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Chero Archers of Palamau

Why in News?

The Jharkhand franchise in the upcoming **Archery Premier League (APL)** has been named **Chero Archers**, honoring the martial traditions and resistance legacy of the **Chero tribe of Palamau**.

- 💡 The APL, scheduled from 2nd–12th October, features teams like Prithviraj Yodhas, Kakatiya Knights, Mighty Marathas, Rajputana Royals, and Chola Chiefs, **blending modern sports with India's martial heritage**.

Key Points

- 💡 **Historical Background:** The Cheros rose to prominence in present-day Bihar and Jharkhand after the decline of the **Pala Empire (12th–13th century)**.
 - ✦ They later settled in **Palamau (western Jharkhand)**, where their bows became a symbol of tribal resilience.
 - ✦ Known for resisting both **Mughal imperial armies** and later the **British East India Company**, the Cheros consistently used guerrilla tactics from their forested strongholds.
- 💡 **Key Figures & Events:**
 - ✦ **Sahbal Rai (17th century):** A contemporary of **Jahangir**, who disrupted Mughal supply lines along the **Grand Trunk Road (1613)**.
 - 📌 Captured and forced to fight a tiger before the Emperor, where he died—earning lasting tribal reverence.
 - ✦ **Medini Rai (Chero Napoleon):** The **most celebrated** Chero leader; Medininagar in Jharkhand is named after him.
 - 📌 Led resistance against **Aurangzeb's generals** like Daud Khan and Sha'ista Khan in 1660.
 - 📌 Praised by historian W.W. Hunter for his hardy archers.
 - ✦ **18th Century Resistance:** In 1730, Chero arrows scattered Mughal forces under Muazzam Khan in Palamau.

- 📌 Later, Fakhruddaula settled for an uneasy tributary arrangement with them.

- ✦ **Against the British:** In 1771, **Chitrajit Rai's Cheros defied Captain Jacob Camac** with bows and arrows.

- 📌 Their resistance continued with mini-insurrections between 1817–1857.

- ✦ **Revolt of 1857:** The **Chero brothers Nilamber and Pitamber** spearheaded tribal uprisings against the British alongside the Santals.

- 💡 **Cultural Significance of Bows & Arrows:** For the Cheros, archery was not just a skill but a **way of life**, where **both men and women participated in warfare** and cultural practices like hunting and river-diving, with their simple bent bows symbolizing a heroic resistance against the stronger foes.

Phulo-Jhano Scheme

Why in News?

A **Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS)** review meeting in Chaibasa, chaired by **Deputy Development Commissioner (DDC)**, reviewed Phulo Jhano Aashirvad Abhiyan progress and livelihood activities in West Singhbhum.

Phulo Jhano Aashirvad Abhiyan (PJAA)

- 💡 **About:** The PJAA aims to end the practice of **making and selling haria (country liquor)** in rural areas.
 - ✦ Launched by the Rural Development Department in **September 2020**, it empowers women by providing them with dignified and sustainable livelihood opportunities.
- 💡 **Purpose and Vision:** The initiative seeks to rehabilitate and mainstream women previously engaged in the liquor trade by providing them with **respectable and sustainable income sources**.
 - ✦ The campaign is designed to promote **economic independence, social inclusion, and women empowerment** at the grassroots level.

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💡 **Support Mechanism:** Under this initiative, **Self-Help Group (SHG)** members are entrusted with reaching every affected household and ensuring necessary support.

- ✦ **Interest-free loan up to ₹10,000** through *Sakhi Mandal* to start new ventures.
- ✦ The scheme provides technical support, handholding, and counselling to help women shift from liquor production to sustainable livelihoods.

💡 **Achievements:**

- ✦ **Total women identified:** 15,284 (through door-to-door survey)
- ✦ **Women rehabilitated:** 14,003 women now earning a dignified livelihood through alternative income-generating activities.

Workshop on Filariasis Eradication

Why in News?

Under the **Filariasis Eradication Campaign**, a health awareness workshop was organized at **Arogya Ayushman Mandir, Chandkopa**.

💡 The event focused on educating villagers about the prevention, symptoms, and treatment of **lymphatic filariasis**, a mosquito-borne disease affecting thousands across endemic regions.

Key Facts About Lymphatic Filariasis

- 💡 **About:** Lymphatic filariasis (elephantiasis), is a **neglected tropical disease (NTD)** caused by infection with filarial parasites transmitted through mosquitoes.
- 💡 **Prevalence:** In 2021, approximately **882.5 million people in 44 countries** lived in areas requiring preventive chemotherapy to halt the spread of infection.
 - ✦ 75% of Mass Drug Administration (MDA) districts are from 5 states Bihar, Jharkhand, UP, Odisha and Telangana.

💡 **Cause:** It is caused by infection with **parasites classified as nematodes (roundworms)** of the family **Filarioididea**. There are 3 types of these thread-like filarial worms:

- ✦ *Wuchereria bancrofti* (responsible for 90% of the cases)
- ✦ *Brugia malayi* (causes most of the remainder of the cases)
- ✦ *Brugia timori* (which also causes the disease)

💡 **Symptoms:** Most infections remain asymptomatic, but chronic cases cause **lymphoedema, elephantiasis, and hydrocele**, leading to disability and social stigma.

💡 **Treatment and Prevention:** The **WHO-recommended Mass Drug Administration (MDA)** provides annual preventive chemotherapy to at-risk populations to interrupt transmission.

💡 **Global and National Initiatives:** The **Global Programme to Eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis (GPELF)**, launched in 2000, aims for elimination through preventive chemotherapy and morbidity management by **2030**.

- ✦ India's **Mission Mode MDA Campaign**, aligned with **National Deworming Day (Feb 10 & Aug 10)**, targets **elimination by 2027**, three years ahead of the global goal.

PM Vishwakarma Scheme

Why in News?

A one-day training and awareness programme on the PM Vishwakarma Scheme was held in Karmatand, Jharkhand, where 163 individuals received hands-on training.

💡 The initiative aims to empower traditional artisans through skill development, financial support, and integration with modern marketing tools.

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Key Points

- 💡 **Skill Development Focus:** Each participant received ₹15,000 for the training programme, including ₹500/day as an incentive.
 - ✦ The five-day training aimed to upgrade skills of traditional artisans in various trades under the 18 recognized trades in the scheme.
- 💡 **Financial Assistance:** First loan installment of ₹1 lakh at a subsidized 5% interest rate helps trained artisans scale operations or start micro-enterprises with minimal credit risk.

PM Vishwakarma Scheme

- 💡 **Launch Year:** 2023
- 💡 **Type of Scheme:** Central Sector Scheme
- 💡 **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME)
- 💡 **Eligibility:** Traditional artisans and craftsmen (above 18 years of age) engaged in 18 identified trades.
- 💡 **Benefits:**
 - ✦ **Registration & Recognition:** Get Vishwakarma Certificate and ID Card.
 - ✦ **Credit Support:**
 - 📎 Collateral-free loans of ₹1 lakh and ₹2 lakh.
 - 📎 5% interest rate (Govt. gives 8% subsidy).
 - 📎 No credit guarantee fee (Govt. pays it).
 - ✦ **Skill Upgradation:** 5-day basic training and 15+ days advanced training; ₹500 daily stipend during training.
 - ✦ **Toolkit Incentive:** ₹15,000 via DBT or e-vouchers for tools.
 - ✦ **Other Benefits:** Digital inclusion, market linkages, and business support.
- 💡 **Target:** Uplift and integrate artisans and craftsmen into the formal economy.
- 💡 **Total Outlay:** Rs 13,000 crore for 5 years 2023-24 to 2027-28.

Low Patient Turnout at Ayushman Arogya Mandirs

Why in News?

Ayushman Arogya Mandirs operating under the National AYUSH Mission in Barharwa block, Jharkhand, are **witnessing low patient footfall**. Despite free treatment services, the centers are **underutilized due to a lack of awareness, inadequate infrastructure, a shortage of doctors and staff**, and the unavailability of essential medicines.

Ayushman Arogya Mandirs (AAMs)

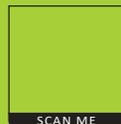
- 💡 **About:** AAM is an attempt to move from a selective approach to health care to deliver a comprehensive range of services spanning preventive, promotive, curative, rehabilitative and palliative care.
- 💡 **Components:** It has two components that are complementary to each other.
 - ✦ **Under its first component, 1,50,000 Ayushman Arogya Mandir will be created** to deliver Comprehensive Primary Health Care, which is universal and free to users, with a focus on wellness and the delivery of an expanded range of services closer to the community.
 - ✦ **The second component is the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY)** which provides **health insurance cover of Rs. 5 lakhs per year to over 10 crore poor and vulnerable families** for seeking secondary and tertiary care.
- 💡 **Significance:** AAMs are envisaged to deliver an expanded range services that **go beyond Maternal and child health care services** to include care for non-communicable diseases, palliative and rehabilitative care, Oral, Eye and ENT care, mental health and first-level care for emergencies and trauma, **including free essential drugs and diagnostic services.**

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National AYUSH Mission (NAM)

- 💡 **About:** It is a **Centrally Sponsored scheme** which was approved and notified in **2014**.
- 💡 **Objective:** The basic objective of NAM is to promote AYUSH Medical Systems through **cost-effective AYUSH Services**, strengthening of educational systems, facilitate the enforcement of quality control of **Ayurveda, Siddha, and Unani & Homeopathy (ASU & H Drugs)** and sustainable availability of ASU & H raw- materials.

19th Death Anniversary of Kanshi Ram Ji

Why in News?

The **19th Parinirvan Diwas (death anniversary)** of Kanshi Ram, founder of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP), was commemorated on 9th October 2025, at Ambedkar Club in Latani, Dhanbad.

Kanshi Ram Ji

- 💡 **Birth & Early Life:** Born on **15th March 1934, in Punjab**, he dedicated his life to uplifting the marginalized sections of society and **empowering the Bahujan Samaj**.

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- ✦ From an early age, he displayed a deep sense of empathy and compassion towards the plight of oppressed communities.
- ✦ He recognized the **inherent inequalities perpetuated by the caste system** and resolved to challenge the status quo through organized political action.
- 💡 **Founding of BSP:** In 1984, he founded the **Bahujan Samaj Party** with the objective of uniting the Bahujan Samaj, **comprising Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, and Religious Minorities**, into a formidable political force.
 - ✦ His vision was to provide a platform for the marginalized sections of society to **assert their rights and demand their rightful place in the socio-political landscape of India**.
- 💡 **Other Key Organisations:** He also founded the All India Backward and Minority Communities Employees Federation (**BAMCEF**) in 1971, and Dalit Shoshit Samaj Sangharsh Samiti (**DS-4**) in 1981.
- 💡 **Death:** He died on **9th October, 2006**

Tributes Paid to Quit India Movement Martyrs

Why in News?

A tribute ceremony was held on **8th October 2025** in **Patamda** to honour the **freedom fighters of the 1942 Quit India Movement**. The event was **jointly organized by the Rashtra Shaheed Samman Samiti of Patamda and Bodam**.

- 💡 Local Leaders and Martyrs involved in QIM were **Bhajhari Mahato, Laxman Mahato, Madiram Mahato, Bipra Mahato, Ratan Majhi, Judan Mudi, and Durga Charan Singh**.

Quit India Movement

- 💡 **Launch and Purpose:** Launched by Mahatma Gandhi on **8th August 1942** during the **All-India Congress Committee session in Bombay**, the movement demanded the immediate end of British rule following the failure of the Cripps Mission.

- 💡 **Gandhi's Call:** Gandhi gave the powerful call of **"Do or Die" at the Gowalia Tank Maidan (now August Kranti Maidan)**, urging Indians to demand an immediate end to British rule.
- 💡 **Slogan & Symbolism:** The slogan **"Quit India" was coined by Yusuf Meherally**, a socialist and trade unionist from Bombay, who had also created the earlier slogan **"Simon Go Back."**
 - ✦ During the movement, **Aruna Asaf Ali became a prominent figure**, famously hoisting the Indian flag at the Gowalia Tank maidan as a symbol of defiance.
- 💡 **Rise of New Leaders:** New leaders like **Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia, Jayaprakash Narayan** rose to prominence during this movement.
 - ✦ Women also played a significant role, leading protests and sacrificing their lives, such as **Matangini Hazra**, who died with the Tricolour in hand, and **Sucheta Kripalani**, who later became **India's first female Chief Minister** (Uttar Pradesh).
- 💡 **Nature of the QIM:** The QIM was distinct from earlier peaceful protests like Non-Cooperation and Civil Disobedience, as it was a **mass uprising demanding the complete withdrawal of British rule**.
 - ✦ Though Gandhi emphasized non-violence, the movement was accommodating of violence in self-defense. It **allowed spontaneous actions like sabotage and guerrilla attacks against British properties**.
 - ✦ Widespread protests, strikes, and sabotage erupted across India, with students and youth taking the lead, especially in urban centers, after Congress leaders were arrested.
 - ✦ The **Muslim community largely stayed absent from the QIM**, it was seen as a Hindu nationalist cause, highlighting the growing communal divide and the Muslim League's push for a separate state.
- 💡 **Legacy:** The movement became a key **turning point in India's freedom struggle**, demonstrating unity and determination that ultimately led to the end of British rule.

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- ✦ The Quit India Movement was a watershed moment that shaped India's future politics. In his speech at Gowalia Tank Maidan, Gandhi said power would belong to the people of India. **The movement marked the freedom struggle truly belonging to "We the People."**

Tribal Protest Against Inclusion of Kurmi Community in ST List

Why in News?

A large-scale **protest and sit-in (dharna)** was held outside in **Chandil** by tribal social organisations. The protest was aimed at opposing the **demand to include the Kurmi (Kudmi) community in the Scheduled Tribes (ST) list.**

- 💡 A **delegation submitted a memorandum addressed to the President of India**, demanding that the government not include Kurmis in the ST list.

Reasons Behind Tribal Opposition to the Inclusion of Kurmis in the ST List

- 💡 **Perceived Threat to Tribal Identity:** Tribal speakers asserted that **including Kurmis in the ST list undermines the distinct identity, traditions, and constitutional rights** of existing tribal communities.
 - ✦ Tribal organisations from Jharkhand, Bihar, Odisha, and West Bengal expressed unity in opposing the move.
- 💡 **Historical & Cultural Grounds:** Protesters referenced tribal icons like **Birsa Munda, Sidho-Kanhu, Budhu Bhagat, and Ganga Narayan Singh**, emphasizing that the tribal identity is rooted in a **unique socio-cultural history**, distinct from that of Kurmis.
- 💡 **Opposition to 'Rail Roko' Movement:** The ongoing **"Rail Teka Andolan"** (Rail Blockade Movement) by Kurmis for ST status was criticized by tribal leaders as an unjust pressure tactic that **challenges tribal autonomy.**

Kurmi Community

- 💡 **About:** Kurmis are **mainly a peasant community**, with their population concentrated in the Junglemahal areas or the **Chota Nagpur plateau of West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Odisha, and a few bordering areas of Bihar.**
- 💡 **Background of Caste Status:** Kurmis were included among the communities **classified as STs in the 1931 Census and were excluded from the ST list in 1950.**
 - ✦ After 1950, when the ST list was prepared in independent India, Kurmis did not find a place on it.
 - 📌 The **Kurmis argue that in the British era, various documents listed them as a tribe and an aboriginal community of India**, and they want that identity restored. Also, they claim to follow the religious rituals of STs.
 - ✦ In 2004, the **Jharkhand government recommended that the community be added to the ST list rather than be categorised as OBCs.**

Jharkhand Orders Audit of DMFT Fund

Why in News?

The Jharkhand government has decided to conduct a **comprehensive audit of the District Mineral Foundation Trust (DMFT)** after receiving multiple complaints of fund misuse.

- 💡 The audit aims to ensure that welfare schemes in mining-affected areas are implemented effectively and transparently.

About the DMFT and Fund Status

- 💡 **Formation:** The DMFT was established in **2015** under the **Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY).**
- 💡 **Objective:** To safeguard the interests of families directly or indirectly affected by mining operations.

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- 💡 **Utilization Areas:** Clean drinking water, healthcare, education, women and child welfare, skill development, irrigation, and environmental protection.
- 💡 **Fund Status:** As of **August 2025**, the cumulative DMFT fund in Jharkhand stands at **₹16,657.95 crore**.
- 💡 **Audit Phase:** The first phase will cover **Dhanbad, Chaibasa, Chatra, Ramgarh, and Palamu** districts.

Pradhan Mantri Khanij Kshetra Kalyan Yojana (PMKKKY)

- 💡 **Nodal Ministry:** Launched in 2015, **PMKKKY** is a scheme by the **Ministry of Mines** for the welfare of people & affected areas by using the funds accrued under the District Mineral Foundation (DMF).
- 💡 **Objectives:** Implement welfare projects in mining areas to complement government schemes, mitigate adverse impacts, and ensure sustainable livelihoods.
- 💡 **PMKKKY 2024 Guidelines:** PMKKKY 2024 mandates that **at least 70% of DMF funds must be spent on High Priority Sectors**, which directly impact the well-being of mining-affected communities.

First Death Anniversary of Ratan Tata

Why in News?

On the **first death anniversary of Ratan Tata**, former Chairman of Tata Sons, the Tata Motors Workers Union in Jamshedpur paid floral tributes to the legendary industrialist.

Key Facts About Ratan Tata

- 💡 **About:**
 - ✦ He was a respected Indian businessman and former chairman of Tata Group, one of India's largest conglomerates.
 - ✦ He was **awarded the Padma Bhushan** in 2000 and the **Padma Vibhushan** in 2008.

- ✦ He **graduated in architecture** from Cornell University before returning to India in 1962 to join the Tata Group, founded by his **great-grandfather, Jamsetji Tata**.
- ✦ He was a **licensed pilot**, known for his quiet demeanour, relatively modest lifestyle and philanthropic initiatives.

Achievements:

- ✦ **Ratan Tata** played a key role in transforming **Tata Group** into a global powerhouse, with **ventures spanning industries** such as steel, automobiles, software, and telecommunications.
- ✦ Early in his career, **he worked with several Tata companies**, including Tata Motors (formerly Telco) and Tata Steel, and revitalised the National Radio & Electronics Company.
- ✦ **In 1991**, he succeeded **J.R.D. Tata as chairman of Tata Group**.
- ✦ He **implemented significant organizational reforms** such as enforcing retirement ages and promoting young talent to leadership roles.
- ✦ He was also awarded with:
 - 📎 **Assam Baibhav by Government of Assam in 2021.**
 - 📎 Honorary Officer of the Order of Australia by King Charles III in 2023.
 - 📎 Honorary Doctor of Science by IIT Bombay in 2008
 - 📎 Honorary Knight Grand Cross of the Order of the British Empire (GBE) by Queen Elizabeth II in 2014
 - 📎 Honorary Citizen Award by Government of Singapore in 2008.

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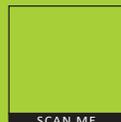
- ✦ **Tata set up Tata Teleservices in 1996** and took Tata Consultancy Services (TCS) public in 2004, capitalising on the IT boom.
- ✦ His leadership marked significant international acquisitions, including:
 - 📎 The purchase of Tetley Tea in 2000.
 - 📎 Acquisition of VSNL (Videsh Sanchar Nigam Limited) in 2002.

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- ✍ The acquisition of Corus Steel in 2007, one of the largest takeovers by an Indian company.
- ✍ The acquisition of Jaguar and Land Rover from Ford in 2008.
- ✍ Tata played a key role in Tata Group's acquisition of Air India from the government in January 2022.

Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 3.0

Why in News?

The 'Tobacco Free Youth Campaign 3.0' was inaugurated in East Singhbhum district under the **National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP)**.

- 💡 The campaign, launched by **Civil Surgeon Dr. Sahir Paul**, aims to spread awareness about the ill effects of tobacco consumption and promote a healthy, addiction-free lifestyle among the youth.

Key Points

- 💡 **A 60-Day Awareness Drive:** The campaign began on **9th October 2025**, and will continue for **60 days** across the district.
 - ✦ Dr. Sahir Paul administered an oath against tobacco use and led a signature drive promoting a healthier society.
 - ✦ The campaign's primary goal is to educate young people about the harmful effects of tobacco and to inspire them to adopt a **nasha mukt (drug-free)** way of life.
- 💡 **Community & Institutional Participation:** The campaign will see active collaboration among **government departments, NGOs, and volunteer groups** to ensure widespread participation.
 - ✦ It also aims to declare **educational institutions and villages** as tobacco-free zones, fostering health awareness in both urban and rural areas.

National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP)

- 💡 The NTCP was launched in 2007–08 during the 11th Five-Year Plan to reduce tobacco use and related health risks.
- 💡 It aims to create awareness about the harmful effects of tobacco, reduce its production and supply, ensure enforcement of the **Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA)**, and help people quit tobacco.
- 💡 The NTCP also aligns with the WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control.
- 💡 Implemented through a three-tier structure—national, state, and district levels—it currently covers all 36 States and Union Territories, spanning about 612 districts.
- 💡 The programme has contributed to a reduction of about 8.1 million tobacco users in India.

Saranda Forest as Wildlife Sanctuary

Why in News?

The **Jharkhand cabinet** has approved a proposal to notify a portion of the **Saranda forest** in **West Singhbhum district** as a **wildlife sanctuary**, in compliance with the **Supreme Court's directive**.

- 💡 **Saranda Forest**, meaning "Land of Seven Hundred Hills," is one of India's richest **sal forests** and a critical **elephant corridor**.

Key Points

- 💡 **Area Notified:** The cabinet approved the notification of **314.65 sq km** of the Saranda forest as a **wildlife sanctuary**, along with a **1 km eco-sensitive zone** around it.
 - ✦ The move was approved by the **Department of Forest & Climate Change**.
 - ✦ The rights of **Scheduled Tribes and traditional forest dwellers** under the **Forest Rights Act (FRA)** and access to **state and central welfare schemes** will remain protected.

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Supreme Court's Directive

- On 8th October 2025, the Supreme Court gave Jharkhand seven days to notify the Saranda forest as a wildlife sanctuary, warning of a **writ of mandamus** over repeated delays.
- The **CJI-led bench** allowed mining operations by **Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)** to continue in existing mines for projects of national importance, while prohibiting **new mining leases** in the region.
- The state expanded the proposed sanctuary area and also earmarked land for the **Sasangdaburu Conservation Reserve**.

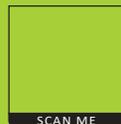


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