgarhi cinema. Actor Omkar Das Manikpuri has worked in this. The music of the title song of this film is given by Kailash Kher.
- The film is **based on the novel 'Bhulan Kanda', authored by Sanjeev Bakshi.**
- 'Bhulan Kanda' is a plant found in the forests of Chhattisgarh, on which a person starts forgetting everything. He forgets the way, he starts wandering, during this time when another person comes and touches that person, then he comes to his senses again.
- These National Awards were announced by the then Information and Broadcasting Minister Prakash Javadekar on March 22, 2021. In this, the Chhattisgarhi dialect film 'Bhulan The Maze' was also nominated for the National Film Award.
- The name of 'Bhulan The Maze' has also become the record for the first film from Chhattisgarh to win the award at the international level. Under the new film policy, the Chhattisgarh government has also announced a grant of Rs 1 crore to the National Award winning film of Chhattisgarh.

## Chhattisgarh Gallantry Medal

### *Why in News*

- Recently, the Police Headquarters Raipur issued an order regarding the award of '**Chhattisgarh Shaurya Medal**' to 7 policemen posted on the Naxal front in Bastar.

### *Key Points*

- These brave soldiers, who have achieved success on the Naxal front, will be honored on November 1 on the occasion of Chhattisgarh State Foundation Day.
- These honored soldiers have been facing the Naxalites for the last many years, have brought many big successes in the Naxal operation and have participated in many big encounters and killed many Naxalites.
- Out of these jawans, 2 are posted in Dantewada and 5 in Narayanpur district. These include one assistant sub-inspector, four head constables and two constables.

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- The soldiers to be honored are-
  - Somaru Kadti (ASI DRG Dantewada), Keshar Lal Saroj (Principal Constable DRG Dantewada), Baisakhu Ram Som (Principal Constable Narayanpur), Punu Ram Dugga (Principal Constable Narayanpur), Sankendra Kumar Netam (Principal Constable Narayanpur), Vivek Singh (Cons. Narayanpur) and Ramesh Kumar Andhare (const Narayanpur).
- Even before this, the DRG team personnel of Dantewada have received the award, in which the first name comes from Sanjay Potam, who was awarded the President's Award.
- **Chhattisgarh 'Shaurya Padak' is awarded every year on Chhattisgarh State Foundation Day (November 1)** to state police personnel for performing gallantry in the line of duty. The gallantry medal is also awarded posthumously.
- This gallantry medal is made of bronze, in the front part of which the emblem of the state and in the back part the picture of the state tree 'Sal' is inscribed.

## National Tribal Dance Festival and Rajyotsava, 2021

### *Why in News*

- On October 28, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren inaugurated the '**National Tribal Dance Festival' and 'Rajyotsava, 2021'** by lighting the lamp at the Science College ground in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh.

### *Key Points*

- On the occasion of the inauguration of the National Tribal Dance Festival, dancers from different states and countries performed an attractive march past with traditional costumes and musical instruments.
- On this occasion, folk dancers from Chhindwara, Madhya Pradesh, and dancers from Uzbekistan, Swaziland gave a spectacular performance. Artists from the folk dancers of Himachal Pradesh honored the Governor and the Chief Minister by presenting them Himachali caps and shawls.
- In this 'National Tribal Dance Festival' and Chhattisgarh Rajyotsava, to be held from 28 October to 1 November at the Science College ground in Raipur, artists from

27 states and 6 union territories of the country as well as 7 countries - Eswatini, Nigeria, Uzbekistan, Sri Lanka, Around 1500 artists from Uganda, Mali and Palestine are participating.

- The Chief Minister said that 42 tribes and 5 special backward tribes reside in the state of Chhattisgarh. Their population is one-third of the total population of the state. All tribes have distinct cultural identity. Their dialect, festival, dance, deities are also different.
- The Chief Minister said that this is the second event of the National Dance Festival. The festival was organized for the first time in the year 2019, which was launched by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi.

## 11<sup>th</sup> Medical College

### *Why in News*

- On October 28, 2021, the **National Medical Commission (NMC)** has released the list of recognition of new medical colleges. According to the released list, NMC has given conditional approval to Kanker Medical College for 100 MBBS seats.

### *Key Points*

- After getting approval from NMC, now Kanker Medical College will be the 11<sup>th</sup> Medical College and 8th Government Medical College in the state.
- With this approval, the total MBBS seats in the state have become 1470.

## Silk Mark

### *Why in News*

- On October 29, 2021, Chhattisgarh's Village Industries Minister Guru Rudrakumar released the 'Silk Mark' at his official residence 'Satnam Sadan' in the capital Raipur.

### *Key Points*

- Speaking on the occasion, Minister Guru Rudrakumar said that now the Silk Mark certification Unicode will be installed in the pure indigenous Kosa and silk fabrics produced in the state. With the introduction of Unicode, it will be confirmed that the silk fabrics produced are made from pure natural silk threads and will also get better response.

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- Principal Secretary Village Industries Dr. Maninder Kaur Dwivedi informed that the innovative initiative of the State Government will help in getting proper market and recognition for pure indigenous silk fabrics.
- He said that the sale of these pure desi kosa garments would increase the income of the women self-help group, as well as silk mark certification would also help in the sale of garments at national and international level.
- The name of Chhattisgarh in the field of production of pure desi kosa fabrics will be helpful in its wide publicity in the country and abroad as well. Silk clothes with silk marks are being sold in the stalls of Shilpgram and Shabari Emporium in the National Tribal Dance Festival.



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