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Ranchis Birsa Munda Airport ranks 2nd in the Country in terms of Customer Satisfaction

Why in News?

Recently in the customer satisfaction survey conducted by the Airport Authority of India through a private agency on domestic flights between April 2022 and March 2023, Birsa Munda Airport of Ranchi, Jharkhand, ranked second in the country.

Key Points

- Airport Director of Ranchi K.L. Agarwal was given the award at a function organized by the Airport Authority of India in New Delhi.
- In this regard, Director of Ranchi Airport KL Aggarwal said that the customer satisfaction survey was conducted in 52 airports across the country. In this survey grading is given after observing the public facilities available at the airport and their functioning.
- More than 50 parameters were fixed in this grading, which include airport staff behaviour, cleanliness, shopping facilities, parking facilities etc.
- Santhal Parganas First CNG Station Opened in Deoghar

Why in News?

On 1 April 2023, Dr. Nishikant Dubey, MP from Godda, Jharkhand, inaugurated Santhal Pargana's first natural gas-based CNG station at Kunda on Deoghar-Sarwan Road.

Key Points

- Member of Parliament Dr. Nishikant Dubey said that CNG is the fuel of the future and efforts are on to save the environment all over the world. That's why this CNG-based initiative will be effective in saving the environment.
- The first CNG station has been opened in Deoghar only because of providing natural gas facilities to the people in small towns along the lines of metros. Soon HPCL will supply piped door-to-door gas in all the cities of Santhal Pargana. For the next two years, CNG stations will also open in all the petrol pumps of this division.
- It is known that within the next six months to one year, the Government of India can announce the huge

- reserves of lithium in Deoghar. Lithium reserves have been found in Jammu and Kashmir. The government of India is now in the direction of ending dependence on other countries for petroleum products.
- The problem of gas theft and dependence on cylinders will end due to the supply of gas from door to door. Before 2024, homemakers will get the facility of piped gas from house to house. The MP said that more and more people should install CNG kits in their vehicles so that the cost of their operation can be reduced.



Rs 6.50 crore proposed for the development of 4 places including Anjandham

Why in News?

On 2 April 2023, Sushant Gaurav, Deputy Commissioner of Gumla district of Jharkhand said that the district administration has sent a proposal of Rs 6.50 crore to the government for the proper development of four ancient religious places of Gumla district - Tanginath Dham, Anjandham and tourist places - Gobarsilli and Navratnagarh.

Key Points

It is known that in the past, work has been done on the ancient religious and tourist places of Gumla district by planning with government funds at the administrative level, but now the district administration is working by preparing a blueprint for development focusing on the development of religious and tourist places. For this purpose, the district administration prepared a blueprint for the proper development of four ancient religious places and tourist places in the Gumla district.



- Religious places Tanginath Dham of Dumri block, Anjandham of Sadar block and Gobarsilli of tourist place Palkot and Navratna Garh of Sisai block will be beautified by planning for the development of these places.
- Navratan Garh It is in Sisai block and 32 km far from Gumla and 65 km from Ranchi. This is the heritage of the Nagvanshi kings. King Durjan Shah established Navratan Garh.
- Gobarsilli is 25 km far from Palkot Gumla, 100 km from Ranchi and 55 km from Simdega district. This is a wonderful texture of nature; some people also call it Jhulta Pahad. People come from far and wide to see this mountain. This is a wonderful sight of balance.
- Anjandham Anjandham is 21 km far from Gumla. A road has also been built to reach the main temple from the village. It is said that Lord Hanuman was born from the womb of Mother Anjani on the top of the mountain and dense forest of Anjan village.
- Tanginath Dham It is 10 km from Dumri block, 75 km from Gumla city and 175 km from Ranchi. It is said to be built in the seventh and ninth centuries. This is a religious place, there is a trident here, which is buried in the ground, and does not rust.



Jonhas Deepti won Gold Medal in National Archery Ranking

Why in News?

On 4 April 2023, Archer Deepti Kumari from Jonha in Ranchi district of Jharkhand won the gold medal by defeating Jharkhand's archer Ankita Bhagat in the final of the senior category in the 'National Ranking Archery' in Sonipat, Haryana.

Key Points

- Deepti Kumari has been given a cheque of five lakh rupees as a prize by the Sports Authority of India (SAI). Deepti became the number-1 one archer in the country in recurve.
- Deepti Kumari is working in Ranchi Rail Division, she has been a trainee of Coach Rohit Koiri at Jonha Archery Center.
- ➤ It is noteworthy that eight archers from Jharkhand had qualified in the National Ranking Archery, including Madhumita, Anita, Babita, Deepti, Bhavna, Komolika, Ankita Bhagat and Rita Savaiya.

Jharkhand Education Minister Jagarnath Mahto passed away in Chennai

Why in News?

On 6 April 2023, Jharkhand Education Minister Jagarnath Mahto passed away in Chennai, he was an MLA from Dumri Assembly. Chief Minister Hemant Soren has shared this information by tweeting from his official Twitter handle.

Key Points

- Significantly, Jagarnath Mahto has been running ill for the last few months. On 14 March during the budget session of the Legislative Assembly, his health suddenly deteriorated due to which he was admitted to Paras Hospital in Ranchi. He was later airlifted to Chennai's MGM Hospital where he died during treatment on 6 April.
- Two years ago, after being infected with the Corona epidemic, he had a lung infection. During this, his lungs were transplanted in Chennai MGM itself and now he was sent there for follow-up. Earlier in October 2018, he had a heart attack.
- ➤ Jagarnath Mahto represented the Dumri assembly constituency of Giridih district, he was counted among the tall leaders of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha. He was a very popular MLA elected from the Dumri assembly. He was known as a 'Tiger' in the area.
- He also had the additional charge of the Product Department. As the education minister, his big achievement was considered to be the implementation



of service condition rules for the stabilization of 65,000 para teachers.



Angabhoomi Mahila Gaurav Samman Given to Poet Meenu Meena

Why in News?

On 9 April 2023, Meenu Meena Sinha, a poetess from Ranchi, Jharkhand, has been honoured with the Angbhumi Mahila Gaurav Samman-2023 for her contribution to the education and contribution of distinguished women writers in a function organized by Jeevan Jagruti Society in Bhagalpur, Bihar.

Key Points

- Meenu Meena was given this honour for taking care of the family in adverse circumstances and becoming a source of inspiration for the women of society.
- Meenu Meena Sinha, a resident of Morhabadi, Ranchi, has been associated with the field of writing for decades.
- ➤ He has served as a librarian for 2.2 years in the British Library and Kendriya Public School.
- Meenu Meena's three poetry collections Jeevandhara (2018), Bitiya (2021), and Anubhav Ke Darkht (2023) have been published while two other books are under publication.

Chief Minister inaugurated SIDOKOFD

Why in News?

Recently, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren formally launched the Sidho Kanho Krishi Evam Vanopaj Rajya Sahkari Sangh (SIDOKOFD) on the Sidho-Kanho birth anniversary celebrations. This campaign will run till 10-12 May.

Key Points

- New members will be made for Pax-Lampus under the Sidho Kanho Krishi Evam Vanopaj Rajya Sahkari Sangh (SIDOKOFD). People doing agriculture can also become its members.
- Currently Pax-Lampus has 14 lakh million members. The target is to increase its number to 28 lakhs by running a campaign in the next one month.
- Mrityunjay Barnwal, Chairman of Registration Cooperation Committee, said that the work of strengthening PACS and LAMPS is going on in the state. In 2022, the number of members will be increased from 10 to 14 lakh now. Lamps and packs have been connected to 511 Pragya Kendras. 2000 pax lamps are being computerized.
- One PDS shop will be given to lamps and packs in each district of the state. All the data of the Lampus-Pax will be digital so that there is no scope for error.



5 rivers of Jharkhand to be developed under 'National Mission for Clean Ganga'

Why in News?

According to information received from media sources on 16 April 2023, 109 rivers across the country will be developed under the 'National Mission for Clean Ganga' program of the Central Government. In this, the rivers of five districts of Jharkhand will also be included.



Key Points

- > For the implementation of the scheme, the Center has written a letter to the Jharkhand government seeking a management plan for the rivers located in five districts. All the five rivers selected should be situated in the urban area.
- The central government has selected five cities of Jharkhand in the first phase. In this, a management plan will be prepared for rivers located in Adityapur, Ranchi, Medininagar, Giridih and Dhanbad.
- > The central government will provide financial assistance for the development of these rivers.
- > The objective of the said scheme is to preserve the rivers of the city. This will protect the environment. Social and economic activities will also increase. After the list of rivers is made available by the Jharkhand government, a plan for their development will be prepared.
- This plan will be prepared jointly by the National Mission for Clean Ganga and the National Institute of Urban Affairs (NIUA).

Kapilo Gram Panchayat got National Panchayat Award 2023

Why in News?

On 17 April 2023, President Smt. Draupadi Murmu presented the National Panchayat Award 2023 to Gram Panchayat Kapilo of Jharkhand at the National Conference on Promotion of Panchayats in New Delhi.

Key Points

- Gram Panchayat Kapilo of Birni block of Giridih district was awarded the Nanaji Deshmukh Sarvottam Panchayat Sustainable Development Award (NDSPSP) for overall performance under all 9 LSDG themes and special categories related to green initiatives.
- ➤ It is known that earlier also Kapilo Panchayat of Birni block was awarded Nanaji Deshmukh Rashtriya Gaurav Gram Sabha Award 2021 for excellent works.

- National Panchayat Awards were presented to the Panchayats selected in the following different categories-
 - Deendayal Upadhyaya Panchayat Sustainable Development Award (DDUPSP) for performance under individual LSDG themes
 - Nanaji Deshmukh Best Panchayat Sustainable Development Award (NDSPSVP) for overall performance under all 9 LSDG themes and specific categories related to green initiatives
 - Gram Urja Swaraj Special Panchayat Award
 - o Carbon Neutral Special Panchayat Award.

Lac cultivation got the Status of Agriculture

Why in News?

On 17 April 2023, in the cabinet meeting chaired by Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, it was agreed to give agriculture status to lac cultivation in the state.

Key Points

- Cabinet Secretary Vandana Dadel said that about five lakh farmer families in 12 districts of the state including Khunti, Gumla, Singhbhum, Latehar, Garhwa, and Hazaribagh districts will be benefited by getting the agriculture status to Lah.
- Significantly, the state of Jharkhand ranks first in the country in the production of lacquer. Lac cultivation is done the most in Jharkhand because the farmers here have enough resources to cultivate lac, which helps them a lot in doing this farming. Apart from this, the weather of Jharkhand is also good for lac cultivation.
- According to statistics, 15-16 thousand tonnes of lac are produced in the state of Jharkhand every year. This farming is a great source of livelihood for most of the people here. The farmers associated with lac cultivation get 25 percent of their total income from lac only.
- ➢ It is known that lac or lacquer is a natural resin, which is why it is called 'Nature's Boon'. Lac insects are very subtle and provide us with financial help by producing lac from their body. Lac in scientific language is called 'Lacifer Lakha'.



The Governor returned the Bill seeking to Increase Reservation

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 19 April 2023, Jharkhand Governor CP Radhakrishnan has returned the bill seeking to increase reservation for socially and educationally backward classes in the state.

Key Points

- ➤ It is known that this bill proposes to increase the OBC quota from 14% to 27%, ST quota from 26% to 28% and SC quota from 10% to 12%.
- In such a situation, if this bill is passed, the total reservation in government jobs will be 77 percent with the inclusion of 10 percent reservation for economically weaker sections in the state.
- ➢ Giving information in this matter, the official of the Governor's office said that this bill has been returned on the basis of legal opinion from the Attorney General of India. He also said that the previous Governor of Jharkhand, Ramesh Bais, had sent this bill to the Attorney General, who has said that the Supreme Court's decisions on reservation have not been taken into account in the bill.

More than 4,000 Reservoirs Dried up in Jharkhand

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on April 24, 2023, more than 4,000 reservoirs in Jharkhand have dried up while 560 reservoirs have been encroached upon.

Key Points

According to the information, for the first time in the country, there has been a census of reservoirs. In this, information about the status of reservoirs of all states is given. Jharkhand ranks second in the country in terms of reserves. Jharkhand has been ranked fifth in the effort made for water conservation.

- ➤ There are a total of 107598 reservoirs in Jharkhand. Of these, 106176 are in villages and 1422 in urban areas. Out of these, 4075 reservoirs have dried up. At the same time, construction work is being done on 1689 reservoirs and they are not being used.
- ➤ It has been reported in the report that 560 reservoirs of the state have been encroached upon. It has 472 ponds, 37 percolation tanks and check dams built for water conservation, 30 tanks, 12 reservoirs, 5 lakes and one other reservoir.
- ➢ Of these, 22 reservoirs have less than 25 percent occupancy, seven are occupied between 25 and 75 percent. At the same time, more than 75 percent occupying one reservoir. Jharkhand ranks fifth in the entire country in terms of the number of ponds.
- It has been reported in the report that 1731 reservoirs of the state have been filled with garbage. As many as 894 reservoirs have been damaged which cannot be restored. The water in 147 reservoirs is saline. Due to industrial waste, 114 reservoirs are not being used. 4416 reservoirs are no longer usable due to other reasons.
- Out of the total reservoirs of Jharkhand, 87878 have been constructed at government or non-government level. Only 19% of reservoirs are naturally grown.
- There are a total of 87080 ponds and 4500 tanks. There are 135 lakes, 3763 reservoirs and 12008 percolation tanks and check dams built for water conservation.
 Many ponds have been encroached upon.
- Encroachment is taking place in rivers and ponds in many places in the state. Due to encroachment, many ponds have ceased to exist in the capital Ranchi. The banks of the Subarnarekha River, which is called the lifeline of the Kalhan region, are also continuously encroached upon in Jamshedpur. Due to this, this huge river is turning into a drain in Jamshedpur.
- 72% of Jharkhand's reservoirs are used for irrigation. According to the report, only 1077 reservoirs are used for industrial work, 12721 reservoirs are being used for fisheries, four thousand reservoirs are used for domestic work, 395 reservoirs are being used for recreation. As many as 5036 reservoirs are being used for ground water recharge.
- More than half of the state's reservoirs (about 55.5 per cent) have water throughout the year, the report said. In addition, 13.1 percent of the reservoirs are



filled with water every year. More than 28 percent of the reservoirs receive water occasionally. There are three percent reservoirs where there is very little water.

Gumla's Navratnagarh will be included in Prime Minister's 'Mann Ki Baat'

Why in News?

According to the information received from the Archaeological Department, Ranchi on 26 April 2023, in the 100th episode of the 'Mann Ki Baat' program on 30 April 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will mention Navratan Garh, the capital of Nagvanshi King Durjanshal, included in the World Heritage of Gumla.

Key Points

- It is known that the Ministry of Culture has selected 12 locations in the country for Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' program, including Navratan Garh in Gumla district.
- On 30 April is the 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat'. Before 'Mann Ki Baat', colourful programs will be held on 29 April at all the 12 historical and religious places of the country. Along with this, video recordings of all historical and religious places will be sent to the PMO, so that the Prime Minister can mention the features of these historical and religious places in 'Mann Ki Baat' to be held on 30 April.
- > Preparations have been started for the program to be held on 29 April at Navratan Garh in Gumla. On this day the door of Navratan Garh will be open for the general public so that people can come here to see the beauty of Navratan Garh and also witness the 100th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat'.





- Significantly, Navratnagarh, also known as Doisagarh, is a World Heritage Site. It is situated on the Ranchi and Gumla road in Nagar village of Sisai block. The history of the Mughal Empire and Nagvanshi kings is hidden here. This is the historical heritage of the Nagvanshi kings of Chotanagpur.
- According to history, it was built by King Durjanshal to escape from the Mughal Empire. There was a ditch all around Navratan Garh and the only way to enter here was through a hill. That's why King Durjanshal made Navratna Garh his capital from the point of view of security.
- Excavations have been found; Intelligence Building Archaeological Department excavated Navratna Garh a year ago. Here many secret buildings and palaces have been found inside the ground, to see which people are reaching from far and wide. Whereas the old buildings which had become ruins, are being lightly repaired with old technology so that the buildings can be saved from collapse.

Young Poetess Dr. Parvati Tirkey Received 'Pralek Navlekhan Samman'

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 26 April 2023, the Pralek Trust has unanimously announced the 'Pralek Navlekhan Samman' for the year 2023 to young poetess Dr. Parvati Tirkey.



Key Points

- According to the information, Pralek Navlekhan Samman is being given for Parvati Tirkey's first poetry collection 'Phir Ugana'.
- Parvati Tirkey while talking to the media after receiving the honour said that this is the first honour in her life. His first poetry collection is related to tribal life, culture, folklore and folklife.
- Along with the information about the award, it has also been said on behalf of the trust that the poems of Parvati Tirkey not only tell the reality of society but also show the possibilities of the future.
- Dr. Parvati Tirkey, 29 years old, is originally from the Gumla district of Jharkhand. He is currently working as Assistant Professor at Ram Lakhan Singh Yadav College, Ranchi.



India International Mega Trade Fair

Why in News?

On 26 April 2023, Jharkhand Chamber President Kishor Mantri told a press conference held at the Chamber Bhavan that the 11-day India International Mega Trade Fair will start on 28 April at Morhabadi Maidan under the joint aegis of Jharkhand Chamber and GS Marketing Associates.

Key Points

Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan will inaugurate the 11day India International Mega Trade Fair. This mega trade fair will conclude on 8th May.

- ➤ It is known that under the joint aegis of the Jharkhand Chamber and World Designing Forum, a five-day online certificate skill upgrading program was started at Chamber Bhavan.
- Chamber President Kishor Mantri said that the Appreciation Certificate will be given to all the participants by the Jharkhand Chamber on 30 April in the mega trade fair being organized at Morhabadi ground.
- This workshop is useful for fashion designers, and entrepreneurs associated with the small & medium textile industry and boutique industries. This workshop is being run across the country.
- Former President of Jharkhand Chamber Pawan Sharma said that every necessary item will be available at the India International Mega Trade Fair. Get an assured gift on every Rs.3,000 spent.

Jharkhand's Longest Bridge Completed on Mayurakshi River in Dumka

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 26 April 2023, Jharkhand's longest bridge over the Mayurakshi River in Dumka has been completed. An amount of more than 198 crores has been spent on the construction of this 2340-meter-long bridge.

Key Points

- This bridge connects Kumdabad of Dumka Sadar block to Makrampur of Masalia with Singri-Harko road.
- With the construction of this high-level bridge, a large population of the district has come 14-15 kilometers closer to Dumka city. Before the construction of the bridge, the distance from Makrampur to Dumka district headquarters was more than 30 kilometers.
- > The width of this bridge is 16 meters with a length of 2.800 km including the approach road. However, the bridge has been widened to 30 meters between the seven spans in the middle, which will also prove to be from the selfie point to the parking zone.



It is known that there are many villages including Makrampur, which were earlier adjacent to Dumka City. After the Massanjore Dam was built, the middle area got submerged, so half of Makrampur's population was left on the other side of the submergence area of the dam. Now with the construction of the bridge, such Masanjor displaced people will not have any problem in commuting. If youth will be able to travel to and from college, then business-livelihood-employment will also prosper.





Decision to Increase DA of State Employees to 42 Percent

Why in News?

In the state cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Hemant Soren it was decided to increase the dearness allowance of state government employees from 34 percent to 42 percent.

Key Points

- Vandana Dadel, Cabinet Secretary for Coordination said that due to the increase, the govt. treasury would be burdened by Rs 441.52 crore per year. The additional installment of dearness allowance to the employees will be effective from January 1, 2023.
- As per information, in the revised pay scale (7th Central Pay Scale) that is effective from 1st January 2016 an increase in the rates of Dearness Allowance has been approved with effect from January 1, 2023.
- > State employees whose pay scale or pay structure (seventh pay scale revision) has been revised from January 1, 2016, to January 18, 2017, will start getting the benefit of 42 percent dearness allowance from January 1, 2023.
- In another decision, the cabinet has also approved the proposal for amendment in the standard form of Scheduled Tribe and Caste certificate. Now the prescribed Form Five (Form-5) of the Central Government will also be applicable in Jharkhand.
- Apart from this, the cabinet meeting also approved setting up of the Sub-Divisional Court at Chakradharpur in West Singhbhum district and appointment of administrators in Urban Local Bodies.



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