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Balaji Temple in Jharkhand

Why in News?

Recently, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) announced to construct a replica of the Tirupati Balaji temple in Jharkhand.

Key Points

- The government of Jharkhand approached Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy with a plea to establish a Lord Balaji temple in the state.
- According to the sources, there is an allocation of 100 acres of land for the temple's construction at Devgarh, which also has shrines of Shri Vadyanatha, one of the jyotirlingas and also a Shakti Peeth.
- TTD plans to establish at least one replica temple of Lord Balaji in every state and union territory across the country.
 - The trust has already established temples at Jammu, Rishikesh, Delhi, Mumbai, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Odisha etc.

Tasar Silk at Republic Day Parade

Why in News?

Jharkhand's tableau showcasing the production of the famed **tasar silk** in the Santhal Pargana region was selected for the **Republic Day** parade in New Delhi.

- Jharkhand is among 16 states and Union Territories the tableaux of which have been selected for the parade.

Key Points

- The country will be introduced to the **silk of Dumka and Godda of Jharkhand**.
 - Sarihan variety of tasar silk is found in the Dumka district.
- There are **four types of silk** -- Mulberry, Eri, Muga and tasar. Mulberry, Eri and Muga are common and can be produced indoors but tasar is wild in nature.
- **Country's 70% tasar is produced in Jharkhand**, of which **40% is produced in the state's Santhal Pargana region**.
 - The tasar silk is transported to Bhagalpur in Bihar, where the final product is made.

Status of India's Silk Industry

- India stands as the **world's second-largest producer of raw silk after China**.
- India boasts a **diverse range of silk types**, including **Mulberry, Tasar, Muga, and Eri**. The variations arise from the distinct feeding habits of the silkworms.
- The **silk industry stands as one of India's largest foreign exchange earners**, contributing significantly to the country's economic landscape.
- **The major silk-producing states in the country are** Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.

Jamshedpur: Cleanest City in Jharkhand

Why in News?

Jamshedpur Notified Area Committee (JNAC), the civic utility for Jamshedpur town area, continues to be the **best in Jharkhand in terms of cleanliness**.

- Jamshedpur bagged the **top spot for the fifth time in succession** (since 2019), as well as **43rd position in the population category** of 1-10 lakh nationwide in the pan-India survey and over-all it has been ranked 78th among 4500+ cities in India.

Key Points

- JNAC bagged the **top spot in the cities under population category of 1-10 lakh in Jharkhand** in the **Swachh Survekshan 2023**.
- In Swachh Survekshan 2023, JNAC has received a total of 7042.4 marks out of 9500. Besides, **Jamshedpur city also has Open Defecation Free (ODF++) and 3 Star certification**.
- JNAC also claimed to host regularly **"Indian Swachhta League 2.0", "Recycle Reduce and Reuse (RRR) Campaign", "Home Composting", Swachhta Hi Seva, Swachhta Ke Do Rang, "Kabaad Se Jugaad"** to spread awareness for better waste management apart from workshops on topics like plastic ban.
- Awareness was also spread through **"wall painting", cleanliness ranking among schools, hotels, hospitals, residential apartments, cleanliness related messages and hoardings**.

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CII Jharkhand Golf Cup

Why in News?

The **Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)** organized the inaugural CII Jharkhand Golf Cup in collaboration with Young Indians Jamshedpur Chapter.

Key Points

- In the ladies category, **Vibhuti Adesara emerged as a standout performer**, clinching both the Winners Trophy and the Best Gross – Ladies title.
- In the Gentlemen category, **Nikhil Adesara** secured the Best Gross accolade.
- The event not only showcased exceptional golfing talent but also served as a platform for networking and fostering camaraderie among the participants.
- The CII Jharkhand Golf Cup 2024 marked a successful initiation, promising future editions of competitive and engaging golf tournaments in the region.

Confederation of Indian Industries (CII)

- CII is a **non-government, not-for-profit, industry-led and industry-managed organisation**.
- It works to create and sustain an environment conducive to the development of India, partnering industry, Government and civil society, through advisory and consultative processes.
- Founded in 1895, it is **headquartered in New delhi**.

PM-JANMAN

Why in News?

Prime Minister will release Rs 540 crore, the first installment of funding pucca homes under the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana-Gramin (PMAY-G)** to **one lakh Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)** beneficiary families as a part of recently launched **PM-JANMAN (Pradhan Mantri-Janjati Adivasi Nyaya Maha Abhiyan Scheme)**, package for the overall development of PVTG habitations.

Key Points

- **PM-JANMAN (comprising Central Sector and Centrally Sponsored Schemes)** was launched for the socio-economic welfare of **PVTGs** on 15th November 2023 in Khunti, Jharkhand, on the occasion of **Janjatiya Gaurav Diwas**.

- PM-JANMAN, with a **budget of approximately Rs 24,000 crore**, focuses on **11 critical interventions** through **9 Ministries**.
- An amount of Rs.15,000 crore will be made available to implement the Mission in the next three years under the **Development Action Plan for the Scheduled Tribes (DAPST)**.
- It is part of the Pradhan Mantri Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups Development Mission that finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman announced in the **Union Budget 2023-24** in February 2023.
- It is **aimed to improve socio-economic conditions of the PVTGs** by saturating PVTG households and habitations with basic facilities **such as safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, electricity, road and telecom connectivity etc.**
- India has a **Scheduled Tribes** population of **10.45 crore as per 2011 census**, out of which 75 communities located in 18 States and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands have been categorized as PVTGs.

Gunfight Between Banned Maoist Group and Security Forces

Why in News?

Recently, in **Jharkhand's Chatra district** a gunfight broke out between members of a banned **Maoist** outfit and security personnel.

Key Points

- During a combing operation in Angarha forest in Kunda, around 200 km from the state capital Ranchi, cadres of the outlawed Tiritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee fired upon the security forces.
 - The **Tiritiya Sammelan Prastuti Committee** is a breakaway faction of the banned Communist Party of India (CPI) (Maoist).

The Tiritiya Prastuti Committee (TPC)

- It is a **splinter group of the Maoist Communist Centre of India**. TPC has declared CPI (Maoist) as its **main enemy, not police machinery**.
- The areas of influence of TPC are in Chatra, Palamu and Latehar district of Jharkhand. **TPC is a rival of other Maoist outfits**.
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Accounts Linked to Cybercriminals Frozen

Why in News?

Recently, **8,674 bank accounts**, allegedly linked to **cybercriminals**, have been frozen in Jharkhand on suspicion that these **were being used for phishing activities**.

- The maximum of **2002 accounts** were **frozen in Deoghar district**, followed by **1,183 in Dhanbad** and **959 in Ranchi**.

Key Points

- The details of frozen accounts were received from the **Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre** and a district and bank-wise list of such information was prepared.
- The data will be shared with the superintendent of police of all districts and banks for verification of the accounts.
- The **Criminal Investigation Department (CID)** has been carrying out a massive operation against cybercriminals in Jharkhand.
 - **495 people** have been **arrested** for allegedly being involved in cybercrimes, and **First Information Report (FIRs)** lodged **against 107** for cyber frauds in the past three months.
 - **1,164 mobile phones** and **1,725 SIM cards** have also been **seized** during operations against cybercrimes.
 - **Raids against cybercriminals** are being conducted regularly in various districts, including Deoghar, Giridih, Bokaro, Jamtara and Ranchi.

Cyber Crime

- Cybercrime is **defined as a crime where a computer is the object of the crime** or is used as a tool to commit an offense.
- It **involves illegal or unauthorized activities** that exploit technology to commit various forms of crimes.
- **Types:**
 - **Distributed Denial-of-Service (DDoS) Attacks:** These are used to make an online service unavailable and take the network down by overwhelming the site with traffic from a variety of sources.
 - **Botnets:** Botnets are networks from compromised computers that are controlled externally by remote hackers. The remote hackers then send spam or attack other computers through these botnets.

- **Identity Theft:** This cybercrime occurs when a criminal gains access to a user's personal information or confidential information and then tries to tarnish reputation or seek a ransom.
- **Cyberstalking:** This kind of cybercrime involves online harassment where the user is subjected to a plethora of online messages and emails. Typically, cyberstalks use social media, websites, and search engines to intimidate a user and instill fear.
- **Phishing:** It is a type of social engineering attack often used to steal user data, including login credentials and credit card numbers. It occurs when an attacker, masquerading as a trusted entity, dupes a victim into opening an email, instant message, or text message.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID)

- **Established in 1902 by the British Government**, CID is an investigation and intelligence department of state police. On the other hand, CBI is an agency of the Central Government.
- CID is **looking into murder, assault, riot or any cases as directed by respective High Courts**.

Expansion of Tenughat Thermal Power Station

Why in News?

State-owned Coal India Limited (CIL) arm **Central Coalfields Limited** is exploring avenues to form a **joint venture with the Jharkhand government** for the second phase of expansion of Tenughat Thermal Power Station (TTPS) in the state.

- The total installed **capacity of the thermal station is 420 Megawatt (MW)** having two units of 210 MW capacity each.

Key Points

- The first unit of 210 MW was put under commercial operation in September 1996 and second unit in September 1997.
- Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Limited (TVNL) intends to set up 2X660 MW coal fired supercritical units of extension project (Stage II) at the TPS located at Lalpania in Bokaro district of Jharkhand.

Note:

- Two panels would be constituted, which will work out the modalities, including percentage of partnership by both parties in the joint venture.

Central Coalfields Limited (CCL)

- CCL was formed on November 1, 1975. It is a **mini-Ratna central public sector enterprise**.
- It was **one of the five subsidiaries of CCL** which was the first holding company for coal in the country.
- CCL produced 76.09 million tonnes of coal in FY 2022-23. The **production target for the company for the current FY 2023-24 is 84 million tonnes**.

Tenughat Thermal Power Station (TTPS)

- It is a coal-based thermal power plant **located at Lalpania in Bokaro district in the Indian state of Jharkhand**.
- The power plant is owned by Jharkhand State owned Tenughat Vidyut Nigam Limited.

Jharkhand Krishi Rin Mafi Yojana

Why in News?

The Jharkhand government has **launched a Jharkhand Krishi Rin Mafi Yojana to reduce the loan burden of farmers**. Under this scheme, the loans of those farmers who are unable to repay their loans are being waived.

- Under the scheme, **the state government will waive loans up to Rs. 50,000 per farmer**.

Key Points

- The scheme was **launched on 1st February, 2021**.
- The objective of this scheme is **to provide relief from the loan burden to short-term loan-holding farmers of Jharkhand**.
- The **aim is to improve** the loan eligibility of crop loan holders, ensure the availability of new crop loans, stop the migration of the farming community, and strengthen the agricultural economy.
- **Eligible Beneficiaries:**
 - Must be a permanent resident of Jharkhand state.
 - The small and marginal farmers who have taken the loan using the **Kisan Credit Card (KCC)**.
 - Must be a farmer who self cultivates his / her land or farmers who cultivate in leased land.
 - Must be at-least 18 years of age.

- Only 1 farmer per family is allowed for loan waiver.
- The loan must have been availed from banks before 31 March 2020.

Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme

➤ About:

- The KCC scheme **was introduced in 1998** to provide timely credit support to farmers.
- It offers credit for cultivation, purchase of agriculture inputs, and other needs.
- The scheme **was extended to cover the investment credit requirement of farmers in 2004**.
- In 2018-19, **the facility was extended to fisheries and animal husbandry farmers**.

➤ Objectives:

- The scheme **aims to meet the short-term credit requirements of farmers for** crop cultivation, post-harvest expenses, produce marketing loan, consumption requirements, and working capital for maintenance of farm assets.
- It also **provides investment credit for agriculture and allied activities**.

Houses for Poor in Jharkhand by 2027

Why in News?

Recently, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren announced that the **state government would provide 20 lakh houses to the poor in the state by 2027**, in an event at Torpa in Khunti district.

Key Points

- These houses were provided **under a state government-sponsored housing scheme, 'Abua Awas Yojana' (AAY)**.
 - The state government has launched the **'Abua Awas Yojana' (My House)** and sought applications for the scheme during the **'Apki Yojana, Apki Sarkar, Apke Dwar' campaign**.
 - The scheme was a **first-of-its-kind initiative** after the formation of Jharkhand in 2000.
- During the programme, the CM also **distributed approval letters and the first installment for the housing scheme to more than 8,000 beneficiaries** from Khunti and Simdega.

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Apki Yojana, Apki Sarkar, Apke Dwar campaign

- Under this program, **camps will be organized in 4,351 panchayats and 50 wards** of the state. In these camps, **the needy people** who were till now **deprived of the schemes** will be covered with **public welfare schemes**.
- In the camps organized at **Panchayat** and **Ward level**, benefits of **new schemes** like **Abu Awas Yojana, Birsra Irrigation Well Scheme**, matters related to community and individual forest lease, **Guruji Student Credit Card Scheme** will be given.

Abua Awas Yojana (AAY)

- Under this scheme, the state government will provide **housing to the needy people** from its own fund by **spending more than Rs 15,000 crore** in the next two years.
- **Three room houses** will be **provided to the poor, deprived, labourers, farmers, tribals, backward and Dalits**.

Jharkhand Government Brings Down Age for Pension Scheme

Why in News?

Recently, the Jharkhand cabinet approved the proposal to include **all women, tribals and Dalits** above **50 years** in its **old-age pension scheme**.

- Earlier, those above **60 years** used to get the benefit of the scheme, under which **Rs 1,000** is provided to each beneficiary per month.

Key Points

- The initiative comes under the **Mukhya Mantri Rajya Vridhavastha Pension Yojana**. Around **18 lakh** people would be benefited by the decision.
 - A total of **35.68 lakh** people already get the benefit of the scheme.
- 25 other proposals were also approved by the cabinet, including the distribution of **'Matri Kit'** to **pregnant women**.
 - The kit, worth around **Rs 1,500**, will have **14 materials**, including a **mosquito net, a cotton**

saree, a cotton towel and a toothpaste. **6 lakh** pregnant women will be benefited by it.

- The cabinet also granted several other approvals, such as:
 - The appointment of **Yogendra Prasad** as the **chairman of the State Backward Commission for three years**.
 - A **job and cash award of Rs 5 lakh** to **Vinita Oraon**, a resident of **Vrinda Nayak Toli** village in **Gumla** district.
 - Oraon killed an area commander of the **banned People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI)** during an attack on **May 5, 2020**.
 - Upgrading **146 middle schools** to **high schools**.

Mukhya Mantri Rajya Vridhavastha Pension Yojana

- The primary objective of this scheme is to **extend financial support to vulnerable elderly** citizens of the state.
- Through the provision of a **₹1,000 monthly pension**, the government aims to reduce the dependence of senior citizens on others for their financial needs.
- The scheme **emphasizes self-reliance for elderly citizens**, particularly those living below the poverty line.

People's Liberation Front of India (PLFI)

- It is a **militant Maoist outfit** formed in **2007** in **Jharkhand**.
- Earlier it was known as **Jharkhand Liberation Tigers (JLT)** founded by **Dinesh Gope** a resident of **Khunti** district, **Jharkhand** in **2003**.

Jharkhand State Backward Commission

- It is a permanent body which has been constituted as per provisions of the **Jharkhand State Commission for Backward Classes Act, 2002**.

Jharkhand Showcases Tasar Silk Production in R-Day Parade

Why in News?

Jharkhand's tableau in the **Republic Day** parade on **26th January 2024**, showcased the skill of **tribal women** in the production of **Tasar silk**.

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Key Points

- The tableau depicted the **Tasar moth rearing, cocoon production, weaving and the modern journey of Tasar garments** from design to global distribution.
- The performance exuded the vibrant spirit of Jharkhand through the “**jhumar**” folk dance and indigenous music.
- **Tasar Silk:**
 - It is a type of **wild silk**, which is made from **silkworms that feed on plants like Asan and Arjun**.
 - In different parts of India it is known as **tusaar, tusser, tushar, tusa, tassore, and tasar etc.**
 - The silk can also be found in shades of **brown, cream, and orange**.
 - The threads of tasar silk are often thicker than those of other silks, and they are **woven in a way that creates a ‘checkerboard’ pattern**.
 - It is **lightweight yet strong**, with a **luxuriously soft feel** often compared to that of cashmere or velvet.
 - It **does not retain moisture**, and can be worn in warmer climates of the world.

- **India is the second-largest producer of tasar silk** and the **exclusive producer of Indian tasar** (also known as tropical tassar), which is largely tended to by tribals.
- In India, it is primarily produced in **Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh**. Currently, **Jharkhand is one of the largest producers**.
 - **China, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh** are global producers of tasar silk.

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