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## 'SVEEP Mahila Car Rally' Organized to Make People Aware about Voting

## Why In News?

On November 5, 2023, a women's car rally was organized in Raipur under the voter awareness program 'SVEEP' under the leadership of Chhattisgarh Chief Electoral Officer Reena Babasaheb Kangale. Hundreds of women car drivers took part in it.



## **Key Points:**

- Observers of Election Commission of India along with all departments of Raipur district administration, local volunteers and women office bearers of social organizations participated in the event.
- Through the car rally, voters were appealed to vote in the Assembly elections to be held on November 17.
- Chhattisgarh's Chief Electoral Officer Reena Babasaheb Kangale led the convoy by holding the steering wheel at the car rally. During the rally, women in jeeps accompanied him were seen on loudspeakers all along the route, appealing to voters to vote on November 17.
- The women also joined the rally in traditional attire along with giving attractive decorations to their cars. In Chhattisgarhi costumes, women dressed in Maharashtrian, Bengali, Odissi, South Indian, Gujarati traditional attire and turbans reached the rally like heroines.
- About 200 cars, including vintage cars like Rolls Royce, open gypsy, electronic cars with jeeps and e-rickshaws, participated in the sweep women's car rally.
- Women drivers of the cars involved in the convoy of the women's car rally with excellent decorations and messages were also honored. Anupama Tiwari won the first prize, e-car and e-rickshaw got the second and third prizes for excellent car decoration and messaging.

## 78 Percent Voting on 20 Seats in the First Phase of Chhattisgarh **Assembly Elections**

## Why In News?

On November 7, 2023, Chhattisgarh's Chief Electoral Officer Reena Babasaheb Kangale has informed that a



total of 78 percent voting has been recorded in the first phase of Chhattisgarh Assembly elections in 20 assembly seats.

#### **Key Points:**

- According to the information given by the Chief Electoral Officer, Chhattisgarh, among the 20 assembly constituencies in the first phase of Assembly Elections 2023, Bastar assembly has the highest voter turnout of 84.67% and Bijapur has the lowest 48.37%.
- According to the final figures released by the Election Commission, 78 percent voting in the 20 assembly seats in the first phase is more than 1.53 percent in the year 2018.
- As many as 126 new polling stations were set up in 12 assembly constituencies of Bastar, where voting was held for the first time since Independence. Earlier, polling stations were not set up as they were highly sensitive and Naxal-infested areas. More than 50 percent voting was recorded in most of these centres.
- Assembly-wise voting percentage

Bastar – 84.67 percent	Bhanupratappur–81 percent
Dogargaon – 84.1 percent	Antagarh – 79.79 percent
Khairagarh–82.67 percent	Mohla Manpur–79.38 percent
Khujji - 82.43 percent	Rajnandgaon–79.12 percent
Kondagaon–82.37 percent	Jagdalpur- 78.47 percent
Dongargarh-81.93 percent	Pandaria - 75.27 percent
Cash - 81.89 percent	Narayanpur – 75.06 percent
Chitrakot – 81.76 percent	Dantewada – 69.88 percent
Kawardha – 81.24 percent	Konta – 63.14 percent
Kanker – 81.14 percent	Bijapur – 48.37 percent





## Abujhmad Malkhamb Dance Group of Chhattisgarh won the Title of India's Got Talent 10

## Why In News?

Recently, Malkhamb Academy of Abujhmad, one of the most backward areas of Chhattisgarh, won the title of Season 10 of India's biggest talent reality show 'India's Got Talent'.

#### **Key Points:**

- As the winner of India's Got Talent, Abujhmad Malkhamb Academy has been given a trophy along with a cash prize of Rs 20 lakh and a Maruti Suzuki Ertiga.
- Rapper and singer Badshah, Kirron Kher and Shilpa Shetty took over as judges on the popular reality show India's Got Talent season. The reality show is hosted by Arjun Bijlani.
- The six finalists- Abujhmad Malkhamb Academy, Zero Degree Crew, Nagaland Women's Band, Golden Girls The A. R. T. (The Art) and Raga Fusion, Abujhmad Malkhamb Academy captured the trophy.
- After winning the title of Season 10 of 'India's Got Talent', the team of Abujhmad Malkhamb Academy reached Chhattisgarh. Now he is preparing to perform on America's Got Talent and win it.









# Announcement of Making Korea-Raigarh a Division

## Why in News?

On November 13, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, while addressing the general meeting at Mauhari Ground in Baikunthpur of Korea District Headquarters, announced the making of Korea and Raigarh as divisions.

## **Key Points**

- Along with announcing the creation of two new divisions in Chhattisgarh, Chief Minister Baghel has also placed a condition on the people of the state. CM has said that if Congress government is formed, two new divisions will be created in the state.
- It may be noted that Congress candidate from Baikunthpur, Ambika Singhdev had demanded from Chief Minister Baghel to make Baikunthpur a division. After this, Bhupesh Baghel has announced two new divisions.



It is noteworthy that at present there are 5 divisions in the state – Raipur, Bilaspur, Durg, Bastar and Surguja. Raipur (1862) is the oldest division while Durg (2013) is the newest division. Surguja (2008) is the first division formed after the formation of Chhattisgarh state.



## 'Voter Turnout App'

## Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on November 16, 2023, in view of the Chhattisgarh Assembly elections, the updated status of voting percentage can be obtained on November 17 through the Election Commission of India's mobile application 'Voter Turnout App'.

## **Key Points**

- This application has been launched by the Election Commission of India to increase citizen participation in elections and to provide instant information about voter turnout on the voting day.
- The Election Commission has launched 'Voter Turnout App' for the first time in the assembly elections. With this, any person will be able to easily know the voting percentage of any assembly constituency. Earlier, this app was used for the first time in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. It was launched on April 18, 2019.
- Voter Turnout App is used to display real time voter turnout details including Male, Female and Third Gender in each Assembly Constituency/Parliamentary Constituency. This app can be used by citizens to capture live voter turnout data.
- The Voter Turnout app allows citizens to get information about the estimated voter turnout for each state separately. The app also allows users to share voting percentage with their contacts via Facebook, Twitter, Gmail and WhatsApp. That means any person can

- share the percentage of real-time voting in his social media account.
- No data can be pre-fed in the Voter Turnout App. The Voter Turnout App is designed to show estimated voter turnout for each state and can be used up to the district and assembly constituency level. On the day of voting, state wise, district wise and assembly constituency wise voter turnout updates can be seen.



## **Assembly Elections 2023:** The Number of Female Voters is More than the Number of Male Voters.

## Why In News?

According to the information received from the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer of Chhattisgarh on November 19, 2023, the total number of female voters exercising their franchise in the Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2023 is more than the total number of male voters exercising their franchise.

#### Key Points:

- From the observation of voting data in the two phases of Chhattisgarh Assembly Elections 2023 held on November 7 and 17, it is clear that in 50 out of 90 assembly constituencies of Chhattisgarh, women have voted more than men.
- According to the information received from the office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Bharatpur-Sonhat, Pratappur, Ramanujganj, Samri, Lundra, Ambikapur, Sitapur, Jashpur, Kunkuri, Pathalgaon, Lailunga, Sarangarh, Kharsia, Dharamjaigarh, Rampur, Palitanakhar, Jaijapur, Marwahi, Saraipali, Basna., Khallari, Mahasamund, Bilaigarh, Rajim, Bindranwagarh, Sihawa, Dondilohara, Gunderdehi and Sanjari-Balod assembly constituencies, the number of female voters who cast their votes is more than the number of male voters who cast their votes.



- Similarly, voters in Dhamtari, Durg city, Pandariya, Kawardha, Khairagarh, Dongargarh, Rajnandgaon, Dongargaon, Khujji, Mohlamanpur, Bhanupratappur, Kanker, Keshkal, Kondagaon, Narayanpur, Bastar, Jagdalpur, Chitrakote, Dantewada, Bijapur and Konta assembly constituencies. The number of female voters is more than the male voters who cast their votes
- A total of 1 crore 55 lakh 61 thousand 460 voters exercised their franchise in two phases of voting in Chhattisgarh, which includes 77 lakh 48 thousand 612 male voters and 78 lakh 12 thousand 631 female voters.

## Governor Released the Book 'Nritya Rahasya'

#### Why In News?

On November 18, 2023, Chhattisgarh Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan released the book 'Nritya Rahasya The Sacred Mystics of Dance' written by famous Odissi dancer Purnashree Raut at Raj Bhavan.

#### **Key Points:**

- It is told in this book that through dance one can remain healthy and many major diseases can be cured.
- Dance is a form of ancient yoga art. This physical mechanism is a medium for Kundalini awakening and connecting the soul with God. Indian classical dance is a genre which brings movement in the body parts, awakens energy and creates a sense of spiritual experience.
- In this book, dance postures depicted in historical temples from Bastar to Surguja in Chhattisgarh have been mentioned.



# Honorary Degree of D. Litt from Kalinga Institute of Social Science to Governor Harichandan

## Why In News?

On November 25, 2023, Chhattisgarh Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan has been awarded the honorary degree of D. Litt by Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences, Bhubaneswar.

## **Key Points:**

- This title was bestowed upon him by the Governor of Odisha, Raghuvar Das.
- Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan has been given this honor for his remarkable public service through activism in social and public life.
- It is noteworthy that Vishwabhushan Harichandan was sworn in as the ninth Governor of Chhattisgarh on February 23, 2023 at the Raj Bhavan in the capital Raipur. Before being appointed as the Governor of Chhattisgarh, Harichandan has served as the Governor of the neighboring state of Andhra Pradesh. Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court Arup Kumar Goswami administered the oath of office and secrecy to Harichandan. He has replaced Anusuiya Uike.









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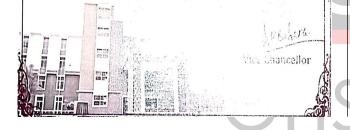
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given under the seal of Kalinga Institute of Social Sciences in the Republic of India on the twenty-fifth day of November two thousand twenty-three.



## Malaria Free Chhattisgarh Campaign

## Why In News?

On November 28, 2023, 'Malaria Free Chhattisgarh Campaign' has been started in all the seven districts of the most malaria-sensitive Bastar division of the state. The campaign will continue till December 19, 2023.

#### **Key Points:**

- ➤ In the ninth phase of malaria-free Chhattisgarh campaign, a target has been set to screen 15 lakh 92 thousand people in 2297 villages of 30 development blocks of these districts of Bastar division. For this, 1654 survey teams have been formed.
- During the campaign, teams will be active for malaria screening and treatment under 125 primary health centers and 598 sub-health centers. During the campaign, the health department team and mitanins will go door-to-door to check for malaria.
- During this period, along with the investigation and treatment of malaria, public awareness activities will also be carried out to prevent it. Also, people will be encouraged to use mosquito nets daily.
- Mosquito larvae surveys will be conducted from house to house in the identified villages and mosquito-producing sources will be destroyed and people will be counselled for proper maintenance of water and protection from mosquitoes. Measures to maintain cleanliness around the house and prevent mosquitoes from breeding will also be told to the people.

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