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Agriculture Minister Launched Statewide 'Meri Policy Mere Haath' Program

Why In News?

- On Sept 1, 2022, Chhattisgarh Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey launched the statewide 'Meri Policy Mere Haath' distribution program by providing 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' policy to farmers at a program organized at his residence office in Raipur.

Key Points

- Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey also distributed policy documents to 35 farmers on the occasion. Under the 'Meri Policy Mere Haath' program, the policy will be distributed to all the insured farmers of the state in the month of September.
- It is worth mentioning that in the Kharif season 2022, about 13 lakh 95 thousand 369 farmers of the state have got their crops insured under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. In this, Rs 161.89 crore as farmer's share, Rs 535.17 crore as state share and Rs 535.17 crore as central share, thus making a total premium amount of Rs 1232.23 crore.
- It is noteworthy that in the year 2021-22, a total of 16 lakh 9 thousand 646 farmers from Chhattisgarh had been insured under the scheme for Kharif and Rabi crops, out of which 6 lakh 89 thousand 324 farmers were paid insurance claim of Rs 1340.48 crore as sum insured.
- Similarly, in the year 2020-21, 17 lakh 3 thousand 992 farmers were insured under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana for Kharif and Rabi crops, out of which a claim of Rs 853.81 crore was paid to them on the claims of 6 lakh 18 thousand 640 farmers.
- At the same time, 18 lakh 52 thousand 853 farmers of Chhattisgarh had insured under the scheme for Kharif and Rabi crops in 2019-20, out of which insurance claim of Rs 1264.34 crore has been paid to 6 lakh 57 thousand 907 farmers.

Chhattisgarh Continues to be among less Unemployed States

Why In News?

- According to the new data released by CMIE recently,

the unemployment rate of Chhattisgarh is 0.4 percent in August 2022, while the unemployment rate in the country is 8.3 percent.

Key Points

- Chhattisgarh has been ranked high among the states with the lowest unemployment rate for the past several months. In Chhattisgarh, there is an impact of schemes to balance the urban-rural economy and create new employment opportunities in three and a half years.
- Chhattisgarh's unemployment rate stood at 0.8 percent in July. Chhattisgarh recorded the lowest unemployment rate of 0.7 percent in May and 0.6 percent in March-April.
- According to the new data released by CMIE, the unemployment rate in August was 12.8 percent in Bihar, 13.7 percent in Goa, 2.6 percent in Gujarat, 37.3 percent in Haryana, 7.3 percent in Himachal Pradesh, 32.8 percent in Jammu and Kashmir. Karnataka has recorded 3.5 percent and Madhya Pradesh 2.6 percent.
- The Chhattisgarh government emphasized and implemented such schemes, which would create new employment opportunities. With the formation of the government, schemes like loan waiver and increase in support price were started.
- Chhattisgarh government has implemented Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, Godhan Nyay Yojana, Suraji Gaon Yojana, Narva-Garwa-Ghurwa-Bari program, Rajiv Gandhi Rural Landless Farmer Nyay Yojana, formulation of new industrial policy, better arrangement for collection of forest and agricultural produce, Processing and value addition at the local level of produce, establishment of rural industrial parks, increase in the collection rate of minor forest produce and purchase of 65 types of minor forest produce at support price, increase in the remuneration rate of tendu leaf collection, fish farming and lac production as a part of agriculture. Several steps were taken like status, promotion of traditional craftsmen, weavers and entrepreneurs, establishment of C-Mart in every district.
- Expanding the Godhan Nyay scheme, purchase of cow urine has been started. Fertilizers and pesticides are also being made from the purchased cow urine, which is creating new employment opportunities.
- Village-built Gothans are also being upgraded into Rural Industrial Parks, where processing units like oil

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mill, pulse mill, mini rice mill are being set up. Various products are also being manufactured in Gothans.

Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki Becomes 29th District of Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

- On September 2, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the newly formed district **Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki** as the **29th district of the state**. He also unveiled the map of the district on the occasion.

Key Points

- In the district inauguration program, he performed bhoomi-pujan and dedicated work worth Rs.106 crore 27 lakh 95 thousand. In this, Bhoomi-Poojan of 42 works worth Rs 52 crore 16 lakh 8 thousand and inauguration of 12 works worth Rs 54 crore 11 lakh 87 thousand are included.
- Chief Minister Baghel congratulated the people of the district on this occasion and announced three crore rupees for the development of all the three blocks of the district.
- The newly formed district Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki has been carved out of Rajnandgaon district and created as a new administrative unit. The new district will be under Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki Durg division.
- A day before the inauguration of the district, a collector was also posted in Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki district. S Jayavardhan, a 2014 batch IAS officer, has been made the first collector, while Yeduvalli Akshay Kumar will be the first SP of the newly formed district.
- There are three tehsils in the newly formed district – Ambagarh Chowki, Mohala and Manpur and three development blocks and Janpad Panchayat – Ambagarh Chowki, Mohala and Manpur.
- The geographical area of the new district is 2 lakh 14 thousand 667 hectares. The total population here is 2 lakh 83 thousand 947, in which the total population of scheduled tribes is 1 lakh 79 thousand 662, which is 63.27 percent of the total population of the district.
- The number of Revenue Inspector Circle in the district is 13, the total number of Patwari Halka is 89, the number of Gram Panchayat is 185. The total number

of police stations in the district is 9, Vidhan Sabha constituency is 2 and total polling stations are 497. The total number of villages in Naveen district is 499.

- Significantly, on August 15, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had announced the formation of four new districts and 18 new tehsils. These include Mohla-Manpur, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, Sakti and Manendragarh. After this, during the Khairagarh by-election, he announced the formation of another new district, Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai.

Chief Minister Inaugurated 2 Newly Formed Districts

Why In News?

- On September 3, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the 30th district of the state 'Sarangarh-Bilaigarh' and the 31st district 'Khairagarh-Chuikhadan-Gandai' in a huge ceremony held at Khel Bhantha Ground in Sarangarh.

Key Points

- It is to be noted that the 29th district Mohla-Manpur-Chowki was inaugurated by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on September 2.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also gifted development works worth Rs 540 crore for the development of basic facilities in the new district 'Sarangarh-Bilaigarh', while in the inaugural program of Khairagarh-Chuikhadan-Gandai district, development works worth Rs 364 crore 56 lakh as well as 213 He provided material and grant-in-aid amount of Rs 37 lakh 48 thousand to the beneficiaries under various schemes of the government.
- Sarangarh is the district headquarters of the newly formed district Of Sarangarh-Bilaigarh. The airstrip has been located here since the time of the princely period. District Headquarters Sarangarh is tehsil headquarters and sub-divisional officer revenue headquarters since before the formation of Chhattisgarh.
- It is to be noted that a new district has been formed comprising sub-divisions Sarangarh, Tehsil Sarangarh and Baramkela of District Raigarh under Bilaspur division and Sub-Division-Bilaigarh and Tehsil Bilaigarh of District Balodabazar-Bhatapara under Raipur Division, which will include three tehsils Sarangarh, Baramkela and Bilaigarh and Sub Tehsils Kosir and Bhatgaon.

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- The newly formed district consists of three Janpad Panchayats Sarangarh, Baramkela and Bilaigarh. The newly formed district is bordered by Rayagada district to the north, Mahasamund district to the south, Bargarh district of Odisha to the east, Baloda Bazar to the west and Janjgir-Champa district to the northwest.
- A large number of people of the Ramnami community live in the newly formed district. Mahanadi is the main river of Sarangarh-Bilaigarh district. At the same time, Gomarda Sanctuary located in Sarangarh tehsil of the district easily attracts tourists. The Dussehra festival of Sarangarh is very famous like Bastar-Dussehra.
- According to the 2011 census, the total population here is 6 lakh 17 thousand 252. There are 759 villages, 349 gram panchayats, 5 urban bodies, under which 20 revenue inspector boards are included, including Sarangarh, Hardi, Salar, Kosir, Chhind, Godam, Ulkhar, Baramkela, Gobarsingha These include Devgaon, Dongripali, Saria, Bilaigarh, Pavani, Govindvan, Jamgahan, Bhatgaon, Girsra, Bilaspur and Sarsiva.
- Its total revenue area is 1 lakh 65 thousand 14 hectares and the number of 2518 revenue cases. At present, 1406 schools, 7 colleges, 33 banks, 3 projects, 141 health centers, 10 police stations and 2 outposts are established in the new district Sarangarh-Bilaigarh.
- Similarly, the newly formed 'Khairagarh-Chuikhadan-Gandai' district comes under Durg division. Its population is 3 lakh 68 thousand 444. The total number of villages is 494 and 3 are urban bodies. There will be two sub-divisions Khairagarh and Gandai-Chuikhadan. There will be three tehsils Gandai, Chuikhadan, Khairagarh, while two development blocks Will be Chhuikhadan and Khairagarh, 16 will be revenue inspector boards. There are 107 Patwari Halka, 221 Gram Panchayats in this new district.
- The new district is bordered by Kabirdham district to the north, Tehsil Dongargarh and Tehsil Rajnandgaon (Rajnandgaon district) to the south, Tehsil Saja (Bemetara district) and Tehsil Dhamdha (Durg district) to the east and Tehsil Lanji district-Balaghat (Madhya Pradesh) to the west. Prosperity from minerals and resources and the formation of a district will accelerate industrial development here.
- With the formation of the new district, the citizens will get a lot of relief and many important works will be done easily. The general public will get the benefit of administrative decentralization. Basic facilities

education, health, drinking water, food grains will be easily available to the people and facilities will be expanded.

- At the same time, the implementation of public welfare schemes of the government will be easily done up to remote areas. Road connectivity, construction of bridges and culverts will increase the convenience of movement in remote forest areas.
- It is worth mentioning that On the occasion of Independence Day on August 15, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had announced the formation of four new districts in the state with the aim of tightening the administrative work and facilitating the general public.

Chhattisgarh's Biggest Art Gallery Inaugurated by Chief Minister in Khairagarh

Why In News?

- On September 3, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the state's largest art gallery at Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh.

Key Points

- In this grand and magnificent art gallery of Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, the artifacts prepared by the students of the university have been kept for exhibition. Excellent artworks made by the students of the Faculty of Painting, Sculpture, Graphics, Craft and Design and Folk Music and Arts of the University have been kept for exhibition.
- It is noteworthy that according to the intention of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Chandrakar, this art gallery was set up by the world famous folk painting artist of Surguja district. Dedicated to Sonabai Rajwar. The art gallery has been named Sona Bai Rajwar Art Gallery after him.
- This art exhibition has been completed under the supervision and guidance of Dr. Yogendra Choubey (Dean, Faculty of Folk Music and Arts), Venkat Gude, Dr. Ravi Narayan Gupta, Dr. Vikas Chandra, Dr. Chhagendra Usendi, Sandeep Kindo.

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- The special feature of this art gallery is that the art, culture and tradition of the entire Chhattisgarh can be seen in a single overview.

CM Launches 'Balwadi Yojana' in the State

Why in News?

- On the occasion of Teacher's Day on September 5, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched 'Balwadi Yojana' in the state to develop the ability of children to learn and understand in sports and games according to the new education policy.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched this scheme at the Chief Minister's residence with the theme of 'Jabo Balwadi Badhabo Shiksha ki Gaadi'.
- The Balwadi scheme has been started by the School Education Department for the children in the age group of five to six years.
- Through 'Balwadi Scheme', children will be encouraged to learn and they can be prepared for the school environment. In addition to the Anganwadi assistant for the children, an assistant teacher of the affiliated primary school will also be posted in every Balwadi (kindergarten) and for this an additional honourarium of Rs 500 will be given to the assistant teacher every month.
- Special training has been given to Anganwadi assistants and teachers to make teaching work to children in a playful and interesting manner. Approval of one lakh rupees has also been given for each Balwadi for child-friendly furniture, sports equipment and printing prints etc.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that scientists have found in their research that 85 percent of the development of the human brain takes place in childhood itself. What a child learns in his formative years helps him in school and later in life. Teaching should start only when the mind of the children is being prepared.
- Informing about the scheme, Principal Secretary, School Education Department, Alok Shukla said that this year 5173 balwadis have been started and in the coming years, balwadis will be opened in all the areas of the state in a phased manner.

60 Teachers Honoured at State-level Teachers' Felicitation Ceremony

Why in News?

- On the occasion of Teacher's Day on September 5, 2022, 60 teachers were honoured at the state level Teacher Award Ceremony at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan. Out of these, 56 teachers were honoured with State Teacher Award, 2021 and 4 teachers were honoured with Memorial Award in the name of great litterateurs of the state.

Key Points

- In the ceremony, each of the 56 teachers selected for the State Teacher Award, was given an amount of Rs. 21 thousand and a citation.
- Apart from this, 50 thousand rupees and citation were given to each teacher who was honoured with the award given in the memory of the great personalities of the state.
- There are memory awards in the name of 4 great literary figures of the state and the teachers honoured by them are-
 - Dr. Mukutdhar Pandey Memorial Award - Jail Teacher Netram Naktode (District- Raipur)
 - Shri Gajanand Madhav Muktibodh Memorial Award - Lecturer Mira Archie Chauhan (District- Kanker)
 - Dr. Baldev Prasad Mishra Memorial Award - Lecturer LB Rakesh Tandon (District- Korba)
 - Dr. Padumalal Punnalal Bakshi Memorial Award - Teacher LB Hemant Kumar Khute (District- Mahasamund)
- The 56 teachers to be awarded the State Teacher Award 2021 are-
 - Principal Nandini Prabha Bajpai and Lecturer Ramprasad Netam (District- Kanker)
 - Principal Manoj Kumar Bangde and assistant teacher L.B. Ranjita Nag (District-Narayanpur)
 - Lecturer Poornima Saroj and Lecturer Madhuri Kushwaha (District- Jagdalpur)
 - Lecturer T. Vijay Lakshmi and Lecturer Rakesh Kumar Mishra (District- Dantewada)
 - Assistant Teacher L.B. Madhu Tiwari and Lecturer Rajesh Pandey (District- Kondagaon)

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- Lecturer Lambadi Dhananjay and Lecturer L.B. Mohan Lal Nishad (District- Bijapur)
- Lecturer L.B. Bhupeshwarnath Yogi and lecturer L.B. Raghunandan Gangboir (District- Balod)
- Lecturer L.B. Basant Kumar Yadav and teacher L.B. Indira Chandravanshi (District- Rajnandgaon)
- Teacher Pragya Singh and teacher Rashmi Namdev (District- Durg)
- Lecturer L.B. Tulsaram Chandrakar and lecturer Manharan Lal Turkele (District- Kabirdham)
- Lecturer L.B. Vikensh Kumar Yadav and teacher L.B. Anand Kumar Tamrakar (District- Bemetara)
- Assistant teachers Bhojraj and U.V.S.L.B. Khemraj Sahu (District- Mahasamund)
- Teacher Kamalkishore Tamrakar and assistant teacher L.B. Bhagchand Chaturvedi (District- Gariaband)
- Lecturer Dr. Meena Sharma and Lecturer Sunil Nayak (District- Raipur)
- Lecturer Manjusha Sahu and Assistant Teacher L.B. Chhagan Lal Sahu (District- Dhamtari)
- Assistant Teacher L.B. Mahttar Lal Devangan and Principal Reader Jantilal Kurre (District- Balodabazar)
- Lecturer L.B. Kunj Kishore and assistant teacher L.B. Archana Sharma (District- Janjgir-Champa)
- Teacher L.B. Swati Pandey and assistant teacher L.B. Bharat Lal Sahu (District- Mungeli)
- Principal Reader Ashish Rangari and Lecturer Rashmi Verma (District- Raigarh)
- Assistant Teacher L.B. Jyoti Pandey and assistant teacher L.B. Baldau Singh Kashyap (District- Bilaspur)
- Assistant Teacher L.B. Jagdish Adile and Principal Gopal Das Gupta (District-Gourela-Pendra-Marwahi)
- Assistant Teacher L.B. Nohar Chandra and Principal Birbhadra Singh Paikra (District- Korba),
- teacher L.B. Pratibha Yadav and assistant teacher L.B. Pushpendra Kumar Kashyap (District- Sakti)
- Lecturer Subhash Chandra Verma and Lecturer L.B. Damrudhar Swarnakar (District- Jashpur)
- Lecturer L.B. Chetnarayan Kashyap and teacher L.B. Veerangana Srivastava (District- Korea)
- Assistant Teacher L.B. Meena Rajwade and Head Reader Merajuddin Khan (District- Surajpur)
- Teacher L.B. Anita Tiwari and Lecturer Diplata Deshmukh (District- Surguja)

- Lecturer L.B. Arbind Kumar Gupta and Lecturer L.B. Yudhan Prasad Jaiswal (District- Balrampur)

CM Virtually Lays Foundation Stone of Institution of Excellence to be Built in the Capital

Why in News?

- On the occasion of Teachers' Day on September 5, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel laid the virtual foundation stone of an institute of excellence with world-class facilities to be built in the capital to enhance the quality of school education in the state.

Key Points

- A world-class educational institution will be established under the operation of Chhattisgarh Excellence School Society. For this, 20 acres of land has been allotted free of cost to the School Education Department by Nava Raipur Atal Municipal Development Authority in Sector-32 of Nava Raipur.
- The Chief Minister will be the President of the Society of Excellence and the Minister of School Education will be its vice-president. Member secretary and seven other members have been appointed in the society.
- A world class residential educational institution will be developed for a total of 700 students from class 6th to 12th.
- The complex will be developed in two phases. In the first phase, academic building and laboratory, administrative building, dining hall, hostel, indoor sports complex, swimming pool, horse riding, playground, principal and vice principal bungalow etc. will be developed in the educational residential complex for a total of 200 students.
- In the second phase, auditorium, hostel and staff quarters for boys and girls will be developed according to the full capacity of the school.
- Administrative approval of Rs 49.52 crore has been given by the Society for the construction of the first phase of the Institute of Excellence Campus project. On the instructions of the Chief Minister, the period of construction work of an institute of excellence has been kept for 12 months.

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- The students of Chhattisgarh will get world-class educational facilities from the ambitious project Institute of Excellence, being set up in Nava Raipur by the Chhattisgarh School of Excellence Society.

Important Decisions of Chhattisgarh Council of Ministers

Why in News?

- In a meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on September 6, 2022, the decision to constitute separate departments for the welfare and development of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes was taken along with many other important decisions.

Key Points

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers, it was decided to constitute separate departments for the welfare and development of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes. This will enable the implementation of welfare schemes and programmes run for these sections in a more systematic manner.
- Transfer, deputation, merger, attachment of persons appointed to district level and division level posts of class III and IV in the scheduled areas of Bastar and Surguja divisions notified by the state government and Korba and Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi of Bilaspur division will not be done outside the district and division.
- The draft amendment was approved in the Interest Subsidy Rules 2021 on cooperative loans of farmers, according to which small and marginal farmers will get short-term loans up to Rs 3 lakh without interest for horticulture works, fisheries and gopalan.
- In the interest of farmers in the state, it was decided to construct Krishi Bhawan in Sector 19 of Nava Raipur Atal Nagar like other departments to implement the activities of agriculture and related departments like horticulture, fisheries, animal husbandry etc. from one place. For this, it was decided to allot land in one rupee token.
- Chhattisgarh State Hydro Electric Project (Pump Storage Based) Installation Policy 2022 was approved

to encourage investment for setting up pump storage based hydro power projects in the state.

- In order to encourage the establishment of small hydro power projects, the proposal for enhancement was approved in the Departmental Policy-2012. It was decided to increase the notification issued for setting up of small hydro power project of 25 MW capacity at present, which expired in February 2022, by 10 years.
- It was decided to construct pucca roads in the service bank of irrigation canals of the Water Resources Department under the head of other construction departments instead of being done under the head of the Water Resources Department, so that the amount of irrigation department can be used to increase irrigation potential in the state.
- Under the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, post-facto approval was given to produce a short film focusing on the culture of Chhattisgarh and a documentary on the creation of a new India in 75 years of independence and the next 25 years.
- It was decided to extend the period of guarantee sanctioned to the department for availing loan to meet the state share under The Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) from March 2022 to December 2024 (Mission Period).
- In-principle approval was given to the financial structure approved by the State Level High Power Steering Committee for the implementation of Mission Amrut 2.0 scheme. In the Mission Amrut 2.0 scheme, 169 urban bodies of the state have been included, under which the work of water supply and augmentation scheme in urban bodies is to be done on priority.
- Under Component-C of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Evam Utthan Maha Abhiyan (PM KUSUM) Scheme, 810 Megawatts (DC) for energizing agricultural feeders through solar energy Departmental proposal to set up solar power plants of 675 megawatt (AC) capacity was approved.
 - With the solarization of agricultural pumps, farmers will also get solar energy in addition to the electricity currently received for the operation of agricultural pumps. Therefore, at the time of solar energy availability, agricultural pumps will be operated with solar energy and if solar energy is not available, the electricity currently available will continue.

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Chhattisgarhia Olympic Games to be Held in State

Why in News?

- In a meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on September 6, 2022, the Council of Ministers decided to organize Chhattisgarhia Olympic Games from this year, taking a new initiative towards promoting local and traditional sports in Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- In chhattisgarhia Olympics, where sports competitions like kabaddi, kho-kho to tennis ball cricket will be held in rural and urban areas, children to 100 years old will also be able to participate as participants. The special thing is that to participate in the Chhattisgarhia Olympic Games, it is mandatory for the player to be a permanent resident of Chhattisgarh.
- Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Gedi, Pithul, Volleyball, Hockey and Tennis Ball Cricket are included in chhattisgarhia Olympic Games-2022.
- The competitions for these games will be held in both men's and women's categories. This Olympic Games will be held at four levels - Gram Panchayat, Block, District and State level. At the state level, Chhattisgarhia Olympic Games will be held in the capital Raipur.
- For technical assistance in organizing these games, the cooperation of sports coaches of Chhattisgarh Sports Development Authority, representatives of state and district sports associations and physical training teachers of education department will be taken.
- The talented players of Chhattisgarhia Olympic Games-2022 will be prepared by sports coaches (coaches) for national and international competitions. This will be a golden opportunity for athletes to enhance their career as a sportsperson at the national and international level.
- Separate committees will be formed by the state government for the sports event to be held at gram panchayats and 146 block level. The conveners of the committees formed at the gram panchayat level will be the sarpanch and the conveners of the committees formed at the block level will be the development block officers. Budget will be made available for gram panchayats and development blocks for food, transportation and other facilities of the players participating in the games.

Establishment of Small Hydroelectric Projects to Get a Boost in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

- In a meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on September 6, 2022, the cabinet decided to increase the duration of the small hydropower policy by 10 years.

Key Points

- In the cabinet meeting, the proposal to increase the period of Departmental Policy-2012 to encourage the establishment of small hydro power projects in the state was approved.
- It was decided to increase the notification issued for setting up of small hydro power project of 25 MW capacity at present, which expired in February 2022, by 10 years.
- It is worth mentioning that the Small Hydro Electric Policy was launched by the Department of Energy in the year 2012 to encourage the establishment of hydro power projects up to 25 MW capacity under small hydro power projects, whose deadline has expired in February, 2022 after 10 years.
- According to the guidelines issued by the Ministry of Power, Government of India and Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission, it is in the state's interest to extend the duration of the Small Hydro Electricity Policy with a view to encourage proper exploitation and investment of available water sources in the state.
- It is noteworthy that power management in peak hours is a big problem for the distribution company of the state. Therefore, under pump-based hydro power projects, additional power can be generated in peak hours by proper storage and management of water, which will help in meeting the power management and energy purchase obligation of the state distribution company.
- At present, small hydro power projects of 75.65 MW capacity are being operated in the state. Further, PPA execution by investors for small hydro power projects of about 83 MW capacity is under process and inter-State clearance of projects of 171 MW capacity is under process.

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- After preliminary survey, about 25 sites have been identified for setting up of small hydro power project of 385 MW capacity. In order to attract investment in small hydro power projects in the state, it has been decided to extend the duration of small hydro power policy by another 10 years.

Chhattisgarh Scheduled Caste Advisory Council

Why in News?

- On September 6, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has decided to constitute a Scheduled Caste Advisory Council for prompt action in the interest of scheduled castes and recommendations in policy matters related to them.

Key Points

- The objective of the formation of this council is to bring about a rapid positive change in the betterment of scheduled castes and their standard of living in Chhattisgarh and to make them educationally, socially and economically competent.
- With the formation of this council, better monitoring will be done along with getting meaningful consultations for the implementation of schemes and programs run in the interest of scheduled castes in the state.
- Based on the recommendation of the council, the government-administration will be able to take necessary reform decisions for the betterment of the Scheduled Castes.
- In the council, the elected representative members of this class will participate in resolving the situation and problems of the society. This will facilitate the implementation of welfare programmes for the Scheduled Caste category.
- It is noteworthy that Chhattisgarh Scheduled Tribe Advisory Council has already been constituted for recommendation on the subject related to scheduled tribes in Chhattisgarh State. On the same lines, a Scheduled Caste Advisory Council will be formed in Chhattisgarh.
- The problems and needs of a particular class will be considered in this council. At the same time, decisions related to the welfare of Scheduled Castes will be taken.

- The Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh will be its chairman and the minister in charge will be the vice-chairman. There will be a total of 20 members in the council, out of which there will be at least 5 elected members of the Scheduled Castes in the State Legislative Assembly and the remaining members will be nominated by the State Government. In-charge Secretary, Government of Chhattisgarh, Tribal and Scheduled Caste Development Department will act as the secretary of this council.

Governor Approves Chhattisgarh Private University (Establishment and Operation) (Amendment) Bill

Why In News?

- On September 7, 2022, Chhattisgarh Governor Anusuiya Uike approved the bill introduced to further amend the Chhattisgarh Private Universities (Establishment and Operation) Act, 2005 (No. 13 of 2005).

Key Points

- After the amendment, this Act will be called the Chhattisgarh Private Universities (Establishment and Operation) (Amendment) Act, 2022. It will extend to the entire State of Chhattisgarh and will come into force from the date of its publication in the Gazette.
- By amending the said Bill, simple number 16 has been added to the schedule prepared under sub-section (1) of section 9 of the Chhattisgarh Private Universities (Establishment and Operation) Act, 2005 (No. 13, 2005), after simple number 15 and related entries.
- According to this, approval has been given to run the 16th private university 'Anjaneya University' in Chhattisgarh. The main campus of Anjaneya University is in village- Nardaha, Tehsil- Mandir Hasaud, District- Raipur.
- Journalism / Mass Communication / Media, Arts / Humanities / Social Science, Law, Business Administration / Commerce / Management / Finance, Library and Information Science, Fine Arts / Performing Arts / Visual Arts Graduate in Applied Arts, Hotel Management/ Hospitality/ Tourism/ Travel, Science/ Applied

Note:

Science, Engineering/Technology/ Architecture/ Design, Vocational Education/ Skill Development Courses in health and applied sciences, paramedical/nursing, rehabilitation science, Sanskrit phonetic degree (Sanskrit sounding degree) and physical education will be conducted.

Chhattisgarh Other Backward Classes Advisory Council will be Formed in Chhattisgarh

Why In News?

- On September 6, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel decided to constitute Chhattisgarh other backward class advisory council to protect the interests of other backward classes in the state of Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- The formation of other backward class advisory council in the state will help in the recommendation and implementation of the program for the people of this class. Active participation of the people of this class will be ensured to solve the problems related to other backward classes.
- This will speed up the diagnosis of problems of other backward class people and bring a rapid positive change in the standard of living. In this Council, the problem of class specific, the need will be considered. At the same time, decisions related to the welfare of other backward classes will be taken.
- With the formation of this council, better monitoring will be done for the implementation of schemes and programs run in the interest of Other Backward Classes in the state. It will also help in the creation of new schemes and programs for the betterment of other backward classes.
- In the council, the elected representative members of this class will participate in resolving the situation and problems of the society. This will facilitate the conduct of welfare programmes of other backward classes.
- It is noteworthy that Chhattisgarh scheduled tribe advisory council has already been constituted for recommendation on the subject related to scheduled

tribes in Chhattisgarh state. On the same lines, other backward classes advisory council is being formed in Chhattisgarh.

- The Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh will be the Chairman of this Council and the Minister of Charge will be the Vice President. The council will have a total of 40 members, of which the state assembly will have at least 10 elected members from other backward classes and the remaining members will be nominated by the state government.

Approval of Proposal for Setting up of 810 MW DC/675 MW AC Capacity Solar Power Plant

Why In News?

- On September 6, 2022, in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, 810 to energize agricultural feeders through solar energy under Component-C of Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha and Utthan Maha Abhiyan (PM Kusum) scheme. The departmental proposal for setting up solar power plants of MW (DC)/675 MW (AC) capacity was approved.

Key Points

- With the solarization of agricultural pumps, farmers will also get solar energy in addition to the electricity currently received for the operation of agricultural pumps. Therefore, at the time of availability of solar energy, agricultural pumps will be operated with solar energy and if solar energy is not available, the electricity currently available will continue to be available, which will lead to the operation of agricultural pumps.
- At present there are 577 agricultural feeders in the state, on which 1,75,028 agricultural pumps are installed. Under the scheme, 810 MW DC (675 MW AC) capacity solar power plant will be established on government land and agricultural land to solarize the above 577 feeders.
- For this, the agricultural land of the farmers will be taken on lease for 25 years with the consent of the farmers. For this, farmers will be paid at the rate of Rs 30,000 per acre per year, along with an increase of 6 percent per year in the amount of the said lease.

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Cabinet approves State Hydroelectric Project (Pump Storage Based) Establishment Policy, 2022

Why In News?

- On September 6, 2022, in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, approval of Chhattisgarh State Hydroelectric Project (Pump Storage Based) Establishment Policy 2022 to encourage investment for setting up of pump storage based hydro power projects in the state. to be done.

Key Points

- At the initial stage, a project of about 10,000 MW capacity has been identified by the Generation Company at 7 sites for the establishment of pump storage based hydro power projects in Chhattisgarh.
- In these selected sites, study is being done to establish the project in Korba, Jashpur, Surguja, Gariaband, Dhamtari and Balrampur districts.
- Under the Chhattisgarh State Hydro Electric Project (Pump Storage Based) Establishment Policy 2022, Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company Limited has been nominated as the nodal agency for the establishment of pump storage based hydro power project. Feasibility report and Detailed Project Report (DPR) will be prepared for the identified project by the nodal agency.
- Significantly, due to abundant availability of coal in the state, a large number of coal based power generation projects are being set up. For the stability and smooth operation of any power system, there should be a proper ratio of thermal power capacity and hydro power capacity generation capacity. At present the share of hydro power generation in the state's power system is not up to the ideal situation.

Inauguration of Two New Districts 'Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur' and 'Sakti' in the state

Why In News?

- On September 9, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated two new districts 'Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur' and 'Sakti' as the 32nd and 33rd administrative districts respectively in the state. Due to this, the number of districts in the state has increased to 33.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had inaugurated three newly formed districts - Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh and Khairagarh-Chuikhadan-Gandai in the state on September 2 and 3. He had also approved the development works of the new districts.
- The new district of Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur has been carved out of Koriya district. It is bordered by Singrauli district of Madhya Pradesh and Kusmi tehsil of Sidhi district in the north, Podi-Uproda tehsil of Korba district and Ramanujnagar tehsil of Surajpur district in the south, Baikunthpur and Sonhat tehsils of Koriya district in the east and Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi district in the west and Anuppur and Shahdol districts of Madhya Pradesh.
- The estimated population of this district is four lakh 11 thousand 515. It includes subdivision Manendragarh, tehsil Manendragarh and Kelhari and subdivision Bharatpur, tehsil Bharatpur and subdivision Khargaon-Chirmiri, tehsil Khargawan.
- Janjgir-Champa was already a district for the education department. Now it has also become an administrative district. The new district will include a total of 5 tehsils including Tehsil Sakti, Malkharoda, Jaijaipur of subdivision Sakti and Tehsil Dabhra of subdivision Dabhra.
- It is bordered by Kartala tehsil of Korba district in the north, Sarangarh tehsil of Sarangarh-Bilaigarh district in the south, Kharsia in Raigarh district in the east and Saragaon and Bamhanidih tehsils of Janjgir-Champa district in the west.
- The total area of Sakti district is one lakh 51 thousand 976 sq km. Is. According to the 2011 census, the population of Sakti district is 6 lakh 47 thousand 254. The total number of villages in it is 465.
- It is noteworthy that in 2000, the state of Chhattisgarh was formed by separating 16 districts of Madhya Pradesh. The previous BJP government led by Dr. Raman Singh had set up 11 new districts during the period of 2003-2018.

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- In December 2018, the Congress took power, then there were 27 districts in the state. Six new districts have been formed by the Baghel government in February 2020, including the formation of Pendra-Gaurela-Merwahi district in February 2020.

Second Meeting of Task Force Set-up for Elimination of Single-Use Plastic

Why In News?

- On September 13, 2022, the second meeting of the task force constituted for the elimination of single-use plastic in the state was held at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan. The meeting had extensive discussions on the action plan for elimination of single-use plastic under the guidelines of the Central Pollution Control Board.

Key Points

- In the meeting, it was discussed to take action if found using single-use plastic and motivate the general public to use paper bags, plates, dona-pattal as an alternative.
- In the meeting, special emphasis was laid on the industrial institutions and departments of the state to explore alternatives to single-use plastic, to implement the best practical methods implemented in other states of the country in Chhattisgarh.
- The Chief Secretary directed the officers not to use single-use plastic in various marriage venues and as an alternative, people should be advised to take essential items, utensils from the utensil bank set up in urban areas. The use of dona-pattal should be encouraged.
- The Chief Secretary said that the organizing committees should be explained not to use single-use plastic in various public festivals to be held in the coming days.
- It is worth mentioning that in addition to plastic carrybags, the Department of Housing and Environment has decided to provide short life PVC chlorinated plastic, i.e. advertising and publicity material (P. V. C. The manufacture, storage, import, sale, transportation and use of plastic items cups, glasses, plates, bowls and spoons used for catering has been banned in the state of Chhattisgarh.

12 Caste Communities of Chhattisgarh Included in Scheduled Tribes

Why In News?

- On September 14, 2022, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the inclusion of 12 caste communities of Chhattisgarh in the Scheduled Tribes list.

Key Points

- The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the proposal to include several castes from Chhattisgarh, Himachal Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh in the list of Scheduled Tribes.
- It is known that Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had sent a letter to Prime Minister Modi on February 11, 2021, requesting him to include 12 castes of Chhattisgarh in scheduled tribes.
- From time to time, delegations of different castes of Chhattisgarh had met the Chief Minister and urged him to include their castes in the Scheduled Tribes.
- These delegations had pointed out that they originally belong to scheduled tribes, but due to quantitative error, their caste certificates are not being made, so they and their children are deprived of the benefits to scheduled tribes. The Chief Minister took the initiative to include such tribes of Chhattisgarh in the Scheduled Tribe with sensitivity and also wrote a letter to the Prime Minister in this regard.
- After these caste communities are included in the list of Scheduled Tribes of Chhattisgarh, they will start getting the benefit of the schemes run by the government for Scheduled Tribes. Scholarships, concessional loans, hostel facilities for scheduled tribes boys and girls, along with reservation in government service and educational institutions, will be available.
- According to census 2011, the total population of Scheduled Tribes in the state is 78 lakh 22 thousand 902. About one-third of the total population of the state (30.62 percent) belongs to Scheduled Tribes. Of these, the highest number of 72 lakh 31 thousand 82 are living in rural areas.
- The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister has agreed to include 12 communities of Chhattisgarh in the Scheduled Tribes. They are as follows:

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- Bhuinya as a synonym for BhariaBhumia
- Reformation of the English version of the name Bhuyan Bharia as Bharia without any change.
- Pondh (Pond)
- Dhanuhar as a synonym for Dhanwar, Dhanuwar
- Gadwa
- Gond with Gondh
- Kond with Kondh
- Kodhaku with Kodaku
- Nagesia, farmer as a synonym for Nagasia
- Refinement of Dhangad

Rural Industrial Parks

Why In News?

- According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on September 15, 2022, two industrial parks will be built in each development block of the state. Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park will be set up there to develop selected Gothans of rural areas of the state as centers of livelihood.

Key Points

- The industrial park will be developed as a rural production and service center to meet local, government and other needs. In order to promote livelihood and employment in rural areas, private entrepreneurs will be encouraged to set up enterprises in these industrial parks.
- On the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti on October 2, the foundation stone and dedication of the works of Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park will be laid.
- In this regard, Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain held a meeting with all divisional commissioners, collectors and chief executive officers of district panchayats through video conferencing from Mahanadi Mantralaya Bhawan and gave comprehensive guidelines regarding the establishment of rural industrial park and conduct of activities there.
- In connection with the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park i.e. Rural Livelihood Park Scheme, Additional Chief Secretary of Panchayat and Rural Development Department Subrata Sahu instructed the officials through video conferencing that two gothans should be selected for industrial park in each development block of the state.

- He said that an integrated detailed project report and blueprint should be prepared for the activities to be taken up in each RIPA and an action plan should be prepared on the basis of separate business plan for each enterprise and local youth, self-help groups interested in setting up the enterprise should be identified.

'Swachhata Hi Seva' Campaign

Why In News?

- On September 15, 2022, Chhattisgarh Agriculture, Water Resources, Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Ravindra Choubey formally launched the statewide 'Swachhata Hi Seva' campaign in a program organized at his residence office.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Minister Ravindra Choubey flagged off the Swachhta Rath for public awareness in the state. This Swachhata Rath will visit Haat-bazaars and villages from 15th September to 2nd October to make people aware about cleanliness in the state.
- It is worth mentioning that like every year, this year also 'Swachhta Hi Seva' campaign is being run in the entire state from 15th September to 2nd October, 2022. Its objective is to bring public awareness about cleanliness in villages.
- Under the Swachhta Hi Seva Abhiyan, from September 15 to October 2, 2022, the garbage collected in all the villages will be cleaned through shramdaan. Under this, collective shramdaan will be done for cleaning public places, construction of soak pit, construction of compost pit, plastic waste collection, door to door garbage collection, participation by local public representatives, officials and villagers will be ensured.
- It is worth mentioning that under the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin Phase-II, 1,14,871 individual toilets, 9382 community toilets, 302 biogas plants and 2 physical sludge management systems have been established in the state. At the same time, waste management has been done in 5135 villages and liquid waste management in 6872 villages, due to which 4193 villages have become ODF plus so far. Under the Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin, the target is to make 8000 villages ODF this year.

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- Under the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, various activities will be organized from the district headquarters to the villages and action will also be taken to declare the villages which have come under the ODF plus category as ODF plus.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister's Trophy International Grandmasters Chess Tournament-2022

Why In News?

- According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on September 16, 2022, Chhattisgarh chief minister's trophy international grandmasters chess tournament-2022 will be organized by Chhattisgarh State Chess Association under the joint aegis of Chhattisgarh's Sports and Youth Welfare Department, All India Chess Federation and Chhattisgarh Olympic Association from September 19 to 28 in the capital Raipur.

Key Points

- More than 500 chess legends from 15 countries of the world will participate in this tournament to be held in the capital Raipur under the guidance of more than 100 experienced masters.
- Players from different countries will participate in this international tournament, including Russia, Ukraine, Georgia, USA, Kazakhstan, Mongolia, Poland, Vietnam, Colombia, Iran, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Players from 15 countries, including Zimbabwe and Nepal, have been registered.
- This tournament will also provide an opportunity to the rated players of the country, the state to improve their ratings, get GM and IM norms and titles. With this event of international importance, the name of not only Chhattisgarh state but the whole of India will be reflected on the world chess map.
- In the International Grandmasters Chess Tournament, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Winner Trophy will be given, besides cash amount.
- The tournament will be held in the form of two categories Masters and Challengers, in which Rs 23 lakh and trophy in Masters category and Rs 12 lakh

in Challengers category and trophy will be given to the winning players.

- The 50 games associated with this tournament will be broadcast live globally so that more and more people can watch this tournament.
- Officials associated with the chess tournament said that such events are very rare in the country, in this tournament high-rated players from different countries will perform the game on one platform.
- Due to the absence of such events, players find it difficult to get international degrees and have to go to European countries. Players have to face many problems financially and mentally during this period. The event is being organized to encourage sportspersons and give a platform to budding talent.
- Six Grandmasters, 17 International Masters, two Women Grandmasters, eight Women's International Masters, five FIDE Masters and 200 Elo-rated players are expected to participate in the International Grandmasters Chess tournament.
- The masters category event of this tournament will be held at Hotel Grand Imperia and challengers category event will be held at Shagun Farm on VIP Road. The tournament will feature experienced judges from different states.

1.76 Lakh Children were Treated under 'Chirayu' scheme

Why In News?

- According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on September 18, 2022, one lakh 76 thousand children of the state were treated through the 'Chirayu' scheme under the National Child Health Program.

Key Points

- Under the 'Chirayu' scheme, 3081 children suffering from various heart diseases, 603 with lip and palate deformities, 670 with clubfoot and 334 children with congenital cataract have been treated since December 18, 2018.
- So far, 21 thousand 96 children have been treated in this financial year 2022-23 under the 'Chirayu' scheme.
- There are 330 Chirayu teams working across the state to take care of child health. They go to schools and

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anganwadis across the state to check the health of children and identify their physical deficiencies and diseases and arrange free treatment.

- These children are also marked and registered under Viva Yojna through Mitandin and ANM. These children are examined by the Viva team at a high level and are operated in contracted hospitals.
- The Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram has been operational in the state since 2014. It aims to provide early treatment by screening for **4D**, i.e. defect at birth, disease, deficiency and development delays including **disability**, in children aged from zero to 18 years .
- Under this, 44 types of diseases are identified and examined and treated in children. Referrals are also made to higher institutions if needed.
- Under the 'Chirayu' scheme, health check-up of newborns aged six weeks from birth is done by delivery point staff, children aged six weeks to six years in Anganwadi centers and children between six years and 18 years of age in government and grant-in-aid schools by Chirayu teams.

More than 50 Percent Reservation Declared Unconstitutional in HC

Why In News?

- On September 19, 2022, the Division Bench of the Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court set aside the notification of the state government to increase the reservation limit to 58%, calling it unconstitutional.

Key Points

- After this decision of the High Court, the state government will now be able to give only 50% reservation on government appointments, admission in professional colleges.
- The High Court, while pronouncing its order, accepted that the notification of the state government has created an unconstitutional situation. A reservation of more than 50% is not justified and justified under any circumstances.
- It is noteworthy that the previous BJP government had amended the reservation rules in the year 2012 itself. Reservation percentage of SC category was reduced

from 16 to 12%. Similarly, the number of Scheduled Tribes increased from 20% to 32%. The quota for Other Backward Classes remained intact at 14%. By doing this the percentage of total reservations increased from 50 to 58. This was contrary to the directions and legal provisions of the Supreme Court.

- While the high court's latest decision on reservation has dealt a major blow to the ongoing preparations for 27 percent OBC reservation by the state government, the 32% reservation for STs has been abolished and the government has been directed to make a law within the 50% limit.

'Khaki Ke Rang School Ke Sang' Program of Mahasamund District included in the Golden Book of World Records

Why In News?

- On September 20, 2022, the 'Khaki Ke Rang School Ke Sang' programme sponsored by the police in Mahasamund district of Chhattisgarh has been included in the Golden Book of World Records.

Key Points

- District Superintendent of Police Bhojram Patel and his team were felicitated by Dr. Manish Vishnoi, Asia Head, Golden Book of World Records.
- It is worth mentioning that this program was run to create awareness among the general public about cyber-crime. In this, cyber awareness campaign has been conducted among more than 20 thousand school children in just two months. This important achievement has been included in the Golden Book of World Records.
- The video made by Mahasamund Police for cyber awareness was launched. This video is getting widespread public appreciation.
- It is noteworthy that according to the intention of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, school children are being made aware on various topics in the 'Khaki Ke Rang School Ke Sang' program by Mahasamund Police. Along with this, students are being taught ways of self-defense.

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CM Trophy India International Badminton Challenge-2022

Why In News?

- On September 20, 2022, the Chief Minister's Trophy India International Badminton Challenge-2022 started in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh. The contest will continue till September 25.

Key Points

- The entire tournament is being played at the Eye Sports Badminton Arena in Mowa, Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh.
- Along with India, 550 badminton players from Sri Lanka, Thailand, Canada, USA, Maldives, Mauritius, United Arab Emirates, Malaysia, Japan, Uganda and Zambia have come to participate in this international level badminton event.
- The qualifying rounds are to be played on the first two days of this event, i.e. on 20 and 21 September. The main draws will be held from September 22 to September 25. Men's singles, men's doubles, women's singles, women's doubles and mixed doubles matches will be played during this period. The prize money in this competition has been kept at 15 thousand US dollars.
- It is worth mentioning that on the initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, an international match of badminton is being organized for the first time in Chhattisgarh. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel is constantly trying to encourage sports in Chhattisgarh.
- For this, along with the construction of academy for various sports and increasing facilities in Chhattisgarh, initiatives are also being taken to organize sports in Chhattisgarh. In this episode, the Chief Minister's Trophy India International Badminton Challenge-2022 is being organized here.

Chhattisgarh got 4 National Awards for Excellent Work in Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural)

Why In News?

- Recently, The Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) of Chhattisgarh has once again won 4 National Awards,

waving its flag all over the country with its outstanding work.

Key Points

- Chhattisgarh has been ranked first among the best performing states in the East Zone in the Swachh Survekshan-Gramin of the Union Ministry of Drinking Water and Sanitation. In the best performing districts, Durg is second and Balod is third in East Zone.
- Chhattisgarh has got 3rd position in Central Zone in wall writing competition on ODF+.
- President Draupadi Murmu will reward the state for these achievements in a function organized on 2nd October at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on the occasion of Swachh Bharat Diwas.
- Congratulating the state team of Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) for these awards, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that Chhattisgarh is doing good work every year in the Swachh Bharat Mission. Due to these good deeds, the state is getting top awards every year.
- He expressed hope that the Swachh Bharat Mission (Gramin) team of the state would continue its good work and Chhattisgarh would remain one of the cleanest states in the country.

Chhattisgarh Herbals

Why In News?

- On September 22, 2022, Premlal Patel, Assistant Director, Public Relations Department, Chhattisgarh said that not only in Chhattisgarh, but also in other states of the country, there is a demand for the products of 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' brand.

Key Points

- Due to the purity and quality of the product of 'Chhattisgarh Herbals', shops will be set up outside Chhattisgarh for its sale in the state of Maharashtra and Goa, where the products of Chhattisgarh Herbals will be easily available.
- It is worth mentioning that under the brand 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' there are more than 130 products produced by Van Dhan Vikas Kendra's of State Minor Forest Produce Association and there are more than 90 products of Self Help Groups

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working under Collector Sector. These products are currently available in market in Chhattisgarh through 32 Sanjeevani shops, Dhanwantari shops, csc shops, amazon, flipkart.

- In this direction, Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association has achieved a new achievement in the field of marketing. Now the products of Chhattisgarh Herbals will be available for sale in shops in Maharashtra and Goa also. Natureo Medex Pvt. Ltd. Pune has been selected by the association for marketing the products of 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' in the state of Maharashtra and Goa in the first phase.
- Private investors and distributors from other states are also showing their interest in view of the success of the product of 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' in the state, in view of which Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association has invited interest from interested parties of state level distributors for marketing from different states of India.
- With the selection of state-level distributors in Maharashtra and Goa, residents will now have the advantage of enjoying the priceless purity of the 'Chhattisgarh Herbals' brand from the nearest retail outlets. In other states of the country also, the process of identification of distributors / selection of distributors is going on in a gradual manner.
- Sanjay Shukla, Managing Director, State Minor Forest Produce Association informed that a new plant for honey processing is being set up at Kawardha Van Dhan Vikas Kendra. Similarly, a new advanced cashew processing unit is being established at Asna Jagdalpur. Units are being set up at Dhamtari's Dugli for making Aloe Vera products and at Baronda, Raipur for making premium Jamun juice.
- Similarly other Van Dhan Vikas Kendra units have IITs. Improvements and modernization are being done with the advice of expert consultants of Kanpur, so that the high quality of the products is maintained continuously.
- Under Chhattisgarh Herbals, gift packs are being brought in the market for the last two years on the occasion of Diwali. Chhattisgarh Herbals products are available in attractive packaging which guarantees quality and purity. These gift packets will soon be available for sale through Sanjeevani shops, major private retail outlets, C Mart, Amazon, Flipkart.
- The products collected and prepared by tribal women from the forests of Chhattisgarh are sold under the

brand 'Chhattisgarh Herbal', which aims at social and economic upliftment of tribals and other forest dwellers.

- Herbal brands include Bhringraj Oil, Neem Oil, Herbal Soap, Chyawanprash, Pure Honey, Sanitizer, Herbal Havan Ingredients, Seed Oil, Amla Juice, Bael Sherbet, Jamun Juice, Mahua RTS, Mahua Squash, Herbal Coffee, Amla Lachha, Pickles, Pachak Candy, Bael Murabba, Tea are available, while Mahua Ladoo, Jam, Cookies, Pickles, Chikki, Chunks and Tamarind Bricks, Candy, Kaunchpak, Tamarind Sauce and Jamun Chips, Masala Jaggery Powder and various of Ayurveda Churna products are being sold.

'Hamar Beti-Hamar Maan' Campaign

Why in News?

- On September 23, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel tweeted that the state government is going to launch an innovative campaign 'Hamar Beti-Hamar Maan' towards women's safety, especially for the safety of daughters, protection of their dignity, their convenience and providing them necessary services.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel tweeted about this campaign and said that under the 'Hamar Beti-Hamar Maan' campaign, women officers and employees of the state police will go to schools and colleges in all the districts of the state and guide and communicate with daughters on their legal rights, good touch, bad touch, eve-teasing, sexual abuse, cyber crime, social media crime prevention and rights.
- Under the campaign, special women patrolling of police will be installed in girls' schools-colleges and prominent places with the presence of women and young women.
- A mobile number will also be issued for the 'Hamar Beti-Hamar Maan' helpline, on which daughters will be able to register their complaints, their problems, any abuse or crime against them, which will be dealt with on priority.
- It has also been decided by the state government that the investigation of women-related crimes will be done by women investigators on priority basis, as well as the responsibility of ensuring that the

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investigation of such crimes can be completed within the stipulated time and the challan can be presented. will be of IG range officials.

- Regarding the application to be launched for women's safety, schools and colleges will be told how it can be used. The Chief Minister said that it is expected that this campaign will prove to be a revolutionary step towards increasing women's safety and respect for women.

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister's Trophy

Why in News?

- On September 23, 2022, Chhattisgarh Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Umesh Patel felicitated the winners of the B category Challengers category of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister's Trophy with Challengers Trophy and cheques in the chess competition held at Hotal Shagun Farm in capital Raipur.

Key Points

- The competition, which has been going on for the last 5 days, was completed in nine cycles in which about 350 players from 20 states and 3 federations Nepal, Bangladesh, United States of America participated.
- Overall winner in challengers category K.R.U. Arun (rating 1861) was point-8 and runner-up Shreyan Majumdar of Maharashtra (rating 1743) was point-8. West Bengal's Bishal Basak (rating 1716) was third with a point of 7.50.
- In the 1800 to 1400 rating, the winner was Mohammad Ryan of Bihar, the runner-up was Anas Nandan of Maharashtra and on the third place was Ajay Santosh Parthreddy of Uttar Pradesh. Similarly, in the 1400 to 0 ratings, the winner was Adhiraj Mitra of Jharkhand, the runner-up was R. Santosh of Tamil Nadu and on the third place was N. Rohit of Telangana.
- In the women's category, the winner was Dakshita Kumawat of Rajasthan, the runner-up was Sanskriti Wankhade of Maharashtra and Sneha Halder of West Bengal was third.
- Among those above 60 years of age, the winner is Dev Kantilal of Rajasthan, the runner-up is S.K. Singh of Madhya Pradesh. Rathore and R.K. Rathore of Rajasthan were third. Gupta stayed.

- In the best Chhattisgarh player category, the winner was Lavyajyoti Ratre, the runner-up Vivek Sahu and the third place was bagged by Rajnikant Bakshi.
- In the divyang category, Amit Deshpande was the winner, Madhukesh Ram was the runner-up and Mahesh Sudar was third.
- In the under-15 boys category, the winner was Dars Shetty of Maharashtra and the runner-up was Daksh Goyal of Delhi, while in the under-15 girls category, the winner was Kera Dagaria of Madhya Pradesh and the runner-up was Krishika Garg of Delhi.
- In the U-13 boys category, the winner was Nihal Swarn of Andhra Pradesh and the runner-up was Samyak of West Bengal. In the U-13 girls category, The winner was Sakshi Jain of Delhi and the runner-up was Shreyali Patnaik.
- In the U-11 boys category, the winner was Kola Bhavan of Andhra Pradesh and the runner-up was Apar Saxena of Karnataka. In the U-11 girls category, the winner was Prishita Gupta of Delhi and the runner-up was Nihara Kaul of Maharashtra.
- In the U-9 boys category, the winner was Vasireddy Arjun of Andhra Pradesh and the runner-up was P. Mithilesh. In the U-9 girls category, Ishika of Chhattisgarh and Arohi Mathur of Telangana were the runners-up.
- In the under-7 boys category, the winner was Parv Hakani of Maharashtra and the runner-up was Vivan Gupta of Chhattisgarh. In the under-7 girls category, the winner was Amya Agarwal of Telangana and the runner-up was Radhya of Madhya Pradesh.
- On this occasion, Sports and Youth Welfare Minister Umesh Patel said that Chhattisgarh is coming forward rapidly in the field of sports. The work of building better infrastructure in the state is going on at a rapid pace. Sports academies are being constructed in Chhattisgarh. For this, the cooperation of the industry is also being taken.
- He said that residential and non-residential sports academies are operating in Raipur and Bilaspur. More sports academies will be built further. The government plans to build an academy in every district for the sport that the people there are more interested in.

Poshak Anaj Award, 2022

Why in News?

- At the Poshak Anaj Award, 2022 organized by IIMR,

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Government of India in Hyderabad on September 23, 2022, Telangana Agriculture Minister S. Niranjan Reddy awarded and honoured Chhattisgarh as the best emerging state for promoting millet.

Key Points

- On behalf of Chhattisgarh, this award was received by S.S. Bajaj, Special Managing Director of State Minor Forest Produce Association.
- The function also appreciated the pro-farmer policies of the Chhattisgarh government and efforts to promote cultivation of kodo, kutki and ragi in the state.
- It is noteworthy that according to the intention of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the cultivation of Kodo, Kutki and Ragi is being specially promoted in Chhattisgarh. On the initiative of the Chief Minister, Kodo, Kutki and Ragi have been included in the 'Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana' and its producing farmers are also being given input assistance of Rs 9,000 per acre as an incentive.
- Chhattisgarh is the only state in the country where kodo, kutki and ragi are being purchased at support price and its value addition work is also being done. Kodo-Kutki was purchased at the support price of Rs 3000 per quintal and Ragi was purchased by Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association at the rate of Rs 3377 per quintal.
- According to the intention of the Chief Minister, the cultivation of Kodo, Kutki and Ragi is being continuously expanded in the state, due to which the area under its cultivation in the state has increased from 69 thousand hectares to one lakh 88 thousand hectares.
- Keeping in view the promotion of millet cultivation, training to farmers, availability of high quality seeds and increase in productivity, 'Millet Mission' has also been started in the state from January 10, 2022. 14 districts of the state have also signed tripartite MoUs with IIMR Hyderabad under the Millet Mission with the efforts of Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association.
- Under the Chhattisgarh Millet Mission, a target has also been set to double the productivity of millet from 4.5 quintals per acre to 9 quintals i.e.
- It is worth mentioning that under the Chhattisgarh Millet Mission, its cultivation is being encouraged through cluster approach in Kanker, Kondagaon, Bastar, Dantewada, Sukma, Kabirdham, Narayanpur,

Jashpur, Bijapur, Rajnandgaon, Surajpur, Balrampur, Koriya and Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi districts.

- IIMR Hyderabad has supported the training of farmers along with better seeds, technology for millet cultivation in the state. Appointments of millet advisors are also being made in 14 selected districts of Chhattisgarh.
- Under the Millet Mission, 46 thousand quintals of kodo, 2800 quintals of kutki and 5811 quintals of ragi have also been procured at the support price in the state in the last season. The millet-based integrated plant in Kanker district is being set up by Avani Ayurveda Pvt Ltd at a cost of Rs 5.5 crore with a processing capacity of 5,000 metric tonnes. This will encourage millets and provide employment to local youth.

Central India's Largest Jyoti Kalash Bhawan will be Built in Danteshwari Temple

Why In News?

- According to information received from Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on September 25, 2022, the largest Jyoti Kalash Bhawan of Central India will be constructed in the historic Danteshwari temple complex of Dantewada.

Key Points

- Jyoti kalash Bhawan will be constructed in the district under the guidance and guidance of the Chief Minister. The building, designed with the outline of religious, cultural and artistic modernization, will give the devotees a feeling of ancient as well as new Dantewada.
- Efforts will be made to realize the grandeur of Danteshwari Mata on a large scale by constructing a building on the lines of Chand Khuri. Various elements like pillar ornamentation, gate design are mainly inspired by Maa Danteshwari Temple.
- The newly constructed Jyoti kalash Bhawan will be designed in such a way that the devotees who visit Danteshwari Maa will now be able to know the glory of the mother along with her darshan. The walls of the Nav Jyoti kalash Bhawan will tell the story of the mother to the devotees who come here. Mythology, information told by Jiya Baba and the sevadars will be engraved on the walls.

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- To reflect the architecture of Maa Danteshwari temple, red sandstone will be used as the material for the construction of the building. A store house is being constructed in the basement to organize and save the puja and havan material.
- Yagyashala is being constructed in the ground floor. Keeping in mind the place of nine planets in this Yagyashala, the Havan Kund of that planet is being constructed on the basis of the details mentioned in the Puranas. Administrative building is also being constructed in the ground floor in which the works related to the installation of Jyoti Kalash will be conducted.
- Toilet facilities for priests and staff in that building and a help room are also being constructed in the administrative building. A pagoda-like place is being constructed for the devotees to rest in all the four directions of the building, in which the devotees will be able to enjoy the devotional atmosphere. In future, this place will develop into tourism on a large scale, which will provide employment to more and more local people.
- It is noteworthy that earlier there was a demand for Jyoti Kalash Bhawan by the members of the temple committee. Agreeing to this, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone for the Jyoti Kalash Bhawan in Medka Dobra, the temple complex, during the meeting.
- It is worth mentioning that Danteshwari temple is famous for its mythology. Every year on Shardiya and Chaitra Navratri, thousands of devotees get the wishing Jyoti Kalash lit in the court of Maa Danteshwari. But due to the small building, only a limited number of Jyoti Kalash could be established. 11100 Jyoti Kalash can be established in the new building.

Chhattisgarh was Rewarded under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission and Pradhan Mantri Jan-Arogya Yojana

Why In News?

- On September 25-26, 2022, Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya awarded Chhattisgarh for its outstanding work in 'Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission' and 'Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya

Yojana' at the two-day 'Arogya Manthan' program held in New Delhi.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that on the completion of four years of Pradhan Mantri Jan-Arogya Yojana and one year of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, the two-day 'Arogya Manthan' program held on September 25 and September 26 in New Delhi awarded the states for outstanding work in the Pradhan Mantri Jan-Arogya Yojana.
- Chhattisgarh is the state with the highest number of government hospitals registered in the country under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. Chhattisgarh is also at the forefront of the country in the treatment of women under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- Women constitute 58 percent of the total beneficiaries treated under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana in the state. Chhattisgarh is the top state in the country to give the benefit of this scheme to women in such a large number. For this, Ayushman Excellence Award was given to the state by the National Health Authority.
- With this, Chhattisgarh has registered more than nine thousand government hospitals under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. For this, the state was awarded the Ayushman Excellence Award for securing the highest position at the national level.
- It is noteworthy that electronic health cards are being made through Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission. Through this card, all the documents related to the patient's examination will be available online. Through the card these documents can be seen by the doctors of any hospital. Along with this, patients will also be able to see all the documents related to their investigation on their mobile. This card will relieve the patient from the documentation formalities. Work is being done at a rapid pace in this direction in Chhattisgarh.

Chendru 'Tiger Boy' CTB Mementos

Why In News?

- On September 27, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel unveiled a statue of Chendru 'Tiger

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Boy' and his tiger friend Tembu as a memento of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board (CTB).

Key Points

- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel also released 'Talking Comics' to connect children with tourism in the tourism conference organized on the occasion of World Tourism Day. Chendru and Tembu are depicted as symbols of tourism in the comic.
- He also released a video of the state song based on 'Kathak Bhav' and a coffee table book of tourist spots in the state. The book contains information about all the tourist places in the state. It can be used as a tourist guide.
- Significantly, The Tiger Boy Chendru, popularly known as 'Mowgli' in Chhattisgarh, was no less than a wonder for the whole world. Chendru Mandavi belonged to a tribal family from Garhbengal village in Narayanpur district.
- Chenderu was very famous all over the world in the 60s. As a child, Chendru always played with the tiger Tembu and spent most of his time with him. Both used to eat food together and play together.
- Hearing the story of Chendru and Tiger's friendship, the famous Swedish film director Aren Saksdorf came straight to Bastar. Influenced by the friendship between Chendru and Tembu, in 1957 he made a film about Chendru and his pet tiger Tembu called 'The Jungle Saga'. The film was a huge success at the international level. This film made a splash all over the world. Chendru did the role of the hero of this film. Staying in the village, the director did the complete shooting of the film in 1 year. This film made Chendru famous all over the world.
- Chendru Mandavi said goodbye to the world in the year 2013 at the age of 78. After his departure, idols of Tembu and Chendru were installed in the jungle safari in the capital Raipur, as well as a park in the name of Chendru in Narayanpur.

Sickle Cell Management Center will be Started in All District Hospitals of the State from Gandhi Jayanti

Why In News?

- On September 28, 2022, Chhattisgarh's Health and Family Welfare Minister TS Singhdeo said in a review meeting of the health department that sickle cell testing and treatment would start from October 2 in all district hospitals in the state.

Key Points

- In the meeting, the Health Minister inquired about the necessary preparations being made in connection with sickle cell management centers from the health officials and gave necessary instructions. He directed the health officials to provide treatment and counselling facilities to more and more patients coming to all the hospitals.
- Minister TS Singhdeo said that from the coming month, samples will be collected from the areas around all the hummer labs to provide pathology lab facility to the people at a cheaper rate, so that people can get pathology facility in the nearest health center.
- In the meeting, the Health Minister honored three health officers of Usoor Community Health Center in Bijapur district - Jyoti Sidar, Nagmani Chilmul and Ramesh Gaddem by presenting them a citation and shawl for their remarkable contribution in the COVID vaccination. These three health warriors had done the vaccination of people reaching village Marudbaka by crossing three rivers full of knee-deep water on foot for the Kovid vaccination.
- Health department secretary Prasanna R. In view of the increasing cases of TB in the state, instructed the health officials to increase the testing of TB patients by ensuring availability of lab technicians in every CHC for testing TB patients especially in three districts- Korba, Jashpur and Jagdalpur. .
- Along with this, he ensured the identification of leprosy patients in all the districts through home visits, ensuring the availability of all the resources of family welfare, especially at all the CHC level of the state and IPD services are available in all the district hospitals especially at night.

The Chhattisgarh Ground Water (Management and Regulation) Bill, 2022

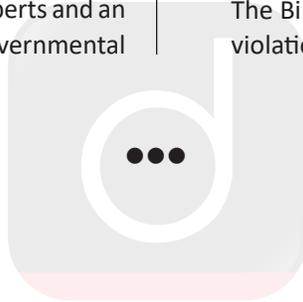
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- On September 29, 2022, Chhattisgarh Governor Anusuiya Uikey signed the Chhattisgarh Ground Water (Management and Regulation) Bill, 2022. This bill was passed by the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly on July 25, 2022.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that this bill has been passed in relation to the issues of protection, protection, control etc. to ensure the management of ground water, both quantitatively and qualitatively, especially in the distressed rural and urban areas in the state.
- In this bill, a provision has been made to set up a State Ground Water Management and Regulatory Authority at the state level under the chairmanship of the Chief Secretary. Apart from this, this authority will also have 16 members. In this, a provision has been made to nominate three subject-experts and an eminent person from the public / non-governmental organization / social sector, having experience of doing long-term work of ground water management in the state of Chhattisgarh.
- This Authority will give permission for ground water extraction for industrial/ commercial / mining in non-notified / notified areas.
- At the district level, a provision has been made to constitute a Ground Water Management Council under the chairmanship of the Collector. In addition, the Collector will also act as the District Ground Water Grievance Redressal Officer. Apart from this, a provision has also been made to constitute Ground Water User Registration Committee in the respective development block under the chairmanship of Chief Executive Officer of Janpad Panchayat at the block level.
- Under the Bill, extracting ground water without registration in the appropriate body will be an offence. The Bill also provides for imprisonment and fine for violation of rules framed in the Bill.



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