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Seven daughters of Jharkhand selected for U-17 Women's FIFA World Cup, 2022

Why In News?

- A press release issued by the Chief Minister's Secretariat on May 5, 2022 stated that seven women players from Jharkhand have been selected among the 33 Indian players selected for training for the Under-17 Women's FIFA World Cup, 2022.

Key Point

- The selected players include Anjali Munda, Salina Kumari, Sudha Ankita Tirkey, Astam Oraon, Purnima Kumari, Neetu Linda and Anita Kumari.
- At present, all these players are undergoing training in the training camp held in Jamshedpur.
- In view of the difficulties caused by COVID-19, these girls were provided with football kits and T-shirts from UNICEF by the Department of Sports to provide support to these girls.
- It is worth mentioning that UNICEF has associated with it the selected players as champions of change for child rights. UNICEF had also trained them as technical support to the Government on issues such as child rights, adolescent girls' issues, need for proper nutrition, menstrual hygiene, mental health and psychosocial counselling, etc.

Johar Agri-Mart

Why In News?

- According to a press release issued by the Information and Public Relations Department of the Government of Jharkhand on May 10, 2022, more than 35,000 farmers are getting technical facilities from 25 Johar Agri Marts across the state.

Key Point

- The initiative to provide under one roof to the farmers of Jharkhand through The Johar Project under Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society has been taken up by Johar Agri Mart to provide improved farming facilities such as availability of high quality fertilizers, seeds, pesticides etc.

- Through Johar Agri Mart, apart from the farmers belonging to the producer groups, the common farmers are also being provided with all kinds of materials and services related to farming at reasonable prices.
- At present, 25 Johar Agri Marts are being operated in a total of 11 districts of the state. Johar Agri Mart is proving to be a boon as a one stop centre for the progress of farmers.

Jharkhand government ready to include Hindi in language list in government job exams

Why In News

- On May 11, 2022, the Jharkhand government informed the state high court that it is ready to include Hindi as a language in the examinations for government jobs.

Key Point

- Supreme Court counsel Mukul Rohatgi, appearing for the state, argued that Hindi in the examinations conducted by the Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission (JSSC) would be included in the list of subjects.
- According to the new policy announced by the Hemant Soren government for appointments, it has been made mandatory for those seeking jobs to make at least 30 per cent of the marks in a regional and one tribal language to make a merit list.
- According to the new policy of the Jharkhand government, in the state-level examinations, any examinee can choose one of the 12 languages and take the exam in it. These languages include Mundari, Khadia, Ho, Santhali, Khortha, Panchpargania, Bangla, Urdu, Kurmali, Nagpuri, Kurukh and Oriya.
- This list means that the exam papers will be given in these 12 languages, i.e., in Hindi and Sanskrit, as used to be found earlier, they will not be available now.

The State Government Proposed Two Sites For Dolphin Safari project

Why In news

- On May 15, 2022, Sahibganj Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) of Jharkhand Manish Tiwari informed that the

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state government has proposed two sites on river Ganga in Sahibganj district for dolphin safari to promote conservation of national aquatic life of the country.

Key Point

- DFO Manish Tewari said that as per the demand of the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the state government has identified two sites at Singhidlan in Rajmahal and Ojhatoli in Sahibganj for the project.
- He said both the sites could be linked to the Centre's Dolphin Jalaj Safari project. The distance between the two sites is about 40 km.
- Recently, the central government had sought a proposal from the state government for an eco-tourism project for two places, Sahibganj and Rajmahal. The state government had submitted its plan by the end of April.
- Manish Tewari said that the presence of dolphins and economic and tourism prospects were considered while selecting the sites. The proposed sites will help in better monitoring of these species and promote local employment through tourism.
- **The National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)** had launched the safari project at six places in the country - Bijnor, Brijghat, Prayagraj and Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh, Kahalgaon in Bihar and Bandel in West Bengal in October 2020.
- It may be mentioned that dolphins protected under **Schedule I of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972** are found in an 83-km stretch of river Ganga in Sahibganj district of Jharkhand. **The Wildlife Institute of India (WII)** had conducted a survey in January this year on the part of the Ganga in Jharkhand, where 81 dolphins were found.

Jharkhand State Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2022

Why in News?

- On May 17, 2022, Jharkhand Governor Ramesh Bais returned the 'Jharkhand State Agricultural Produce and Livestock Marketing (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2022' passed by the Jharkhand Assembly due to differences in its Hindi and English versions.

Key Points

- This is the fifth bill passed by the state government, which has been returned by the governor to the government due to the difference between the Hindi and English versions of the bills.
- Through this bill, for the first time in the country, the Jharkhand government is going to implement the concept of private market committee campus on the ground.
- In agricultural market committees, a representative nominated or elected by the state government will be made the chairman.
- The Bill provides for charging two percent agricultural market tax from buyers, while the tax on immediately destroyed agricultural produce will be one percent.
- In order to realize the vision of 'One Nation One Market' with the objective of comprehensive reform and transparency in agricultural marketing in the State, the farmers of the State will be connected to electronic trading portals under modern marketing system.
- New markets will be set up with modernization of rural haat-bazaars from the revenue generated from agricultural market tax so that the market is available to the farmers at every 10 km.

Bokaro Steel Plant and Dalmia Bharat Foundation sign MoU

Why in News?

- On May 18, 2022 a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between SAIL-Bokaro Steel Plant and Dalmia Bharat Foundation for setting up of a Skill Development Centre at Bokaro.

Key Points

- The moU aims to set up a skill training centre to provide short-term, placement-based courses to local youth in nearby villages through the DIKSHA (Dalmia Institute of Knowledge and Skill Harnessing) Centre of Dalmia Bharat Foundation.

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- Through this joint initiative, efforts will be made to provide relevant skills to the local youth to ensure better prospects.
- Under this scheme, the beneficiaries can be offered courses with some nominal fee. SAIL-BSL will later explore the possibility of opening similar centres in its mines located in Jharkhand.
- Last year, the BSL management had approved a proposal to set up a skill development centre in Bokaro in collaboration with Dalmia India to strengthen the skill development ecosystem of Bokaro under its CSR scheme.
- The two organizations share a common vision and value system to transform society by leveraging their demographic dividend by providing training to prepare them for the market through empowering the local youth.
- The number of initial batches in each course will be 30. After this, more courses will be added as per demand and future prospects.
- The Centre will primarily focus on providing skill development to the youth living in the peripheral villages of Bokaro. The Centre is likely to start operations within a period of two months.
- While BSL will provide necessary infrastructure support under the agreement, Dalmia India will be responsible for managing the day-to-day activities of the Centre, including faculty and placement assistance.

Bokaro to host Science Film Festival

Why in News?

- Recently, Dr. T. Pachal, President, Society for Science, informed that it has been decided to host the Science Film Festival for the first time in Bokaro, observing the 75th year of Independence as the Year of Science Awareness.

Key Points

- In a meeting of the Executive Committee of Science for Society, Jharkhand, Bokaro, it has been unanimously decided to celebrate the first ever Science Film Festival in Bokaro. The two-day event will be held in September this year.

- Around 30 award-winning films from across the country will be screened at the festival. Science films produced in Jharkhand, Bengal, Assam, Uttarakhand, Tamil Nadu, Maharashtra, Goa, Odisha, Karnataka, Delhi and other states will also be screened.
- The producers and directors of the films will also participate in the festival. Apart from this, students, teachers, doctors, engineers and citizens of the district will participate in this programme.
- Rajendra Kumar, general secretary of the Society for Science, Bokaro, said the film festival will inspire children to a great extent to promote and promote science.

Mining work begins in Chhattisgarh's Chhatti-Bariatu coal mining project

Why In News

- On May 21, 2022, NTPC Limited's Chhatti-Bariatu coal mining project has achieved another milestone by touching **coal seam** after digging up to a depth of about 7 meters.

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- It may be recalled that the Chhatti-Bariatu coal mining project of NTPC Limited started its mining operations on April 25, 2022.
- With this, the digging of box-cut has also started, which will pave the way for coal production to start from July 2022.
- Chhatti-Bariatu will soon join NTPC's ever-growing list of coal producing mines along with Pakri Barwadih, Dulanga and Talaipalli.
- The Chhatti-Bariatu coal mining project at its peak will produce 7 million tonnes of coal per annum and supply coal to NTPC's Barh STPP (Phase II).
- With the commencement of coal production from this mining project, it will further increase the production of coal from the coal mines of NTPC, which has produced 14 million tons of coal in the financial year 2021-22 as compared to 11 million tons produced during the previous financial year and has registered an annual growth of 27%.

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Seed Exchange and Distribution Programme

Why in News?

- On May 23, 2022, it was informed by the Chief Minister's Secretariat that for the first time in Jharkhand, the seeds of kharif crop are being made available at 50% grant under the Seed Exchange and Distribution Programme Scheme, initiating the process of seed distribution to farmers ahead of time.

Key Points

- The Directorate of Agriculture in the state is distributing quality seeds to the farmers through a blockchain based traceability platform, which is ensuring timely availability and quality of seeds to the farmers.
- With this, Jharkhand has become the first state in the country to distribute seeds through the blockchain system.
- In just one month of the kharif season, 101065 farmers have been registered on the blockchain-based seed traceability platform. 123 FPOs have also been registered.
- Along with the seeds, the benefit of other government agriculture schemes of the Directorate of Agriculture will also be extended to the registered farmers and FPOs.

Three women Players from Jharkhand Selected for Ireland Tour

Why in News?

- On May 25, 2022, Simdega Hockey President Manoj Konbegi informed that three players from Simdega in Jharkhand have been selected in the junior Indian women's hockey team for the tour of Ireland.

Key Points

- Manoj Konbegi informed that Hockey India has announced a 20-member Indian junior women's hockey team for the upcoming Under-23, 5 Nation tournament, which includes the names of Simdega's Beauty Dungdung, Deepika Soreng and Mahima Tete.

- It is worth mentioning that Beauty Dungdung is a regular member of the junior Indian women's hockey team from the east. Dipika Soreng and Mahima Tete have been selected in the junior Indian team for the first time.
- The three selected players will participate as members of the Indian team in the hockey competition to be held in Dublin, Ireland from June 19 to June 26, 2022.

Jain shrine Parasnath

Why in News?

- Recently Dr. Singh, Associate Professor of the Botany Department of Vinoba Bhave University. The study being conducted by Prashant Kumar Mishra and his team has revealed that Parasnath and its terai forest cover has been continuously declining for the last four decades due to increasing human activities.

Key Points

- The Parasnath Hills are a range of hills located in the Giridih district of Jharkhand, the highest of which is 1350 meters high.
- Jains call it Sammed Shikhar. This hill has been named Parasnath after the 23rd Jain Tirthankara.
- Parasnath is a major centre of Jain Religion, as out of 24 Jain Tirthankaras, 20 Tirthankaras attained Kaivalya here. For each of these a temple (Gumti or Tuk) has been built on the hill.
- It is noteworthy that the Santhals call this hill Marang Buru. They celebrate a hunting festival on the full moon day in Vaishakha (mid-April).

Chief Minister Employment Generation Programme

Why in News?

- On May 9, 2022, in a press release issued by the Information and Public Relations Department of the Government of Jharkhand, it has been told that in the last two and a half years, three times the benefit has been given to the self-employed under the 'Chief Minister Employment Generation Programme'.

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- Under this, loans worth Rs 59.61 crore have been disbursed among 3,976 youth in the last financial year. As a result, three times youth have got the benefit of this scheme in the last two years for self-employment.
- With the formation of the new government, the benefit of this scheme is being given from the year 2021-22 by re-starting the 'Minister Employment Generation Programme'.
- Under this, a loan of Rs. 25 lakh is provided to young citizens of the state between the ages of 18 and 45 to start their own business. Along with this 40% subsidy or Rs. 5 lakh is provided by the government.
- Only Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Minorities, Backward Class Citizens and Women of Sakhi Mandal can get the benefit of the scheme.

WHO Award to Jharkhand for Tobacco Control

Why in News?

- On May 29, 2022, Lalit Ranjan Pathak, nodal officer of The **National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP)** of Jharkhand, informed that Jharkhand has been selected by the World Health Organization for the **World No Tobacco Day (WNTD) Award, 2022** for its efforts to control tobacco consumption.

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- The **State Tobacco Control Cell** of the Jharkhand Health Department will receive the award on the occasion of World No Tobacco Day in New Delhi on May 31.
- According to the report of the **Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS)-1**, when the **National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP)** was launched in Jharkhand in 2012, the tobacco prevalence rate in the state was **51.1 per cent, of which 48 per cent were non-smoking users.**
- The report, published in 2018, said the **number of tobacco users in the state declined to 38.9 per cent, of which 35.4 per cent were non-smoking users.**
- Ranjan Pathak pointed out that Jharkhand initiated several measures between 2018 and 2022. The Union

Health Ministry, WHO and dedicated State and District Health Teams have contributed immensely in reducing the tobacco prevalence rate in Jharkhand.

Regional Offices of Directorate General of Mines Safety increased from 29 to 38

Why in News?

- On May 29, 2022, the **Directorate General of Mines Safety (DGMS)**, Dhanbad, issued a notification increasing the number of regional offices from 29 to 38.

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- After more than a decade, the regional offices of the Directorate General of Mines Safety have been reconstituted and their number has been increased. However, there is **no change in the number of zones (currently 8).**
- Two regional offices each have been added at Eastern Zone Sitarampur, South-Eastern Zone Ranchi, Southern Zone Bangalore, Western Zone Nagpur and North-Western Zone Udaipur, one each at South Central Zone Hyderabad and Northern Zone Ghaziabad.
- Guwahati Region-2 in Eastern Zone Sitarampur, Bhubaneswar Region-2 in South-Eastern Zone Ranchi, Bellary Region-2 in Southern Zone Bangalore, Parsia Region-2 in Western Zone Nagpur, Ahmedabad Region-2 in North-Western Zone Udaipur, Nellore Region and Hyderabad Region-3 in South Central Zone Hyderabad and Srinagar Region and Ajmer Region-2 in Northern Zone Ghaziabad have been added.
- It may be mentioned that **earlier the regional offices of DGMS were restructured in the year 2009**, then the existing 6 zones with 6 zones, 21 regional offices and 5 sub-regional offices were brought down to the current level of 29 regional zones with 2 new zones and 3 sub-regional offices.
- 2 new zones - Southern Zone and North-Western Zone and 8 new Regional Offices- Varanasi, Surat, Ahmedabad, Bangalore, Bellary, Guwahati (Upgradation from Sub-Regional to Regional), Raigarh and Gwalior

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were formed. At that time, the Ramgarh sub-regional office was transferred to Ranchi and the Southern-Eastern Zone was merged with Ranchi.

Country's second largest Shivlinga built in Ranchi

Why In News?

- On May 3, 2022, a five-day ritual programme began with a grand kalash yatra to honour the country's second largest Shivalinga temple, set up at Sureshwar Dham at Chutia in Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand.

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- On the lines of the temple in Karnataka, a grand Shivling has also been installed in Ranchi. The height of this Shivalinga is 108 feet. The sound of the conch shell inside the temple will echo for about a minute when the conch shell is in place.
- It is worth mentioning that the height of the Shivlinga in the Kautilya Lingeswar temple of Karnataka is also 108 feet.
- It has taken 10 years to build this temple with the second largest Shivlinga in the country. On this Shivling, 50 people will be able to offer water at the same time.
- The life of this temple will be done by the priests of Kashi.



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