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## Gumla Tops in Ragi Production in the entire State of Jharkhand

### Why In News?

In a review meeting of Ragi Mission and Poshan Laddu Yojana conducted by Gumla District Administration of Jharkhand in the district on November 30, 2022, DC Sushant Gaurav informed that ragi was cultivated in 3500 hectares of land in Gumla district this year, in which Gumla has secured the top position in the state by producing 4500 metric tonnes of ragi.

### Key Points

- DC Sushant Gaurav said that Gumla district has produced 4500 metric tonnes of ragi, out of which 200 metric tonnes of ragi produced has been collected at the cluster level.
- He directed to organize Kisan Mela in the state in a grand manner so that people from far off places can come and buy Ragi and things made from it. If any institution, organization or company wants to join the district administration to purchase or market ragi in the fair, they will be welcomed.
- He directed a team from the district to prepare to go to universities or institutes of other states to understand and learn the food items made from ragi, scientific approach related to ragi etc. so that the training taken by them can do better work in Gumla district.
- Sushant Gaurav directed the District Social Welfare Officer to give a list of children studying in all Anganwadi centers of the district and prepare ragi flour for the children of the centers and send it. Ragi flour will be given regularly by mixing it in children's food, which will save children from malnutrition.
- Ragi is the best way to eliminate malnutrition in the district and it is also a source of economic income.

## Forest Soil Health Card

### Why In News?

On December 2, 2022, Sanjay Srivastava, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Jharkhand, released the **Forest Soil Health Card of Jharkhand** at the Forest Productivity Institute at Lalgutwa, Ranchi.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Sanjay Srivastava said that **Jharkhand is the first state in the country where Forest Soil Health Card** has been released.
- Director of Forest Productivity Institute, Ranchi Nitin Kulkarni said that after the approval of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the work of Forest Soil Health Card was started by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education, Dehradun.
- The Forest Productivity Institute of Ranchi was tasked with preparing forest soil health cards for Jharkhand, Bihar and West Bengal. Despite Corona, this work was completed in the stipulated time frame.
- National Project Coordinator of Dehradun's Forest Research Center Dr. Vijender Pal Pawar said that soil samples from many places have been tested. After that they were analyzed.
- The main objective of making Forest Soil Health Card is to diagnose the problems related to soil fertility. Villagers living on the banks of forests will get its benefit.
- On this occasion Dr. Shambhunath Mishra, Principal Investigator, Institute of Forest Productivity, said that with the help of GIS and remote sensing, soil samples were collected from 1311 locations in 31 regional forest divisions of Jharkhand. After this, 16670 soils were analyzed in the institute's laboratory.

## For the First Time, a Woman became President of the Administrative Services Association.

### Why In News?

On December 4, 2022, **Ranjita Hembram** was unanimously elected president of the Jharkhand Administrative Service Association in the general body-election process of Ranchi College at **Aryabhata Auditorium, Ranchi University, Morabadi**, capital Ranchi. For the first time in Jharkhand's 22-year history, a woman has been elected president of the Administrative Services Association.

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**Key Points**

- Apart from Ranjita Hembram, Seraikela-Kharsawan's DDC Praveen Gagarai had also nominated for the post. Later Praveen withdrew his name and **Ranjit Hembram was unanimously elected as the President of the Jharkhand Administrative Services Association**. Ram Kumar Sinha was the president of this association before Ranjita Hembram was elected as the president.
- Ranjita Hembram joined the administrative service after passing the Bihar Administrative Service Commission (BPSC) examination. She was a female topper in the examination held in United Bihar. He was ranked seventh overall in the whole of Bihar. Ranjita Hembram, a 41<sup>st</sup> BPSC 1998 batch officer, has been the Block Development Officer (BDO) of Ratu block of Ranchi district.
- Ranjita Hembram is currently joint secretary of Jharkhand Joint Entrance Examination Council. She is also the Deputy Controller of Examinations of Jharkhand Combined Entrance Competitive Examination Board (JCECEB).

## **Training for Natural Farming To Farmers of 9 Districts Including Sahibganj**

**Why In News?**

On December 3, 2022, Dr. Amrit Kumar Jha, Chief Scientist of Krishi Vigyan Kendra, in a national workshop organized for natural farming at Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Agricultural University, Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, told that soon farmers will be given **natural farming in nine districts including Sahibganj of Jharkhand**. Farming training will be given.

**Key Points**

- It is noteworthy that a program is being organized for natural farming in **425 districts across the country**. **In this, nine districts including Sahibganj** of Jharkhand have also been selected.
- Under this, the farmers will be told the methods of natural farming. Farmers will be made aware about promoting natural farming instead of using chemical fertilizers.
- Farmers will be made aware by training them to do natural farming, so that the fertility of the soil

remains. Farmers should do natural farming by not using chemical fertilizers in the fields, by using more and more cow dung, manure and cow urine in the fields, so that the number of earthworms in the fields can increase. The use of chemical fertilizers is reducing the number of earthworms in the field, due to which the fertility of the fields is decreasing.

## **Inter-College of Jharkhand will be Converted into Plus Two School**

**Why In News?**

On December 6, 2022, According to information received from the media. inter colleges in Jharkhand will be converted into plus two Schools by removing inter studies from degree colleges.

**Key Points**

- Along with converting **inter colleges in the state into plus two schools**, the names of these colleges will also be changed.
- **Shaheed Bhagat Singh Inter College Japla in Palamu** will be known as Shaheed Singh Plus two School Japla from next year, while **Lapung Inter College in Ranchi** will now be called Lapung Plus Two School.
- In these schools, not only will 11th-12th education be done, 9th-10th education will also start. The School Education and Literacy Department has started preparing for this.
- In order to change the name of inter colleges in the state to plus two schools, they will have to pass a proposal from the governing body of the college. The Education Department will send proposals to colleges through **Jharkhand Academic Council (JAC)** for this.
- Only after converting colleges into plus two schools will they be able to get grants under that name.
- At present, Jharkhand has 635 plus two schools, 203 Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya's, 57 Jharkhand Balika Vidyalaya's, 89 model schools and Samarth Vidyalaya's. Plus two lessons are taught in these schools.
- All the schools in the state, including Plus Two Schools, Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya, Model School, Samarth Vidyalaya, where classes 11-12 are being studied, are being mapped. In these schools, it is being seen that how many students can study here.

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## Chief Minister honored 400 livelihood Didis of Jharkhand

### Why In News?

On December 7, 2022, Chief Minister Hemant Soren felicitated 400 livelihood Didis of Jharkhand at the 'Graduation Ceremony of Jharkhand's Didis' organized by The Naz Institute.

### Key Points

- The awardees include Sakhi mandals of Jharkhand from Lohardaga, Latehar and Gumla districts and those who have become self-reliant and capable with the livelihood of self-help groups.
- The Chief Minister said that the way these women have not only become self-reliant by joining various livelihoods in the face of adversity and challenges, but are also providing for their families in the best way, they are a source of energy for other women.
- The Chief Minister said that the state government has worked to reach the schemes to every household through the 'Sarkar Aapke Dwar' program. During this period, not only the problems of the villagers have been solved, but work has also been done to give them their rights and rights with full respect.

## Jharkhand Student got the Biggest Package in the History of IIIT

### Why In News?

According to information received from the media on December 7, 2022, Charmy Ashish Mehta, a student of Computer Science and Engineering of IIIT (Indian Institute of Information Technology) Ranchi, has received the biggest package (Rs 83.38 lakh) in the history of IIIT.

### Key Points

- Charmy Ashish Mehta has received this package as a software engineer in Australia's Atlassian company. This is the largest package ever since the establishment of IIIT. Earlier, many students had received a package of Rs 50 lakh.
- Apart from this, Charmy Ashish Mehta has also received offers from two other companies. These include a

package of Rs 14.5 lakh from Infods Company and Rs 25 lakh from the productive company.

- Director of IIIT Ranchi Prof. Vishnupriye said that after the Corona epidemic, students of the year 2019-2023 batch have managed to get many placement offers from multinational companies across India. In the current academic session, more than 83 per cent of the students have been placed.
- Director Prof. Established in 2016, the institute is running on PPP mode in collaboration with the Centre and the state government.
- Tushar Jain, a final year computer science and engineering student of the institute, won the UNESCO India-Africa Hackathon held from November 22 to 25, 2022 at Gautam Buddha University in Uttar Pradesh. Tushar and his team were given Rs 3 lakh by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- Tushar developed an app for self-care and regular check-ups for early detection of complications of diabetes mellitus in a 36-hour programme under the sub-theme of Health and Hygiene. Tushar won the title after 36 hours of intense coding.

## Jacinta Kerketta Named in the Forbes' list of 'Self-Made Women'

### Why In News?

According to information received from the media on December 8, 2022, Forbes India has included Jharkhand's young poet and independent journalist Jacinta Kerketta in the list of India's Self-Made Women 2022.

### Key Points

- This year Forbes India's W-Power 2022 list features women who are breaking stereotypes, rejecting doubts and leading change.
- Apart from Jacinta Kerketta, the prominent names that figure in this list are Nikhat Zareen, Katrina Kaif, Anju Srivastava and Anjali Bansal.
- Forbes India's team researched and included such names in this list who made their own identity, who did not inherit money or position and such women who can be an inspiration to others. 20 names have been given a place in this list.

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- Jacinta Kerketta is a well-known poet and independent journalist of the country, who constantly talked about women's rights, who openly discussed the atrocities on the tribal society. Apart from this, he has also openly opposed the superstitions prevailing in his society.
- These days Jacinta's poems have gained fame not only in the country but also abroad. Jacinta has discussed the more than a hundred years old Futkal tree planted in the courtyard of her house to show her intimacy with nature. It is a symbol of both his love and movement towards water-forest and land. Jacinta has written - Futkal Gach is published.

## National Children's Science Congress

### Why In News?

On December 8, 2022, a three-day National Children's Science Congress sponsored by the National Council for Science, Technology and Communication, Department of Science and Technology, Government of India and organized by Science for Society, Jharkhand, was inaugurated at DPS Bokaro in the state.

### Key Points

- On the first day of the program, more than 100 child science participants from 13 different districts of the state registered themselves.
- On the first day, an orientation program was held for the members of the jury, in which the office bearers of the Society informed the judges about the theme of the Children's Science Congress, '**Understanding Ecosystem for Health and Well-being**', the evaluation of the project, the parameters related to it. Gave information regarding various technical aspects and selection of participants on the basis of that.
- President of Jharkhand Science for Society Ali Imam Khan said that the society has been organizing the Children's Science Congress since the time of then Bihar since 1993. Its aim is to develop research in children, awaken scientific consciousness in them and involve children in research with innovation, breaking away from the traditional scope of school education .
- He said that research activities are done in the center on the basis of survey and experiment in the Children's

Science Congress. There is no school obligation. In this, children from outside school also participate in their innovative projects in the science congress organized in four groups, urban, rural, senior and junior. About 15 successful participants will be selected for the national level in various categories from the state-level competition being held here.

## Premchand Smriti Katha Samman

### Why In News?

On December 8, 2022, according to information received from the media, **Jharkhand's Storyteller and Novelist Ranendra** has been announced to be given the **14<sup>th</sup> Premchand Smriti Katha Samman**. He will be given this honor for his glorious story journey.

### Key Points

- Yogendra Ahuja, who was part of the jury of the 14th Premchand Smriti Katha Samman, said in his citation that the Storyteller and Novelist Ranendra is known for confronting the reality of tribal-indigenous life and bringing the crises and questions of that society into the realm of discussion.
- The narrator Ranendra has earned a unique identity with stories like '**Chhappan Churi Bhattar Pench**', '**Bhoot Bechwa**', '**Baba, Kauve aur Kali Raat**' and Novels like 'Global Gaon Ke Devta', 'Gayab Hota Desh' and 'Goongi Rolai'
- Over the past three decades, Ranendra has been wielding his pen on the neoliberal economy, free markets and uncontrolled capital proliferation, land mafia-corporate-bureaucratic and coalitions of governments in the frontier areas and the eviction of endangered communities and other tribes like asuras from their places. His works expose the complex, tragic reality of this life, as well as the elements of structural violence against him.
- It is to be noted that Indian farmers fertilizer cooperative limited (IFFCO), a leading cooperative in the fertilizer sector, will also give '**Shrilal Shukla Smriti IFFCO Sahitya Samman**' to Writer and Novelist Ranendra for the year 2020 and he is the first writer from Jharkhand to receive this honor.

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## Three Day Under 19 State Level Badminton Competition

### Why In News?

On December 11, 2022 the three-day **junior boys and girls (Under 19) state level badminton competition** held at the indoor stadium of **Dumka, Jharkhand**, came to an end, in which **Neeraj Kesari of Ranchi in the boys' category and Sara Sharma of Ranchi captured the title in the girl's category.**

### Key Points

- In the boys' singles, Neeraj Kesari of Ranchi defeated Harshit Raj of Gumla and Sara Sharma of Ranchi won the title by defeating Vaibhavi Mann of Dhanbad in the girls' singles.
- On the other hand, in the doubles match of the boy's category, the pair of **Emmanuel Kujur** and Priyanshu Turkey of West Singhbhum defeated the pair of Harshit Raj of Gumla and Neeraj Kesari of Ranchi and in the doubles match of the girls, the pair of Seraikela's Adya Singh and Sara Sharma of East Singhbhum won the match. By defeating the pair of Manisha Mishra and Yogita Bora of East Singhbhum, they won the title of boys and girls doubles category respectively.
- In the mixed doubles match played on round robin basis, Neeraj Kesari of Ranchi and Sara Sharma of East Singhbhum stood first while Emanuel Kujur of West Singhbhum and Yogita Bora of Ranchi stood second.
- Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekh said that in the span of 22 years since the formation of the state, several efforts have been made for the development of sports by various governments. Presently Jharkhand is working diligently to develop sports talent and provide better facilities to them.
- The players who have secured the first position in the state level badminton competition will get an opportunity to participate in the national level competitions to be held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha from December 18.
- About 60 participants from other districts of Jharkhand including Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Ramgarh, Latehar, Lohardaga, Chaibasa, Seraikela, Dhanbad, Deoghar and Dumka displayed their Jauhar in the competition.

## 33<sup>rd</sup> Provincial Child Class Sports Competition Ends in Lohardaga

### Why In News?

The three-day 33rd Provincial Children's Category Sports Competition concluded at Sheela Agarwal Saraswati Vidya Mandir premises in **Lohardaga, Jharkhand on December 12, 2022. Sundari Devi Saraswati Shishu Mandir Lohardaga** was the overall champion in this competition.

### Key Points

- Kamlesh Oraon of Lohardaga, a student of Sundari Devi Saraswati Shishu Mandir, won three gold medals individually in the 33<sup>rd</sup> Provincial Children's Category Sports Competition and became the best athlete.
- In the boys' category, Saraswati Shishu Mandir Chaibasa, Shishu Mandir Lohardaga and Saraswati Shishu Mandir Kumhar Toli won the first, second and third positions respectively. In the girls' category, Saraswati Shishu Mandir Lohardaga, Saraswati Shishu Mandir Bharno and Saraswati Shishu Mandir Hazaribagh stood first, second and third respectively.
- In the 400 m relay race for boys, Saraswati Shishu Mandir Lohardaga, Saraswati Shishu Mandir Sitik Bona and Saraswati Shishu Mandir Sindri stood first, second and third respectively. In the girls' category, Saraswati Shishu Mandir Lohardaga stood first, Khalari second and Rajkamal third.
- In the girls' category, Saraswati Shishu Mandir Champi, Baghmara and Bokaro 9D stood first, second and third respectively. In the girls' category, Jyoti of Dakra, Anjali of Chaibasa and Ayushi of Medininagar stood first, second and third respectively.

## Sanjay Kumar Mishra will be the New Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court

### Why In News?

According to information received from the media on December 13, 2022, the Supreme Court Collegium has sent the recommendation of **Sanjay Kumar Mishra's**

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name to the Central Government, after which Sanjay Kumar Mishra will be the new Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court.

### Key Points

- Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court Ravi Ranjan retires on December 19. In such a situation, the Supreme Court Collegium has sent a recommendation to the Central Government for the name of **Sanjay Kumar Mishra, the senior-most judge of the Uttarakhand High Court**, to ensure that the post does not remain vacant. Sanjay Kumar Mishra will be the next Chief Justice of the Jharkhand High Court after getting permission from the Central Government .
- In 2009, Mishra was elevated as a judge of the Orissa High Court, after which he was transferred to the Uttarakhand High Court. Justice Sanjay Kumar Mishra has also been the acting Chief Justice of the Uttarakhand High Court.
- Recently, the Supreme Court Collegium has also appointed chief justices of three high courts, including the Jharkhand High Court.

## First University in the Country to Open Common Service Center

### Why In News?

On December 14, 2022 Ranchi University became the first university in the country to open a **Common Service Centre (CSAC)** for the convenience of students. Vice-Chancellor The MoU was signed with central agency CSC SPV under the leadership of Ajit Kumar Sinha.

### Key Points

- Under this MoU, many **skill certificate, diploma and advanced diploma courses** can be done free of cost from **Rs 300 to Rs 3300 in collaboration with IIT Bombay, IBM and IDEED Rajasthan**.
- After the MoU, three Common Service Centres (CSCs) were also inaugurated in the university. These common service centres have been opened at the university headquarters, data centre campus and basic science campus in Morabadi.
- Vice-Chancellor Ajit Kumar Sinha said that within a month, centers will also be opened in 91 affiliated,

affiliated, minority, nursing and B.Ed colleges and institutions affiliated to Ranchi University.

- With the opening of the center, students will not have to run cyber cafes for enrollment and examination forms etc. From this center, they will be able to fill the form on campus at minimum cost.
- The Vice Chancellor said that students will soon get online admit cards, provisional **certificates, marks sheets, migration** etc. sitting at home. They will also be able to see their results. Soon the facility of DigiLocker will also be available.

## Jharkhand Tourism Photography Videography Competition

### Why In News?

**Jharkhand Tourism Photography, Videography Competition** was started by Jharkhand Tourism Department on December 15, 2022. This competition will run till January 15, 2023.

### Key Points

- The competition covers religious **tourist places, festivals, traditional fairs, ancient sites and monuments, dance, scenic beauty and landscapes** under photography for social media platforms.
- These topics have also been included for social media platform YouTube in the videography category. For reel and short videos, participants will be able to showcase their skills on these topics.
- The **first prize winner will get Rs 1 lakh**, the second prize winner will get **Rs 75,000** and the third **prize winner will get Rs 50,000**. Each category also includes a **consolidated prize of Rs 20,000**. Winners will be selected on the basis of views and likes on their social media posts.
- The criteria for photo and video is HD photograph and JPG format, which should be from a minimum of 10 MB to a maximum of 50 MB. Videos should be at least one minute to a maximum of two minutes and 30 seconds. The duration of the reel or short video will be 30 seconds. Participants can upload one or a maximum of four photographs.

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## Adani Godda Power Plant to Start Supplying 800 MW Electricity to Bangladesh

### Why In News?

On December 16, 2022 the Adani Power Plant, one of the country's best thermal power plants ever built at Godda in Jharkhand, started generating 800 MW of power in the first phase. In the first phase, 800 MW of electricity was generated and electricity was supplied to Bangladesh. Jharkhand government will get 25 percent electricity from this power plant.

### Key Points

- The power was transmitted to Bangladesh on the scheduled date of December 16, after the trial of 800 MW power generation in the first phase of the two-unit Adani power plant was done in December. The second unit is said to be commissioned by April. At that time, a total production of 1600 MW will start from the company's side.
- 105 km from Godda to Murshidabad to provide electricity to Bangladesh. Adani has also got the transmission line constructed. Apart from this, water pipeline has been laid from Sahibganj to Godda to meet the requirement of water.
- Significantly, this power plant has been built under the agreement between the Government of India and Bangladesh. It is an ultra-super thermal power plant. The total cost of construction of this power plant is Rs 15000 crore.
- The work of Adani Power Plant started in the year 2016 with the acquisition of land. About 650 acres of land of Motia and many surrounding villages and Mauza were acquired. After this, in 2018, the company started construction work.
- New technology has been used in this plant. The latest chimney across the country, which has a height of 275 meters, has been built here. At the same time, a device has been installed to use eco-friendly FDG and SCR chemical reaction to protect the environment along with power generation.
- The work of preventing gaseous pollution has been done through a technique called SCR. Also, ESP i.e. Electro Static Precipitator System has been used. This reduces the pollution potential by scavenging the

emissions of micro-to-micro carbon. The company has to spend an additional amount of about Rs 2200 crores in the installation of this equipment and machine.

- High thermal and quality bituminous coal is being used in the Adani plant. This coal is said to be of high quality.

## Smart Meters will Start Working in Pre-Paid Mode from New Year in Jharkhand

### Why In News?

According to information received from the media on December 18, 2022, **Smart Meters will start working in pre-paid mode from January in Ranchi**, Jharkhand. In the first phase, 1,000 meters installed under the pilot project will be converted into pre-paid smart meters, which will be started from January 10.

### Key Points

- The it cell of Jharkhand **Bijli Vitran Nigam Limited (JBVNL)** found the data sample survey report to be correct, after which the project has got the green signal. A **total of 3.5 lakh smart meters** are to be installed inside Ranchi city. Under its **first phase, 45 thousand smart meters will be installed.**
- The chip has been installed in the smart meter and its signal will reach the receiver installed in the power companies through mobile towers. Meters are being installed outside the basement to avoid network problems.
- With the help of network frequency, the meter will first transfer data to the head end system (HES). After this, the generated data will be decoded and sent to the consumer as the final bill with the help of the software after the tariff calculation under the billing cycle through the meter data management system.
- After smart metering, JBVNL will get rid of line loss due to power theft and other means in Ranchi. Currently, about 20 percent of the power lines go into loss. Apart from this, the problem of errors, wrong bills, etc. during meter reading by energy friends will also be relieved.
- Consumers will be able to easily assess the current, balance electricity bill, electricity balance and consumption through the display screen installed on the prepaid smart meter.

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- Consumers will be able to use electricity on a minimum recharge of Rs 200 and depending on the consumption, it can be a maximum of 20 thousand or even more for commercial users in special circumstances. After the amount is over, the electricity will be automatically cut off. However, as the money runs out, consumers will continue to receive messages on their mobiles as a warning.
- It is worth mentioning that after paying the dues on behalf of JBVNL, the ban imposed by the central government on power exchange and modern power has been lifted.

## Three-day 'Goonj Mahotsav'

### Why In News?

On December 18, 2022, a three-day 'Goonj Mahotsav' began at Silli in Ranchi, Jharkhand, which was inaugurated by Jharkhand Governor .

### Key Points

- Before inaugurating the 'Goonj Mahotsav', Governor Ramesh Bais launched a high-end library and study centre online at Silli College in Ranchi. The study centre will be run by the Jharkhand State Open University.
- The 'Goonj Mahotsav' saw a cultural performance by 5,001 artistes and a cultural performance by 1,500 youth.
- Speaking on the occasion, Goonj Mahotsav patron MLA Sudesh Kumar Mahato said that Goonj Mahotsav, which started with efforts to preserve the heritage of Jharkhandi culture and tradition, has played a decisive role in the development of the region and empowerment of the society with its memorable journey. 74 thousand families are associated with its responsible Goonj family.
- Subroto Das of The India Book of Records, who attended the event, announced the inclusion of Chhau dance as a traditional dance in the records, along with the award to Sudesh Kumar Mahato.
- Silli Haat has been constructed on the theme of rural surroundings at Silli Stadium, the venue of Goonj Mahotsav. About 100 stalls have been set up in this Haat. Women associated with SHGs have also set up several stalls.

## 25 Airports Across the Country, Including Ranchi, to be Leased out

### Why in discussion?

On December 19, 2022, Union Minister of State for Civil Aviation V.K. Singh informed that private sector companies are operating airports in major cities of the country. Airports in 25 other cities of the country, including Ranchi, have been selected for leasing out between 2022 and 2025 under the National Monetization Pipeline (NMP).

### Key Points

- According to the Union Minister of Civil Aviation-Patna, Ranchi, Bhubaneswar, Varanasi, Amritsar, Trichy, Indore, Raipur, Calicut, Coimbatore, Nagpur, Madurai, Surat, Jodhpur, Chennai, Vijayawada, Vadodara, Bhopal, Tirupati, Hubli, Imphal, Agartala, Udaipur, Dehradun and Rajahmundry have been selected for leasing in the country.
- The Airports Authority of India (AAI) has leased eight airports for long-term operations under PPP model. The ministry believes that in public interest, it is being leased out to the private sector so that modern airports can be built in the country.
- V.K. Singh said that airports have emerged as the center of economic activity. Airport infrastructure in the country is being developed with the revenue earned from leasing out airports. At the same time, the central government has approved the construction of 21 green field airports in the country, out of which 10 greenfield airports have started.

## Jharkhand Receives Digital India Award for the First Time

### Why in discussion?

On December 19, 2022, the Ministry of Information and Technology, Government of India has selected the concept of DEGS Computer Basic Training Centre run by Koderma District Administration of Jharkhand for the Digital India Award.

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**Key Points**

- The Digital India Award will be received by Koderma DC Aditya Ranjan. According to Koderma DC, the honor will be conferred by the President in a program to be organized in Delhi on January 7, 2023.
- According to the information, the Ministry of Information and Technology, Government of India had invited applications for the Digital India Award in 2022, for which thousands of nominations were received. More than 100 projects were shortlisted in the first round of this award given in seven different categories. After this, everyone gave their presentation before a jury of nine members which included Secretary IT, two additional secretaries, professors of IIT Delhi etc.
- It is noteworthy that Koderma DC Aditya Ranjan had also put forward the plan of basic training center before the jury in Delhi on December 8, 2022, after which the final selection has now been done.
- Koderma has been selected for gold in the **Digital Initiative at Grass Root level**. In this category, **Madhya Pradesh has got platinum for e-discussion app** and **Kerala has got silver for Shreyashree portal**.
- It is known that on the initiative of the district administration in Koderma district, the DEGS Computer Center has been started in the recent year. At present, it is being operated in Koderma, Jhumritalaiyya, Satgawan, Domchanch, Chandwara and Jayanagar except Markacho Block. Apart from more than nine thousand children in these centres, certificates have also been given to ANNMs, Sahiyas, public representatives etc. after imparting computer training.
- Aditya Ranjan said that even at present, hundreds of trainees are undergoing computer training in these centers. Apart from six centers, there is a plan to open two more centers. One centre will be opened at Girls High School, Koderma and the other at JJ College, Jhumritalaiyya.

## **Supplementary Budget of Rs 8533.89 Crore Presented in Jharkhand Assembly**

**Why In News?**

Recently, in the winter session of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly, Finance Minister Dr. Rameshwar Oraon presented the second supplementary budget of Rs. 8533.89 crore for the current financial year.

**Key Points**

- In the second supplementary budget for the current financial year, a provision of Rs 4671.14 crore has been made for revenue expenditure and Rs 3862.74 crore for capital expenditure.
- A provision of Rs 20.71 crore has been made as charged expenditure in the total amount of supplementary budget. In the form of charged expenditure, a provision of funds is made for the High Court, Governor, JPSC.
- The government has earmarked the highest amount (Rs 2733.15 crore) for the Department of Energy in the second supplement. This provision has been made for schemes related to improvement of electricity situation including rural electrification scheme.
- A provision of Rs 2000 crore has been made for disaster management and Rs 1158.85 crore for social security in the Social Welfare Department.

## **Exemplary Leadership Award 2022**

**Why In News?**

Recently, A.S. Gangwar, Principal of Delhi Public School (DPS) Bokaro, was honored with the '**Exemplary Leader of the Year 2022 Award**' for **digitization, innovation and development of leadership skills among teachers** in the field of education in the school.

**Key Points**

- Renowned Bollywood actress **Ameesha Patel**, who was present as the chief guest at the **Asia Pacific Education Summit and Awards 2022** held in Bangkok, the capital of Thailand, presented the award to Gangwar.
- Gangwar was also awarded an honorary doctorate during the academic summit organized by the Global Human Rights Council, CED (Centre for Educational Development Foundation), Asia Pacific Chamber of Commerce and Asia-Africa Development Council at The Berkeley Hotel Pratunam in Bangkok.
- This international honor was given for his remarkable contribution in the field of education for more than three decades.
- Gangwar was the only principal from Jharkhand to achieve this international feat. So far, about 50 teachers from DPS Bokaro have emerged as leaders as principals.

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- In addition to the provision of e-library, language lab, computer lab, smart board in every class and other high-tech resources based on digitization, as well as virtual reality lab, commerce lab in innovation, innovative efforts are also being made to develop the spirit of community service among children.
- His achievements were announced at a special assembly on December 20 when the principal returned to Bokaro from Thailand.
- Gangwar was recently awarded the 'Excellence in Education Award 2022' at the international level in Mauritius. Prior to this, in Sri Lanka, he also received the International Education Excellence Award from DPS Bokaro.

## Preparations Begin to Convert Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS) into a University

### Why In News?

On December 20, 2022, Dr. Joseph Marianus Kujur said in the program 'Samvad 3.0' organized at the institute that preparations have been started to convert Xavier Institute of Social Service into a university and 35 acres of land has been identified at Bandhgaon, Namkum in Ranchi for the new campus.

### Key Points

- Director Dr. Kujur said that a University Task Force has been constituted to establish XISS as a university soon. It is headed by four other members, including Father Xavier Soreng.
- He said that under the **New Education Policy 2020**, two new diploma courses will be conducted from the new session. Under this, the six-month certificate course in Geoinformatics, which was earlier run, has now been converted into a one-year diploma course in Geoinformatics (GIS).
- Apart from this, one-year Diploma in Tribal Studies will be started. Its course plan has been prepared.

## Dr. Ramdayal Munda Padma Shri Award

### Why In News?

- On December 22, 2022, at the **Dr. Ramdayal Munda Smriti Samman Samaroh** organized by the Jharkhand

Adivasi Vikas Samiti in Ranchi, Jharkhand, four folk artists from Latehar district of the state were honored with the Padma Shri Dr. Ramdayal Munda Award by **Padma Shri Mukund Nayak**.

### Key Points

- Among the folk artists, Ravikant Bhagat and Sukul Oraon have been awarded for Kudukh singing and music direction, Rinku Oraon for good performance in Kudukh cultural songs, while Jitendra Bhagat has received this honour for good choreography in Kudukh songs and videos.
- Significantly, Ravikant Bhagat, a resident of Patria Chotag of Sadar block adjacent to the city, has been continuously singing songs in Kudukh language for 20 years. Whereas Sukul Oraon has been working as a singer and music director in Kudukh culture for 10 years.
- Rinku Oraon and Jitendra Bhagat said that they will continue to work on Kudukh culture in future also. He also has Sarna Studio in Patria Chotag, under whose banner thousands of Nagpuri video albums have been made on YouTube and is continuously giving opportunities to local artists in the field of singing and art.

## Chief Minister approves setting up of World Trade Centre in the state

### Why In News?

On December 24, 2022, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren approved the plan to set up a **World Trade Center in Ranchi**, the state. Earlier, the project of the World Trade Center being built here by the Government of India was canceled.

### Key Points

- Chief Minister Hemant Soren had laid the foundation stone of the World Trade Centre in Ranchi's Core Capital Area on July 29 this year, but within a month of the foundation stone, the Indian government had cancelled it citing delay in starting the project.
- Chief Minister Hemant Soren said that the proposed **World Trade Center on 3.45 acres in Dhurwa area of Ranchi** is to cost about Rs 44.60 crore and '**G+5 Building**' is to be constructed here.

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- He said that in the year 2019, the Government of India had allocated Rs 9.80 crore as the first instalment of grant to Jharkhand, but after that there was a situation of lockdown for two years due to the fear of Covid infection. Apart from this, the process of building the World Trade Center could not be started despite having funds for other reasons as well. However, ignoring this, the Center has sought back the grant given earlier.
- The purpose of building the World Trade Center is to promote exports while strengthening the country's rural economy and to provide all kinds of facilities under one roof. Through this, a roadmap has been prepared to provide foreign market to local products.

## 24 New Trauma Centers will be Set up in Jharkhand

### Why In News?

On December 26, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary of Jharkhand Health Department Arun Kumar Singh said that in the new year, the people of the state will get **24 new trauma centers**. For this, the Health Department has started the process of operating 24 trauma centers set up on various national and state highways located in the state.

### Key Points

- Additional Chief Secretary Arun Kumar Singh said that the proposed trauma centers will be set up as Level-3. The operation and management of trauma centres will be arranged on **Public Private Partnership (PPP)** basis. Selection of experienced/reputed medical institutions/institutions on PPP mode will be done through open tender.
- He informed that 48 trauma centers are to be set up on various national and state highways of the state to ensure road safety under the **STG (Sustainable Development Goal)** prescribed by the United Nations Development Program, out of which **24 trauma centers are being set up in 21 districts in the first phase**.
- Equipped with necessary life-saving arrangements, all these trauma centres will operate 24x7 a week. Here, after the necessary treatment of the injured persons, they can be transferred to a better medical institution as needed.

- Additional Chief Secretary informed that out of 48 trauma centers to be opened in the state, 24 trauma centers will be started in the financial year 2022-23. About Rs14.53 crore is expected to be spent on this, which has been approved.
- Sahibganj SDH, Garhwa Nagar Untari, Palamu Daltonganj, Lohardaga CHC, Kuru, Gumla CHC, Raidih, Dumka Medical, Shikaripara, Jarmundi, Deoghar Sadar Hospital, Pakur Sadar Hospital, Simdega Sadar Hospital, Kolebira CHC, Bokaro Sadar Hospital, East Singhbhum in the state Baharagora, Ranchi Bundu, Hazaribagh SBM Campus, Ramgarh Trauma Center building, Giridih CHC, Bagodar, Dhanbad CHC, Nirsa, Koderma building under construction, Khunti Sadar Hospital, West Singhbhum Chakradharpur, Chatra Sadar Hospital, Latehar Sadar Hospital will get trauma centres.
- Along with emergency medical facilities to road accident patients, the trauma centers will also provide primary health facilities to the residents of the surrounding areas. All trauma centres will have a 24-hour helpline number as well as ambulance facility. All the centres will be equipped with CCTVs so that live reports of the activities of the centres can be obtained.
- Through the 104 helplines set up by the Health Department, necessary medical facilities will be provided in coordination between all trauma centers and all other stakeholders and affected persons.

## 'Guruji Student Credit Card Scheme'

### Why In News?

According to information received from the media on December 28, 2022, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, in order to expand education in the state, has decided to give **10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> pass students from poor families an opportunity** for higher education. For this, the state government is starting 'Guruji Student Credit Card Scheme'.

### Key Points

- The government will create a corpus fund of Rs 200 crore for the '**Guruji Student Credit Card Scheme**'.
- The main objective of this scheme is to provide financial assistance to the children of Jharkhand state

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to study in good educational institutions. With this scheme of the government, those children who were not able to get higher education due to lack of funds will not be deprived of it now. Through Guruji Credit Card, they will now be able to realize their dream of building their future.

- The Higher and Technical Education Department said that loans will be arranged for students studying **10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> class (10<sup>th</sup> class pass for diploma students)** from recognized educational institutions in the state of Jharkhand. For this purpose, it has been decided to start Guruji Student Credit Card Scheme.
- Students will be given Guruji Student Credit Card, so that they can easily take loans for their studies.
- Under the Guruji Student Credit Card Scheme, students will get a maximum loan of Rs 15 lakh. They will be provided loans through banks. A maximum of 30 per cent of this amount will be available for non-institutional work (including living and food expenses). Students will have to pay only 4 percent interest for this.

- Students will have to pay a simple rate of interest of 4 percent. The rest of the interest will be paid by the state government in the form of interest subvention. That is, the state government will remain in the role of guarantor.
- Students will not need to give any kind of collateral security to take a loan. Students will be able to repay the loan amount in 15 years. The interest on the loan that the children will take will be calculated at the rate of simple interest. It will remain fixed for the entire tenure of the loan.
- Students will not have to pay any processing fee to the bank to take a loan for higher education.
- The Jharkhand government will select the best educational institutions in the country within the state and in other states, which are within the overall 200 rank in the previous NIRF list or in the respective category of the institution, in the top 100 in the LIST of NIRF or have 'A' category or above.



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