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Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari became Permanent Judge Chief Justice of Bilaspur High Court

Why in News?

On July 31, 2023, Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court Ramesh Sinha administered the oath of office to Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari as a permanent judge in the Chhattisgarh High Court, Bilaspur.

Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari was appointed as Additional Judge in Chhattisgarh High Court on October 08, 2021.
- On July 28, 2023, a notification regarding the appointment of Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari as a permanent judge was issued by the Department of Law and Legislative Affairs, New Delhi.
- It is known that Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari was born on January 11, 1964 in Jagdalpur (Chhattisgarh). His father Late Ram Kumar Tiwari retired from the post of entomologist.
- He did B.Com from Durga College, Raipur, LLB from Sau Kusum Tai Dabke Law College, Raipur Chhattisgarh and LLM from Chhattisgarh College, Raipur.
- He was the first student to do LLM in Constitutional Law from Pt. RaviShankar Shukla University, Raipur in the year 1987.
- Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari started his judicial career in 1990 as Civil Judge, Class-II. The first posting took place in Jagdalpur. After this he was posted in Sarangarh. Posted as Civil Judge, Class-I at Janjgir and thereafter as CJM Rajnandgaon.
- Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari served as a District & Sessions Judge in Rajnandgaon and Balod. He was the first District and Sessions Judge of Balod District.
- Justice Deepak Kumar Tiwari had also served as the Additional Director of the Chhattisgarh State Judicial Academy.
- He has also served as Additional Registrar (Classification), Registrar (Inspection & Inquiry) and Registrar Vigilance in the Chhattisgarh High Court.



MoU between Tata Technologies and the Department of Technical Education & Skill Development

Why in News?

According to the information received from the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on August 1, 2023, recently in the presence of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, an MoU was signed between the Technical Education and Skill Development Department & Tata Technologies for the modernization of 36 government ITIs of the state.

Key Points:

- Under the project worth about Rs 1188.36 crore, youth will be trained in 6 new trades and 23 short-term courses in 36 ITIs of the state.
- The establishment of state-of-the-art technical workshops, arrangement of trainers etc. will be done by Tata Technologies in selected ITIs of the state. Apart from this, Tata and its associate company will cooperate in providing placement to the youth of the state.
- Through this project, every year more than 10 thousand youth will get technical training according to the new era.
- One year of training in selected ITI to youth in Artisan Using Advanced Tools, Industry Robotics & Digital Manufacturing Technician, Manufacturing Process Control & Automation Trade and Advance CNC Machining, Basic Designer & Virtual Verifier (Mechanical) Mechanical, two years of training will be given in electric vehicle trade.
- Apart from this, training facilities will also be available for 23 short-term courses as per the requirement of the industries.
- Tata Technologies will set up state-of-the-art technical workshops in the selected ITIs and initially appoint two trainers in each ITI for training work. Tata and its associate companies will cooperate in providing placement to the trained youth.
- The ITIs that will be upgraded with the help of Tata Technologies Limited include Government ITIs-

Note:

Baikunthpur, Odgi Wadrafanagar, Mainpat, Bagicha, Lormi, Koni-Bilaspur, Korba, Janjgir, Akaltara, Hasaud, Raigarh, Kharsia, Rajnandgaon, Dongargaon, Manpur, Chhuikhadan, Pandariya, Gunderdehi, Dallirajhara, Gurur, Durg, Patan, Dharsiwa, Hirapur, Arang, Abhanpur, Bhatapara, Simga, Bagbahra, Pithora, Kanker, Antagarh, Charama, Nagarnar and Dantewada are included.



- It is known that the Chhattisgarh government has started modernizing industrial training institutes so that youth can get training in modern trades with proper guidance. The state government is signing MoUs with big industrial institutes so that students can get good training.
- Along with this, students studying in higher secondary schools, who want to get vocational training, are being given 12th board certificates as well as ITI certificates.
- For the first time in the state, the students studying in schools have been provided with the facility of training in employment-oriented vocational courses along with school education according to their technical inclination at the school level. An integrated system has been developed by establishing coordination between schools and ITIs.
- Under this system, vocational training is being imparted to school students in most of the ITIs of the state. Under this system, where school students will be able to get their certificate after completing their studies, at the same time, after completing vocational training, they will also get an ITI certificate and will be ready to get employment.

Chhattisgarh's Blind Athlete Ishwari qualifies for Asian Para Athletics

Why in News?

According to the information received from Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on August 3, 2023, Kumari Ishwari Nishad has qualified for the Asian

Para Athletics Games to be held in Hangzhou, China from October 22.

Key Points:

- Ishwari Nishad is the first blind athlete from Chhattisgarh to have won gold medals in consecutive National and International Para Athletics Championships. Seeing the sports talent of Ishwari Nishad, the Chhattisgarh government has also honoured her with state-level honour.
- It is known that Ishwari Nishad participated in the final selection Para Athletics Asian Games Trial held on July 25 and 26, 2023 at Nehru Stadium, New Delhi. She stood 1st in India and 5th in Asian rank in the 200m race. Also, she finished second in the 400 meters race and stood seventh in the Asian rankings.
- Miss Ishwari Fortune has been an alumna of the Higher Secondary School for the Blind, Karmapatpar (Bagbahra). During this time she started participating in Para athletics games.



Senior journalist-writer Sudhir Saxena to be honoured with Vasundhara Samman

Why in News?

According to the information received from Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on August 3, 2023, Vasundhara Samman, established in the memory of Late Deviprasad Choubey and given for public awareness, will be given to senior journalist-writer Sudhir Saxena this year.



Key Points:

- This will be the 23rd continuous event of Vasundhara Samman. The felicitation ceremony will be held on August 14, 2023 at the Chief Minister's residence, Raipur, on the occasion of the 47th death anniversary of Late Devi Prasad Choubey. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will honor Sudhir Saxena with Vasundhara Samman.

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- The members of the jury formed under the chairmanship of journalist Diwakar Muktibodh are Girish Pankaj, E. V. Murali, Sameer Diwan, Rajesh Ganodwale, Raghvendra Pratap Singh, Vasundhara Samman convenor Vinod Mishra, organizing committee chairman Dr. Arun Kumar Srivastava and Secretary Mumtaz have jointly informed about this decision.
- According to the information received from the jury, Sudhir Saxena is a journalist of national repute, who has contributed significantly to the journalism of Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.
- From 1978 till today, he has written extensively in various journals like Dharma Yuga, Dinman, Sunday, Kalpana, Sunday Observer, Jan Satta, Navbharat Times, Amar Ujala, Dainik Jagran, Dainik Bhaskar, Navbharat, Nai Duniya, Patrika, Deshbandhu, Maya, Wagarth, Pahal, Majority, Akshara Parv, contemporary Indian literature, plural etc.
- Sudhir Saxena's 14 poetry collections, 11 books of translation in foreign and Indian languages, and other 18 books of non-fiction prose have been published.
- He has written extensively on the socio-political background of Chhattisgarh through books like Gandhi in Chhattisgarh, freedom struggles in Madhya Pradesh & Adivasi, Bhoomkal, Muktisangram in Chhattisgarh and Adivasi, Gundadhur Ek Yoddha.
- He has been honoured with many prestigious honours like Madhavrao Sapre Award, Pushkin Award, Vagishwari Award, Pramod Verma Award, and Shamsheer Award. These days he is editing the fortnightly magazine 'Duniya In Dinon'.
- Over the years, Vasundhara Samman has been conferred with Late Ramesh Nayyar, Late Shyam Lal Chaturvedi, Late Kumar Sahu, Late Basant Kumar Tiwari, Late Vinod Shankar Shukla, Late Sharad Kothari, Late Baban Prasad Mishra, Dr. Himanshu Dwivedi, Diwakar Muktibodh, Asha Shukla, Girijashankar, Gyan Awasthi, Shyam Vetal, Abhay Kishore, Dr. Sushil Trivedi, Girish Pankaj, B. K. S. Ray, Prakash Dubey and Late Tushar Kanti Bose E. V. Murali, Satish Jaiswal & Liladhar Mandloi.

PM lays Virtual Foundation Stone for Redevelopment Works of 508 Railway Stations

Why in News?

On August 6, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment works

of 508 railway stations in the country through video conferencing under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. These include 7 railway stations of Chhattisgarh, Raipur, Bilaspur, Durg, Tilda-Nevra, Akaltara, Bhilai Power House and Mahasamund.

Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that a total of 32 railway stations of Chhattisgarh have been included in this ambitious Amrit Bharat station scheme. An amount of Rs. 1660 crore will be invested in the redevelopment of these stations.
- The Governor of Chhattisgarh Biswabhusan Harichandan participated in this foundation stone laying program of the Prime Minister. He also observed the model prepared for the development of railway stations.
- It is worth mentioning that modern facilities like wide concourse, foot over bridge, lift, escalator, waiting room, commercial area and retail counter etc. will be provided at these stations to be redeveloped under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.
- The plan envisages multimodal transport. Passenger amenities at other minor stations will also be upgraded and will be provided with facilities like widened FOBs, frontage improvements, waiting areas, lifts, escalators etc.



Bastar Zone Became Overall Champion in Subroto Mukherjee Cup

Why in News?

On August 6, 2023, in the Subroto Mukherjee Cup Football Competition organized at Jagdalpur under the 23rd State Level School Sports Competition, Bastar Zone won the overall championship by securing first position in three categories.

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Key Points:

- Parliamentary Secretary Rekhchand Jain gave away prizes to the winners of the Subroto Mukherjee Cup Football organized at Jagdalpur under the 23rd State Level School Sports Competition.
- In this four-day football competition, 14, 17-year-old boys and 17-year-old girls won the overall championship by securing first position in Bastar zone in three categories. The second position was secured by Surguja zone and the third position by Durg zone.
- It is worth mentioning that the team of Bastar division will represent the state of Chhattisgarh in the National Subroto Mukherjee Cup football tournament to be held in Delhi later this month.



Tandula Eco Friendly Tourism Park

Why in News?

According to the information given by Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on August 5, 2023, the construction work of 'Tandula Eco Friendly Tourism Park' under construction in Adamabad near Joint District Office Balod is almost nearing completion. Soon tourists are going to get the gift of this park.

Key Points:

- Rapid construction works are being done for the development of tourism in Chhattisgarh which is full of natural beauty. Care is being taken here for easy

access along with facilities for the tourists. In this series, the picturesque natural valleys located on the banks of the Tandula reservoir built on the main and life-giving Tandula river of Balod district are being developed for the tourists.

- It is worth mentioning that the bank of Tandula Reservoir located near Adamabad has been a center of attraction for tourists due to being covered with forest and green trees and having excellent natural environment and necessary facilities. With the development of this tourist destination, it will become a center of attraction for a large number of tourists.
- An attractive main gate is being constructed in front of the park. Apart from cottages, scaffolding, tent houses, restaurant, water body, Buddha statue, garden etc. construction work is being done here for tourists to stay. Apart from Champa flowers, fruit trees are also being planted here.
- Tandula Reservoir tourist place is being made attractive and equipped, so that tourists from Chhattisgarh as well as other states come here. Various stalls will also be set up at the tourist spot. This will also provide employment opportunities to the local people.



'Sehat Bazar' Millets Cafe

Why in News?

On August 8, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the newly built 'Sehat Bazar' Millets Cafe opposite Dalpat Sagar in Jagdalpur of the state.

Key Points:

- After discussing with the women running the cafe, the Chief Minister appreciated the products made from millets and presented them with an amount of Rs 5,000 as best wishes.

Note:

- Sehat Bazar is being operated by Mom's Food Organization Jagdalpur. This cafe will be run by needy women who used to make tiffin's in the past.
- The facility of nutritious food items like Ragi Chilla, Ragi Dosa, Ragi Idli, Ragi Upma, Ragi Pakora, Ragi Puri, Ragi Khichdi, Mahua Tea, Kadha Tea etc. will be available in this cafe. The facility of tasty and nutritious dishes will also be available here for the people.
- It is worth mentioning that in the tribal areas of the state, coarse grains like Ragi, Kodo, Kutki have already been used. It is very beneficial from the point of view of health, so now these grains are being used a lot in other areas as well.
- These millets also contain nutrients, which are very beneficial for health. According to experts, Kodo, Kutki and Ragi have been considered as protein and vitamin rich grains. Its consumption gives benefits to diseases like sugar and BP.
- Crops like Kodo, Kutki, Ragi have an important place in the tribal culture and food of Surguja and Bastar. Iron in Kutki in coarse grains has antioxidant properties. It is also beneficial for anemia patients and its consumption does not cause obesity.
- The specialty of coarse grain kodo is that it retains moisture in the stomach. This improves blood circulation and its consumption reduces the chances of cancer.
- Ragi is rich in calcium and iron. It is beneficial for diabetes and anemia patients.
- It is worth mentioning that Chhattisgarh is the only state in the country, where along with the purchase of Kodo, Kutki and Ragi at the support price, the work of its value addition is also being done. The purchase of Kodo-Kutki at the support price of Rs.3 thousand per quintal and Ragi at Rs.3 thousand 377 per quintal has been fixed by the state government.
- It is to be noted that Chhattisgarh has entered into a tripartite MoU with IIMR Hyderabad for 14 districts under the Millet Mission for promotion of millet cultivation, training to farmers, availability of high-quality seeds and increase in productivity through the efforts of State Minor Forest Produce. A MoU has also been signed so that the productivity of Bajra can be doubled.
- The state of Chhattisgarh has received the National Level Nutritious Grain Award 2022 for promoting the cultivation of millets.



CM released Coffee Table Book based on 15 caves of Kanger Ghati National Park

Why in News?

On August 9, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released a Coffee Table Book based on 15 caves of Kanger Valley National Park in a program organized on World Tribal Day in Bastar district of the state.

Key Points:

- Kanger Valley National Park is a unique treasure of biodiversity and natural heritage, which is known in the country and abroad for biodiversity, local tribal culture as well as limestone caves.
- The limestone caves found in the Kanger Valley make the national park unparalleled. In this sequence, a total of 15 caves have been discovered so far by the National Park with the help of experts from the local Geology Department, Field Amla and the local community.

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- In this episode, this coffee table book has been prepared to tell tourists about the beauty and characteristics of these 15 caves located in the national park.
- National Park Director Dhammasheel Ganvir said that through this coffee table book, it will help in the promotion of the national park in the country and abroad and to protect the natural heritage of the national park.



Chhattisgarh became the 1st state in the country to prepare Anganwadi and Kindergarten Activity based Booklet

Why in News?

On August 10, 2023, Chhattisgarh School Education Minister Ravindra Choubey informed that in the direction of implementation of National Education Policy 2020, the state has done unprecedented work and prepared an activity book for kindergarten and Anganwadi children and a daily action plan for Anganwadi workers. Chhattisgarh is the first state in the entire country, which has produced a booklet in this field.

Key Points:

- This booklet has been prepared under the joint auspices of the State Council of Educational Research and Training and Women and Child Development Department in collaboration with UNICEF in accordance with ECCE, for which the expert team of SCERT has been working continuously for the last one year. Effort has been put into this.
- In the programme, Director SCERT Rajesh Singh Rana explained the future plan of action, highlighting the importance and need of this booklet.

- On this occasion, the School Education Minister described this booklet as very necessary and important for the bright future of the young children of the state. This will strengthen the foundation of education, whose benefits will be seen in future.
- A toy exhibition on toy-based pedagogy was also organized on the occasion.



CM inaugurated & performed Bhumi Pujan of 112 Development Works

Why in News?

On August 10, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel performed Bhumi Pujan and inaugurated 112 development works costing Rs 93 crore 61 lakh 75 thousand in the Kisan-Labour Conference program organized at village Dumardihkala of Rajnandgaon development block of the state.

Key Points:

- These include Bhumi Pujan of 98 development works costing Rs 57 crore 37 lakh 78 thousand and inauguration of 14 development works costing Rs 36 crore 23 lakh 97 thousand.
- Materials worth Rs 1 crore 16 lakh 15 thousand were also distributed to 538 beneficiaries under various schemes run by the Chief Minister.
- In the program, Bhumi Pujan of 71 development works costing Rs 1 crore 91 lakh was done under the District Panchayat Department.
- Similarly, 2 development works costing Rs 20 crore 91 lakh 52 thousand under Executive Engineer Water Resources Division Rajnandgaon, 2 development works costing Rs 40 lakh 40 thousand under Executive Engineer Rural Engineering Services Division, 6 crore 86 under CGMSC Rajnandgaon Bhoomipujan was done for 16 development works costing Rs. 84 lakh and 7 development works costing Rs. 27 crore 28

Note:

lakh 2 thousand under the Executive Engineer Public Works Department.

- 4 development works costing Rs 25 lakh 86 thousand under District Panchayat Rajnandgaon, 4 development works costing Rs 23 crore 61 lakh 27 thousand under Executive Engineer bridge construction Rajnandgaon, Rs 1 crore 76 lakh 64 thousand under CGMSC Rajnandgaon 5 development works worth Rs. 10 crore 60 lakh 20 thousand were inaugurated under the Executive Engineer Public Works Department.
- The Chief Minister distributed ice boxes and fishnets worth Rs 32 thousand to 4 beneficiaries under the Fisheries Department, battery sprayers, power sprayers, electric pumps and diesel pumps worth Rs 63 thousand 933 to 6 beneficiaries of the Agriculture Department.
- Similarly, a loan of Rs 62 lakh 40 thousand was provided to 312 beneficiaries from the Minimata Mahtari Jatan Yojana, Rs 32 lakh to 160 beneficiaries benefited from the Noni Empowerment Scheme, under the Labor Department.
- Apart from this, a cheque of Rs 8 lakh 80 thousand was distributed to 44 beneficiaries benefited from The Sian Sahayata Yojana, Rs 10 lakh to 10 beneficiaries benefited from the Labor Death and Disability Assistance Scheme and Rs 1 lakh to one beneficiary who benefited from the Chief Minister Noni Babu Meritorious Education Assistance Scheme.
- A loan of Rs 1 lakh was provided to the self-help group under the Women and Child Development Department.
- On the occasion, the Chief Minister also released a book titled 'Tyagamurthy' based on the life of freedom fighter Thakur Pyare Lal Singh.



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3 Inspectors of Chhattisgarh will get Union Home Minister Medal

Why is News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on August 12, 2023, three police officers of the state have been announced to be given the Union Home Minister's Medal for the year 2023 for excellence in investigation.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that police personnel are getting better facilities in Chhattisgarh. Police personnel in the state are being trained to prevent cyber crimes along with modern training.
- Along with the new police station, women's cell, accommodation and other facilities are being provided to the policemen in these police stations, due to which the police personnel are getting ease in discharging their duties.
- Policemen selected for the Union Home Minister Medal include Sub-Inspector Ms. Neeta Rajput, Sub-Inspector Ashirwad Rahatgaonkar, Inspector Naveen Borkar.

Deepak Sharma & Gajyatra Team honoured with 'Gaj Gaurav' National Award

Why is News?

On August 12, 2023, on the occasion of World Elephant Day, Forest Guard Deepak Sharma posted in General Forest Division Mahasamund and the team of Gajyatra were honored with the Gaj Gaurav Award at a nationwide function organized in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Key Points:

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India Bhupendra Yadav, Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ashwini Kumar Choubey and Forest, Environment and Climate Change Minister of Odisha Pradeep Kumar Amat, forest guard Deepak Sharma and the team of Gajyatra Honored with Gaurav Award.



- Divisional Officer Pankaj Rajput said that according to the intention of the Forest Minister to stop the human-elephant conflict, the Gaijatra was started on October 8, 2021, on the instructions of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.
- Villagers are being made aware through Gaijatra every day in 3 phases by telling them the measures to stay safe from elephants, so far about 70 thousand people have been made aware through Gaijatra.
- In the elephant-affected areas of the district, Sirpur and elephant movement areas, Mohandi, Arand, Bagbahra, Koma, Kona, Bakma, Khatti, Tumgaon, the arrival of elephants has decreased. Earlier, the village used to become deserted as soon as the elephant knocked in the area. People used different measures to drive away the elephant.
- Elephants were driven away by burning fireworks, chillies, torches and risked their lives. This made the elephants aggressive, due to which the villagers, the elephants were becoming victims of violence. Seeing all this, the Gaijatra program was started.
- Forest guard Deepak along with the team went from village to village setting up chaupals, showing the film in the projector and discussing with the people, explaining the behavior and safety measures of elephants to the villagers.
- A successful attempt has been made by the Gaijatra team to sensitize the villagers towards elephants through songs and stories in their normal language and style and the details of the compensation provided by the government were explained to the villagers in detail and the elephant-human conflict was described as amicable. Due to which violence has decreased and incidents of people getting injured and causing loss of people have become zero.



- Deepak Sharma and team have been awarded the Gaj Gaurav Award at the national level by the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India for the commendable work of Gaj Yatra and Mahasamund Forest Division alone has been honored for the All India Gaj Gaurav Award.

5 Years of Garhbo Nava Chhattisgarh: Good Plans, Better Index

Why is News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on August 12, 2023, in the last five years, due to the public welfare schemes of the state government and their better implementation, the health and social situation in Chhattisgarh has improved on a large scale.

Key Points:

- According to the National Family Health Survey 5, the neonatal mortality rate has decreased from 42.1 percent to 32.4 percent during this period.
- There has also been a significant reduction in the infant mortality rate. It has come down from 54.0 percent to 44.3 percent. There has also been a decrease in the number of deaths of children under the age of five. It has come down from 64.3 percent to 50.4 percent.
- The Health and Family Welfare Department made a special strategy for all high-risk pregnant women in the state, so that every mother and both remain healthy in the state. The result of these efforts is that there has been a significant increase in institutional deliveries in the state.
- Massive work is being done to minimize infant mortality in the state. Sick Newborn Care Units have been set up in 14 medical colleges, 26 district hospitals of the state, which are regularly monitored by the experts of AIIMS Raipur itself. The number of families covered under the health insurance scheme has increased from 68.5 percent to 71.4 percent.
- The state government has done better work to provide clean drinking water to the homes, due to which people are also getting pure drinking water. As a result, the availability of drinking water has increased from 96.3 percent to 98.8 percent.

Note:

- There has been an increase in the population of households using improved sanitation facilities, which has increased from 34.8 percent to 76.8 percent. The number of households using healthy fuel for cooking has increased from 22.8 percent to 33.0 percent.
- The women of Chhattisgarh have also started using modern technology. In today's present environment, everyone has started using the internet, mobile, laptop, computer etc. other means of communication. Women are leading the way in terms of internet access. Now 26.7 percent of women have started using the Internet, while 56.3 percent of men use the Internet.
- In the modern environment, all women want to be self-reliant. Women want to get married only after seeking employment after pursuing higher education, due to which now women are getting married above 24 years of age.

CM inaugurates Rajak Gudi, Urban Industrial Park at Narayya Talab

Why is News?

On August 12, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the newly constructed Rajak Gudi (Urban Industrial Park) near Narayya Talab located in Tikrapara, capital Raipur.

Key Points:

- Modern facilities will be available to the Rajak community, traditionally engaged in washing and pressing of clothes, in the hi-tech Rajak Gudi, built in about 3500 square feet by Raipur Smart City Limited at a cost of Rs 69 lakh.
- Manual as well as automatic electrical washing machine has been installed in Rajak Gudi, in which 25-25 kg. K2 Cloth Extractor Machine, 60kg 1 washer of capacity and 50 kg. 1 dryer machine of capacity has been installed.
- Water tanks have also been made for washing clothes and there is also a separate arrangement for ironing clothes.
- Along with the traditional business of the families of Dhobi community, arrangements have been made for their employment generation in this park, under which training will also be given to these families to make soap and detergent for washing clothes.

- About 100 families of Dhobi community, who are doing traditional business by joining this pond, will get the benefit of this employment-oriented scheme.



The State Planning Commission to make a Decentralized Annual District Plan

Why is News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on August 11, 2023, the State Planning Commission will prepare a decentralized district plan 2024-25 to make the state's socio-economic development overall inclusive and to speed up the expected progress.

Key Points:

- According to the information, the State Planning Commission has been given the responsibility of giving appropriate suggestions for the purpose of taking the plans prepared by the local citizens to the government on the basis of local needs.
- The Planning Commission has been entrusted with the responsibility of ranking local needs, planning,

Note:

reviewing and prioritizing resource distribution at the district level.

- For this, the district progress report prepared by the State Planning Commission has been made the basis. Along with this, provision has also been made at the government level to make these schemes ambitious.
- To make socio-economic development of the state effectively inclusive, information about the progress made in the state in the field of agricultural technology, information technology, digitalization, weather information technology, biotechnology and new technology related to the public will be included.
- Similarly, in order to take the benefits of the state's progress to the remote areas in an inclusive and effective manner, there was a need to activate the concerned implementing institutions and departments of the districts and new guidelines for effective utilization of resources.
- For this, detailed guidelines have been issued by the Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission under the guidance of Ajay Singh, Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Commission, in coordination with the Urban Administration Development Department and Panchayat and Rural Development Department.



CM's many Important Gifts to the people of the state on Independence Day

Why is News?

On August 15, 2023, on the occasion of Independence Day, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel gave many important gifts to the people of the state while

making several important announcements at a function organized at the Police Parade Ground in the capital Raipur.

Key Points:

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced to give 'Chhattisgarh Sahitya Akademi Samman' in three categories to litterateurs to further strengthen the literary environment of the state.
- First - for literature written in Chhattisgarhi and other dialects like Gondi, Halbi, Sargujia, Kurukh etc.
- Second - for poetry written in Hindi.
- Third – This honor will be given for prose written in Hindi.
- 5 lakh cash and citation will be given to the respected litterateurs in each category.
- The Chief Minister said that those accused of molestation, rape etc. with girls and women will be banned from government jobs.
- In the state level competition of Chhattisgarhia Olympics, the participants who get first place in the age group of 18 to 40 years in the sports of long jump, 100 meters race and wrestling will be declared as outstanding players. This provision will be implemented from this year itself.
- Looking at the positive results of giving agriculture status to fish farming and lac farming, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has now announced to give agriculture status to silkworm farming and beekeeping in Chhattisgarh.
- In Chhattisgarh, with the aim of encouraging poultry farming, creating new employment and self-employment opportunities, the Chief Minister has announced the launch of 'Chhattisgarh Poultry Farming Promotion Scheme'. Under this scheme, instead of subsidy and commercial rate, electricity will be made available to poultry farmers at a subsidized rate.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that students of class 11th and 12th of government schools of remote areas of the state can also prepare better for competitive examinations of engineering and medical, for this free online coaching from renowned coaching institutes of the country has been arranged. Going to make arrangements soon. For this, online coaching classes will be arranged in all block headquarters.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Government Lochan Prasad Pandey College, Sarangarh, operated in the newly created District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh Headquarters,

Note:

Dr. Bhanwar Singh Porte College, operated in District Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi Headquarters, Kranti Kumar Indian College Shakti, operated in District Shakti Headquarters and District Mohla-Manpur Government LCS operated at Ambagarh Chowki. Announced to provide post graduate school status to College Ambagarh Chowki.

- In view of the role of modern technology in building new Chhattisgarh, the Chief Minister announced to include information about state-of-the-art technology like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Internet of Things in the curriculum of school children from the next academic session.
- The Chief Minister announced to provide free transport facility through bus to the students studying in government colleges for commuting from home to college and from college to home.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that from the next academic session, Chhattisgarhi language and the local dialect in tribal areas will be included as a subject in the syllabus from class one to class five in the areas of the state where Chhattisgarhi language is spoken.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced a 20 percent increase in the honorarium of urban sanitation sisters in view of their excellent work. Due to the excellent work done by the cleanliness sisters, the state has achieved the distinction of being the cleanest state in the country thrice in a row.
- In view of the excellent work done by the community organizers working in the field of urban livelihood, the Chief Minister has announced a 20 percent increase in their honorarium.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the launch of 'Mukhyamantri Nirman Shramik Pension Sahayata Yojana' for the hardworking construction workers. Construction laborers who have completed 60 years of age and have been registered for 10 years will be given a monthly pension of Rs 1500 per month for the rest of their lives.
- The Chief Minister has announced to increase the one-time contract salary of contract training officers working in industrial training institutes from Rs 25,780 to Rs 32,740



per month and to increase the maximum payment limit of guest lecturers from Rs 13,000 to Rs 15,000 per month.

- The Chief Minister has announced an increase of Rs 500 per month in the honorarium of part-time sweepers and cooks associated with the mid-day meal program, who have contributed significantly to the education facilities in Chhattisgarh.

CM rewarded 3 Gauthans for their Excellent Work

Why is News?

On August 15, 2023, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel awarded three Gauthans being operated under 'Suraji Gaon Yojana' in the state for their excellent work in the main function of Independence Day organized at the Police Parade Ground in the capital Raipur.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister honoured the chairmen of Gauthan Management Committee with shawls, shripal, citation and insignia.
- The awardees include Village Amlidih of Rajnandgaon district, Village Chandkhuri of Durg district and Village Hirri Gauthan Management Committees of Saranggarh-Bilaigarh district.
- It is worth mentioning that under the Suraji Village Scheme, various types of economic activities including vermicompost manufacturing, fisheries, poultry farming, vegetable production are being conducted by self-help groups in Gauthans along with day-care of pushes in the gauthans built in the village.
- These Gauthans are being run through management, Gauthan Samiti and Gram Panchayat.



Note:



CM rewarded police officers for their Excellent Services

Why is News?

On August 15, 2023, Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel awarded Police Medal for Gallantry to 07 officers of the Police Department, Indian Police Medal to 11 officers, Home Guard and Civil Defense to 02 officers in the main function of Independence Day organized at the Police Parade Ground in the capital Raipur. Awarded the Meritorious Service Medal and one the President's Vishisht Seva Medal.

Key Points:

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel presented Police Gallantry Medal, Indian Police Medal for Meritorious Service, Home Guard and Civil Defense Meritorious

Service Medal, Guru Ghasidas Award, Governor's Award, Rani Subran Kunwar Award, Chief Minister's Award, Veer Narayan Singh Award and Police Officers of Police Department. Awarded to the officers selected for the Director General Award.

- The officers of Chhattisgarh who were awarded the Police Gallantry Medal by the Chief Minister included Reserve Inspector Vaibhav Mishra, Superintendent of Police Dr. Abhishek Pallav, Inspector Ashwani Sinha, Inspector Yashwant Shyam, Assistant Sub-Inspector Usaru Ram Korram, Inspector Uttam Kumar and Assistant Platoon Commander Shaheed Krishnapal Singh Kushwaha. name is included.
- In the ceremony, Inspector General of Police Ajay Kumar Yadav, Inspector General of Police Badri Narayan Meena, Superintendent of Police Jhadu Ram Thakur, Superintendent of Police Pankaj Chandra, Additional Superintendent of Police Anant Kumar Sahu, Inspector Kamleshwar Singh, Company Commander Arjun Singh Thakur, Platoon Commander Harihar Prasad Garg, Platoon Commander Sanjay Kumar Dubey, Head Constable Balbir Singh, Inspector General of Police Sundar Lal Pattilingam were awarded the Indian Police Medal.
- Similarly, Home Guard and Civil Defence Meritorious Service Medal was awarded to Nayak Nagarsena Shashibhushan Soni and Kanhaiyalal Sahu.
- Guru Ghasidas Award was given to Principal Constable Suresh Banjare, Governor's Award Principal Constable Anju Singh, Chief Minister's Award Principal Constable Sandeep Deshmukh, Rani Subaran Kunwar Award Sub-Inspector Sarita Tiwari, Veer Narayan Singh Award Inspector Surendra Kumar Chaturvedi and Director General of Police Award Sub Inspector Nita Rajput.



Note:



Misal Bandobast now on mobile: Online Portal of Raipur district started

Why is News?

On August 16, 2023, the Raipur district administration has started the district's Misal Bandobast online portal. Through this portal, people can now easily see the records of their lands on their mobiles and download them.

Key Points:

- Raipur District Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Bhure told that for many of their documentary needs, people need the old Misal settlement records of the year 1929-1945 and they have to visit the office for this, but now this record is available on the online portal. People can now watch and download it on their mobiles only. Prints of downloaded documents can also be taken out.
- The link to the Misal Settlement Record Portal is <https://revenue.cg.nic.in/missal/> in which the general public can easily get their records for the year 1929-1945 through their computer or mobile through 'Record Search' village-wise and 'Record Search' name-wise in the system provided.
- To check the Misal Settlement record online, first of all, visit the official website <https://revenue.cg.nic-in/missal/>. On the home page, select the information asked, such as District, Tehsil, Revenue Number, P.H.No., Village and Record.
- By entering all the asked information and clicking on Search, the sample settlement record list opens

on the screen. Find the name on the opened page and 'select' will be written next to it, click there. Beneficiaries can also download the list and can also take out the printout by going to the print option.



Chhattisgarh ranks 5th in fish seed production and 6th in fish production in the country

Why is News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on August 16, 2023, the state has become self-sufficient in fish seed production and is at the 5th position in the field of fish seed production & 6th in the field of fish production in the whole country.

Key Points:

- Due to the status of agriculture to fisheries by the Government of Chhattisgarh, interest-free loans and other facilities to fish farmers have reduced the cost of fisheries & increased the income of fishermen.
- More than 2 lakh hectare water area is available for fish farming in the state. For fish seed production, 86 hatcheries, 59 fish seed farms, 647 hectare culture ponds are available, where 330 crore fish seed fry of advanced species are being produced.

Note:

- The requirement of the state is 143 crores. The remaining 187 crore fish seeds are being exported to other states.
- At the time of formation of Chhattisgarh state only 93 thousand metric ton fish was produced, at present about 6 lakh metric ton fish production has started. This increase in fish production is six and a half times.
- In the field of fisheries, Chhattisgarh has also received the award for the best inland state in the country at the national level.
- A total of 4021 cages have been installed in 19 irrigation reservoirs and two mines of the state. Cultivation of fishes like pangasius, monosex tilapia and through cage culture in reservoirs has helped in obtaining more fish production in limited water resources.
- The average fish production per hectare is 4017 kg in rural ponds and 240 kg in irrigation reservoirs in the state, which is more than the country's average production.
- Cluster based farming of fish farming is being developed in Koylibeda block of Kanker district, where more than 3000 farmers are getting benefitted.
- One thousand cages have been installed in the Bango irrigation dam. Till a few years ago, the members of the displaced fishermen cooperative society of the drowning area of this dam had to work hard to earn income in fisheries. Despite this, he had to face financial problems.
- When Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel came to village Satrenga of this area, he understood the needs of the fisheries groups and announced to provide 1000 cages to the fishermen groups.
- After the Chief Minister's announcement, the work of installation of 100 cages in village Satrenga, 100 in village Garhupora & 800 cages in Niumkachhar was completed in Bango irrigation reservoir with the help of the District Mineral Institute Trust Korba and departmental cooperation and 200 members of the displaced fishermen cooperative society around Bango irrigation reservoir were linked to the business of fish farming to make them self-sufficient. As a result, the income of fishermen groups has increased a lot as compared to before and they are moving forward in the path of self-reliance.
- Each beneficiary is allotted 5-5 cages, fish production is being done by accumulating 5000 tilapia monosex / pangasius fish seeds in each cage and about 2000

kg from each cage. Fish production is being achieved.

- In the year 2022-23, their economic and social condition is improving with the production of fish from the cage allotted to each beneficiary.



CM gave many gifts to the youth in the Meeting with the Youth of Bastar division

Why is News?

On August 16, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel discussed with the youth at Government Kakatiya PG College Ground Dharampura, Jagdalpur under the meet-meet program in Bastar division, got to know their aspirations and made many announcements in their interest on the spot.



Key Points:

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced to start Wrestling Academy in Kondagaon and Agriculture College in Sukma from next year.



Note:

- During the meeting, the youth of Narayanpur demanded for outdoor stadium and central library, this was also fulfilled. An announcement was also made to increase the number of seats in PMT Girls College in Narayanpur from 50 to 100.
- The Chief Minister also gave approval to hostel in Jagdalpur Danteshwari Girls College for the convenience of girl students.
- Announcing the opening of DCA and PGDCA as well as PG College at Charama in Kanker, the Chief Minister said that these courses would start from next year.
- The Chief Minister also informed the youth about major decisions taken in the interests of the youth on the occasion of Independence Day.
- He said that those accused of molesting women, raping etc. would be banned from government jobs.
- Free bus facility will be given to the students studying in government colleges from home to college.
- In the state level competition of Chhattisgarh Olympics, the participants who get first place in the age group of 18 to 40 years in the sports of long jump, 100 meter race and wrestling will be declared as outstanding players. This provision will be implemented from this year itself.
- For the students of remote areas, preparation for engineering and medical entrance examinations will be done online at block headquarters.



Note:



CM Made Online Payment of ₹ 2055.60 crore to the Beneficiaries of Justice Schemes (Nyay Yojana)

Why is News?

On August 20, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel made online payment of Rs 2055.60 crore to the beneficiaries of Nyay Yojana, farmers, labourer's, villagers and cattle rearers on the occasion of 'Harmony Day' the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna late Rajiv Gandhi, at the High School ground in Mahasamund.

Key Points:

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel paid Rs 1810 crore as the second installment of the scheme to the beneficiaries of 'Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana' in the programme. Including this amount, input subsidy of Rs 21 thousand 912 crore has been paid to 24.30 lakh farmers of Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana so far.

- The Chief Minister paid an amount of Rs 168.63 crore as the second installment to the beneficiaries of 'Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Bhumihiin Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana'. Including this amount, Rs 758.03 crore has been paid so far to 5.6 lakh beneficiaries of the scheme.
- Bhupesh Baghel also transferred an amount of Rs 66.21 crore to 'Rajiv Yuva Mitran Clubs' in the programme. An amount of Rs 132.48 crore has been paid so far to 13 thousand 242 clubs formed in the state to connect the youth with creative activities.
- In this episode, the Chief Minister paid an amount of Rs 9.65 crore to the beneficiaries of 'Godhan Nyaya Yojana'. Including this amount, Rs 551.31 crore has been paid to women self-help groups, Godhan committees and villagers so far under the scheme.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel transferred an amount of Rs 1.11 crore to the gram panchayats of non-scheduled areas under 'Mukhyamantri Parab Samman Nidhi Yojana' in the programme. Including this amount, an amount of Rs 6.11 crore has been paid to 6,111 gram panchayats for celebrating local festivals.



CM Virtually Inaugurated 13 New Subdivisions and 18 New Tehsils

Why is News?

On August 20, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel virtually inaugurated the newly formed 13 revenue subdivisions and 18 tehsils at Mahasamund's high school ground on the occasion of 'Harmony Day', the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna late Rajiv Gandhi.

Note:

Key Points:

- With the introduction of these new tehsils and subdivisions, there are now 122 revenue subdivisions and 250 tehsils in the state.
- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has been announcing formation of new districts, subdivisions and tehsils in the state in the last five and a quarter years with the aim of bringing governance closer to the general public, bringing transparency and tightening in administrative work.
- In the year 2018, the number of districts in the state was 27. After the formation of Gorela-Pendra-Marwahi, Sakti, Saranggarh-Bilaigarh, Mohla-Manpur-Chowki, Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai, Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur districts, the number of districts in the state has increased to 33.
- Similarly, the Chief Minister recently announced the formation of 13 new subdivisions and 18 new tehsils in the state, which will be formally inaugurated on 20 August. Establishment of new sub-divisions and tehsils will facilitate smooth implementation of government schemes and tightening of administrative work. Schemes and basic facilities of the government will be easily available to the general public.
- In the year 2023, 13 new subdivisions, Bakwand under District Bastar, Subdivision Chhindgarh under District Sukma, Subdivision Ramanujnagar under District Surajpur, Subdivision Daundi under District Balod, Subdivision Farsabhar under District Jashpur, Subdivision Palari under District Balodabazar-Bhatapara, Subdivision Chhura under District Gariaband, Subdivision Usoor (Awapalli) under district Bijapur, subdivision Basna under district Mahsamund, sub-division Lundra (Dhaurpur) and sub-division Udaipur under district Surguja, subdivision Kelhari under district Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur and subdivision Shankargarh under district Balrampur-Ramanujnagar have been formed.
- Newly formed 18 tehsils – In the year 2023, 18 new Tehsil Kapu under District Raigarh, Tehsil Bhatgaon under District Surajpur, Tehsil Kukdur under District Kabirdham, Tehsil Karpavand under District Bastar, Tehsil Dornapal and Tehsil Jagargunda under District Sukma, Tehsil Ghumka and Tehsil Kumarda under District Rajnandgaon, District Bilaspur Tehsil Pachpedi, Tehsil Bagbahar under District Jashpur, Tehsil Bande under District Kanker, Tehsil Amabeda and Tehsil Koilibeda, Tehsil Chandrapur under District Sakti,

Tehsil Fingeshwar under District Gariaband, Tehsil Beard under District Bemetara, Tehsil Bhotia under District Sakti and Tehsil Bhotia under District Sakti. Tehsil Sarsiwa has been formed.



Ambikapur got the Gift of Indoor Stadium and Digital Library

Why in News?

During the interaction with the youth at the PG College Hockey Stadium in Ambikapur on August 22, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the construction of indoor stadium for sports lovers at Ambikapur at a cost of Rs 100 crore.

Key Points:

- In this program, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel also announced to start a residential college at the state level for deaf-mute children on the demand of Tamanna Singh, a disabled student of K.R. Technical College. Till now, only school facility is available for such children.
- Announcements made by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel in the meet program-
- A huge indoor stadium will be built at the divisional headquarters Ambikapur, which will be like the indoor stadium in Raipur. Amount of Rs. 100 crores has been announced for this.
- Announced digital library in Ambikapur like Nalanda campus of capital Raipur.
- Government B.Ed colleges will be opened in all the districts of Surguja division.
- Announced the opening of Yeshu Sports Academy at District Headquarters Surajpur.
- Law college announced in Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur district.

Note:



The first Swami Atmanand Government English Medium College of Surguja Division was inaugurated

Why in News?

On August 22, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the first Swami Atmanand Government English Medium Adarsh College of Surguja division.

Key Points:

- A total of 10 English medium Swami Atmanand Adarsh Mahavidyalaya's are being opened in Chhattisgarh, out of which the renovation work of Swami Atmanand English Medium Adarsh Mahavidyalaya building at Keshavpur in Ambikapur was inaugurated.
- It is known that the total admission capacity of the government college is 1000, in which about 610 students have taken admission.
- After the announcement of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, while upgrading the Government Science College, renovation and construction works were done to expand the facilities. The college is equipped with modern technology, smart classrooms, state-of-the-art library, laboratory, additional rooms and other facilities for the students.
- Renovation and construction works have been done in the college at a total cost of Rs 2.54 crore.



Note:

Deputy CM gave awards to 25 AYUSH Institutions

Why is News?

On August 24, 2023, Deputy Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh and Minister of Health & Family Welfare T.S. Singhdeve presented awards to 25 AYUSH institutions of the state for their outstanding work in promoting cleanliness, prevention of infection & waste management at the Kayakalp-AYUSH Award ceremony held at a private hotel in Raipur.

Key Points:

- It is known that after evaluation of cleanliness, infection control and quality of health services in four stages, 25 AYUSH institutions found excellent were selected for these awards.
- Kayakalp-AYUSH is being implemented in the state under National AYUSH Mission to provide quality health facilities along with promotion of cleanliness, infection prevention and waste management in AYUSH institutions as per the guidelines of the Union Ministry of AYUSH. Chhattisgarh is the first state in the country to do so.
- After the introduction of Kayakalp-AYUSH, for the first time in the entire country, after the evaluation of AYUSH institutions in Chhattisgarh, the selected institutions were rewarded.
- Kavita Garg, Joint Secretary of the Union Ministry of AYUSH and in-charge of the National AYUSH Mission, said that currently 400 AYUSH Health & Wellness Centers are functional in the state. The target given to Chhattisgarh for this, the state has achieved 100 percent.
- Additional Chief Secretary of the Medical Education Department, Renu G. Pillai informed at the function that out of 1174 AYUSH institutions, 1054 institutions participated in Kayakalp-AYUSH.
- In the programme, Director of AYUSH Department, Namrata Gandhi informed about the innovations being done for the strengthening of AYUSH institutions and quality health services. He also told about the medical facilities being provided by the department and evaluation of AYUSH institutions under Kayakalp-AYUSH.
- District Ayurveda Hospital Jagdalpur got the first prize in the District Ayurveda Hospital category under Kayakalp-AYUSH. The co-founded AYUSH Wing in District Allopathy Hospital Jagdalpur and AYUSH Specialized Therapy Center Surajpur received the first prize in their respective categories.
- These three institutions were given prize money of Rs 2 lakh, Rs 1.5 lakh and Rs 1.25 lakh respectively.
- Ayush Specialized Therapy Center Dongargarh of Rajnandgaon district was given the second prize of Rs 50,000.
- Three institutions from each division were awarded in the AYUSH dispensary category. They were given prize money of Rs 75,000, Rs 50,000 and Rs 25,000 respectively as first, second and third prizes.
- In Raipur division, first prize was given to Ayurveda dispensary Akalwara of Gariaband district, second prize to Ayurveda dispensary Parsapani of Dhamtari and third prize to Ayurveda dispensary Tekari (Julum) of Raipur.
- Barra, Bhedwan and Samkera Ayurveda dispensaries of Raigad district in Bilaspur division were given first, second and third prizes respectively.
- Homeopathy dispensary Wadrafnagar of Balrampur-Ramanujanj district under Surguja division got first prize, homeopathy dispensary Pendri of the same district second and Ayurveda dispensary Bandarchua of Jashpur district got third prize.
- In Bastar division, first prize was given to Ayurveda dispensary Borgaon of Kondagaon district, second prize to Ayurveda dispensary Tarhul of Kanker district and third prize to Ayurveda dispensary Dabena of the same district.
- Under Durg division, first prize was given to Ayurveda dispensary Padumtra of Rajnandgaon district, second prize to Ayurveda dispensary Vicharpur of Rajnandgaon and third prize to Ayurveda dispensary Singhangarh of Kabirdham.
- Two AYUSH institutions each from Bilaspur, Surguja and Bastar divisions were awarded in the AYUSH center and specialty clinic category. In this category, Rs 75,000 was given as first prize and Rs 50,000 as second prize.
- AYUSH Center Kanakbira of Raigarh district of Bilaspur division was awarded the first prize and AYUSH Specialty Clinic Lemru of Korba was awarded the second prize.
- Under Surguja division, first prize was given to Ayush Specialty Clinic Basdei of Surajpur and second prize to Ayush Center Bhelwan of Jashpur.

Note:



- Under Bastar division, first prize was awarded to Ayush Center Kottra of Kanker district and second prize to Ayush Center Anatpur of Kondagaon.



Chhattisgarh's 'Mukhyamantri Mitan Yojana' has been awarded by the U.P. Govt.

Why is News?

On August 24, 2023, Chhattisgarh's 'Mukhyamantri Mitan Yojana' was awarded by the Uttar Pradesh government in the category of Outstanding Project in Digital Innovation at the Uttar Pradesh Planning and Investment Conclave in Lucknow.

Key Points:

- This conclave was organized by the Government of Uttar Pradesh and ELETS.
- This honor was given to Chhattisgarh for 'Mukhyamantri Mitan Yojana' for making urban services easily available to the general public using digital medium.
- It was told in the conclave that through digital medium people have easy access to facilities. Along with this, transparency also increases in it. Citizens get a lot of relief by the use of digital medium for the facilities provided in the urban bodies. In such a situation, the innovation of Mukhyamantri Mitan Yojana in Chhattisgarh is a great relief scheme for lakhs of city dwellers.
- Due to this, the facilities of the corporation are easily available to the large citizen population living in a run-of-the-mill life.
- It is notable that this scheme has been prepared under the leadership of Chhattisgarh Chief



Note:

Minister Bhupesh Baghel for quality and timely delivery of citizen services. So far, one lakh twenty thousand certificates have been given through the 'Mukhyamantri Mitan Yojana'.

- Through 'Mukhyamantri Mitan Yojana', 25 types of facilities can be availed in urban areas. In this, a call has to be made on the toll free number 14545. After this Mitan contacts you. The scheduled day is scheduled. Mitan scans all the necessary certificates and the work of the citizen gets done easily without going to the corporation office.
- Earlier this system was applicable in 14 urban bodies of the state, now this system has been implemented in all the municipalities as well.
- After the implementation of 'Mukhyamantri Mitan Yojana', basic facilities like income certificate, birth & death certificate, original resident certificate, copy of land records, land information, shops and establishment registration documents are easily accessible to the people through Mitan.

'Mor Raipur App' received National e-Governance Award

Why in News?

On August 25, 2023, the National E-Governance Award-2023 was awarded to the 'Mor Raipur App' of 'Swarna' Raipur Smart City Ltd. by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India, for district-level excellent e-governance initiative.



Key Points:

- The 'India Smart City Award-2022' organized for the cities of the Smart Cities Mission, operated under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India, was also announced, in which the Oxy Reading Zone Library 'Nalanda Complex' prepared by Raipur Smart City Ltd. Received the Best Innovative Idea Award.
- In the category of excellent work done from the social point of view of this competition, building renovation and infrastructure construction of B.P. Pujari Shala

Bhavan Upgradation Program has got a place at the national level.

- The system of 'Mor Raipur App' has been considered as an excellent innovation under the e-governance initiative. Under this App, the initiative towards hi-tech citizen services by creating a system of digital door number, payment of municipal taxes, service & redressal of grievances has been given the 'National e-Governance Award' by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India.
- Apart from this, two important projects of Smart City Raipur have also been appreciated at the national level in the result of 'India Smart City Award-2022'.
- The B.P. Pujari Shala Bhavan Upgradation Program of Raipur has got the third place in the country after the projects of Vadodara in Gujarat and Agra city in Uttar Pradesh in the category of social approach of this contest.
- Apart from this, the Nalanda campus built by Raipur Smart City Ltd. has been awarded the Innovation Award in the category of innovations. In this category, the project of Hooghly Dharwad and Surat city got first and second place.



Note:



Chief Election Commissioner Inaugurated the 'Voting Festival Exhibition, Symbol of Democracy'

Why in News?

On August 25, 2023, the Chief Election Commissioner of the Election Commission of India, Rajeev Kumar, along with Election Commission commissioners Anoop Chandra Pandey and Arun Goyal, inaugurated the 'Voting Festival Exhibition, Symbol of Democracy' by cutting the ribbon at the Budhapara Talab complex in the capital Raipur.

Key Points:

- Chief Election Commissioner Rajeev Kumar visited various stalls in the exhibition. Stalls have been set up here by different districts of the state, especially those belonging to tribal-dominated areas. In these stalls, glimpses of voting held in the past years through photographs and campaigns conducted for voter awareness in different districts are also shown.
- Stalls have been set up by districts like Bilaspur, Raipur, Bastar, Sukma, Janjgir-Champa, Balrampur, Kabirdham, Sarangarh, Balod in the exhibition.

- Voter awareness campaign along with photo exhibition has been displayed in the stalls put up by Raipur, Bilaspur, Kabirdham, Sarangarh and Balod.
- Bilaspur has illustrated slogans like 100% polling, Bilaspur's campaign, the basis of democracy, no vote should be wasted.
- Similarly, in Sarangarh district, a rakhi with the slogan 'Mor Bhaiya Vote Devaiya' is attracting people while Balod has also showcased the election campaigns being run in the district with 'E Dari Manabo Raksha Sang Matdaan Ke Bandhan'.
- In the stall of the photo exhibition here, a picture of the elections held in 1967 in Orchha, a remote area of Bastar district of Chhattisgarh, is displayed, in which an elderly woman is seen exercising her right to vote and putting the ballot slip on the ballot box.
- While in the stall of tribal dialect exhibition, there is a pictorial display of election slogans in dialects like Gondi, Sadri, Birhor, Baiga, Kamari, voter songs in local Halbi dialect are also displayed here.
- Various stalls in the exhibition prominently displayed the election campaign carried out in different districts. Similarly, a stall focusing on the grand event of newly married bride felicitation ceremony has also been put up in the exhibition. In this campaign, under the Second Special Brief Revision Program 2023 of Voter List, 1771 newly married brides were felicitated in 1281 Anganwadis of all child development projects of the district on a single day in Janjgir-Champa district.
- The election campaigns 'Matveer' and 'Sankalp Vriksha' run here have been prominently displayed in the stall put up by District Balrampur, the aim of which is to increase the voting interest of all categories of voters like youth, women, disabled, senior citizens etc. and to make them understand the importance of voting.
- Satrangi Raigarh, a stall put up by Raigarh District, focuses on development from heritage, in which the works of voter awareness have been displayed through programs such as resolution of the election campaign heritage, growing hand with oath, respect for the elderly, Shubh Kadam Swagatam, Kartavya pe Badhe Chalen. It has glimpses from the Birhor tribe to the industries of Raigarh.
- In the stall put up by Sukma district have displayed election campaigns under the SVEEP, a voter awareness campaign in the most naxal-affected areas, voter awareness campaign, voter awareness programme, voter oath programme, voter awareness and EVM

Note:

chariot demonstration, debates, painting & slogan writing competition, human chain, newly married felicitation program, voter awareness rally, rangoli painting.



Principal of Swami Atmanand Govt. Excellent English Medium School Dr. Brijesh Pandey selected for National Teacher Award

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on August 28, 2023, Dr. Brijesh Pandey, Principal of Swami Atmanand Government Excellent English Medium School Bramhapara, Ambikapur, has been selected for the National Teacher Award-2023.



Key Points:

- President Draupadi Murmu will confer the National Teacher Award on Principal Dr. Pandey at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on September 5, on the occasion of Teacher's Day.
- Dr. Brijesh Pandey, who was selected for the National Teacher Award, made an important contribution in taking the child scientists forward along with arousing interest towards science. Under his guidance, the model of many child scientists has been displayed at the national level.
- Dr. Brijesh Pandey has also been honored with the Governor's Award in the year 2018. He has played an important role in determining the activity book for the children of primary education.
- Congratulating Dr. Brijesh Pandey, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and School Education Minister Ravindra Choubey said that Swami Atmanand excellent English medium schools have been established in the state to provide quality English medium education to the children. The selection of Dr. Brijesh Pandey for the National Award will inspire teachers and principals of other schools.

CM inaugurated Kauhi Lift Irrigation Scheme, irrigation will be done in 2500 Hectares

Why in News?

On August 28, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the Kauhi Lift Irrigation Scheme built at a cost of Rs 7 crore at Kauhi in Patan of Durg district. With this irrigation will be possible in 2500 hectare.

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Key Points:

- Farmers of villages Kauhi, Borenda, Jarvay, Kesra, Khamharia, Danganiya, Tarrighat, Sonpur and Sipkona will get the benefit of irrigation from Kauhi lift irrigation scheme.
- It is worth mentioning that on the occasion of his first visit to Kauhi, the Chief Minister had announced to update the old lift irrigation scheme here.
- Under the scheme, the radius of the intake well, which was earlier 6 metres, has been increased to 12 metres. At the same time, five VT pumps of 150 H.P. each have been installed, due to which the capacity of lift irrigation has increased manifold.
- The lining work of the entire canal system has also been done. Due to increase in the capacity of Kauhi Lift Irrigation Scheme, relief has come to hundreds of farmers of this area.



CM inaugurated the construction works of Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit in Champaran

Why is News?

On August 29, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the construction works done

under the Ram Van Gaman Tourism Circuit in a ceremony organized at the Shri Champeshwarnath Mahadev Temple complex in Champaran.

Key Points:

- Statue of Lord Shri Ram, Ramvatika, lamp pillar, grand entrance, Ramayana Interpretation Centre, cafeteria, tourism information centre, gazebo, landscaping, boundary wall, electrification, plumbing work, public toilet and various infrastructure at a cost of Rs 3 crore 58 lakh in Champaran. Development works have been done.
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- On this occasion, the Chief Minister inaugurated the renovation and beautification work of Mata Kaushalya Temple complex in Chandkhuri and also unveiled the 51-foot-high statue of Lord Shri Ram through light.
- It is noteworthy that 75 places related to Ram's exile period are being identified and linked together as a new tourism circuit. In the first phase, 9 places are being beautified and developed from Koriya district in North Chhattisgarh to Sukma district in the South.
- In the first phase, about 2260 kilometres Ram Van Gaman tourism circuit is being developed from Harchauka in Sitamarhi of Korea district located in North Chhattisgarh to Ramaram in Sukma district of South Chhattisgarh.

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- Through this tourism circuit, not only rural tourism will get a boost in the state, but new global opportunities of tourism will increase.
- All these places are already full of natural scenery. They are now being made even greener through tree plantation. Beautiful gardens with fragrant flowers will also be prepared at all selected tourist pilgrimages.
- The entire route of Ram Van Gaman includes planting of plants of Peepal, Banyan, Mango, Harra, Bahera, Jamun, Arjun, Khamhar, Amla, Shishu, Karanj, Neem etc. Through the Ram Van Gaman Path, there will also be a view of biodiversity in front of the world.
- Nine places have been identified for the first phase of Ram Van Gaman Path. These include Sitamarhi-Harchauka (Koriya), Ramgarh (Surguja), Shivrinarayan (Janjgir-Champa), Turturia (Balodabazar), Chandkhuri (Raipur), Rajim (Gariaband), Sihawa Saptarishi Ashram (Dhamtari), Jagdalpur (Bastar) and Ramaram (Sukma).
- Sitamarhi-Harchauka: It is in Korea District. This is considered to be the first stop of Rama's exile period. It is located on the banks of the river, where there are 17 chambers in the caves. It is also known as Sita's kitchen.
- Ramgarh Hill: In the Ramgarh hill in Surguja district, there is a three-chambered Sita Bengra cave, which is said to be the oldest theater in the country. It is believed that this was Sita's room where Rama visited during his exile. Kalidas composed Meghdootam here.
- Shivrinarayan: Stopping at this place in Janjgir-Champa district, Lord Rama ate the false berries of Shabri. Here there is a confluence of Jok, Mahanadi and Shivrinarayan rivers. There is also a temple of Nar-Narayan and Shabari here. There is such a banyan tree near the temple, whose leaves are in the shape of two.
- Turturiya: There is a legend about this place in Balodabazar-Bhatapara district that Maharishi Valmiki's hermitage was here. Turturiya was the birthplace of Luv-Kush. The water of Balabhadri drain comes out from between the rocks, hence the sound of Turtur comes out, which gave the name Turturiya.
- Chandkhuri: In this village of Raipur district which has 126 ponds, there is a temple of Kaushalya, the mother of Lord Ram, in the middle of Jalsen pond. This is the only temple of Kaushalya Mata in the world. Chandkhuri is said to be the birthplace of Mother Kaushalya, hence it is called the maternal birthplace of Ram.
- Rajim: It is in Gariaband district. It is called Prayag of Chhattisgarh, where there is a confluence of Sondhur, Pairi and Mahanadi. It is said that during his exile, Ram had worshiped his family deity Mahadev at this place, hence the temple of Kuleshwar Maharaj is located here. A fair is also held here.
- Sihawa: There are ashrams of sages like Muchkund Ashram, Agastya Ashram, Angira Ashram, Shringi Rishi, Kankar Rishi Ashram, Sharbhang Rishi Ashram and Gautam Rishi Ashram etc. in various hills of Sihawa in Dhamtari district. Ram spent some time in the ashram of Dandakaranya meeting the sages.
- Jagdalpur: It is the headquarters of Bastar district, which is surrounded by forests on all sides. It is said that Ram passed through Jagdalpur area during his exile period, because the road to Chitrakoot passes from here. Jagdalpur was made the last capital of the Kakatiya kings, descendants of the Pandus.
- These places will be developed in the second phase-
- Korea: Sitamarhi Ghagra, Kotadol, Seemamarhi Chhataura (Siddh Baba Ashram), Devseal, Ramgarh (Sonhat), Amritdhara.
- Surguja: Deogarh, Maheshpur, Bandarkot (Ambikapur to Darima Marg), Mainpat, Mangrelagarh, Pampapur.
- Jashpur: Kilkila (Bildwar Cave), Sarasore, Rakasganda
- Janjgir-Champa: Chandrapur, Kharaud, Janjgir
- Bilaspur: Malhar
- Balodabazar-Bhatapara: Arteri, Palari, Narayanpur (Kasdol)
- Mahasamund: Sirpur
- Raipur: Arang, Champaran
- Gariaband: Fingeshwar
- Dhamtari: Madhuban (Rakadih), Ataramra (Atarpur), Sitanadi
- Kanker: Kanker (Kank Rishi Ashram)
- Kondagaon: Garhdhanora (Keshkal), Jatayu Shila (Farasgaon)
- Narayanpur: Narayanpur (Raksa Dongri), Chhote Dongar
- Dantewada: Barsoor, Dantewada, Geedam
- Bastar: Chitrakot, Narayanpal, Tirathgarh
- Sukma: Ramaram, Injaram, Konta

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- In this way, in this year's 26th All India Forest Sports Competition, Chhattisgarh won a total of 129 medals and scored a total of 509 points and again maintained its first position by defeating its nearest rival Karnataka in tough competition.
- It is noteworthy that the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India organizes All India Forest Sports Competition every year, the responsibility of which is assigned to a state every year. This time the responsibility of organizing the 26th Forest Sports Competition was given to the Haryana Forest Department.
- The annual All India Forest Sports Competition was started in the year 1993 by the Ministry of Forest and Environment, Government of India for the proper promotion of sports in the Forest Department, which was first organized in Hyderabad. Since then the competition has been organized a total of 26 times.



Indira Gandhi Agricultural University received 'National E-Governance Award, 2023' (Gold)

Why is News?

According to the information provided by Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on August 30, 2023, Indira Gandhi Agricultural University has been awarded the

'National E-Governance Award, 2023' 'Gold' at the national level for developing Artificial Intelligence based 'Crop Doctor 2.0 App' for farmers. Has been awarded.

Key Points:

- Indira Gandhi Agricultural University has been selected for this honour by the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India for excellence in research on citizen centric services through academic research.
- Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh honored him with a gold trophy, a citation and a check of Rs 10 lakh in the two-day national workshop organized in Indore.
- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel has congratulated and congratulated Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Vice-Chancellor of the University Dr. Girish Chandel and the team of the University for being awarded the 'National E-Governance Award, 2023' 'Gold' at the national level.
- Through this AI-based app, identification of diseases of 36 types of crops, identification of harmful insects, weather information, rental of agricultural machinery and facility of online marketing platform will be easily available to the farmers.
- By using AI, through this app, farmers will be able to get accurate information for farming, which will promote 'smart agriculture' in the state. 8 lakh farmers of the state are connected with this app and are taking advantage of it in farming.
- The 'Crop Doctor 2.0' mobile application has been developed by Indira Gandhi Agricultural University in collaboration with NIC Raipur. Through this application, provided by the Government of India to encourage advanced and transformative smart farming using Artificial Intelligence in agriculture.



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