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Central Government Canceled the Proposal of Airport to be Built in Dhalbhumargh

Why In News?

On February 27, 2023, Union Civil Aviation and Steel Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia has rejected the proposal to build an airport in Dhalbhumgarh (East Singhbhum) in Jharkhand, citing environmental protection and elephant corridors.

Key points

- > The letter by Jyotiraditya Scindia states that under the Government of India's regional connectivity scheme UDAN, flights have started operating from the Tata Steel-owned Sonari airport in Jamshedpur and the abandoned World War II airport in Dhalbhumgarh, which is currently operational. It is in dilapidated condition and not fit for operation.
- It is known that Dhalbhumgarh Airport Limited was formed as a joint venture company for the development of the airport in Jharkhand. For this, the state government had to provide encumbrance free land to the Airport Authority of India.
- In this regard, the Environment Appraisal Committee observed that the proposed site falls in the forests and is home to many elephants and this place is known as elephant corridor. The proposed site is not suitable for airport development.
- No land was handed over to AAI by the State Government and forest clearance was not obtained. Due to this authority has decided to close Dhalbhumgarh Airport Limited.
- It is known that the Raghubar Das government had taken the initiative to start the World War II-era airport in Dhalbhumgarh. The Bhoomi Pujan of the airport was done on January 24, 2019.
- Even after sending an amount of 100 crores by the central government for the airport, not even a single brick has been connected in 4 years. The work was stuck in limbo due to non-observance of clearance from the State Government's Ministry of Environment and Forests.

NTPC Commissions Country's First Air-Conditioned Condenser at North Karanpura Super Critical Plant in Jharkhand

Why In News?

Demonstrating its commitment to water conservation through Reduce, Reuse and Recycle, NTPC, the country's largest integrated power generating company, commissioned India's first Air-Conditioned Condenser Supercritical Plant at North Karanpura, Jharkhand on 1st March 2023.

Key points

- > NTPC has commenced commercial operations of the (3' first unit of 660 MW at North Karanpura MW) in 660 Jharkhand.
- The project is envisaged with Air Cooled Condenser (ACC), which has about conventional Water-Cooled Condenser (WCC). footprint as compared to 1/3rd water Through this, about 30.5 MCM of water will be saved in a year and thus the needs of about 15 lakh people will be met annually in this area.
- NTPC has already taken several measures for sound management of water in its plants. NTPC will promote 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) to conserve and manage water along with its core business activity of power generation. NTPC Limited is also a signatory to the prestigious UN Global Compacts CEO Water Mandate.
- NTPC is committed to actively address water sustainability issues by implementing the Water Policy, which will serve as a guide for establishing water management strategies, systems, processes, practices and research initiatives.
- The North Karanpura plant will have 3 units of 660 MW each with a total capacity of 1,980 MW. The plant is based on the most efficient supercritical technology and being a pit head plant (10 km from the coal mine) will supply power to the states of Jharkhand, Bihar, West Bengal and Odisha at cheap rates.
- NTPC has always been at the forefront of leveraging technologies and has taken the lead in adopting new technologies in its power sector. NTPC currently meets 24% of the power demand in the country through coal, gas, hydro, solar and wind plants.





Jharkhand Budget 2023-24

Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, the state's Finance Minister Dr. Rameshwar Oraon presented a budget of Rs 1 lakh 16 thousand 418 crores in the Jharkhand Assembly. In this budget, special emphasis has been laid on rural development, agriculture, health and education.

Key points

- > State Finance Minister Dr. Rameshwar Oraon said that 500 crore rupees will be spent for desilting and deep boring of ponds with an area of less than 5 acres in 2023-24 in order to provide benefits of irrigation to the farmers and from the point of view of water conservation. A proposed budget of Rs. Solar energy based micro lift irrigation is very economical in streamlining the irrigation system. Keeping in view its utility, Krishi Samridhi Yojana will be implemented by the state government in the financial year 2023-24.
- ➤ In the year 2023-24, Rs 50 crore is proposed under the grant head of FPOs.
- Other important points of Jharkhand Budget 2023-24 -:
 - O In the year 2023-24, a budgetary provision of Rs 300 crore has been made to connect maximum beneficiaries under the Mukhyamantri Pashudhan Vikas Yojana. There is a proposal of Rs 180 crore for the establishment of new dairy plants in Giridih and Jamshedpur and milk powder plant and milk product plant in Ranchi.

- O In order to provide irrigation wells, it is proposed to implement a new scheme called Birsa Irrigation Well Promotion Mission in convergence of MGNREGA and State Plan. Under this scheme, irrigation wells will be constructed on the personal land of 1 lakh farmers.
- Panchayat Secretariat Strengthening Scheme is being launched by the government to provide all the facilities to the common people at the panchayat level under one roof. In addition to the Panchayat Office in all panchayat secretariats, all types of related certificates, online facilities, facilities related to banking correspondents, light work will be provided on the scheduled day through Pragya Center.
- Incentive amount to encourage widow remarriage, distribution of free sanitary napkins for the spread of cleanliness among women, providing nutritious food to pregnant women before delivery and distribution of maternity care kit after delivery 'Women and Kishori Kalyan' It is proposed to start the scheme.
- o The 'Anganwadi Chalo Abhiyan' scheme will be started for pre-school education to the children coming to the Anganwadi centre. Under this scheme, a budget of Rs 190 crore is proposed in the year 2023-24 for providing clothes and workbooks and furniture etc. to the children in all the centres.
- In the year 2023-24, a target has been set to make all the panchayats of the state zero dropout panchayats.
- Residential schools will be constructed on the lines of Netarhat schools in Chaibasa, Dumka and Bokaro.
- Psychiatry centers will be established in Palamu, Chaibasa and Dumka. Alcohol De addiction Center will be opened in Ranchi on PPP mode.
- In the year 2023-24, the target is to expand the Chief Minister's Employment Generation Scheme and benefit two lakh youth.
- In the year 2023-24, it is proposed to set up a model library in the hostels for the smooth functioning of teaching and learning.
- o In view of the importance of judicial, administrative and financial work roles of Manki, Munda, Dakua etc. under the Manki-Munda governance system, it is proposed to make two-wheelers accessible to them in the year 2023-24.



- These road projects are proposed to be started in the year 2023-24- 1) Upgradation of Sahebganj-Barhait-Jamtara-Dumka-Govindpur ADB road to four lanes, 2) Koderma-Jamua-Giridih Tundi-Govindpur (SH-13) road Upgradation in four lanes, 3) Upgradation of Satsang-Bhirkhiabad road to four lanes, it is proposed to connect all health sub-centres, bazaar haat, panchayat office, middle/ high school, post office/banks with metalled road in the coming financial years.
- o In the year 2023-24, it is proposed to start flights from the airports at Dumka and Bokaro.
- O Under AMRUT 2.0 scheme, Ramgarh urban water supply scheme and Simdega urban water supply scheme and renovation work of 45 ponds is proposed to be done.
- o RTI portal will be developed by the state government in the year 2023-24.

Chief Minister Special Scholarship Scheme

Why In News?

Recently, Director of Jharkhand Education Project Council, Kiran Kumari Pasi told that general category students studying in government schools of Jharkhand from class 1st to 12th will be given the benefit of 'Chief Minister's Special Scholarship' scheme.

Key points

- State Project Director Kiran Kumari Passi said that 1,47,928 students of the state have been selected for the 'Chief Minister's Special Scholarship' scheme. They will be paid the scholarship amount in March itself.
- Under the scheme, Rs 500 will be given to those studying in class 1st to 4th, Rs 1000 to those studying in class 5th and 6th, Rs 1500 to students of class 7-10 and Rs 2300 to intermediate students.
- Kiran Kumari Passi said that this facility will be made available to the general category students studying in class 1st to 12th, who are not getting the benefit of any other scholarship.
- From the financial year 2022-23, efforts are being made by the state government to provide scholarship amount to the students through online app. Funds will be made available for scholarship to the students through PFMS-DBT.

Amshedpur Towards becoming a Solar City

Why In News?

On March 10, 2023, Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA) officials informed that Jamshedpur city is moving towards solar energy. At present, a 37 MW solar power plant is proposed there, out of which 2.2 MW solar power plant has been commissioned at Sonari Airport.

Key points

- > JREDA officials said that solar power plants are being installed by Tata Steel and Tata Power in Jamshedpur city and other places.
- ➤ It is known that a 9.8 MW floating solar power plant is being set up in reservoirs located at Tata Steel.
- 9.8 MW plant at Tata Steel campus, 15 MW solar plant at Domjuri by Tata Power, 3 MW rooftop plant at Tata Motors, 5 MW rooftop plant at Tata Steel itself, 1.2 MW rooftop plant at Tata BlueScope, 2.2 MW at the airport MW plant is being set up.
- East Singhbhum district of the state consumes 250 MW of electricity. With the production of 37 MW of solar power, Tata Steel can provide electricity to its colony. This will reduce dependence on conventional power sources to a great extent.
- There is a possibility of solar power plants being set up by JREDA, whether it is in the form of a rooftop or a floating plant.

Bhartiya Bhasha Parishad will Give Youth **Award to Shekhar Mallick**

Why In News?

On March 13, 2023, according to media information received on, the prestigious Youth Award of The Bhartiya Bhasha Parishad, Kolkata will be given to young storyteller Shekhar Mallick from Jharkhand. In this regard, the writer Shekhar Mallick has been informed by the council through email.

Key points

> Shekhar Mallick said that the decision to give this award to him in the year 2020 was made, but due



- to the Corona pandemic, it could not be announced at that time.
- It is known that Shekhar Mallick is a resident of Ghatshila in East Singhbhum district of Jharkhand.
- The award is given to young litterateurs of Hindi and other Indian languages for their outstanding contribution to literature. He has been selected for Hindi language.
- The award by the Bhartiya Bhasha Parishad will be presented to Shekhar Mallick on 8 April in Kolkata. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 41,000, a memento, a citation and a shawl.
- Shekhar Mallick, Deputy General Secretary of Jharkhand Progressive Writers Association, is a well-known contemporary young writer whose first story was nominated for the first Premchand Kahani Award 2004 in the prestigious magazine Hans.
- He has published three collections of stories, Accept and other stories, Tales of Town Women and Midnight Tales and a novel Kalchiti. Shekhar Mallick is also a cultural activist associated with IPTA.
- Shekhar Mallick said that two of his novels are yet to be published. Dramatization of his story works, translation into other languages and



- research work has also been done on them.
- His works have been published in prestigious literary magazines of the country, including Hans, Udghosh, Anya, Parikatha, Pakhi, Vagarth and Pragatisheel Vasudha.

'Cyber Security Initiative' will Start in BIT Mesra

Why In News?

On March 15, 2023, the registrar of Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) Mesra, Ranchi, Jharkhand, Dr. Sandeep Dutta told a press conference held at Lalpur Extension that BIT Mesra has been established with the aim of getting rid of cybercrime due to the increasing use of internet and mobile. 'Cyber Security Initiative' will be launched in The C3iHub of IIT Kanpur will assist in this.

Key points

- ➤ It is known that people's data gets destroyed when mobile is lost or stolen. Research is needed on how to recover the lost data. To fulfill this objective, 'Cyber Security Initiative' will be started in BIT Mesra.
- ➤ IIT Kanpur's Department of Computer Science Engineering Co-Project Director C3iHub Padmashree Dr. Manindra Agarwal said that under this agreement, cyber security policy will be prepared in the institute after cyber security audit, so that in the coming time, data security, data recovery Cyber security can be strengthened with data monitoring.
- Dr. Sandeep Dutta, Registrar, BIT Mesra told that in this initiative Padma Shri Dr. Manindra Agarwal, the father of cyber cell advisor cum sutra model of Government of India, will cooperate. A tie-up will be done with the C3iHub of IIT Kanpur.
- Dr. Manindra Aggarwal said that under this agreement, inventory will be prepared for continuous monitoring of all the computers and routers of the institute under the cyber security policy after cyber security audit in the institute.
- Apart from this, the engineers of the institution will be given training on how to protect against cyberattack. Modern technology like 'Honey Pot' will be developed to catch cyber criminals.
- Initiative will be taken to confuse the original source of cyber-attacks with fake servers under 'Honey Pot'. Along with this, there will be continuous awareness and training programs among students and professors regarding cyber security.
- Dr. Manindra Aggarwal informed that 25 institutions have been given different responsibilities under the Technical Innovation Hub in the country. C3iHub is working to promote cyber security in it. For this, three startup teams associated with C3iHub will work together with the engineers of BIT.
- It is known that Birla Institute of Technology (BIT) Ranchi was established in 1955 by industrialist B. M. Birla did it. BIT Mesra, spread over 780 acres, 16 km from Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, has the status of Deemed University from the UGC. The institute is accredited by NAAC (National Assessment and Accreditation Council) and NBA (National Board of Association). The main campus of this institute is in Mesra while it has campuses in Allahabad, Jaipur, Kolkata, Noida, Patna, Deoghar, Lalpur, Muscat (Oman) and Dubai.





Seven Women Footballers from Jharkhand Included in Indian Team for SAIF Under-17 Women's Football Championship

Why In News?

On March 16, 2023, The All-India Football Federation (AIFF) announced a 20-member Indian squad for the SAFF Under-17 Women's Football Championship to be held from March 18 to 29, which includes seven footballers from Jharkhand.

Key points

- Out of seven footballers from Jharkhand in the Indian team, four footballers are trainees of JSSPS Ranchi while three footballers are from Residential Girls Football Training Centre, Gumla.
- The seven players from Jharkhand who have been selected in the team are Vikas Bada (Defender), Nishima Kumari (Defender), Babita Kumari (Forward), Anisha Oraon (Goalkeeper), Shaulina Dang (Midfielder), Shivani Toppo (Forward) and Lalitha Boypai (Midfielder).
- The seven players from Jharkhand who have been selected in the team are Vikas Bada (Defender), Nishima Kumari (Defender, JSSPS), Babita Kumari (Forward, JSSPS), Anisha Oraon (Goalkeeper, JSSPS), Shaulina Dang (Midfielder), Shivani Toppo (Forward) and Lalita Boypai (Midfielder, JSSPS).
- ➤ It is known that a trial was organized in Indore on February 21-22 for team selection, in which 35 players from across the country took part.

State Level Conference of the Management Committee Members of Excellent School in Ranchi

Why In News

On March 20, 2023, a state-level conference of the management committee members of the excellent school organized by the Jharkhand Education Project Council was organized at Tana Bhagat Stadium Khelgaon, Ranchi, Jharkhand.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Hemant Soren said that for the first time in the history of Jharkhand, such an event has been organized to improve the education system here.
- ➤ He said that the state government has taken a pledge to provide quality education to the students, government schools, in the first phase this system will be implemented in more than studying in children have started getting education on the lines of CBSE in 80 excellent schools and in the coming time 4000 government schools.
- The Chief Minister said that the children of the state who want to go ahead with school education and study in engineering, medical and other streams, the state government will bear all the expenses of their education by giving them financial help.
- He said that for the first time in the country, this state has provided 100% scholarship to its children to study abroad for higher education. Some children who went abroad to study abroad at the expense of the state government are doing well by returning to the state with degrees, while some children have even got jobs abroad.
- > School of Excellence Important things related to:
 - The physical structure of 80 excellent schools of the state has been constructed according to the ideal standard and requirement of the school.
 - Library arrangements have been made in 80 excellent schools of the state with modern and all necessary arrangements. Useful books, daily newspapers, books of competitive examinations as well as newspapers have been arranged for the students.



- Science labs are being established in 80 excellent schools of the state to develop interest in science among students and to further scientific thinking among them.
- Smart classes have been arranged along with ICT lab in 80 excellent schools of the state. Through this, students are getting computer education every day and at the same time getting subjectwise special information through e-Cantt.
- O Vocational education in various trades has been started in 80 excellent schools of the state. Its main objective is to further their skills according to their interest in the students so that in the future they can easily pursue their livelihood.
- Principals of 80 schools of excellence Indian Institute of Management, Ranchi and are being trained through 15 teachers have also been trained from Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad.



Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Gifts 21 Road Projects to Jharkhand

Why in News?

On 23 March 2023, Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari gifted Jharkhand 21 road projects built and constructed at a cost of more than Rs 11,400 crore, of which the foundation stone of 18 projects was laid in Ranchi.

Key Points

The inauguration-foundation stone of these projects was-

- ➤ Four lane road from Kudu to Udaipura of Varanasi-Ranchi Economic Corridor, 39 km in length, cost Rs 1423 crore.
- ➤ Four lane road from Udaipur to Bhogu of Varanasi-Ranchi Economic Corridor, 50 km in length, cost Rs 1437 crore.
- Four lane road from Bhogu to Sankha of Varanasi-Ranchi Economic Corridor, 49 km in length, cost Rs 1391 crore.
- ➤ Four lane road from Khajuri to Bidhamganj of Varanasi-Ranchi Economic Corridor,41 km in length, cost Rs 1232 crore.
- Four lane road from Bokaro Jaina to Gola of Raipur-Dhanbad Economic Corridor, 32 km in length, cost Rs 1127 crore.
- Four lane road up to Gola-Ormanjhi of Raipur-Dhanbad Economic Corridor, 28 km in length, cost Rs 1330 crore.
- > Bypass construction of Lohardaga road, 20 km in length, cost Rs 459 crore.
- > Bypass construction of Chatra city 14 km in length, cost Rs 235 crore.
- Construction of a two-lane paved shoulder from Lamta to Gonia, 18 km in length, cost Rs 98 crore.
- Construction of the road from Duari to Roll, 26 km in length, cost Rs 85 crore.
- Construction of railway overbridge between Daltonganj to Rajhara, cost Rs 84 crore.
- Construction of headwater from Kuti Mod (Chainpur) to Hutar via Ramgarh block, 24 km in length, cost Rs 81 crore.
- Construction of Banaso to Burkatta road, 28 km in length, cost Rs 69 crore.
- Mohammadganj to Haidarnagar (Mohammadganj to Dangwar road) via Pansa Aghori road, 17 km in length, cost Rs 62 crore.
- Construction of a two-lane road from Chainpur to Mahuadand Marg (to Dumri), 12 km in length, cost Rs 59 crore.
- > Construction of Gumla to Kolebira road, 47 km in length, cost Rs 57 crore.
- Construction of railway overbridge at Kamta on Gola-Charu Road, cost Rs.35 crore.
- Construction of road connecting NH-33 to Lord Adityanath Temple at Devaltand, 2 km in length, cost Rs 2 crore.



East Zone Junior Hockey Competition

Why in News?

Both women and men teams of Jharkhand have become champions in the East Zone Junior Hockey Championship held at Astroturf Hockey Stadium Birsa College Campus, Khunti under the joint aegis of Hockey Jharkhand and District Administration, Khunti from 19 to 26 March 2023.

Key Points

- In a hockey game between Jharkhand and Mizoram in the women's section, both the teams were tied with two goals each. After this, Jharkhand won the match 2-1 in the penalty shootout.
- Jharkhand team's goalkeeper Anupam Horo was given the player of the match award.
- The men's final was played between Hockey Jharkhand and Hockey Odisha, in which Jharkhand won 3-1.
- Deepak Soreng of the Jharkhand team was given the player of the match award.
- Jharkhand Sports Minister Hafizul Hasan Ansari honored the first, second and third place teams in the competition with medals.
- The third and fourth place women's match was played between Odisha and Bihar, in which Odisha won the match 10-0 and won the bronze medal. Odisha's Supriya Kujur was adjudged player of the match
- ➤ In the men's section, a Hockey match was played between Bengal and Bihar, in which the Bihar team emerged victorious by 3-1. Aman Kumar of Bihar team was adjudged player of the match.

Jharkhand will Soon Have 6 Four-Lane Corridors of International Standard

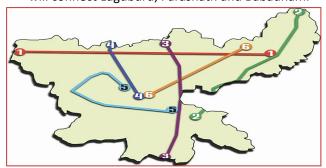
Why in News?

According to information received from the media on March 27, 2023, a plan has been prepared to build a corridor targeting the development of industrial and

tourism areas of Jharkhand, under which six four-lane road corridors will be built by the State Road Construction Department.

Key points

- It is known that all these four-lane corridors will be international level highways, as well as due to the construction of these corridors, those traveling within the state will have to travel less time and less distance, which is likely to make people very comfortable.
- According to the information, 393 km in these. East-West Corridor of 121 km, Eastern Corridor of 121 km, North-South Corridor of 275 km, Central Corridor of 140 km, Tourist Corridor of 270 km and Holi Tourist Corridor of 170 km.
- The state road construction department will give responsibility to experienced and technically skilled consultants to prepare the DPR of all the corridors.
- > The six corridors that have been decided to be constructed, which will provide facilities to the people on different routes, are-
- East-West Corridor: 393 km. From Mudisemar to Dumka via Chatra-Barhi-Bengabad Madhupur-Sarath-Palajori.
- **Eastern Corridor:** 121 km. From Sahibganj to Chandil via Jamtara-Nirsa-Sindri-Chandankyari.
- North-South Corridor: 275 km. From Jhumri Telaiya on NH-2 (Antakidih)- Vishnugarh to Odisha border via Petarvarkasmar-Barlanga-Silli-Radgaonsaraikela-Chaibasa-Jaitgarh.
- Central Corridor: 140 km. From Ranchi to The Border of Dobhi Bihar via Budhmu-Tandwa-Chatra-Hunterganj.
- Tourist Corridor: 270 kms. From Milan Chowk (Silli Rangamati Road) to Chama Mod via Sarjamdih-Tamad-Khunti Govindpursisai-Ghaghra-Netarhat-Garu-Saryu-Latehar-Herhanj-Balumath-McCluskiganj.
- Holi Tourist Corridor: 170 kms. From Ranchi to Deoghar via Ormanjhi-Gola-Rajarappa-Dumri and Giridih. It will connect Luguburu, Parasnath and Babadham.





Jharkhand Government Approved 44 Decisions in Cabinet Meeting

Why in News?

On March 27, 2023, 44 decisions were approved in the Jharkhand cabinet meeting, including construction of Transport Nagar in Ranchi, development of infrastructure to provide internet facility in all block headquarters of Simdega-Khunti, and many other important decisions. Are.

Key points

- ➤ In the cabinet meeting, approval was also given to fix the financial burden of the government in the salary due as a result of the seventh pay revision being given to the workers of the urban local bodies of the state.
- Some other important decisions taken in the meeting of the Council of Ministers are as follows -
 - Administrative approval was given for a total plan of Rs 57,82,58,156/- for Phase-2 of Transport City Construction Scheme on EPC Model in the capital Ranchi.
 - To provide internet facility in the financial year 2022-23, a total expenditure of Rs 84 crore was approved for saturation of all block headquarters of Simdega Khunti and Dumka block of Dumka district as a pilot project under Network Infrastructure Development.
 - Scheduled Tribe, Scheduled Caste, Approval was given to extend the period and operation of Eklavya Model Residential Schools run under the control of Minority and Backward Classes Welfare Department under the State of Jharkhand through NGOs.
 - O Under the control of Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes, Minorities and Backward Classes Welfare Department under the state of Jharkhand, the operation of ashrams, schools/PVTGs, residential primary schools/ scheduled tribe residential primary schools/scheduled caste residential primary schools through non-governmental organizations Approval were given to enter into an agreement for the period, expansion and operation.
 - Approval was granted to transfer partial area of 25.99 acres of land to NTPC North Karanpura Project (NKSTPP), Tandwa for construction of ASH DYKE and WATER RESERVOIR out of the land acquired

- for deep reservoir falling in NTPC North Karanpura Project, Tandwa area.
- O In the first schedule of the Jharkhand Executive Rules, 2000 (as amended from time to time), the work-responsibilities allocated to the Department of Tourism, Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs, National Cadet Corps and Assistant Cadet Corps, in the work responsibility of the Department of School Education and Literacy. The inclusion was approved.
- Administrative approval was given to the Interception & Diversion (I&D) and Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP) project, Ramgarh at a cost of Rs 310.11 crore under 'Namami Gange Yojana'.
- the centrally sponsored scheme Atal Renewal and Urban Transformation Mission 2.0 (AMRUT 2.0), the Technical approved Barki Saraiya Urban Water Supply Project was given administrative approval at a cost of Rs Under 4648.58 lakh.
- Necessary amendments were approved in the Jharkhand Agricultural Subordinate Services (Recruitment and Promotion) Rules, 2013 (as amended from time to time).
- O By amending the Jharkhand State Supply Service Rules, 2013 (as amended from time to time), the Jharkhand State Supply Service (Recruitment, Promotion and Other Service Conditions) Rules, 2023 were approved.

Players of Jharkhand Will Now Get Cash Award Even After Participating in the World Championship

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 28 March 2023, the players of Jharkhand will now be given cash awards for their participation in the World Championship or World Cup. For this, an advertisement has been issued by the Sports Directorate of the state regarding giving cash awards to the players.

Key Points:

> This time, cash prizes are also being given for participation in some competitions. The rules of the



- earlier cash award have been changed, after which the cash award received by the players has also increased.
- It is known that earlier there was no cash award for participation in this event, which is held at an interval of one to two years but now the players will get Rs 1.50 lakh. It will be given to both senior and junior level.
- State players will be given cash prizes for a total of 24 competitions. Cash awards will not be given for only one event in which at least eight countries participate in the international tournament, no cash award will be given to the players for winning any medal in it.
- ➤ A cash award of Rs 50,000 will be given to differentlyabled players for their participation in Special Olympics at the international level.

NABARD made a Credit Plan of 43 thousand crores for Jharkhand

Why in News?

On 29 March 2023, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) organized a State Credit Seminar at Jharkhand Mantralaya Auditorium in Ranchi, in which NABARD presented a state credit plan of Rs. 43,725 crores for Jharkhand in the year 2023-24.

Key Points:

- > This credit scheme is about Rs 9,267 crore more than Rs 34,458 crore for the financial year 2022-23.
- > The theme of the program was 'Proliferation of State Budget with Credit Plan'.
- On this occasion, MS Rao, CGM of NABARD highlighted the importance and purpose of the State Credit Seminar and emphasised the formation of more Farmer Producer Organizations in the state and the

- adoption of hi-tech agriculture by them for the benefit of the farmers. He presented the State Focus Paper on behalf of NABARD.
- ➢ It has been clarified in the state focus paper that in all 24 districts of the state, banks can give loans of Rs 15,000 crore against the state's agricultural loan of Rs 4000 crore. Financial assistance has been increased in several schemes for the farmers, women and youth of the state. By giving priority to this sector, the situation of unemployment, poverty and migration can be controlled.
- ➤ This time, like the central government, the focus of NABARD was seen on micro, small and medium industries. Considering the maximum loan potential of 51% in this sector, a loan proposal of Rs 22071.87 crore has been made in micro, small and medium industries.





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