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Scientists Discovered 10 New Rare Plant Species in Chhattisgarh

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on June 27, 2023, recently a team of scientists from Chhattisgarh has identified 10 new rare plant species in the state. These species are very rare and mostly found in the Western Ghats.

Key Points:

- Dr. M.L. Nayak, Dr. Rajendra Mishra and Dr. A. P. Tiwari are included.
- These species are grasses, vines, medium trees and shrubs which have been discovered from Udanti Sanctuary and Kanger Valley National Park.
- Dr. M.L. Nayak said that the herbarium has been made by collecting samples of plant species. These species include 1 grass species, 2 vine species, 2 medium sized tree species and 5 shrub species.
- Dr. Nayak said that out of 10 species discovered, 8 species have been discovered from Kanger Valley National Park and the remaining 2 species from Udanti Sanctuary.
- The said survey was done under the guidance of Arun Kumar Pandey, Additional Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Member Secretary, Chhattisgarh State Biodiversity Board.
- The country's well-known journal 'The Indian Forester' has prominently published the said plant species in its May issue.
- The plant species discovered by a team of scientists include *Alocasia decipiens*, *Breynia retusa*, *Cosmostigma racemosum*, *Dinabra polystachyos*, *Dracaena terniflora*, *Gamphostemma parviflorum*, *Gymnema inodorum*, *Huberantha cerasides*, *Lepisanthes tetraphylla* and *Solanum erianthum*.



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retusa**

**Gymnema
inodorum**

Deputy Director General of International Rice Research Institute Praised Chhattisgarh Millet Mission

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on July 1, 2023, appreciation of the work being done under the 'Chhattisgarh Millet Mission' to promote the production of small grain crops (Kodo-Kutki, Ragi) in Chhattisgarh International Rice Research Joanna Can Potaca, The Deputy Director General (Crops) of the Institute Manila and eminent Agriculture & Nutrition Expert.

Key Points:

- Ms. Potaca highlighted the seed production programme of small grain crops under the Chhattisgarh Millet Mission and seed distribution system to farmers, the establishment of Millet Processing Centers through community participation through Krishi Vigyan Kendras, procurement of small grain crops like Kodo, Kutki, Ragi etc. from farmers by the State Government at support price, the inclusion of small grain crops in a

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mid-day meal program for nutrition and inclusion of small grain crops in various districts through women self-help groups. He praised the establishment and operation of The Millet Cafe.

- Ms. Potaka tweeted about this while sharing a photo of her meeting with Dr. Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University during the 'International High Impact Rice Breeding Workshop' held in the South African country of Ghana recently. Significantly, Ms. Potaka is also the Executive Director of the Smart Food Programme.
- It is worth mentioning that Dr. Girish Chandel, Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, had recently participated as a subject expert in a four-day workshop on the 'Modernization of Paddy Breeding Program' organized in Kumasi city of Ghana.



- Dr. Chandel gave information about the works and activities being done to promote the production of small grain crops under the Chhattisgarh Millet Mission run under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.
- Dr. Chandel also gave information about the research work being done on small grain crops in Indira Gandhi Agricultural University under the Millet Mission and the Millet Processing Center and Millet Cafe established through Krishi Vigyan Kendras.
- He also informed the agricultural scientists from different countries about the research work being done in the direction of modernization of the paddy breeding program at Indira Gandhi Agricultural University in the international workshop.

Chhattisgarh 's First Automatic Fitness Testing Center for Vehicles

Why In News?

According to the information given by Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on July 3, 2023, Chhattisgarh's first automatic fitness testing center has been prepared in Raipur to check the fitness of vehicles as per the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. In this center, the fitness of vehicles will be checked by state-of-the-art machines.

Key Points:

- The establishment of this center is a major achievement in the efforts being made by the Transport Department towards reducing road accidents.
- As per the intention of the Chief Minister, continuous efforts are being made by the Transport Department



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towards modernization of the systems. Various services related to the Transport Department have been made online. Driving license and registration certificate are being delivered at home.

- Taking a step further in this direction, the department is also going to automate the work of fitness inspection of transport vehicles.
- In this regard, Transport Secretary S. Prakash said that now the work of fitness inspection will be done by automatic machine without human intervention.
- Transport Commissioner Dipanshu Kabra said that roller brake test, axle load test, suspension test, side slip test, joint play test, steering gear play test, speedometer test, speed governor test, exhaust gas test, through a machine in the Automated Fitness Center. Headlight test will be done.
- The transport vehicle has to undergo fitness proof inspection every 02 years before the age of 08 years. The transport vehicle which is more than 08 years old has to undergo fitness inspection every year. This rule applies to both passenger and goods vehicles, which are used as commercial vehicles to carry passengers or goods.
- In the past, the work of fitness inspection has been done by the inspector in the RTO office. Fitness certificate is issued after visual inspection by the inspector on the basis of experience. Many times, in such a situation, the vehicle owners were not satisfied with this test.
- If unfit vehicles ply on the road, then there is a possibility of accidents from them. Due to an accident involving a transport vehicle, the loss of life and property is high. Keeping all these facts in mind, a notification has been issued for mandatory fitness of heavy vehicles from April 01, 2024 through automatic fitness centers.
- The scrapping policy has also been brought by the state to give impetus to the automobile sector, under which up to 25 percent tax rebate will be available while buying a new vehicle for scrapping the old vehicle.
- To take advantage of this exemption, first the vehicle will have to be scrapped at the registered vehicle scrapping center after getting it inspected by the Automatic Fitness Center. After scrapping, a certificate of deposit will be given for tax exemption to buy a new vehicle, which will give exemption benefits.
- Apart from this, if the transport vehicle which is more than 15 years old fails in the fitness test of the Automated Fitness Center, then the registration of such vehicle will be canceled.



Health Minister releases the Monthly Magazine 'Khabarwad'

Why in News?

On July 4, 2023, Chhattisgarh Health and Commercial Taxes Minister T.S. Singhdeo released the first issue of monthly magazine 'Khabarwad' at Navin Vishram Bhawan in Raipur.

Key Points:

- Health and Commercial Taxes Minister T.S. Singhdeo hoped that through this new magazine, the people of the state will get the latest information about current events as well as the governance here.
- Speaking at the launch of the magazine, Khabarwad editor Shrikant Baghmare said that accurate analysis of major news stories of the state, views of intellectuals, politics, governance, administration as well as news related to schemes and issues of public interest will be published prominently in it.
- He said that along with 'Khabarwad.com', now people will also be made aware of the news of the state through the magazine.

Chhattisgarh Power Generation Company is the No. 1

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on July 4, 2023, Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company has achieved 85.71 percent plant load factor (PLF) and has secured first place by beating 33 power stations across the country.

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Key Points:

- Central Electricity Authority (CEA), New Delhi, has given Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company the first ranking in the first quarter for better performance in 33 state sectors.
- Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company has a capacity of 2840 MW, in which 85.71 percent PLF (Plant Load Factor) has secured the first position. Odisha Power Generation Corporation is in second place. Its plant load factor has been 84.98 percent.
- It is known that the Central Electricity Authority, New Delhi, a central government undertaking, releases the rankings every three months.
- The average PLF in 33 state sectors across the country is 66.97 percent, while plants in Chhattisgarh have generated 85.71 percent of electricity. The average PLF of all thermal power plants across India was 70.02 per cent. That is, more production was done in the plants of Chhattisgarh than all the plants.
- Sanjeev Kumar Katiyar, managing director of Generation Company, said, "The ranking has been received on the basis of production of April-May-June. During this time there was a severe heat situation in the state. There was a huge demand for electricity in all the states. On April 18, the power demand in Chhattisgarh reached 5878 MW."
- In such a situation, the plants of the generation company worked continuously and continued uninterrupted power supply in the state without power cuts. In particular, Hasdeo thermal power plant Korba West, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Thermal Power Plant (DSPM) Korba East and Atal Bihari Vajpayee Thermal Power Plant Madwa have produced better this year.
- Unit No. 04 of Hasdeo Thermal Power Plant Korba West, established in 1984, has set a record of generating uninterrupted power for 162 days and 12 hours, earlier this unit had generated electricity continuously for a maximum of 111 days and 9 hours.



Country's Largest Wholesale Market will be developed in Nava Raipur

Why in News?

On July 5, 2023, in a review meeting of the Urban Administration Department held at the residence office of the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, it was informed that the country's largest wholesale market will be developed in Nava Raipur. The proposed wholesale market of about 438.47 hectares will be constructed in Sector 27.

Key Points:

- The country's largest wholesale market to be built in Nava Raipur will be constructed by the Nava Raipur Atal Nagar Development Authority (NRDA). There will be basic necessary facilities for all traders, big and small.
- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel has asked the officials of NRDA to implement the action plan of this wholesale market in such a way that this largest wholesale market of the country can meet the needs of all small and big traders and there can be rapid expansion of business and commercial activities here.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel reviewed the implementation of schemes related to civil services and rural development in the meeting. Expressing happiness over the implementation of 'Mitan Yojana', he said that the citizens are getting the delivery of government schemes quickly and without reaching the office.
- The 'Mitan Scheme' was earlier applicable in the municipal areas of the state. Now it has been expanded to municipal areas.
- In the meeting, the officials said that most of the applications are related to the Aadhaar cards of the children. Under the 'Mitan Yojana', various documents of 1 lakh 03 thousand 315 beneficiaries of the state's municipal corporations have been prepared and delivered door step.
- Mitan receives the maximum number of calls for making Aadhaar cards for children and is the most popular. Along with this, caste and income certificates are also

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made enough. Officials said that along with phone calls, the service of Mitan Yojana will be provided soon through the app.

- In the review of health schemes in urban areas, the Chief Minister said that Dhanvantari Medical Stores should be opened in better locations. On this occasion, he reviewed the 'Slum Health Scheme' and instructed to organize health camps continuously.
- Officials informed in the meeting that so far Rs 132 crore has been saved for the beneficiaries through Dhanvantari Medical Stores. The location of these medical stores is also being improved with the aim of providing the benefits of the scheme to more and more people. Efforts are being made to inform more and more people through SMS about the benefits available through medical stores.
- The Chief Minister said in the review of 'Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park (RIPA)' that arrangements should be made for online supply of all products, and their availability in C-Mart.
- He said that many types of activities are taking place in Ripa. Good work is being done in bakery and food products, millets, apparel, construction etc. and entrepreneurs are coming forward. Cow dung paint is being used for painting in government buildings. Its sales should also be increased in the private sector.
- During the review of RIPA officials, officials said that 90 percent of the state's Ripa has a Wi-Fi facility. Out of 300 RIPA, 270 RIPAs have good digital connectivity with Wi-Fi, due to which youth are also taking advantage of it. Also, restaurants are operating better in 12 RIPA centres with Wi-Fi.
- On this occasion, officials said that a plan is being prepared for the divisional-level Millet Carnival. Feedback is also being taken from consumers of *Gobar Paint*. Since the Ministry of Rural Development has a contract with the institution, technical assistance will also be available from there.



CM Inaugurated and Laid the Foundation Stone of various works

Why in News?

On July 8, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel laid the foundation stone, bhoomi pujan and inaugurated various construction works including the Khelo India Multipurpose Indoor Stadium Hall located under the Mahatma Gandhi Stadium through video conferencing from the Chief Minister's residence office.

Key Points:

- The Chief Minister inaugurated this fully equipped multipurpose indoor hall built at a cost of Rs 4 crore 37 lakh 64 thousand here. There are 04 badminton courts, 03 table tennis, basketball and volleyball courts for the players.
- In the Multipurpose Indoor Hall, a separate changing room, washroom, clock room, sports equipment room, and seating area is available on the first floor for male and female players. There are also plans for a squash court, shooting range etc. for the future.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister inaugurated Swami Atmanand Excellence Schools in Keshavpur, Sohga, Rajapur, Bilaspur and Nimha constructed at a cost of 6 crore 86 lakh 11 thousand. On the other hand, Bhumi Pujan was done for works costing Rs 5 crore 39 lakh 47 thousand.



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For the protection of Kharif crop, 'Roka-Chheka Abhiyan' to be launched this year as well

Why in News?

On July 7, 2023, the Agriculture Department of Chhattisgarh has directed all the Collectors and Chief Executive Officers of Zilla Panchayats to 'stop' in the villages till July 17, according to the local conditions, to control the animals grazing in the open and to protect the Kharif crops from them. Guidelines have been issued to run 'Chheka Abhiyan'.

Key Points:

- In the instructions issued by the Agriculture Department, it has been said that like last year, arrangements should be made according to the practice of Roka-Chheka. For this, a meeting should be organized at the village level by July 17 by running a Roka-Chheka campaign according to the local situation. Along with this, pastures should be established in all the constructed Gothans before 30th July. Where there is fodder production.
- Officials have been asked to organize meetings at the village level under the Roka-Chheka campaign, in which the decision to save crops from animals will be taken by the village sarpanch, panch, public representatives and villagers as per the practice of 'Roka Chheka'.
- In order to save the crop from grazing, instructions have also been given to bring animals to Gothan regularly, to organize Munadi in every Gothan village and to organize veterinary and health camps in Gothans.
- In the issued instructions, under the 'Roka Chheka' practice, it has also been asked to organize a meeting of the Gothan Management Committee for proper arrangements for the management and maintenance of animals in Gothans. Instructions have been given to ensure the active participation of the members by amending the committee with the approval of the minister in-charge, as per the approval of the in-charge minister in such Gothans.
- It may be noted that this year also, a Roka-Chheka campaign is being started to control the animals grazing in the open and to protect the Kharif crops from them. Roka-Chheka is an old tradition of Chhattisgarh.
- On the initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, it has been started in the state as a campaign, which

has yielded very encouraging results. Keeping this in mind, this campaign is being run again in the state during the current year.

- It is worth mentioning that in the state of Chhattisgarh, the 'Roka Chheka' practice is prevalent for the control of animals grazing in the open before sowing of Kharif crops, in which to promote crop sowing and to protect the crop from loss due to grazing of animals. Arrangements for *Pahatiya* (Charwaha) etc. are done by the cattle rearers and the villagers to keep the animals tied. With this effort, not only farmers are able to do sowing work quickly, but they are also motivated to take another crop.

PM Inaugurates, Lays Foundation Stones in Raipur

Why in News?

On July 7, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth about Rs 7500 crore in Raipur, Chhattisgarh and dedicated them to the nation.

Key Points:

- Taking a major step towards infrastructure development, the Prime Minister today laid the foundation stone and dedicated five National Highway projects worth about Rs 6,400 crore.
- Among the projects to be dedicated to the nation, is 33 km of the Raipur to Kodebod section on the Jabalpur-Jagdalpur National Highway. Long 4-lane roadway included.
- Apart from promoting tourism, this section is important for the movement of raw materials, finished products of steel plants near Jagdalpur and provides connectivity to iron ore-rich areas.
- At the event, the PM dedicated the national four-laning of the 33-km-long Raipur-Kodebod section of the National Highway 30, the 53-km-long four-lane Bilaspur-Pathrapali stretch of NH-130.
- It will help in improving the connectivity of Chhattisgarh with Uttar Pradesh and promote coal movement by providing connectivity to coal mines in nearby areas.
- The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for 3 National Highway projects for the Chhattisgarh section of the 6-lane greenfield Raipur-Visakhapatnam corridor.

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- He laid the foundation stone for the construction of three sections - Jhanki-Sargi (43 km), Sargi Basanwahi (57 km) and Basanwahi-Marangpuri (25 km) - as a part of the six-lane Raipur-Visakhapatnam Economic Corridor NH-130 CD.
- Apart from this, a major component of this project is 2.8 Km. There is a long 6-lane tunnel, which includes 27 animal evacuation routes and 17 monkey shelters for the unrestricted wildlife sanctuary area in the Udanti Wildlife Sanctuary area.
- These projects will provide better connectivity to rice mills in Dhamtari and bauxite-rich areas in Kanker and also benefit the handicraft industry in Kondagaon. Overall, these projects will give prominence to the socio-economic development of the region.
- The Prime Minister completed 103 km at a cost of Rs 750 crore. He also dedicated the doubling of the long Raipur-Kharari road rail line to the nation. This will make it easier for industries in Chhattisgarh to transport coal, steel, fertilizers and other commodities from ports.
- He also inaugurated the 17 km Keoti-Antargarh link developed at a cost of Rs 290 crore. He also dedicated the long new railway line to the nation. The new railway line will provide connectivity to Bhilai Steel Plant with iron ore mines of Dalli-Rajhara and Rowghat areas and will connect remote areas of southern Chhattisgarh passing through dense forests.
- The Prime Minister also dedicated to the nation the bottling plant of the Indian Oil Corporation with a capacity of 60,000 metric tonnes per annum at Korba built at a cost of over Rs 130 crore.
- He also flagged off Antargarh-Raipur train through a video link. Apart from this, the Prime Minister launched the distribution of 75 lakh cards to the beneficiaries under Ayushman Bharat.
- The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of two economic corridors in Chhattisgarh, the Raipur-Dhanbad Economic Corridor and the Raipur-Vishakhapatnam Economic Corridor.
- Addressing a gathering on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that these projects will make life easier for the people and strengthen the healthcare system in the state. These projects will increase employment opportunities in the state, as well as benefit paddy farmers, the mineral industry and the tourism industry of Chhattisgarh.
- Chhattisgarh Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel,

Chhattisgarh Deputy Chief Minister T.S. Singh Deo, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari, Union Health and Family Welfare Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, as well as Members of Parliament, were present on the occasion. and other dignitaries were also present.



This Time Wrestling and Rope Jumping Competition in Chhattisgarhiya Olympics 2023-24

Why In News?

On July 10, 2023, according to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department, in view of the popularity gained by the Chhattisgarhiya Olympics started last year, this time to make the Chhattisgarhiya Olympics 2023-24 even more exciting, starting on the day of Hareli Tihar two new sports rope jumping and wrestling have also been included.

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- This time in the Chhattisgarhiya Olympics 2023-24, competitions will be held in 16 types of sports, in which 8-8 types of sports created in Chhattisgarhi's folk-culture have been included in team and single category.

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- This competition, which lasts for about 2 months and 10 days, will end on 27 September.
- The rules for these games have been made by the Sports and Youth Welfare Department. The time limit for this game is 15 minutes. The size of the ground will be 6 by 6 feet. The number of judges will be 03.
- In the wrestling game, 5 weight categories have been set separately for men and women, in which women have up to 40 kg, 41 to 50 kg, 51 to 60 kg, 61 to 70 kg and above 70 kg. The weight category has been kept.
- Similarly, weight categories up to 50 kg, 51 to 60 kg, 61 to 70 kg, 71 to 80 kg and above 80 kg have been prescribed in the men's category.
- According to the rules made for the wrestling competition, the match will be held in two intervals of 03 minutes and there will be a break of 30 seconds in each interval. In this, different types of rules, fouls will be in accordance with the Wrestling Federation of India. The number of judges in this will be 06. The player declared by the judges as per the rules will be considered the winner.

'PoudhaTuhar Dwar': Forest Minister Flagged off the Vehicles for Spreading Greenery

Why In News?

On July 10, 2023, Chhattisgarh's Forest and Climate Change Minister Mohammad Akbar flagged off two greenery propagation vehicles filled with plants of various species at his residence office in Shankar Nagar of the capital under the 'PoudhaTuhar Dwar' scheme.

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- It is known that with the aim of encouraging people towards a clean environment and tree plantation in Chhattisgarh, the work of distribution of saplings is going on across the state under the scheme of 'Poudha Tuhar Dwar' by the Forest Department.
- Taking a special initiative by the Forest Department, under the 'Paudha Tuhar Dwar' scheme, saplings will be delivered free of cost to homes under Raipur Municipal Corporation.



- It is worth noting that this scheme will run for about one and a half months, in which plants of Amla, Karanj, Neem, Gulmohar, Jamun, Munga, Kachnar, Guava, Sitaphal, Peltafarm, Lemon, Almond etc. will be made available to the general public as per the demand. Saplings will be provided free of cost for plantation after reaching the shop, office, factory etc.
- It is noteworthy that in the last year, 10207 plants of Jam, Amla, Lemon, Custard Apple, Jackfruit, Bael, Jamun, Neem, Kachnar, Gulmohar and Munga were distributed to 2164 beneficiaries in 92 places under the 'PoudhaTuhar Dwar' scheme. Under the MGNREGA scheme, 571974 plants were also distributed free of cost to government/semi-government, municipal corporations, educational institutions and other beneficiaries.
- A total of 135965 saplings have been distributed free of cost to 29 government/semi-government, educational institutions and other beneficiaries this year under the MGNREGA scheme.
- Under this scheme, the forest department is encouraged to plant trees by providing saplings to the general public for plantation in Raipur Municipal Corporation area.

Population Stabilization Fortnight

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on July 10, 2023, with the aim of making people aware of family planning, the Health and Family Welfare Department of the State Government, from July 11 to July 24, 'Population Stabilization Fortnight' will be run

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- During this, by running a special campaign from the village level to the district level, ignorance and misconceptions about male and female sterilization will be removed.
- During the fortnight, ANMs and Mitans will go door-to-door to inform the identified beneficiaries about permanent and temporary means of family planning. Necessary counseling and family planning services will also be provided to the beneficiaries during this period.
- Dr. T.K. Tondar, Deputy Director, Family Welfare, Health and Family Welfare Department said that family planning facilities are available free of cost in all government health centers. These include facilities like male and female sterilization, contraception, contraceptive pill, injection, copper-T.
- Dr. Tondar said that NSV is being installed in all district hospitals, identified community health centers and recognized private hospitals. facility is available.
- After sterilization in government health centers, male beneficiaries are given an incentive of Rs.3000 and female beneficiaries Rs.2000.

Road Safety Campaign of Chhattisgarh Police: Efforts for Awareness through Short Films

Why in News?

On July 11, 2023, according to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department, the Chhattisgarh Police is running a road safety campaign. Under this, efforts will be made for public awareness through short films as well.

Key Points:

- Inspiring the creative people of the state to make short films on road safety, entries have been invited under the National Road Safety Short Film Festival 2023.
- Online registration for participation in the competition has started from 5th July. The deadline is set for July 26, 2023. Detailed terms and conditions for short film entries can be seen on the website of Chhattisgarh Police.

- The main objective of the program is to increase awareness about road safety issues and promote increased road cooperation in the state of Chhattisgarh as well as in the entire country to reduce road accidents.
- The film is categorized into various genres. The film is categorized in Chhattisgarhi, Gondi, Halbi, Dhurwa, Bhatari, Dorli, Sambalpuri, Kudukh, Sadri Bagaani, Kamari, Oriya, Sarguja, Dantewada, Gondi, and Bhujia. The Hindi translation should be accompanied by pronunciation in any national Indian language and should have Hindi translation, pronunciation, and subtitles.
- The duration of the film is determined to be 2 minutes. The original film can be in full HD (1920*1080) format or higher. No consideration will be given to incomplete or unclear entry forms. The film submitted for selection will be considered final, and no changes will be entertained after submission.
- These short films will be awarded by the state government in different categories-
 - Best Film - Rs 80,000
 - Best Story - Rs 25,000
 - Best Cinematography - Rs 25,000
 - Best Actor/Actress - Rs 25,000

Order Regarding Health Facilities by Chhattisgarh Health & Family Welfare Department

Why in News?

On July 11, 2023, according to the information provided by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department, the state government prohibited all works related to the

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Chhattisgarh Health and Family Welfare Department and refusal to work in the essential services of health facilities. This order has come into force with immediate effect.

Key Points:

- The state government has taken this step in the exercise of the powers conferred in sub-sections 1 and 2 of section 4 of the Chhattisgarh Essential Services Maintenance and Disruption Prevention Act, 1979.
- According to the order issued by the Home Department of the State Government from the Ministry, all the works related to 'Public Health' (Chhattisgarh Health and Family Welfare Department) and doctors, nurses, health workers working in essential services of health facilities and officers and employees working in ambulance services Refusal to act is prohibited.

Dantewada to be the 1st District with Virology Lab Facility

Why in News?

On July 11, 2023, according to the information given by Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department, Dantewada will be the first district hospital in Bastar division where the facility of virology lab is going to start.

Key Points:

- The Chief Medical Health Officer said that after the establishment of the Virology Lab, Hepatitis B and C would be tested in the district hospital.
- After the first hepatitis test, the patients were sent to AIIMS for further testing if they were positive in the rapid test. Where it used to take a month to get the report. About 10 to 15 thousand rupees were spent in getting this test done in private lab institutions.
- Now this test will be done free of cost in the Virology Lab of Dantewada District Hospital, which will benefit the patients and they will not have to wait for a month. The report will be available soon.
- Even before this, according to the announcement of the Chief Minister, CityScan facility has been started in the district hospital, the benefits of which are being availed by villagers from far and wide. Now there is no need to go to big cities like Jagdalpur for this.

- It is known that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is making special efforts to provide better health facilities to the people in remote and inaccessible areas. All-round development is being done in Chhattisgarh in the fields of health, education, malnutrition and self-employment.



Aspirational District Dantewada First and Kanker Second in RIPA's Service Activities

Why in News?

On July 12, 2023, according to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Republic Department on July 12, 2023, the state's aspirational district Dantewada is at first and Kanker at second place in the service of the state government's RIPA.

Key Points:

- The RIPA scheme of the Government of Chhattisgarh is actually a major centre of income-oriented activities conducted in Gauthan built in villages under 'Suraji Gaon Yojana'. Various activities are being conducted in RIPA centres.

Note:

- Infrastructure and resources are being made available by the government for conducting income-generating activities through RIPA in Gauthans, which is helping the women and villagers of the group to conduct self-employment activities.
- Arrangements have been made by the government to provide quality training to the entrepreneurs before working in RIPA. Along with this, continuous monitoring of the activities conducted in RIPA centres is also being done.
- It may be noted that a total of 300 RIPA centres are being operated in different Gauthans of the state. In these RIPA centres, 5849 women and 4107 men are conducting livelihood activities.
- 1546 activities have been proposed by the state government in these RIPA centres, out of which 1103 activities are being conducted. As of June, service activities are being conducted in 213 RIPA centres.
- In these service activities, work of Aadhaar Center, B.C Sakhi, computer, cooler and motor vehicle repair, restaurant, photocopy, printing machine, drinking water, tent and catering is being done.
- The Rural Industrial Park (RIPA) scheme of the Chhattisgarh government has started providing employment and self-employment to the villagers in the villages. Intending to make villages the centres of production and make the villagers self-reliant, this scheme has now started bringing a positive change in the rural scenario.



Important Decisions taken in the Meeting of Chhattisgarh Council of Ministers

Why in News?

Several important decisions were taken in the meeting of the State Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on July 12, 2023.

Key Points:

- The cabinet approved the draft of the Chhattisgarh Appropriation Bill-2023 regarding the presentation of the first supplementary estimate for the year 2023-24.
- Different types of exemptions, grants and concessions have been announced for setting up industries for different classes in the state of Chhattisgarh.
- In order to encourage the establishment of large, mega, ultra mega industries in the state, it was decided to include 'Special Investment Promotion Package Implementation Rules-2019' under the Industrial Policy 2019-24.
- In order to promote industrial activities in the state of Chhattisgarh, along with the inclusion of vehicle scrapping policy in the Industrial Policy 2019-24, exemption from stamp duty, exemption from market fee, special investment incentive package for closed and sick industries in the state, transport grant The proposal for amendments related to electricity duty exemption was approved.



CM virtually inaugurated the state's 1st Swami Atmanand English Medium Adarsh College in Kanker

Why in News?

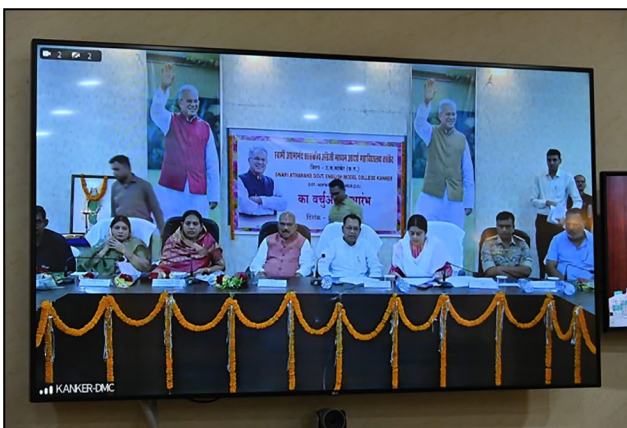
On July 13, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel virtually inaugurated the state's first Swami Atmanand English Medium Adarsh College in Kanker from his residence office.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the children who pass out from higher secondary schools through English medium, will be able to continue their studies in Swami Atmanand English Medium Adarsh Mahavidyalayas in the future also.

Note:

- It is known that 10 Swami Atmanand Adarsh Colleges of English medium are being opened in the state. Out of these, the first Swami Atmanand English Medium Adarsh College was inaugurated in Kanker.
- In this program organized in Kanker district through video conferencing from his residence office, the Chief Minister interacted with three girl students selected in NIT Raipur and one girl student selected in Central University Bilaspur under 'Hamar Lakshya' program for school children of Kanker.
- It is worth mentioning that under the 'Hamar Lakshya' program conducted for school children in the Kanker district, 75 children of the district have qualified in JEE.
- The Chief Minister said that Swami Atmanand English Medium School of Excellence was started in the year 2020 to provide an excellent education in English medium to the students of poor families. This scheme became very popular in the state.
- Today, 377 English medium and 350 Hindi medium schools are running in the state under Swami Atmanand Yojana. Under the unemployment allowance scheme, an amount of Rs 80 crore has been given to 1 lakh 17 thousand beneficiaries in three installments so far.
- Kanker District Collector Kanker Dr. Priyanka Shukla said that the beneficiaries of the Unemployment Allowance Scheme who have got placement in Hyderabad will get an income of Rs 13 to 15 thousand per month. Under this scheme, 112 beneficiaries of the district have got jobs so far.



National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate to 4 PHCs & 2 CHCs

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on July 13, 2023, four primary health centers and two community health centers of Chhattisgarh, which provide excellent health care and better treatment to patients, have been awarded the National Quality Assurance Standard (National Quality Assurance Standard) by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. Quality Assurance Standard) the certificate has been awarded.

Key Points:

- It is known that the National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate has been issued after examining the quality of services available to patients in these hospitals in April, May and June by a team of experts of the Union Health Ministry.
- Udaipur Community Health Centre in Surguja district and Bagbahara Community Health Centre in Mahasamund have been awarded national quality assurance standard certification by the Union Health Ministry.
- Jarwe Primary Health Centre in Janjgir-Champa district, Kumhrawand Primary Health Centre in Bastar, Batikela Primary Health Centre in Surguja and Bagodar Primary Health Centre in Kanker have also been given this certificate by the Government of India.
- Udaipur CHC has scored 87 percent and Bagbahara CHC has scored 85 percent in the quality of services

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available in the hospital for patients by experts of the Union Health Ministry. On the other hand, Jerwe PHC got 82 percent marks, Bagodar PHC got 80 percent, Batikela PHC got 76 percent and Kumhravand PHC got 75 percent marks.

- It may be noted that the services and satisfaction level of the hospital are tested on various parameters by a team of experts before issuing the National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate. These include parameters such as available services, patient rights, inputs, support services, clinical services, infection control, quality management and outcomes. Quality certificates are issued by the Union Health Ministry only to the hospitals that meet these stringent standards.

2,74,313 Liters of Natural Paint Produced from Cow Dung in Gauthans

Why In News?

On July 16, 2023, according to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department, 2,74,313 liters of natural paint has been produced so far through the units working to make natural paint from cow dung in the Gauthans established for the protection and promotion of livestock in the state.

key points

- It is known that according to the intention of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, Gauthans established for conservation and promotion of livestock in the state is fast developing into a rural industrial park. Along with conducting various income-generating activities in Gauthans, production of natural paint from cow dung has started rapidly as an innovation.
- So far 2,74,313 liters of natural paint has been produced through the functional units, out of which an income of Rs 4 crore 34 lakh 79 thousand has been generated from the sale of 2,10,843 liters of natural paint.
- At present approval has been given for construction of 64 natural paint units in the state, out of which 51 units have been established, while paint is being produced in 47 units. The work of setting up 13 paint units under construction is in the final stage.

- Under 'Godhan Nyaya Yojana', cow urine is being procured at the rate of Rs.4 a liter along with cow dung in Gauthans.
- So far, 2,14,272 liters of cow urine has been purchased for Rs 8,57,088 in Gauthans, due to which 91,630 liters of pest controller 'Brahmastra' and 34,590 liters of growth booster 'Jeevamrut' have been produced by women self-help groups, which are being sold.
- This is promoting organic farming in the state. So far, 88,227 liters of organic pesticide Brahmastra and 32,765 liters of growth-enhancing Jeevamrut have been purchased and used in farming by the farmers of the state.

CM inaugurated the Chhattisgarh Olympics by Flagging off the Cart Race

Why in News?

On 17 July 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the Chhattisgarh Olympics by flagging off the Gedi race on the occasion of 'Hareli Parv' at Gram Panchayat Nawagaon in Raipur.

Key Points:

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the mascot of Chhattisgarh Olympics 'Bachru' during the 'Hareli' program organized at Chief Minister's residence in Raipur. Wearing the number 36 jersey and Sohail garland around his neck, Bachru has become the identity of Chhattisgarh Olympics as well as displaying Chhattisgarh culture.
- Significantly, this is the second year of Chhattisgarhi Olympics being organized and keeping in view its popularity, for the first time this year sports like rope jumping and wrestling have also been included in it. This time the Chhattisgarh Olympics will be held in 6 phases with 16 traditional events.
- More than 30 lakh women and men participants in three different age groups will take part in the Chhattisgarh Olympics and showcase their talent.
- Traditional sports competitions of Chhattisgarh will be held in two categories, team and single. Sports disciplines like Gilli Danda, Pittool, Sankhali, Langdi Run, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Tug of War and Banti (Kancha) have

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been included in the team category in Chhattisgarh Olympics. And the sports of single category include Billas, Fugdi, Cart Race, Bhanwara, 100 meter race, long jump, rope jump and wrestling.

- Chhattisgarh Olympics was first organized in rural and urban areas at the Rajiv Yuva Mitan club level competition started from July 17, which will continue till July 22 with knockout method.
- And the second level is the zone, in which 8 Rajiv Yuva Mitan Clubs will be merged to form one club. It will be organized from July 26 to July 31. The development block and urban cluster level will be organized from August 7 to August 21.
- The district level event will be held from 25 August to 04 September. The divisional level competition will be held from 10th September to 20th September and finally the state level sports competitions will be held from 25th September to 27th September.
- The age group is divided into three categories in the Chhattisgarh Olympics. In this, the first category will include participants till the age of 18 years, the second category till the age limit of 18-40 years and the third category will include participants above 40 years of age. Participants in both male and female categories will be able to participate in this competition.
- Certificates and prize money will be given to the winning participants at the block and urban cluster level to the winning participants at the state level in the Chhattisgarh Olympics. The winning players coming first at the development block and urban cluster level will be given Rs 1000, Rs 750 for the second place and Rs 500 for the third place and certificates.
- Similarly, at the district level, the winning participants will be given an amount of Rs 2000, Rs 1500 for the second and Rs 1000 for the third place, along with certificates.
- At the divisional level, the winning contestants will be given Rs 3000 for coming first, Rs 2500 for second and Rs 2000 and certificates for third place players.
- In the final event of Olympics at the state level, Rs 5000 will be given to the participants coming first, Rs 4500 for second and Rs 4000 for third place players and certificates.
- It is known that in the last Olympics, unprecedented enthusiasm was seen in the entire state. From children to elders, women and children participated enthusiastically in this competition. A good atmosphere was created in every village towards traditional sports.

- It is noteworthy that the first Tihar (festival) of Chhattisgarh associated with folk culture is Hareli, which is celebrated with great pomp across the state. On this day farmers worship the agricultural equipment used in farming. In Hareli, everyone from children to elders enjoy the ride.



Chhattisgarh Received Bhoomi Samman from the President Mrs. Murmu

Why in News?

On July 18, 2023, Chhattisgarh was honoured with Bhoomi Samman at the hands of President Mrs. Draupadi Murmu in a program organized at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. Along with this, two districts of the state, Surguja and Bemetara, were also awarded Bhoomi Samman Platinum Certificate for land management and administration.

Key Points:

- The state and two districts have received this award for better implementation of the existing four components of the Digital India Land Records Modernization Program (DILRMP).

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- Secretary Revenue Department Neelam Namdev Ekka, Inspector General Registration and Superintendent Kiran Kaushal, Director Land Records Ramesh Sharma received Bhoomi Samman at the hands of the President for the digitization and management of land records at the state level.
- Similarly, Bhoomi Samman Platinum Certificate was also awarded to Bemetara Collector PS Elma and Surguja Collector Kundan Kumar for the digitization and management of land records at the district level.
- It is worth mentioning that under DILRMP, 95 percent works related to land management have been completed in the state. Similarly, the digitization of land records of four components related to land management, coordination of registration office with tehsil office, a modern record room and survey-reserve work has been completed 100 percent in Surguja and Bemetara districts of the state. These districts are among the top districts in the country in land management.
- With the digitization of all land-related records, people are getting real-time information related to their land. This information can be viewed from mobile from anywhere and at any time through the internet. With the digitization of land records and its management, land-related information is now easily accessible to people. People do not have to visit government offices to get land-related records.
- Due to easy availability of all the records to the people, there has been a reduction in the cases of fraud related to the land. There has also been a reduction in the number of cases in the land related courts. With the computerization of land records, documents have been easily available for such certificates, which require information about land records. With this, people are getting income, caste and residence certificates easily. The purpose of this whole system is also to ensure the right of record to the citizen.



Chief Minister released the Chhattisgarhi Play titled “Suraji Gaon”

Why in News?

On July 18, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel Released Durga Prasad Parkar’s play ‘Suraji Gaon’ in his office located in the assembly premises.

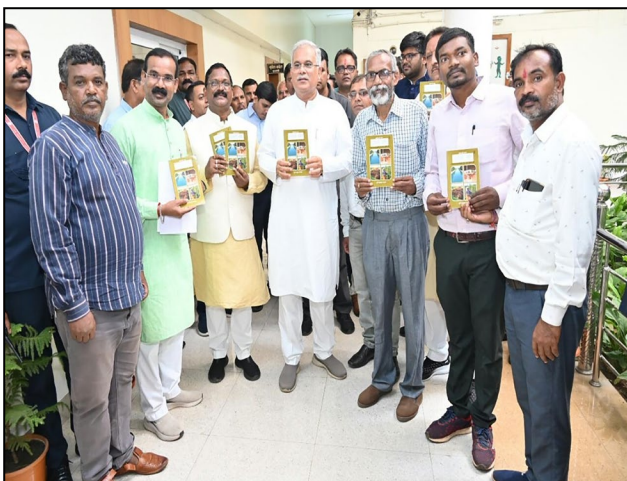
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- Durga Prasad Parkar informed the Chief Minister that this Chhattisgarhi play is based on the state government’s ambitious Narva, Garva Ghuruva, and Bari scheme. In this play, he has underlined the change in the lives of the villagers with the scheme Narva, Garuva Ghuruva, Bari which is strengthening the rural economy.
- Through the creation of ‘Suraji Gaon, his effort is to make people aware about this welfare scheme of the state government, so that people can take maximum advantage of this scheme.
- It is worth mentioning that Chhattisgarh government has started ‘Suraji Gaon Yojana’ from October 2, 2019 to make water conservation, animal husbandry, soil health and nutrition management successful in the state with the participation of common people. Under this scheme, a campaign has been started

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for the conservation and promotion of Narva (Rain Drains), Garva (Livestock), Ghurva (Compost Manure Manufacturing) and Bari (Vegetable and Fruit Garden).

- Under the Narva programme, about 29,000 stormwater drains of the state are being identified and treated. With this rainwater is conserved as well as the groundwater level of the concerned areas is improving. The villagers are getting irrigation water for agriculture through drains, the cattle are getting relief from the problem of drinking water, as well as the availability of water for drainage is being ensured to the villagers even during summer. There is no shortage of drinking water even for the wild animals during summer and they are getting water all the time.
- Under the Garva programme, arrangements have been made to keep animals thereby making Gauthans in the villages for protection and promotion of livestock. There is a system of daycare for the animals in the Gauthans. Under this, a free arrangement of fodder and water has been made. Due to this, the cattle do not have to wander even for fodder.
- The use of organic manure is being promoted through the Ghurva programme.
- Bari Program - Bari is called Bari in Chhattisgarh. More than 3 lakh individual enclosures have been developed in the land adjacent to the houses of the villagers. Along with this, about 4429 community enclosures made in Gauthans are providing income as well as nutritional security to the farmers through the production of fruits, greens and vegetables. Through this scheme, people are being encouraged to become economically self-sufficient by developing enclosures in villages and settlements.



Note:

2 District Hospitals & 1 Community Health Centre were Awarded

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on July 19, 2023, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has awarded various quality certificates to Jagdalpur District Hospital, Balrampur District Hospital and Kartala Community Health Center of Korba district located in remote areas of the state for providing excellent health services and better treatment to the patients.

Key Points:

- Government of India has issued Quality Certificate to Bastar District Hospital under National Quality Assurance Standard, LaQshya and MusQan programme. Balrampur District Hospital and Kartla Community Health Center have been certified under NQS and LaQshya programs.
- Government hospitals located in remote forests getting certificates under the National Quality Assurance Standard, LaQshya and MusQan program is an indication that quality health facilities are reaching all areas in the state.
- It is known that between March and June this year, the team of the Union Health Ministry had inspected these three hospitals and tested the quality of services available to the patients. The team also took feedback from the patients in this regard.
- After the evaluation of Bastar District Hospital, the Ministry of Health has provided quality certificates to 12 departments under the target program for NQS, labour room and maternity OT services and under the SMILE program for pediatric and SNCU.
- Seven departments of Kartla Community Health Center have also been issued Quality Certificates by the Government of India under the target program for NQS and Labour Room & Maternity OT.
- It is worth mentioning that the services and satisfaction level of the hospital are tested on various parameters by a team of experts prior to certification under National Quality Assurance Standards, LaQshya and MusQan programme. These include parameters such as services available, patients' rights, inputs, support services, clinical services, infection control, quality



management and outcomes. Only hospitals that meet these stringent standards are issued quality certificates by the Union Health Ministry.

'Caravan Tourism'

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on July 20, 2023, the tax rate has been fixed for separate registration of motor Caravans with the aim of encouraging caravan trains to promote the tourism industry in Chhattisgarh. Under this, a 10 percent tax will have to be paid for the registration of the caravan vehicle.

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that keeping in mind the convenience of the public, new steps are being taken by the Transport Department under the guidance of Transport Minister Mohammad Akbar as per the intention of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. In this episode, the state government is planning to promote 'Caravan Tourism' on rivers, mountain ranges, hill stations, forests and heritage sites.
- The concept of caravan tourism has gained immense popularity across the world. Under this policy, recreational vehicles, tourist vans or motor homes will be permitted in places where permanent construction is prohibited and where hotels and resorts are rare.
- Its objective is to provide safe travel and encourage tour operators. This will allow tourists to enjoy the natural beauty and other attractions of the state and will also generate local employment opportunities in the tourism sector.

What is a Motor Caravan?

- Caravan is a type of passenger vehicle, which is used for a special purpose. This vehicle has seating and sleeping arrangements. As well as having a table and kitchen, many vehicles also have a bathroom. In a way, a motor caravan is like a mobile hotel or home.
- To make a caravan vehicle, a new vehicle or just a chassis can be bought and converted into a caravan vehicle from a registered bodybuilder or an old vehicle can also be modified into a caravan vehicle, but the old vehicle should not be more than three years old to make a caravan vehicle.

- This tourist circuit also promotes family-oriented tourism in destinations that do not have adequate hotel accommodations.
- Motor caravans can be used for travel, leisure and accommodation purposes. Motor caravans are also widely used for adventure tourism.
- Chhattisgarh has a vast land area and landscape, which will add a new dimension to motor caravan tourism. Presently the demand for eco, wildlife, pilgrimage tourism etc. is increasing. This includes going and living in remote areas, forests and rivers.
- There is already a shortage of accommodation at tourist destinations, especially in remote areas and in some places where permanent construction may be neither acceptable nor possible. In such a scenario, Caravan Tourism can effectively meet the growing demand, while ensuring it adheres to quality, standards and safety norms.
- There is no doubt that Caravan Tourism will appeal to a wide range of market segments including youth, families, senior citizens and international tourists.



1st Supplementary Budget for FY 2023-24 passed in the assembly

Why in News?

On July 19, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel passed the first supplementary budget of Rs 6031 crore 75 lakh 2 thousand 977 for the financial year 2023-24 in the Assembly. Including this amount, now the size of the main budget in the financial year 2023-24 has become Rs 127532 crore.

Key Points:

- In the first supplementary budget, a provision of an additional amount has been kept in various items including Revenue, Home, Energy, Public Health

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and Family Welfare, Public Works Department, and Rural Housing.

- In the first supplementary budget, a provision of Rs 2976 crore has been kept for revenue expenditure and Rs 3054 crore for capital expenditure.
- It is worth mentioning that a provision of 121500 crore has been made in the main budget of the year 2023-24 and now a provision of Rs 6031 crore has been made in the first supplementary budget.
- While presenting the first supplementary budget, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel while addressing the House said that the less rainfall in the initial days this year had raised concerns, but now it is raining well, due to which there is every possibility of a good crop this year. The situation of famine has not been created in the last few years. 60 to 65 percent of water logging has been done in all the medium and big dams.
- He said that there has been a revenue surplus situation in the state in the last two years and at present also the financial condition of Chhattisgarh is very good.
- Keeping in view the need for and better implementation of Sugam Sadak Yojana, an additional provision of Rs 100 crore has been made in the supplementary budget.
- Similarly, 200 crores for Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, 156 crores for employment-oriented and livelihood-oriented schemes, Rs. 95 crores for the operator of ration shops under food security, a supplement of Rs. 76 crores for the distribution of fortified rice under Suposhan Abhiyan. Additional provision has been made in the budget.
- Provisions have been made in the supplementary budget for the development of health structures in rural areas. A provision of Rs 45 crore has been made in the supplementary budget for the additional expenditure to be incurred on increasing 50-50 MBBS seats in Government Medical College Raigarh, Bilaspur and Ambikapur. Similarly, provision has been made in the supplementary budget for the upgradation of educational institutions and the development of infrastructure.
- Important announcements of Rs 2000 crore by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel during the supplementary budget-
 - The dearness allowance of about 5 lakh government servants of the state has been increased by 4 percent. In this way, there has been a total increase of 42 percent in the basic pay so far. Due to a 4 percent increase, the state government will have to spend an additional Rs 800 crore.

- The salary of 37000 contract workers has been increased by 27 percent. Due to this, the state government will have to spend an additional Rs 350 crore.
- The salary of daily wage earners has been increased by Rs 4000 per month. Due to this, the state government will have to spend an additional Rs 240 crore.
- The honorarium of 1,650 guest teachers has been increased by Rs 2,000 per month, due to which an additional expenditure of Rs 4 crore will be incurred by the state government.
- Monthly resource allowance of Rs. 500 to 6000 patwaris, the state government will have to spend an additional Rs.4 crore due to this.
- All government servants will be given a 9 percent house rent allowance for B-class cities and 6 percent for C and other cities on the 7th pay scale. Due to this, the state government will have to spend an additional Rs 265 crore.
- All police constables will be given an annual allowance of Rs 8000. The state government will have to spend an additional Rs 40 crore for this.
- Mitanin trainer, block coordinator and help desk operator will be given a daily incentive allowance of Rs 100 per day. This will cost the state government an additional expenditure of Rs 11 crore.
- 2500 to 3000 rupees will be given monthly to 10 thousand panchayat secretaries. Due to this, the state government will have to spend an additional Rs 50 crore. Apart from this, they will also be given the benefit of earned leave, ex-gratia amount up to Rs 10 lakh and reimbursement of medical expenses up to Rs 5 lakh.
- The state government will have to spend a total of Rs 1,764 crore on account of the above announcements for government servants.
- Under the Chief Minister's Special Health Assistance Scheme, the maximum amount of assistance has been increased from Rs. 20 lakh to Rs. 25 lakh.
- On the basis of the survey list of the Socio-Economic Survey 2011, the needy families were facing difficulty in sanctioning houses due to the determination of eligibility for Prime Minister Rural Housing. To overcome this, the Rural Housing Justice Scheme will be started from the resources of the state. For this, a provision of Rs 100 crore has been made in the budget.

Note:

CM released the poster of 'Navsrijan Ek Parichara' & the monthly magazine of Pamgarh Times

Why in News?

On July 20, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the poster and Pamgarh Times monthly magazine of the program 'Navsrijan Ek Paricharcha' to be organized in the month of August under the joint auspices of Vedika Foundation and Gunjan's event in his office located in the assembly premises.

Key Points:

- President of Vedika Foundation and Program Director Gunjan Chauhan Chandel said that the plans and efforts of the Chhattisgarh government to promote women's entrepreneurship will be discussed in the program.
- Along with this, products will be displayed and sold in stalls by women of self-help groups.
- This program will be organized at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium, Raipur.
- Uday Harvansh is the editor of the monthly magazine Pamgarh Times released by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.



MoU with Tata Technologies for modernization of 36 ITIs

Why in News?

On July 22, 2023, in the presence of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, an MoU was signed between the Department of Technical Education and Skill Development and Tata Technologies on a project worth about Rs 1188.36 crore for the modernization of 36 government ITIs in the state's 36 government ITIs in a program organized in his office room in the assembly premises.

Key Points:

- Under the MoU, Tata Technologies will train youth in 6 new trades and 23 short-term courses in 36 ITIs in the state. Tata Technologies will set up state-of-the-art technical workshops and arrange trainers in selected ITIs of the state.
- Apart from this, Tata and its associate company will cooperate in providing placements in big companies to the youth of the state.
- The MoU was signed by Avneesh Sharan, Director, Skill Development, Technical Education and Employment Department and Pawan Bhageria, President, Tata Technologies Limited.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the upgradation and modernization of ITIs would provide a good opportunity for the youth of the state to develop their skills.
- The Chief Minister told the officials of Tata Technologies that 300 Rural Industrial Parks have been set up in the state to provide opportunities to the youth who want to set up small industries in the villages, where land, electricity, water, shed, training, Wi-Fi facility and banking linkage are being provided to start the business.
- Tata Technologies Limited will transform the 36 Government ITIs into Industry 4.0 Technology Hubs, which include the ITIs of Baikunthpur, Odgi Wadrafnagar, Mainpat, Bagicha, Lormi, Koni-Bilaspur, Korba, Janjgir, Akaltara, Hasaud, Raigarh, Kharsiya, Rajnandgaon, Dongargaon, Manpur, Chhuikhadan, Pandariya, Gunderdehi, Dallirajhara, Gurur, Durg, Patan, Dharsiwa, Hirapur, Arang, Abhanpur, Bhatapara, Simga, Bagbahra, Pithora, Kanker, Antagarh, Charama, Nagarnar, and Dantewada

Note:

- Under the ITI Upgradation Project, the youth of the state will get the facility of training in the following 6 innovative technical trades of world-class. This includes Artisan Using Advanced Tools, Industrial Robotics & Digital Manufacturing Technician, Manufacturing Process Control & Automation in one year trade.
- Similarly, in the two-year trade, Advance CNC. Machining, Basic Designer & Virtual Verifier (Mechanical), and Mechanic Electric Vehicle trades are included.
- State-of-the-art technical workshops will be set up in each ITI selected by Tata Technologies Limited and initially two trainers will be appointed in each ITI for training work. Tata Technologies Limited and its associate industries will provide support in the placement of trained youth. About 10,000 youth will benefit from the scheme every year.
- It is worth mentioning that an MoU was signed between the State Planning Commission and Tata Technologies Limited on October 01, 2022, in the presence of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, to develop the state's technical institutions as technological hubs and upgrade them as agricultural research and innovation centres in collaboration with Tata Technologies Limited. As a sequel to this, an MoU was signed today with the help of Tata Technologies Limited to upgrade 36 government ITIs of the state.



Raipur to become Papaya Producing District, Included In One Product-One District Scheme

Why in News?

On July 23, 2023, according to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh, the process of giving encouragement and training to the farmers was started by the Horticulture Department regarding papaya cultivation on a large scale in Raipur district. Raipur district has been selected for papaya cultivation under the 'One Product-One District Scheme'.

Key Points:

- This information was given on July 21 in a workshop organized on the topic of papaya production towards nutrition under One Product-One District. This workshop was organized at Labhandi by the Horticulture Department and Krishi Vigyan Kendra Raipur under the guidance of Avinash Mishra, CEO of District Panchayat Raipur, in which a large number of farmers participated.
- Papaya plant of the Arka Prabhat variety, developed at the Indian Institute of Horticulture, Bangalore, has been brought to Raipur to make available papaya plants with improved and disease-resistant capacity to the farmers. With its help, preparations have been started to prepare nurseries and provide Arka Prabhat saplings to the farmers for planting.
- The speciality of Arka Prabhat, a new variety of papaya, is that it is resistant to spot viruses. The plant remains disease-free due to its high immunity to fight viruses.

Note:

- Encouraging the farmers to cultivate papaya in the workshop, Deputy Director Horticulture Kailash Singh Paikra said that for its cultivation, the government is giving 50 percent subsidy to the farmers and loan up to Rs. 3 lakh without interest.
- He said that papaya is a nutritious fruit. Its leaves are also useful. Healthy papaya plants are also available at horticulture nurseries and agriculture centres. For its cultivation, information is being given to the farmers by the officers of the department and the employees of the area.
- General Manager, District Trade Industry Ameya Tripathi informed the farmers about papaya marketing, maintenance in coal storage and the Prime Minister's Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises scheme. He said that farmers can take advantage of this and increase their business.
- Scientist Dr. Neeraj Mishra told the farmers that papaya is the most nutritious and many types of processed products can be made from this fruit, such as Jam, Jelly, Katri, Candy etc. Its juice and nectar are also in high demand. Papaya powder can also be made. Besides producing papaya and selling it in the market, farmers can earn more profit if they pay attention to its processing and value addition.
- Scientist Manoj Kumar Sahu said that to protect papaya cultivation from viruses and bugs, neem oil mixed with shampoo should be sprinkled. Planting a marigold flower plant around the papaya tree helps in keeping the papaya plant safe from diseases.



National Road Safety Short Film Festival Chhattisgarh- 2023

Why In News?

On July 25, 2023, according to information received from Inter-Departmental Lead Agency (Road Safety) Chhattisgarh, the last date for registration and film entry

in the National Road Safety Short Film Festival Chhattisgarh 2023 has been extended on the request of many filmmakers and citizens to participate in road safety public awareness.

Key Points:

- According to the information, the last date of registration for National Road Safety Short Film Festival Chhattisgarh 2023 has been extended from July 25, 2023, to August 10, 2023, and the last date of film entry has been extended from July 26, 2023 to August 12, 2023.
- It is worth mentioning that in this important event so far in different states of the country Uttar Pradesh, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Karnataka, Kerala, Maharashtra, Bihar, Punjab, Assam, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Andhra Pradesh, Haryana, Jharkhand, Delhi, Odisha. A total of 64 and 80 participants from various regions of Chhattisgarh have been registered.
- The film can be a documentary, experimental, narrative, fiction, non-fiction or animation. Original movies based on road safety themes should be of the highest quality possible (1920x1080 or above).
- There is no entry fee to participate in the National Road Safety Short Film Festival, Chhattisgarh and no one will ever ask for any kind of fee from the organizing team. The minimum age of the participant should be 18 years or more. A participant is eligible for a maximum of three entries. The total duration of the film including credits (front and end) can be a maximum of 140 seconds (2.20 minutes).
- National Road Safety Short Film Festival, Chhattisgarh 2023 will accept submissions in two categories. These include (1) Chhattisgarhi language (Chhattisgarhi, Godi, Dhurva, Bhatri, Dorli, Sambalpuri, Kurkh, Sadri, Baigani, Kamari, Auraiya, Sargujia, Dantewada Godi etc.) and (2) other Indian language, subtitles in Hindi for all entries mandatory.
- The short films submitted must be original creations of the entrants and must not infringe any copyright or any other right of any third party. Entrants agree that they have obtained all necessary permissions in respect of the music, sound and images presented in their Short Films.
- Any kind of social discrimination and obscene/adult film will not be accepted and will be disqualified from National Road Safety Short Film Festival Chhattisgarh.

Note:

- Chhattisgarh Police and Inter-Departmental Lead Agency (Road Safety) Chhattisgarh will have the right to use the entries (sent selected/nominated films) and film material for promotional purposes of the festival by Chhattisgarh Police and Inter-Departmental Lead Agency (Road Safety) Chhattisgarh and copies of each film will be able to be kept as part of its festival library.
- All entries whether rewarded or not may be used by Chhattisgarh Police and concerned agencies for road safety awareness without any commercial interest. Films once selected and submitted for final screening will not be allowed to be withdrawn under any circumstances till the festival is over.
- A digital poster (Social Media Creative) of the film must be attached with the entry. The submitted material will not be returned to the applicant. The evaluation of the jury will be final for the selection of (1st, 2nd and 3rd). No contestant shall appeal against the decision of the jury.
- No filmmaker, institution, or organization is allowed to use the name 'National Road Safety Short Film Festival Chhattisgarh'. Strict legal action will be taken against the concerned person or organization in case of use of the name and logo of the 'National Road Safety Short Film Festival Chhattisgarh' for any commercial, non-commercial, cultural or personal use without the permission of the organizing committee.
- Also a major objective was to deliberate on a strategy to develop an enabling environment for livelihood development for women and sustainability of the respective FPOs.
- Speakers and experts shared invaluable experiences in the FPO ecosystem in other states such as Chhattisgarh, Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, Odisha, Punjab, Maharashtra and Telangana. Provided an opportunity to all these stakeholders to come together and express their views on relevant issues and other suggestions for policies.
- HDFC Bank under its CSR (PARIVARTAN Program) has taken several initiatives to improve the livelihood of individuals across India. HDFC Bank focuses on improving the livelihood interventions of farmers, women and youth, especially through on-farm, off-farm and non-farm medium.
- HDFC Bank CSR (PARIVARTAN Program) aims to increase the income of more than 5 lakh farmers and develop the skills of more than 2 lakh youth, women and farmers. HDFC Bank CSR (PARIVARTAN Program) has also promoted local economic activism in the state through individual and group enterprises in villages.
- The conference was attended by relevant ecosystem stakeholders including directors of FPOs, public and private stakeholders and officials of the department. It also included experience sharing of successful FPOs from within and outside the state.

Chhattisgarh Rural Livelihood Summit, 2023

Why In News?

On July 25, 2023, 'Chhattisgarh Rural Livelihood Summit 2023' was organized under the HDFC Bank PARIVARTAN Program by Grant Thornton Bharat LLP and Society for Development Alternatives, supported by the Department of Agriculture, in the capital Raipur.

Key Points:

- The aim of the summit was to provide a platform for knowledge and experience sharing among key stakeholders involved in promoting rural livelihoods, with special emphasis on Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs), government initiatives and ecosystem development.



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Chhattisgarh model of ITI vocational training to be Implemented in the Whole Country

Why in News?

On July 27, 2023, according to the information received from the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh, on the initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, on the lines of the combined curriculum implemented to provide higher secondary and ITI certificates to the students in the schools of Chhattisgarh, now the central government will start schools across the country. Wants to implement an integrated program of vocational training along with education.

Key Points:

- For this, a committee has been constituted by the Directorate General of Training (DGT), Government of India under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, this committee will prepare guidelines for the integration of vocational training with school education.
- A request has been made by the Director General of Training to nominate a representative from Chhattisgarh in this committee.
- It is worth noting that for the students studying in class 11th in selected higher secondary schools of Chhattisgarh, who are willing to get vocational training as well, through the coordination of schools and ITIs, to provide school education and vocational training of the students' interest. The plan has been started.
- ITI under this course in the state. Successful trainees in the examination will be awarded 12th board certificate by the Board of Secondary Education Chhattisgarh as well as ITI by the State Vocational Training Council. Certificate is also being provided.
- In the session from 2021 to 2023, along with getting school education, the scheme of getting training in ITI has been started in 119 schools and ITIs of 116 development blocks, in which students have received training in 10 trades of ITI. This will help the youth to acquire various skills to stand on their own feet. Entrepreneurship skills have been made a mandatory part of vocational courses under the scheme.

Rajnandgaon District Ranks Third in NITI Aayog's Delta Ranking

Why in News?

On July 26, 2023, According to the information received from the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh, Rajnandgaon district got the third place in the country in the delta ranking released by **NITI Aayog for the field of agriculture and water resources under the aspirational district**. The district has been appreciated by NITI Aayog as a 'Champion of Change' for this achievement.

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- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that excellent work has been done in the district in the field of agriculture and water resources. Rajnandgaon district has achieved this success by increasing the indicators issued by NITI Aayog such as the increase in area under micro irrigation, water source prepared under MNREGA, vaccination of animals, artificial insemination and increase in agricultural productivity.
- It is noteworthy that in the Delta ranking released in May 2023, Rajnandgaon district has secured the third position among the most developed aspirational districts of the country.
- Farmer-friendly schemes of the state government such as **Suraji Gaon Yojana, Godhan Nyay Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana** and other schemes have brought prosperity to the farmers in the district through agriculture and the latest technology. On the other hand, in the field of water management, good results have been achieved through innovative initiatives.



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