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16 Policemen Including Even IPS Officers of Jharkhand Will Receive the Home Minister's Special Operations Medal'

Why In News?

On October 31, 2023, a notification was issued by the Union Home Ministry regarding awarding the Union Home Minister Vishisht Abhiyan Medal-2023 to 16 policemen including seven IPS officers of Jharkhand.

Key Points:

- 16 policemen including seven IPS from Jharkhand will be given this medal for 'Operation Octopus'.
- It may be noted that 'Operation Octopus' was conducted against the Naxalites on Budha Pahad surrounded by Latehar and Garhwa districts from August 18, 2022 to February 1, 2023, which was quite successful.
- The seven IPS officers nominated for the medal include Jharkhand ADG (Operations) Sanjay Anandrao Lathkar, IG (Operations) Amol Venukant Homkar, IG Palamu Rajkumar Lakra, DIG Ranchi Anup Birathre (then SIB DIG), Special Branch SP Shivani Tiwari (currently on central deputation), Latehar SP Anjani Anjan and then Garhwa SP Anjani Kumar Jha (Currently SP ACB).
- The police personnel nominated for the medal include Assistant Commandant Kamlesh Kumar, Inspector Satyendra Kumar Singh, SI Gautam Kumar, SI Manohar Ram, SI Jamil Ansari, Second in Command Vivekanand Singh, Head Constable Rajkumar Oraon, Constable Ratan Kumar Yadav and Constable Vishnu Shankar.



Jharkhand National Film Festival

Why In News?

The fourth edition of Jharkhand National Film Festival started in Jamshedpur, the district headquarters of East Singhbhum, on November 1, 2023, which will continue till November 7.

Key Points:

- Festival patron Purvi Ghosh said that about 200 films from India and abroad came to this film festival, out of which 60 films were selected for screening. These 60 films will be shown within 7 days.
- He informed that the film award ceremony will be organized at XLRI Tata Auditorium Bistupur on 7th November.
- Bollywood actress and 'Ram Teri Ganga Maili' actress Mandakini and Jharkhand's folk singer Padmashree Mukund Nayak will also be present at the award ceremony.
- Best Film, Best Actor and Best Actress awards will be distributed at the Cine Awards ceremony. Tribal fashion show will be organized during this period. In this, tribal girls of Jharkhand will catwalk on the ramp in traditional outfits. At the same time, cine artistes of Jharkhand will also get a chance to share the stage in the festival.



Note:

Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy: India End League Stage at Number 1

Why In News?

On November 2, 2023, the Indian women's hockey team registered its fifth consecutive win by defeating Korea 5-0 in the ongoing Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy at The Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Astroturf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi and ended their campaign in the group stage by finishing number one in the points table.

Key Points:

- For hosts India, Salima Tete scored in the sixth and 36th minutes, while Navneet Kaur also scored in the 36th minute. Apart from them, Vandana Kataria scored the team's fourth goal in the 49th minute, while Neha scored the fifth goal in the 60th minute.
- Apart from India, teams from China, Japan and Korea also managed to make it to the semi-finals. In the semi-finals, India will now face Korea, while Japan will face China.
- Earlier, in the first match of the day, Malaysia defeated Thailand 2-0. For Malaysia, Noor Muhammad (25th minute) and Noor Yousseni (52nd) scored goals.
- In the second match, China defeated Japan 1-0. China's lone goal was scored by Bingfeng Jiu in the eighth minute. China finished the league stage with nine points from five matches with three wins and two losses.
- Thailand did not win a single match in five matches and lost in five.
- Malaysia finished the league stage at number five with four points from five matches with one win, one draw and three losses. Malaysia and Thailand did not make it to the semi-finals and were eliminated.
- A total of six teams participated in this tournament being played on the basis of round robin league stage. These included teams from China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia and Thailand besides hosts India. After the league stage, the top-4 teams of the points table qualified for the semi-finals.
- India are looking for their first title since 2016, while the Indian team has won silver medals in 2013 and 2018.



India Won the Title of Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy-2023

Why In News?

On November 5, 2023, India defeated Japan 4-0 in the final match of the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy-2023 held at The Jaipal Singh Munda Astroturf Hockey Stadium in Ranchi.

Key Points:

- Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren reached the stadium to watch the final match between India and Japan and encouraged the women players.
- The Indian women's hockey team continued its winning streak and won the gold medal for the second time in the Jharkhand Women's Asian Champions Trophy Ranchi-2023 by winning the final match. After winning the gold medal, each player of the Indian team will get a prize money of Rs 3 lakh and each support staff will get Rs 1.5 lakh.
- In this match, the Indian team took a 1-0 lead by the end of half time. Sangeeta Kumari scored the goal for India in the 17th minute. In the second half, Neha scored the second goal for the hosts in the 46th minute, the third goal was scored by Lalremsiami in the 57th minute and the fourth and final goal was scored by Vandana Katariya in the 60th minute.
- In the bronze medal match, China defeated Korea 2-1 to win the bronze medal. Korea finished fourth, Malaysia fifth and Thailand sixth.
- This was India's seventh consecutive win in seven matches in this edition. For the Indian team, Sangeeta Kumari scored the highest six goals in the tournament while China's Jiaqi Zhong was the top scorer with seven goals.
- In the first semi-final, Japan defeated China 2-1, while in the second semi-final, India defeated Korea 2-0 to enter the final.

Note:



Abua Bir Dishom Campaign

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on November 6, 2023, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren started the 'Abu Bir Dishom Campaign' to give land lease to the people living in the forest area under the 'Forest Rights Act-2005' by playing drums at the Project Bhawan in Ranchi. .

Key Points:

- It should be noted that Jharkhand has 30% forest area. At the same time, other states have less forest area, but they are far ahead in granting forest rights lease.
- For the first time in Jharkhand, a massive campaign will be launched to give forest pattas to the landless. Those who live in forests and protect forests, animals and vegetation will get rights and on 29th December, on the fourth anniversary of the government, forest rights leases will be provided to tribals and those dependent on forests.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister and the guests also inaugurated the promotional material, app and website of 'Abu Bir Dishome Campaign'.



Amrit Bharat Station Scheme

Why In News?

On November 6, 2023, Deputy General Manager of South Eastern Railway, Pankaj Kumar Gupta said that Piska Railway Station of Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, has been selected under the 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme'.

Key Points:

- A 12 metre wide foot over bridge, lift with good roof and many other modern facilities will be provided at Piska railway station.
- What is the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme?
 - Under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme, railway stations will be redeveloped in different states of the country. Under this scheme, 1309 stations in the country are to be redeveloped, which includes 83 stations in Rajasthan, 87 in Gujarat, 80 in Madhya Pradesh and 34 in Haryana.
 - However, in the first phase work will be done only on 508 stations. The government will spend approximately Rs 24470 crore on their redevelopment.



Note:

Eastern India's Largest Butterfly Park Inaugurated in Ormanjhi

Why In News?

On November 7, 2023, L. Khyangte, Additional Chief Secretary, Jharkhand Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department, inaugurated the largest butterfly park of Eastern India at Lord Birsa Biological Park (Birsa Zoo) of Ormanjhi under the aegis of Jharkhand Zoo Authority, Ranchi. Is,

Key Points:

- On this occasion, Additional Chief Secretary L. Khyangte also released a book related to the butterfly park.
- This butterfly park, newly constructed at a cost of Rs 2 crore on 20 acres, has more than 80 species of butterflies. Zoo Authority Most of the species found in Jharkhand like Twin Coaster, Sergeant, Bush Brown, Baronet, Plain Tigers, Lemon Pansy, Common Sailor and others have been kept in the park.
- A favorable environment was created in the park so that butterflies could develop naturally. To protect them from birds and any other prey, a covered conservatory has also been built in an area of 900 square meters.
- Spread over an area of 104 hectares in Ormanjhi area of Ranchi, Lord Birsa Biological Park (Birsa Zoo) houses about 1,450 animals of 83 species of mammals, reptiles and birds.
- It may be noted that on June 29, 2017, the foundation stone of the butterfly park was laid by the then Chief Minister of Jharkhand and currently the Governor of Odisha, Raghuvar Das, at Bhagwan Birsa Biological Park in Ormanjhi block of Ranchi.



POMS India Chapter Conference-2023

Why In News?

On November 9, 2023, Father S. George, Director of XLRI, an educational institute located in Jamshedpur in East Singhbhum district of Jharkhand, said that POMS India Chapter Conference-2023 will be organized in XLRI from December 4 to 6.

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Key Points:

- Apart from India, more than 300 representatives from USA, UK, China, Colombia and Canada are participating in this three-day international conference.
- In this conference, representatives of almost all the IITs, IIMs, ISB as well as all the business schools of the country are participating, who will present their views on the theme of future vision for sustainable development.
- Around 160 papers will be presented during this period. Along with promoting collaboration between scholars and industry experts in this field, the main focus will be on how major positive changes can be made at the global level through innovation.
- XLRI Director Father S. George said that this international conference is very important not only in terms of supply chain management but also in terms of environmental protection. The conference serves as a global platform for academicians, researchers & practitioners to exchange insights and strategies in production & operations to achieve the Sustainable Development Goals.
- This time, ways to achieve carbon neutrality, increase ESG in supply chain management, ways to deal with crises in supply chain management as well as solutions to various problems through advanced technology will also be discussed.



Asha and Saket won gold with a new record in the Sub Junior National Athletics Championship.

Why in News?

In the 38th National Sub Junior Athletics Championship held in Coimbatore on November 10, 2023, Jharkhand's Asha Kiran Barla won the gold medal with a new national record and Saket Minj won the gold medal with a new record.

Key Points

- In the National Sub Junior Athletics Championship, Asha Kiran Barla of Gumla, Jharkhand has won the

gold medal with a new national record by completing the 800 meter race in 2:04:12 minutes. Asha has received the best athlete award in the under-20 category of this competition.



- At the same time, Saket Minj of Ranchi won the gold medal in 300 meters with a new record of 34.72 seconds.
- In this competition, athletes from Jharkhand have won four gold, four silver and three bronze medals.
- Savita Murmu of Jamtara won gold medal in Javelin Throw and Vishal Kumar of Ranchi SAI won gold medal in Boys Under-20 Triple Jump.
- Mamta Mary Murmu of East Singhbhum won the 60 meter event of Girls Under-14, 10 km. Roshan of Bokaro won silver medal in race walk, Himanshu of East Singhbhum in long jump and Anit Oraon of Gumla won silver medal in triathlon.
- Apart from these, Aneet Oraon won bronze medal in Under-14 60 meters, Preeti Lakra of Hazaribagh won bronze medal in triple jump and Anuj Bakhala of Gumla won bronze medal in 600 meters.
- Asha Kiran Barla also won a gold medal in the 37th National Junior Athletics Championship held in Guwahati, Assam in the year 2022. Asha Kiran Barla won a gold medal at the 21st National Federation Cup Junior Under-20 Athletics Championships held in Tiruvannamalai city of Tamil Nadu in April 2023 and a gold medal of 2.06.79 minutes in the 800 meters of the Asian Youth Under-18 Athletics Championships held in Kuwait in October 2022.



Note:

Prime Minister will launch 'PM-PVTG Development Mission' in Khunti on 15th November

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on November 10, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch 'PM-PVTG Development Mission' in Khunti district on 'Tribal Pride Day' (Birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda) on November 15.

Key Points

- The PM-PVTG Development Mission program aims to improve the socio-economic status of Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs). For this, availability of Rs 15,000 crore for Scheduled Tribes has been envisaged in the Union Budget.
- The mission includes providing basic facilities like safe housing, clean drinking water and sanitation, education, health and nutrition, better access to roads in settlements for backward scheduled tribes.
- **Prime Minister PVTG Development Mission:**
 - It may be noted that Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman had announced 'Pradhan Mantri PVTG Development Mission' under the Union Budget 2023-24 on February 1, 2023.
 - The Central Government has allocated Rs 15,000 crore under the 'Development Action Plan for Scheduled Tribes' to implement this mission in the next three years.
- **Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) :**
 - The Ministry of Home Affairs has classified 75 tribal groups in 18 states of the country and the Union Territory of Andaman and Nicobar Islands as Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).
 - PVTGs are the most vulnerable among the tribal groups. In 1975, the Government of India took the initiative to identify the most vulnerable tribal groups as a separate category called **PVTGs**.
 - Initially 52 tribal groups were classified as PVTGs. In the year 1993, 23 additional tribal groups were included in this category, due to which there are currently 75 tribal groups under PVTG.
 - Of the 75 listed PVTGs, the highest number are found in Odisha (13), followed by Andhra Pradesh (12).

'Khelo Jharkhand 2023-24'

Why in News?

Recently, the state level Khelo Jharkhand 2023-24 competition was concluded by the School Education and Literacy Department of Jharkhand under the aegis of Jharkhand Education Project Council with the conclusion of the swimming competition at Veer Budhu Bhagat Stadium in Khelgaon, Ranchi.

Key Points

- In this state level Khelo Jharkhand 2023-24 competition, about 15,000 children from all the districts of the state participated in 29 different sports at the state level in the under 14, 17 and 19 age groups of boys and girls.
- Under Khelo Jharkhand 2023-24, the selection of games and players was done at the school level. While 35,000 schools participated at the school level, more than 40 lakh children across all divisions of the state participated in various sports and ensured their participation at the district and state levels.
- Among the various sports played under Khelo Jharkhand 2023-24, more than two thousand children participated at the state level in sports like Kabaddi, Kho-Kho and Athletics.
- Now a 21-day special training camp is being organized for the selected children in all categories.



Note:

Inauguration of Jharkhand Pavilion in 42nd Indian International Trade Fair

Why in News?

During the 42nd Indian International Trade Fair, spanning 14 days and commencing on November 14, 2023, Champai Soren, the Minister for Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, and Backward Class Welfare cum Transport in Jharkhand, inaugurated the Jharkhand Pavilion by offering worship to Lord Birsa Munda at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi.

Key Points

- It may be noted that this is the second big event at Pragati Maidan in Delhi after the G-20 Summit. This year the theme of the fair is 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'.
- Jharkhand state is participating in this fair as a focus state. In the fair, 20 stalls of regional products have been set up in the pavilion built by the Directorate of Industries (Jharkhand). In this, people will be able to exhibit and purchase goods made in Jharkhand.
- Apart from this, stalls of about 14 departments of Jharkhand government have also been set up, in which people will be able to get information about the department and schemes.



Gift of schemes worth Rs 7042 crore on Jharkhand Foundation Day

Why in News

In a program organised at Morhabadi, Ranchi on the 23rd Foundation Day of Jharkhand on November 15, 2023, Governor C.P. Radhakrishnan and Chief Minister Hemant Soren inaugurated schemes worth Rs 7042 crore, laid the foundation stone, launched new policies, distributed assets among the beneficiaries, gave offer letters to the youth and rewarded the players.

Key Points

- The Governor and the Chief Minister gifted 906 schemes worth Rs 7042 crore to the people of the state. Gave offer letters to 18034 youth, showed the way to make the beneficiaries strong and self-reliant by distributing assets worth Rs 260 crore and honoured the achievements of the players by rewarding them.
- Under the Jharkhand State Sports Promotion Policy, the Chief Minister congratulated the players who won medals for Jharkhand in the 37th National Games, the players of Jharkhand who were part of the Indian women's team that won the gold medal in the Jharkhand Asian Women's Championship Trophy and the players of Jharkhand who made records at the international and national level. 70 players were honoured with cash prizes.
- The Chief Minister launched many schemes and policies including 'Aapki Yojana-Aapki Sarkar Aapke Dwar' program, 'Abua Awas Yojana' and 'Mukhyamantri Gram Gaadi Yojana'.
- The Chief Minister launched the 'Abua Awas Yojana'. Under this scheme, housing will be provided to houseless families in rural areas of the state and families living in kutcha and dilapidated houses.
 - Under this scheme, houses will be provided to 8 lakh people in the next 3 years. In this, 2 lakh houses will be built in the year 2023-24, 3 lakh 50 thousand in 2024-25 and 2 lakh 50 thousand in 2025-26. A provision of Rs 16,320 crore has been made for this.
- The Chief Minister gave the gift of 'Mukhyamantri Gram Gadi Yojana' to the people. Under this scheme, people living in rural areas, remote tribal areas and

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foothills will be provided easy transport services for commuting to Panchayat, Block, Sub-Division and District Headquarters.

- Under this scheme, senior citizens, students, disabled, HIV infected, women covered by widow pension by the state government and Jharkhand agitators recognized by the state government will get free bus transport service.
- Chief Minister Hemant Soren launched four new policies to promote enterprise, entrepreneurs and investment in the state. These include MSME Promotion Policy-2023, Jharkhand Startup Policy-2023, Jharkhand IT, Data Center and BPO Investment Promotion Policy-2023 and Jharkhand Export Policy-2023.



Prime Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of projects worth about Rs 7,200 crore in Jharkhand

Why in News

On November 15, 2023, the birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda and the 23rd Foundation Day of Jharkhand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and inaugurate several development projects worth Rs 7200 crore in various sectors like rail, road, education, coal, petroleum and natural gas in Jharkhand.

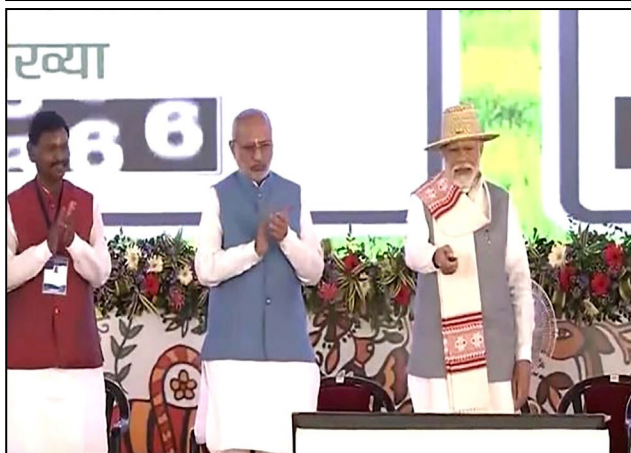
Key Points

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Vikas Bharat Yatra' from Khunti in Jharkhand to ensure completion of major government schemes.
- The projects worth Rs 7200 crore inaugurated by Prime Minister Modi include the new campus of Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Ranchi, a new hostel of IIT-ISM Dhanbad, Petroleum, Oil and Lubricant (POL) Depot in Bokaro and Hatia-Pakara. Talgaria-Bokaro

Note:

and Jarangdih-Patratu sections involve doubling of railway tracks.

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi also released the 15th instalment of more than Rs 18,000 crore under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)** scheme to more than 8 crore beneficiary farmers across the country from Khunti in Jharkhand. The Prime Minister transferred the amount digitally at the press of a button.
 - Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN) is one of the world's largest Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) schemes aimed at helping farmers meet their agricultural and other emergency needs.
 - Under the scheme, financial assistance of Rs 6,000 per year is transferred to the beneficiary farmers in three equal installments through DBT.
- On this occasion, the Prime Minister launched 'PM Jayanti Adivasi Nyay Maha Abhiyan', an initiative with a budget of Rs 24,000 crore. The objective of this campaign is to ensure overall development of tribal groups.



Deoghar Airport Becomes the First Airport in the Country to Land Commercial Aircraft in Low Visibility

Why in News?

On November 16, 2023, DGCA issued a press release stating that Deoghar Airport has become the first airport in the country to land a commercial aircraft even in a visibility of just 3200 meters. Special VFR operations are being started for commercial flights for the first time from Deoghar Airport.



Key Points

- According to DGCA, special VFR operations mark a paradigm shift in airline service, which will eliminate the problem of flight delays and cancellations due to low visibility. It will also pave the way for increasing connectivity for other such small airfields, which will also give a boost to the UDAN project.
- Now A-320 aircraft with a capacity of 180 passengers will be able to land easily at Deoghar Airport in visibility of 3200 meters. There will also be take off visibility of 3600 meters. Also, ATR-72 aircraft with a capacity of 78 passengers will be able to land in a visibility of 2800 meters and take off in a visibility of 3200 meters.
- It may be noted that the plane was not able to land at Deoghar Airport in the first five thousand visibility, due to which many flights were cancelled. Now special VFR operations are being started for commercial flights for the first time.
- Control zone and approach control unit were established at Deoghar for VFR operation. During this period, special training was given to pilots and ATC officers. After the training, the aircraft was trialled in low visibility at Deoghar Airport without passengers to establish procedures and coordination between airline operators, pilots, ATC and Air Force. After finding this trial completely satisfactory, DGCA has approved landing and takeoff special VFR at Deoghar Airport.

Note:



Now in Jharkhand, Buying and Selling of CNT Land Can be Done on the Basis of District and Police Station Area of 1950

Why in News?

In the meeting of the Tribal Advisory Council (TAC) chaired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren on November 16, 2023, under the CNT Act, the districts and police stations that existed within the state on January 26, 1950, will be considered as districts and police stations. Under Section 46, approval was given for the purchase and sale of land.

Key Points

- It may be noted that in 1950, there were only 7 districts in the Jharkhand region of undivided Bihar. Santhal Pargana, Hazaribagh, Ranchi, Palamu, Manbhum, Dhanbad and Singhbhum. If the government moves forward on the TAC proposal, then after the division of these districts, people of the districts will also be able to purchase land in different districts as per the provisions of the CNT Act.
- Presently 24 districts have been formed by dividing these districts. In such a situation, the scope of buying and selling of land between SC and OBC categories under CNT will increase.
- What can happen next in the case of CNT Act-
 - The TAC can prepare a unanimous proposal after taking opinion from legal experts and send it to the state government.
 - The TAC will not refer the matter to the Governor, as the Governor is separated from the TAC.

- Under the Fifth Schedule, the custodian of the TAC is the Governor, but the state government has prepared new rules.
- If the government makes any amendment in the CNT Act, it will have to be passed by the Assembly. It can be given concrete shape only after it is passed by the Assembly.



Lithium Reserves Found in Koderma District of Jharkhand

Why In News?

On November 18, 2023, Director General of Geological Survey of India (GSI) Janardan Prasad told in a press conference that reserves of the mineral 'lithium', which is called the treasure of the future, have been found in Koderma district. This has been confirmed in the preliminary investigation by GSI.

Key Points:

- GSI Director General Janardan Prasad told in the press conference that Koderma has reserves of lithium along with mica. Now by digging the G-3 level it will be possible to know in detail the quantity of lithium present here.
- He said that dependence on batteries is going to increase in the country by 2050. Lithium is the most important element for this. Therefore, focus is being placed on the discovery of lithium. Lithium reserves have been discovered in Jammu. There is also a possibility of lithium reserves in Bhilwara in Rajasthan and Nellore in Andhra Pradesh.

Note:

- The Director General said that China has the technology for extraction of lithium. He has a monopoly on this. Therefore, MoU will be signed with many other institutes including GSI Dhanbad, Sifar, IIT ISM and other IITs, the Government of India will also fund the digging institutes.
- The Director General said that gold mines have been detected at two places in Tamar. In the past also, two gold mines have been discovered in Jharkhand. The state government will get the most benefit from getting minerals in the form of revenue. Employment will be created in the respective areas.

Diamonds will be discovered in the River Beds of Jharkhand

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on November 18, 2023, diamonds will be discovered in the sediments of many rivers in Ranchi and Palamu divisional districts of Jharkhand. The Ministry of Mines of the Central Government has approved this project.

Key Points:

- It may be noted that the Geological Survey of India has prepared this project in 2019. For this, the map of 'Diamond River' of Jharkhand and other information in the books of dozens of world famous authors, from 'Jahangirnama' of Mughal rule till 1917, has been made the basis.
- The map released in French traveler JB Trevernier's India travelogue book will also be explored near Diamond River in Chhotanagpur. For this, survey of rivers of many districts including Ranchi, Gumla, Simdega, Lohardaga, Latehar, especially Koel and Shankh rivers will be conducted.
- Those places along the banks of the river where insects, wasps and termites are found from the ground have been included in it. Besides, wherever other minerals are being extracted on a large scale in the state, a survey will also be conducted.
- Jahangirnama's translator Munshi Devi Prasad and other translator Brajratnadas told that both small and big diamonds are found on the banks of Shankh river in Ranchi. Dr. Mathuralal Sharma, translator of 'Tuzuk-e-Jahangiri' has also confirmed this.

- H Kupalen has written in Bengal District Gazetteer Manbhum that there was diamond in the jurisdiction of Nagvanshis. Whereas, MG Halit in Bihar District Gazetteer Ranchi has mentioned the presence of diamonds in the alluvium of Shankh river of Ranchi.
- Similarly, Prof. John Dowson, in his book 'The History of India as told by its own historian', has mentioned that both small and big diamonds were found on the banks of Shankh River in Jharkhand.
- Apart from this, Colonel Dalton's book 'Ethnology of Bengal', JB Trevinier's book 'Tribals in India', CF George's book 'What a Dictionary of the Economic Product of India', V Bal's book 'The Diamonds, Coal and Gold of India'. There are such mentions in 'India' etc also.



Aapki Yojana, Aapki Sarkar, Aapke Dwar Program Started in Barhet

Why In News?

On November 24, 2023, Chief Minister Hemant Soren launched the Panchayat level Aapki Yojana, Aapki Sarkar, Aapke Dwar program from Gopaladih in Barhet, Sahebganj. This program will be organized in panchayats across the state till December 26, 2023.

Key Points:

- 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.

Note:

- This program is being organized for the third time. On the occasion of completion of 2 years of the state government, the program 'Aapki Adhikar-Aapki Sarkar Aapke Dwar' was organized for the first time.
- In the camps organized at Panchayat and Ward level, benefits of new schemes like Abu Awas Yojana, Birsa Irrigation Well Scheme, matters related to community and individual forest lease, Guruji Student Credit Card Scheme will be given.
- Apart from this, necessary amendments in caste, income, birth, death, disability certificate, matters related to land, Ayushman card, matters related to socio-economic basic needs of common people, Sarvajan Pension Scheme, Savitri Bai Phule Kishori Samridhi Yojana, farmers Other work including credit card scheme, registration of migrant workers on the Shramadhar portal under the Labor Department, amendment/correction in revenue records, amendment in Aadhaar and ration cards, redressal of complaints related to electricity bills will be executed.
- Under this program, cash transfer or check will be distributed to the students for bicycles. Besides, benefits of other schemes including distribution of old or newly created forest leases under Birsa Irrigation Well Augmentation Scheme, Chief Minister Employment Generation Scheme, Chief Minister Livestock Development Scheme, Abua Bir Dishom Abhiyan will be provided.
- 'Kalyan Manch' will be set up in each camp, through which benefits/assets related to the schemes will be distributed to the beneficiaries in the camp itself. I-cards and dhoti/saree/lungi and blankets will be distributed among self-help group/cluster members.
- It is noteworthy that on the instructions of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, who is sensitive to the rights of the people, the 'Aapki Yojana, Aapki Sarkar, Aapke Dwar' program was launched on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda and Jharkhand State Foundation Day (15 November).



CM gifts 181 Schemes worth Rs 151.81 Cr in Pakur District

Why In News?

On November 25, 2023, Chief Minister Hemant Soren has gifted 118 schemes worth Rs 153 crore 81 lakh to the people of Pakur in the third phase of 'Aapki Yojana Aapki Sarkar Aapke Dwar' program.

Key Points:

- The Chief Minister inaugurated 21 schemes constructed at a cost of Rs 66 crore 76 lakh 20 thousand and also laid the foundation stone of 97 schemes. Rs 87 crore 4 lakh 80 thousand will be spent on these schemes. In this way, the people of Pakur got the gift of 118 schemes worth Rs 153 crore 81 lakh.
- The Chief Minister said that by providing assets worth Rs 126 crore 94 lakh 50 thousand to the beneficiaries of various schemes, the path has been paved for their empowerment and becoming self-reliant.
- The Chief Minister said that through the program 'Aapki Yojana, Aapki Sarkar Aapke Dwar', the voice and vision of the government has reached every village and lakhs of people got their rights.
- He said the state government will provide housing to 8 lakh families, as well as distribute food grains to an additional 20 lakh green ration card holders.
- The Chief Minister said that until the age of widows was 40 years and the age of disabled people was more than 18 years, they were not linked to the pension scheme, but the government has eliminated all these obligations by implementing the Universal Pension Scheme. Today all eligible persons are getting the benefits of Universal Pension Scheme.



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Pakur and Godda Lag Behind in Every Household Tap Water Scheme.

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on November 29, 2023, Pakur and Godda districts of Jharkhand are among the most backward districts of the country under the 'Har Ghar Nal Jal Yojana' under the 'Jal Jeevan Mission'.

Key Points:

- In Pakur district of Jharkhand, only 11.33 per cent households have access to tap water. The total number of houses here is 2,26,943, while so far only 25,711 houses have been provided with tap water.
- In Jharkhand's Godda district, only 18.23 percent households have access to tap water. The total number

of houses here is 3,02,773, while so far only 55,200 houses have been provided with tap water.

- Under this scheme, the progress of Simdega district of Jharkhand has reached close to the national average. Here 70.88 percent of the houses have access to tap water. The total number of households here is 1,30,075, out of which 92,196 households have access to pure drinking water.
- According to the data received so far, the progress of Har Ghar Jal Yojana in the country is 71.07 percent, while Jharkhand is 25 percent behind the national average. So far, only about 46 percent of the households have been provided with pure drinking water.
- Even now, 54 percent of the state's population depends on chapakals, wells, rivers and other natural sources for water.
- The state government has been able to provide piped water to 28.33 lakh households out of 61.76 lakh houses.
- However, in the current financial year, work has been done very fast in Jharkhand. During the last eight months, pure drinking water has been provided to about 7.91 lakh households.
- Significantly, the 'Jal Jeevan Mission Scheme' was started by the Central Government in the year 2019.



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