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### Jharkhand Cabinet approved 39 Proposals

### Why in News?

On 31 May 2023, the state cabinet met under the chairmanship of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, in which a total of 39 proposals were approved with the approval of the increase in various allowances of panchayat public representatives of the state.

### Key Points:

- After the cabinet approved the increase in the honorarium of panchayat public representatives, now the district council president will get 2 thousand rupees, the head will get 8 thousand rupees and the head of the village will get 2 thousand rupees every month. Their daily allowances have also been increased from Rs 150 to Rs 250 for each post.
- Women representatives of ST, SC, Extremely Backward Class and other classes, who are below the poverty line, will get a special honorarium of Rs 150 instead of Rs 100. The travel allowance has also been revised. All will now get a travel allowance at the rate of Rs 10 per km instead of Rs 5 per km.
- The Cabinet has increased the amount of compensation in case of damage to life, property, crops, pets and houses by wild animals in the state. In case of the death of a person in such incidents, only four lakh rupees will be given as before.
- In case of severe injuries, Rs 4.50 lakh will be given instead of Rs 1 lakh, in case of minor injuries, Rs 25,000 instead of Rs 15,000 and in case of permanent disability, Rs 3.25 lakh instead of Rs 2 lakh. In case of damage to the house, the earlier Rs 1 lakh was given, which has been increased to Rs 1.20 lakh.
- > Other important cabinet decisions:
  - Amendment to Jharkhand State Police Under Inspector Appointment Rules, 2016.
  - Constitution of Jharkhand Revenue Service Cadre Rules, 2023.
  - Cabinet approves setting up of Bagodar Saria Sub-Divisional Court in Giridih district.
  - Approval of the State Finance Accounts Report of the Accountant General for the financial year 2021-22.
  - Approval for the establishment of C.V. Raman Global University.

- Cabinet approves the establishment of school and state & non-government libraries in the state.
- Amendment in Jharkhand Product Subordinate Service Cadre Rules-2013.



### Jharkhand started Spot Testing

### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 2 June 2023, the Jharkhand government has started spot testing, under which three children are randomly selected from each school during the school inspection by the Block Resource Person (BRP) / Cluster Resource Person (CRP).

### Key Points:

- Under spot testing, all the children are then surveyed to see how much they are able to learn the things that are being taught to them. In this survey, all the students are tested in Hindi, Mathematics and English subjects, where basic literacy & numeracy of the children are checked.
- Through spot testing, learning outcome data has been collected for 2 lakh children per month in Jharkhand in the months prior to the pandemic. This is about 5% of all children in the state.
- BRP and CRP were given practical training on evaluation where the data was verified & cross-checked with a series of logical checks and field validation to ensure a high level of accuracy. Changes in data over time are accurate in the range of 0.5-1%.
- NITI Aayog in its report has said that considering the scale, granularity, accuracy & frequency, it is safe to say that Jharkhand has one of the best and most comprehensive learning data systems in the world.



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- The state has also established a Learning Tracking Format (LTF), where each teacher inputs competencylevel data for each student in the state. Data from spot testing will be used to cross-validate the LTF data and ensure accuracy.
- This survey data is being used for various types of decision-making:
  - District and block-wise monthly performance analysis.
  - o Impact assessment of specific initiatives.
  - Use of learning data in district and block reviews to determine specific action plans.
  - Identification of specific competency gaps to determine teacher training needs.
  - Identification of necessary changes in textbooks and curriculum, accountability & reward system.

# Chief Minister approves proposal for MSERME policy

### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 5 June 2023, the proposal of the MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) Policy prepared by the Jharkhand government has been approved by Chief Minister Hemant Soren. Now this proposal has been sent to the Finance & Law Department for approval, after which it will be sent to the Cabinet.

- According to the information, the Jharkhand government has not only made a policy for MSME but is also going to set up a separate directorate for this. The proposal to set up the directorate will be sent to the administrative cadre committee for approval.
- The government will give a subsidy of up to Rs 10 crore to MSME industries. Also, the government will give an amount of One thousand rupees per month to the MSME industries on depositing the EPF and ESI amount of their employees.
- The Jharkhand government has written in the proposal for MSME policy that there are already 2.33 lakh MSMEs working in Jharkhand. Keeping this in mind, a separate policy has been made for MSMEs, which has been named MSME Policy- 2023.

- Regarding its objectives, the government has said that the main objective of this policy is to develop MSME industries so that the door of employment can be opened. The policy talks about the development of new MSME industries as well as the renovation of old industries.
- It has been written in the proposal that a separate directorate for MSMEs will be formed and district MSME (DMC) centres will also be opened in all districts.
- The Directorate of MSME will provide full support to the entrepreneurs setting up industries for the first time. The directorate will guide and monitor the DMC. Also, the MSME scheme & programs of the state and central government will be implemented in the state. It will promote national and international trade.
- The MSME Directorate shall constitute the necessary corporation, board or authority, provide subsidy & other assistance. On the other hand, DMC will assist entrepreneurs in taking advantage of central and state schemes, from their registration to single window clearance, to overcome technical problems faced by entrepreneurs in setting up industries, to help in the expansion of production & service units in rural & urban areas, to organize regular workshops & training. MSME will help in setting up clusters.
  - MSMEs have been divided into three categories plants costing up to Rs 1 crore will be called microenterprises, plants costing up to Rs 10 crore will be called small enterprises, plants costing up to Rs 50 crore with a maximum turnover of Rs 250 crore will be called medium enterprises.
- The Jharkhand MSME Policy- 2023 provides for comprehensive project investment subsidy. Under this, a subsidy of up to Rs 1 crore will be given to micro enterprises, up to Rs 5 crore to small enterprises and up to Rs 10 crore to medium enterprises.
- An additional subsidy of five percent will be given to ST, SC, women and disabled entrepreneurs, as well as a 100 percent exemption in stamp duty & registration.
- The government will also provide assistance of up to Rs 10 lakh in quality certification, a grant of Rs 10 lakh will also be given on patenting.
- Exemption on carrying products abroad: The government will provide assistance of Rs 4 lakh for an exhibition and Rs 50,000 in air fare for participating in an exhibition to sell its products abroad.



### Jharkhand's Preeti Lakda won bronze in SGFI National Athletics Championship

### Why in News?

On 7 June 2023, Preeti Lakda from Jharkhand won a bronze medal at the School Games Federation of India (SGFI) National Athletics Championships held in Bhopal.

### Key Points:

- Preeti Lakra has won this medal in the triple jump event with a jump of 11.59 meters.
- It is known that Preeti is a trainee athlete of the Jharkhand Government's Residential Training Center (Hazaribagh). In the same year, she also won a silver medal in the Junior Federation Cup.
- The School Games Federation of India, recognised by the Sports Ministry and the Indian Olympic Association, was established in the year 1954. It is also an active member of the International School Sports Federation and the Asian School Sports Federation.
- This organization works towards the development and promotion of sports in schools in India. In this, talented players interested in different sports from schools across the country are selected and given a proper platform.



### The word 'Hindu' gets added again in the name of Lohardaga's Nadia School

### Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 7 June 2023, the School Education & Literacy

Department of Jharkhand has again added the word 'Hindu' to Nadia Hindu High School in the Lohardaga district of the state. In the letter issued earlier, the word 'Hindu' was removed from the name of the school.

- It is worth mentioning that the Department of School Education & Literacy has withdrawn the change in the previous name of the excellent schools. The letter issued on May 25 in this regard has been amended. A letter in this regard has been issued by the department.
- The names of seven schools in the state have been revised again. Now only CM School of Excellence will be added to the former name of the schools.
- The word 'Ramrudra' has also been added to the name of the school after it was removed from Ramrudra Plus Two High School in Chas Bokaro.
- The school education & literacy department has earlier described the change in name as a typographical error. The discrepancy in the letter issued earlier by the Education Department has been corrected.
- In the list released earlier, the names of some schools were added to other schools. Chas Bokaro was added to the name of the school at Nawadih in the Bokaro district. These mistakes have been corrected.
- Now the names of the schools will be-
  - CD Girls CM School of Excellence Jhumritilaiya, Koderma.
  - SSLNT CM School of Excellence Girls, Dhanbad.
  - District RK Rama Sahu CM School of Excellence, Garhwa.
  - O Chandravati Memorial CM School of Excellence, Domchanch Koderma.
  - District Ramrudra CM School of Excellence, Chas Bokaro.





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- CM School of Excellence BPM, Burmamines Jamshedpur.
- District CM School of Excellence Nadia Hindu, Lohardaga.

### Unity Mall will open in Jharkhand

#### Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 8 June 2023, Unity Mall will open in Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, where people will be able to buy Deoghar Peda, Kharsawan's Chironji, Bihar's Jardalu mango, Makhana, Litchi and Odisha's Rasgulla under one roof.

#### Key Points:

- The mall will also have stalls of products with special identities from 24 districts of Jharkhand. At the same time, all the states and union territories of the country will also have stalls of products with GI tags. For this, the state government has demanded four to five acres of land in Ranchi.
- Unity Mall will have space for the promotion and sale of 'One District One Product' and other handicraft products. Not only this but the products of other states can also be sold here.
- Significantly, the Ministry of Commerce of the Central Government had sought drafts for opening Unity Malls in all states. A proposal to open Unity Mall in Ranchi has been sent to the Centre by the Industries Department of Jharkhand.
- Unity Mall will be constructed in collaboration with both the central government and the state government. For this, the Center will give Rs 50 crore.
- It is noteworthy that the One District One Product Scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Its objective is to give national recognition to one product of every district of all states and provide employment at the local level.
- The industries covered under this scheme have been placed in micro, small and medium categories. The government gives a subsidy of up to 35% on setting up these industries.
- 'One District One Product' Marked in Jharkhand-
  - District Products Peda of Deoghar and Dumka, Tomato of East Singhbhum, Custard Apple of West Singhbhum, Jaggery of Hazaribagh, Chilli of Jamtara,

Tamarind of Khunti, Lemon of Koderma, Honey of Lohardaga, Mango of Pakur, Guava of Ranchi, Mango of Sahibganj, Chironji of Saraikela, Jackfruit of Bokaro, Tomato of Chatra, Potato of Dhanbad and Garhwa, Tomato of Giridih, Mango of Godanna, Green Chilli of Gumla, Tomato of Palamu, Papaya of Ramgarh, Mango of Simdega etc.

### 800 MW Super-critical Power Plant will be Set up in Chandrapura

#### Why in News?

On 11 June 2023, Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) chairman Ram Naresh Singh told at the director's building in Chandrapura, Jharkhand that the old units of Chandrapura Thermal are being dismantled and a new supercritical power plant is being planned to be set up. Is.

### Key Points:

- DVC Chairman Ram Naresh Singh said that the survey is going on for setting up a new supercritical power plant in the state. This plant will be set up after availability of land and space for ash dyke.
- Apart from solar, battery storage and green hydrogen projects are also being brought in DVC. Work is also underway on the Green Hydrogen project. If for some reason the supercritical power plant could not be set up in Chandrapura, then there is a plan to set up a green hydrogen project. For this, sufficient water, market and steel plant is available here.
- The DVC chairman said that the dismantling of the old unit in DVC's Bokaro Thermal will also start soon. In collaboration with the World Bank, work is underway to set up solar, renewable, battery storage or green hydrogen projects instead of repurposing old units. Survey work is going on for this.
- Recently the World Bank team has also visited this place. Its DPR has been prepared and the Ministry of Power has given its consent.
- The chairman said that the power generation capacity of DVC is 7,000 MW. The production capacity from thermal power plants is 6540 MW. Presently two thermal power plants of 250 MW and 210 MW of DVC are under maintenance due to technical reasons. DVC achieved peak generation totaling 5600 MW.



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- In the year 2030, the power generation capacity of DVC will be 14-15 thousand MW. This includes thermal, solar and green hydrogen projects & battery storage plants. No green field power plants will be set up in the coming time, rather new units will be established where DVC's old power plants are.
- A plant of 660 x 2 means 1320 MW capacity will be set up in Raghunathpur of the state. A supercritical plant of 800 x 2 means 1600 MW capacity will be installed in Koderma Phase II.
- Apart from these, a new power plant of 800 MW capacity will be set up in place of the Durgapur old plant. The auction of the old plant here is in process. That is, in the coming 7 years, new power plants of 3720 MW capacity will be set up. A solar plant of about 2,000 capacity will be set up.
- DVC has a total of 4 dams, which have a floating capacity of 18-19 hundred MW generation. There are also water reservoirs inside many power plants. In the coming time, 10 MW solar plant will be set up in Koderma, 30 MW from water reservoirs of four power plants, 310 MW from Tilaiya and Panchet dams, besides another eight MW capacity solar plant.
- Apart from this, a big project of pump storage is also being brought. Pumped storage plant of 1000 MW capacity will be set up in Maithon and 1500 MW in Lalpania.
- The chairman said that a pumped storage plant of 1500 MW capacity is proposed at Lugu Pahar in Lalpania. Initially, some villagers were opposed to setting up the plant here. But now we are getting positive cooperation from the villagers.

### Godhan Nyay Yojana

#### Why in News?

On June 12, 2023, Jharkhand's Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekh inaugurated the 'Godhan Nyay Yojana' in the auditorium of the Animal Husbandry Department at Hesag. About 10 thousand farmers will benefit in the first phase of the scheme.

### Key Points:

Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekh said that Godhan Nyaya Yojana is being started as a pilot project in five districts of the state. After reviewing the success of this project, a plan will be made to run it in the entire state.

- The objective of this scheme is to reduce the dependence of farmers on chemical fertilizers and to increase the income of farmers by preparing vermicompost using cow dung available in Jharkhand.
- It is known that cow dung plays an important role in the ecosystem of agriculture, because it increases the organic content of the soil by increasing the water holding capacity of the soil. An effective management is needed to effectively use cow dung in agricultural works, which will be beneficial for the farmers.
- This is a pilot project to convert cow dung produced in the entire state into vermicompost by purchasing it from cow herders and making it available to farmers at a subsidized rate. At present, the project is being started from one district of each division.
- The agriculture minister said that the government is preparing to set up an agency, a center so that more
  & more organic foods are used in the state and the products of the state are recognized as organic.
- A budget provision of Rs 10 crore has been made for vermi compost. If it is successful, a plan of Rs 100 crore will also be made. Under this scheme, farmers of the state will be able to get vermicompost at Rs.8 per kg in their area only. Along with this, the government will take cow dung at Rs. 2 per kg from the cowherds and after processing it will make it available to the farmers in the form of vermicompost.
- Mahalinga Shivaji, CEO of Mahalinga Shivaji Organic Farming Authority of Jharkhand, said that with this scheme, 504 lakh metric tonnes of cow dung can be converted into nitrogen and the state can save Rs 22,000 crore by this conversion.
- According to the economic survey of the year 2019, there are 12.57 million cattle in the state. As an estimate, 504 lakh tonnes of cow dung is emitted every year by the cattle.
- Goal of Godhan Nyaya Yojana: Increase in the income of animal herders, restriction on livestock movement & open grazing, promotion of use of organic fertilizers & reducing the use of chemical fertilizers, availability of organic fertilizers at the local level, strengthening of local self-help groups/employment opportunities for unemployed youths/gaushalas, help in increasing the fertility of the land and availability of chemical fertilizers.





### Kunal Verma of Giridih, Jharkhand will Represent India in the World Nuclear Scientific Conference

#### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on June 18, 2023, Kunal Verma of Giridih district of Jharkhand will represent India at the World Nuclear Scientific Conference organized by the United Nations in Vienna, Europe.

#### **Key Points:**

- It is known that a conference of nuclear scientists is being organized by the United Nations from June 19 to June 27 in Vienna, Europe. Nuclear scientists from UNO member countries will participate in the conference.
- Representing India, Kunal Verma did his B.Tech from IIT Haridwar and then completed his studies in M.Tech in Nuclear Science from Bhabha Atomic Research Center.
- Presently he is working as a Nuclear Scientist in the Nuclear Fuels Complex, Government of India.



### 5 CUJ students selected for Taiwan Scholarship & Huayu Enrichment Scholarship

#### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on June 19, 2023, Taiwan's Ministry of Education released the result of 'The Huayu Enrichment Scholarship' for the academic programs of the year 2023-2024, in which five Chinese language learning students of the Far East Languages Department of Jharkhand Central University, Ranchi have been selected for this scholarship.

- Under this scholarship all these students of Central University of Jharkhand will be enabled to enhance their language skills during their visit and stay in Taiwan.
- Student Prachi Goyal and student Rahul Kumar have been given scholarships for 6 months to go to Taiwan and enrich the language by staying there.
- It is known that recently Prachi Goyal and Rahul Kumar had demonstrated their Chinese language skills brilliantly in the 22nd Chinese Bridge Competition.
- Saurabh Kumar, Rinshu Kumar Singh and Ashutosh Kumar have been awarded a 3-month scholarship to develop their Chinese language skills while living in Taiwan. These students will study the native culture and language in depth.
- It is known that the Chinese language is considered the most difficult language in the world due to its pictographic script.
- At present, the Central University of Jharkhand has emerged as a major centre of Chinese language learning in Eastern India, from where students studying the Chinese language have received the highest number of scholarships as compared to other universities in India.
- Every year students from many parts of India come to this university to learn Chinese. The craze to learn Chinese is such that this year more than 3500 applicants applied for 31 seats.
- This department of the university has excellent faculty as well as an excellent Chinese language laboratory and audio-visual laboratory facility, which greatly helps Chinese language learners.





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Chinese language expert and CUJ teacher Sushant Kumar said that today the Chinese language is in great demand in the market. In terms of employment, it has more employment than other languages. That's why the demand for this language is increasing day by day.

### Governor released a Yoga book named 'Paramparik Yoga'

#### Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on June 20, 2023, the Governor of Jharkhand C.P. Radhakrishnan released the Yoga book named 'Paramparik Yoga' at the Raj Bhavan.

#### Key Points:

- The yoga book 'Paramparik Yoga' is written by Dr. Parineeta Singh and Dr. Archana Kumari.
- Dr. Parineeta Singh said that this is her third book based on Yoga. Prior to this, she has also written books named 'Yoga ek Drishti mein' and 'Abhyas'.
- He said that through this book he wants to express his loyalty towards Indian culture. This book is useful for all age groups.
- On the other hand, Dr. Archana Kumari said that in 'Paramparik Yoga', an attempt has been made to explain the subtle knowledge of Yoga in both theoretical and practical form. Simple language has been used in this book, which anyone can easily understand.
- Dr. Parineeta Singh is working as a guest faculty at the School of Yoga, Ranchi University, while Dr. Archana Kumari is working as a yoga instructor at the State Yoga Center, Directorate of AYUSH and Health Department, Government of Jharkhand.



### Vicky Kumar becomes World's Fastest Male Writer

#### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on June 19, 2023, 21-year-old living icon Paul alias Vicky Kumar, a resident of Subhash Nagar, Phusro under Bokaro district of Jharkhand, has become the world's fastest male author by writing a book in four days.

#### Key Points:

- He has been given this world record by the World Wide Book of Records for his book 'The Topper of Never Went to College'. This is Vicky's third world record.
- It is known that his first book was 'The Topper of Never Went to School'.
- Vicky has dedicated this book to his father Bharat Ram and his mother Bhavani Devi.
- Vicky Kumar says that this book is for every student who failed or did not do well in school and college.
- In this book, it was told how a student can become a successful life topper by doing some rules and some activities.
- Vicky is also a life topper coach, author and public speaker. He has also narrated his story in Josh Talks.



### Foundation stone laid for CPS Sidhu-Kanhu Vidyapeeth and Hostel in Hazaribagh

### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on June 21, 2023, the foundation stone of CPS



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Sidhu-Kanhun Vidyapeeth & Hostel was performed by Sidhu-Kanhu Seva Sansthan of Hazaribagh and Pinjrapole Society of Kolkata to provide school hostels for quality education based to poor children of rural areas of Sadar block of Hazaribagh.

### Key Points:

- This CBSE board-based school for 2000 children will be set up in Sitagarha Gaushala premises of Hazaribagh, where residential arrangements for 1000 children will be available.
- Indian culture and civilization will be seen in the residential complex, a
- complete glimpse of Indian ancient Gurukul.
- This school will be unique and excellent in itself amidst the beautiful valleys of nature on 22 acres of land.





### Chitrapat Jharkhand Film Festival

#### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on June 23, 2023, a three-day film festival was organized by Chitrapat Jharkhand at Sarala Birla University, Ranchi, in which a total of 60 films were screened.

### Key Points:

- The producers and directors of the film were awarded certificates at the three-day film festival.
- > In this film festival, 10 themes of films were kept for

the competition by Chitrapat Jharkhand. In these, there were subjects like Tribal Society, Jharkhand Freedom Struggle, Vocal for Local, History of Jharkhand, Village Development, Women Empowerment, Environment, Social Harmony, Employment Generation, and Future India.

- In this film festival, three types of award categories of films were kept - short film, documentary film, campus film.
- The best three awards were given in these three categories. The best film in all three types of categories was given the first, second, and third prizes. In this, along with Best Male Actor and Best Female Actress, Best Director was also awarded.
- In the category of short film award, Rs 31,000 was given to the first-best film, Rs 21,000 to the second and Rs 11,000 to the third-best film.
- Rs.5100 for best director, Rs.5100 for best story, Rs.5100 for best cinematographer and Rs.5100 for best editor. Rs 5100 was given to the best male actor and Rs 5100 to the best female actress.
- In the documentary film category, Rs 31,000 was awarded for the best film, Rs 21,000 for the secondbest film and Rs 11,000 for the third-best film. In the campus film category, Rs 15,000 was awarded for the best film, Rs 11,000 for the second and Rs 7,500 for the third category.
- Rs 3100 was awarded to the best director, Rs 3100 to the best male actor and Rs 31, 000 to the best female actress. A trophy and certificate were also given along with this award.

At the closing ceremony, former minister and MLA Saryu Rai awarded the winning participants with certificates & trophies as a mark of respect.





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### Jharkhand Cabinet: Dedicated Commission for Backward People in Body Elections

### Why In News?

A total of 43 proposals were agreed upon in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren on June 26, 2023. Under this, a dedicated commission will be formed to give reservation to backward classes in municipal elections. The Backward Classes Commission will work as a dedicated commission.

### Key Points:

- The Jharkhand cabinet has decided to set up a 'dedicated commission' to examine the eligibility for reservation for backward classes in the state's local body elections. The Backward Classes Commission will work as a dedicated commission. The decision to set up the commission has been taken in the wake of the Supreme Court's decision in 'Vikas Krishna Rao Gawli vs State of Maharashtra'.
- The Cabinet approved the proposal to provide smartphones to Balwadi workers and women supervisors of the state. Under the centrally sponsored Mission Saksham Balwadi and Poshan 20.0, a total of 29,100 workers and supervisors will be given smartphones for a maximum of Rs 8,000 (excluding GST) under the Poshan Abhiyan scheme. Apart from this, a total of 6,850 Balwadi centers will also be upgraded. For this, one lakh rupees will be spent per Balwadi center.
- The cabinet also agreed to a proposal to allow women in the state to work in night shifts. For this, in compliance with the Business Reforms Action Plan prepared by the Government of India under 'Ease of Doing Business', it was decided to amend the Factories Act 1948 and approved the Factories Amendment Bill 2023.
- Earlier, women were allowed to work only from 10 am to 5 pm in industrial institutions of the state. With the decision to amend the Act, women will also be able to work in night shifts from 5 pm to 10 am.
- Cabinet approves constitution of Jharkhand Advocates Welfare Fund Amendment Bill, 2023. Under this, the rate of stamp duty used in affidavits and advocacy etc. has now been increased.

- Earlier, a stamp of Rs 15 was required to be placed in affidavits and advocacy. Now a stamp of 30 rupees will be used. The proceeds from the sale of stamps will be spent on the welfare of advocates.
- The Cabinet approved the proposal related to the construction of a 500-bed hospital at Mahagama in Godda. The hospital will be constructed by ICL with CSR. The hospital will be constructed at a total cost of Rs 307.44 crore. The Cabinet approved to run it on PPP mode.
- The Cabinet also agreed to set up a sewage treatment plant in Dhanbad under the 'Namami Gange Scheme'.
   Rs 858.86 crore will be spent on this. The scheme will be operated on PPP mode.



### A Gift of Vande Bharat Express to Jharkhand

### Why in News?

On June 27, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off the Ranchi-Patna Vande Bharat Express train online from Rani Kamlapati Railway Station in Madhya Pradesh's capital Bhopal, with which Vande Bharat left Ranchi for Patna.

### Key Points:

- Ranchi-Patna Vande Bharat Express is the first Vande Bharat train for Jharkhand and Bihar.
- Ranchi-Patna New Vande Bharat Express train will depart from Patna and reach Ranchi station on the same day stopping at Gaya, Koderma, Hazaribagh, Barkakana and Mesra railway stations.
- Rich in abundant mineral resources, Ranchi is an ideal place for mineral-based industries. This train will prove beneficial for local traders and businessmen in terms of establishing fast connectivity with Patna.



- Increasing connectivity between Patna and Ranchi, this train will prove to be a boon for tourists, students and businessmen.
- On the first day of departure of Vande Bharat Express, children from various schools were given free travel.
- It is known that now a total of 23 Vande Bharat trains are operating in the country. These trains are saving several hours in travel time as compared to the fastest trains currently running on various routes.
- Vande Bharat Express will provide a world-class experience to passengers and promote tourism.

### C-20 Chaupal organized for the 1<sup>st</sup> time in Ranchi

### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on June 27, 2023, the citizens foundation and Sewa International organized the first-ever C-20 Chaupal program in Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, in which many aspects of service, the spirit of service, philanthropy and volunteerism were discussed in detail.

#### **Key Points:**

- Directors and philanthropists of various social organizations working in Jharkhand, representatives of civil society organizations, CSR heads of corporate companies and important scholars from educational institutions participated in this programme.
- The first session of the three-session event was moderated by Rashmi Saha, founder of Mukti Mission, in which Tanvi Jha, State Programme Manager, Sini Jharkhand, Monika Arya, Founder of Palona Foundation, Richa Chaudhary, State Project Director, AFC India Limited, discussed in detail the topic 'Spirit of Service' and its impact on normal life and its social significance.
- Similarly, in the second session, Atul Gera, founder and philanthropist of Live Savers, Ranchi, Rishabh Anand, founder of Rise Up and Dr. Arvind Sahay, founder of KGVK organization, jointly participated as panelists and spoke on the topic 'Spirit of Volunteering in the field of Social Development'.
- Why volunteering is important at the social level and what can be its positive results were also discussed. This session was moderated by Rajeev Gupta.

- The final and special session of the C-20 Choupal program was moderated by Nandlal Nayak, member of the Sangeet Natak Akademi (India) and advisor on folk and tribal arts, in which Dr. Mayank Murari, CSR Head, Usha Martin, Medical Officer of Paras Hospital were among the panelists. Dr. Sanjay Kumar, Director and Kanika Malhotra, Founder and HR Consultant, Eyelid HR discussed in detail the topic 'Community Philanthropy'.
- During the closing session of the program, Ganesh Reddy, CEO of Citizen Foundation, said that such social welfare programs help in the successful operation of many schemes related to the interest of the state.



### Niranjan Kujur's Ad Film 'The Spitting Wall' Bags ABBY'S Award

### Why in News?

According to information received from the media on June 28, 2023, Jharkhand's young filmmaker Niranjan Kujur's advertisement film 'The Spitting Wall' was given the prestigious award of the advertising world, ABBY'S Award, during the Goa Fest.

- The award was given at the 54<sup>th</sup> edition of the Advertising Club. In the advertising world, it is considered to be the biggest award in South Asia.
- This ad film by Niranjan Kujur was released on the day of 'No Tobacco Day'. It is a digital ad film which was released in the year 2022 on social media.



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- Niranjan Kumar said that 'The Spitting Wall' advertisement has been created in collaboration with Dabur Red Paste.
- The ad film was awarded for Cause Marketing in the specialist category. The ad film has been shot in Kolkata and Noida.
- The purpose of the ad film is to create awareness among those who eat paan-gutkha. In this advertisement, common people have been advised to avoid tobacco consumption very beautifully by making an artificial wall as a medium.
- Niranjan is making an Ad film from the year 2020.
  So far he has made five ad films, two of which have won awards.
- 'The Spitting Wall' has received two awards so far. The film also won the Mob-Ex Awards Singapore 2023 for Ed Galli. Apart from this, 'Dabur Ratnaprash' has also received the award for Best Used of Content Marketing by the Economics Times.
- It is known that the film 'Edpa Kana', made in Kurukh language by the state's young filmmaker Niranjan Kujur, has been awarded the National Award for Best Audiography in the non-feature film category.

- It is noteworthy that Niranjan Kujur is a director and screenwriter living in the Lohardaga district of Jharkhand. So far Niranjan has made films in Kudukh, Hindi, Bengali and Santali languages.
- Recently Niranjan has made a short film 'Tere Bendho Na' in Bengali, which will be screened at the IDSFFK and SiGNS film festivals in Kerala. After that, it will also be screened at the South Asian Short Film Festival (SASFF) in Kolkata.



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