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Literature, Music, Drama & Fine Arts Academy will be formed in Jharkhand, draft of rules prepared

Why in News?

As per information received from media on August 31, 2023, the Directorate of Cultural Affairs, Jharkhand under the Department of Tourism, Art Culture, Sports & Youth Affairs, Jharkhand has formulated a draft Proposal cum Manual for the formation of Sahitya Academy, Sangeet Natak Akademy and Lalit Kala Academy in Jharkhand.

Key Points:

- According to the information, 22 years after the formation of Jharkhand as a separate state, it has been decided to form 'Jharkhand State Sahitya Academy', 'Jharkhand State Sangeet Natya Academy' and 'Jharkhand State Lalit Kala Academy'.
- Its responsibility has been handed over to the Department of Tourism, Art-Culture, Sports and Youth Affairs. Jharkhand Directorate of Cultural Affairs under the department has prepared the draft of the proposal cum rules for the formation of the three academies.
- However, before taking its approval from the cabinet, the state government has sought suggestions, ideas etc. from the eminent artists, litterateurs, cultural workers, theater workers etc. in the proposal for formation of the Academy, so that no error remains in its formation. For this, the Directorate of Cultural Affairs has set time till September 11, 2023.
- Once satisfactory suggestions/ideas are received, they will be included in the proposal/rules and finalized. Persons giving suggestions or ideas can download the prepared proposal cum format manual from the website of the Directorate (www.jharkhandculture. com) and submit their suggestions or ideas by hand/registered post/courier to the Directorate office at MDI Bhawan Dhurwa or then you can also send it to the e-mail of the Directorate (dirjharkhandculture@gmail.com).
- It is known that since the formation of a separate state, there has been a demand through various organizations for the formation of a Sahitya, Sangeet and Lalit Kala Academy along with literature in Jharkhand.

Establishment Struggle (Ad-hoc) Committee has been formed for the formation of Sahitya Academy. Sangharsh Committee Chairman Shiromani Mahato along with MLA Vinod Singh and artist Basu Bihari had also met Chief Minister Hemant Soren & demanded the formation of all three academies. Chief Minister Soren had assured the members that action would be taken in this direction soon.



Ranchi ranks 1st, Dhanbad 2nd and Bokaro 3rd in crime cases

Why is News?

According to the information received from the media on September 4, 2023, Ranchi is at 1st place, Dhanbad is at 2nd place and Bokaro is at 3rd place in the cases of crime in the state of Jharkhand this year.

Key Points:

- The increase in crime cases this year is worrying, between January to June, criminal cases in Ranchi, Dhanbad, Bokaro and Giridih first decreased & then increased.
- According to Crime Records Bureau Jharkhand, between January and June, the highest number of theft cases were registered in Ranchi (1278), Dhanbad (536), Bokaro (397) and Giridih (151). Between January and June, the maximum number of rape cases were registered in Ranchi (90), Giridih (75), Dhanbad (38) and Bokaro (32).
- It is worth mentioning that the total number of crime cases were less in February and March as compared to January. Total cases were recorded at 595 in January, 480 in February and 466 in March, but the total cases of crime increased again to 550, 587 and 537 in April, May & June respectively, which is worrying.







Jharkhand's first DGP Shivaji Mahan Kaire passed away

Why is News?

On September 4, 2023, Jharkhand's first Director General of Police (DGP) Shivaji Mahan Kare died at the age of 78. He was a 1967 batch IPS officer.



Key Points:

- A condolence meeting was organized at the police headquarters auditorium in Ranchi on the demise of Jharkhand's first DGP (Director General of Police) and senior IPS officer Shivaji Mahan Kare. In this, retired and present IPS officers of Jharkhand Police shared their time spent with them with their colleagues.
- Born on June 11, 1945 in Uttar Pradesh, Shivaji Mahan Kare had completed his graduation with Mathematics. Due to his extraordinary talent in the field of education, he was selected in the Indian Police Service in the year 1967. He was allotted Bihar cadre.
- During the establishment period of Jharkhand state, he had the honor of becoming the first Director General of Police of Jharkhand on November 12, 2000.
- After the Director General of Police, Shivaji Mahan Kair was transferred to the post of Director General (Surveillance), where he remained till November 2002. After that he was made Director General cum Commandant (Home Defense Corps) and Fire Service, where Shivaji Mahan Kare showed his efficiency till the year 2004.



Two Teachers from Jharkhand honoured with National Teacher's Award

Why In News?

On September 5, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu honored two teachers from Jharkhand with the National Teacher's Award 2023 at a ceremony organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that President Draupadi Murmu honored a total of 75 selected teachers from across the country with the National Teacher's Award for the year 2023 in a ceremony organized at Vigyan Bhawan.
- In this teacher's felicitation ceremony, all the awarded teachers were given 50 thousand rupees in cash, citation, shawl, quince.
- This year, two teachers from Jharkhand were selected for the National Teacher's Award, who were honored by the President. The honored teachers include Mohd Ijazul Haq, Principal In-charge of Middle School Dewankhana Chatra and Manoranjan Pathak, Computer Science teacher of Sainik School Tilaiya Koderma.
- It is known that the headmaster in charge of middle school Diwankhana, Mohd. Ijazul Haq was given this honor for teaching children through sports, always working for the betterment of students through social work, connecting children from underprivileged classes with education and teaching children based on art. In the year 2022, he also received the Best Teacher District Award.



National Teacher's Day:

- o Celebrated on 5th September every year since 1962, the day aims to honor the contribution of teachers including school teachers, researchers and professors in India.
- o The then President of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, suggested celebrating his birthday as Teacher's Day in response to the students' request for the celebration.

National Teacher's Award:

- The National Teachers Awards aims to celebrate the unique contribution of some of the finest teachers of the country and to honor those teachers who through their commitment have not only improved the quality of education but also enriched the lives of their students.
- o These awards are presented by the President of India on 5th September every year.
- o The award consists of a silver medal, a certificate and a cash amount of Rs 50,000.
- O This year, in addition to the teachers selected by the School Education and Literacy Department, teachers selected by the Higher Education Department and Skill Development Ministry have also been included in the scope of the award.



Jharkhand Cabinet **Meeting Approves Inclusion of Transgenders** in Backward Class Along with 34 proposals

Why In News?

On September 6, 2023, a cabinet meeting was held under the chairmanship of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, in which a total of 34 proposals were approved to include the transgender community in the backward class.

Key Points:

- > The Cabinet has approved the proposal of Chief Minister State Social Security Pension Scheme for people of transgender community under Social Assistance Scheme. Under this, the eligible beneficiary will get one thousand rupees per month as financial assistance.
- According to the Department of Women, Child Development and Social Security, there were about 11,900 transgenders in Jharkhand in 2011. At present their number has increased to about 14,000.
- Apart from this, the cabinet meeting has given approval to extend the service of 2500 assistant policemen working in 12 districts of the state by one year. Earlier the service of assistant policemen was for six years. This has been done for seven years.
- Apart from this, approval has been given to give the money for the purchase of bicycles to the students studying in class 8 through DBT in their account.
- In the cabinet meeting, the selection process for the Police Medal to be given to police officers on the occasion of Jharkhand Foundation Day has been amended. Earlier, a committee headed by the Chief Secretary used to make selections. Now the committee headed by the Home Secretary will decide.
- The Cabinet has decided that now employees appointed on compassionate grounds will also be able to appear in the limited examination of Jharkhand Administrative Service. For this, the government has amended the Jharkhand Administrative Service Rules-2015.
- Jharkhand Cabinet has decided that unfunded educational institutions of the state will get grants only on the basis of NAAC grading. In this, student numbers and grading have been made the basis.
- If the number of students is more than 2001 and has A grading of NAAC, he will get a grant of up to Rs 30 lakh. Whereas if the minimum number of students is 200 to 500 and the grade is C, then a grant of Rs 4 lakh will be given.
- The grant given to paramilitary forces deputed in the state of Jharkhand to perform duties other than election related work has been amended.
- These proposals were also stamped
 - O Approval of recruitment rules of Director Ayush in the Health Department.



- 63.56 crore administrative approval for the restoration of Ichagarh canal for Kanchi irrigation scheme.
- Approval for the formation of Stenographer's appointment and promotion rules-2023.
- Amendment in the election bound by the salary and allowances service conditions of the Chief Information Commissioner.
- Jharkhand Child Development Project Officer Service Cadre Rules-2018 was amended and constituted in 2023.
- Approval of recruitment and promotion rules for research assistant personnel in water resources.
- Approval for the formation of Jharkhand State
 Drug Testing Laboratory Manual-2023.
- Approval of Director Drug Testing Laboratory Rules-2023.
- O Approval of Director Medicine Jharkhand Rules-2023.
- Amendment in Jharkhand Panchayat Secretary Rules-2014.
- Approval for formation of one additional Juvenile Justice Board each in Ranchi and East Singhbhum under Jharkhand Juvenile Justice Rules-2003.
- Approval of 28 judicial officers of Civil Judge as District Judge in the light of the recommendation of Jharkhand High Court.

ASI Should Take a Second Decision on Declaring Ranchi's Brahma Temple as National Heritage: Jharkhand High Court

Why In News?

On September 5, 2023, the Jharkhand High Court, while giving its verdict on the PIL filed for the preservation and declaration of the Brahma Temple located on top of the historic Tagore Hill in Ranchi as a national heritage, has said that regarding the declaration of the Brahma Temple of Tagore Hill as a national heritage In this, the Archaeological Department of India (ASI) should take a decision again within three months.

Key Points:

The division bench of Chief Justice Sanjay Kumar Mishra and Justice Anand Sen executed the PIL by giving several instructions to the state government. Earlier, after the



completion of hearing in the case on July 31, the division bench had reserved its decision.

- Directing the state government to remove encroachment from the Tagore Hill area, the bench said that the Land Reforms and Revenue Department will constitute a committee, which will measure the boundary wall of Tagore Hill. This measurement should be done as per the original revenue records. After this, the boundary wall of Tagore Hill should be brought back to its original form. The committee to be formed for the survey will have members nominated by the Deputy Commissioner of Ranchi.
- The division bench directed the state government to conserve and maintain the Brahma Temple, Kusum Tal, Shanti Dham and Samadhi Sthal of Tagore Hill. The division bench said that the Tagore Hill area should be beautified and the entire area should be declared a plastic free zone.
- Earlier, during the hearing of the case, advocate Shailesh Poddar appeared on behalf of the applicant. Additional Advocate General Ashutosh Anand appeared on behalf of the State Government and Advocate Prashant Pallav appeared on behalf of the Central Government.
- ➤ It is noteworthy that a PIL was filed on behalf of the applicant Society of Preservation of Tribal Culture and Natural Beauty. The applicant had demanded the conservation of the Brahma Temple as well as declaring it as a national heritage.
- The petitioner in the case has said that the Brahma Temple situated on top of Tagore Hill in Morabadi was built in 1910. It was built by Jyotirindranath Tagore, elder brother of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore. He was a dramatist, painter and musician. Along with the conservation of Brahma Temple, it should be declared a national heritage by the Archaeological Survey of India of the Central Government.



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Mahadev Toppo becomes COLIT Member of Sahitya Akademi

Why In News?

On September 6, 2023, Jharkhand's eminent litterateur Mahadev Toppo has been appointed as the board member of the Center for Oral and Tribal Literature (COT Lit) of the Sahitya Akademi.

Key Points:

- Jharkhand's famous litterateur Mahadev Toppo was born in a Kurukh tribal family in the year 1954 in Hulsi village of Ranchi district.
- Mahadev Toppo, along with pursuing postgraduate education, also did Film Appreciation Certificate course in Pune in the year 1994.
- His major works were published in Hindi newspapers and magazines like Dharmayug, Parikatha, Naya Gyanodaya, Vagarth Sablog, Samayantar, India Today, Samachar Janmat, Vishwa-Rang, Banas Jan, Jansatta, Prabhat Khabar etc. These works include articles, comments, stories, poems etc.
- His major works include 'Jungle Pahad ke Path (poetry collection)', 'Civilized Adivasi (writing collection)' and the poetry collection 'Jungle Pahad ke Path', translated into English, Marathi and Santali etc. Some of his poems were also published in Germany, English, Marathi, Telugu, Sanskrit, Santali, Assamese.
- ➤ He has also acted in the Kurukh film 'Pahada' and the national and international award winning film 'Aidpa Kaana (While Going Home)'. He has also composed short plays in his mother tongue Kurukh.
- Mahadev Toppo has been awarded many honors including the Birsa Munda Award.
- Currently, living in Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand, he is working for the development of language, literature, art, culture and mother tongue Kurukh.



Jharkhand School Innovation Challenge-2023

Why In News?

The result of the Grand Finale of Jharkhand School Innovation Challenge-2023 organized by IIT ISM, Dhanbad, Jharkhand on September 9, 2023 has been released, in which Loyola School of East Singhbhum became the state champion.

key points

- > It is known that plastic bottles thrown in the garbage have always been a matter of concern for environmentalists. They are always looking for ways to manage it properly. In this direction, the team of Loyola School of East Singhbhum has given a creative solution to this problem.
- Sagar Kumar and Sankalp Kumar, students of Loyola School, East Singhbhum, have developed a technology to convert used and waste plastic into useful material.
- A team of students from Loyola School, Jamshedpur has developed a 3D printer that can make useful items from plastic bottles thrown in the garbage. This 3D printer first cuts plastic bottles with the help of a machine and turns them into fine fibers, then molds this fiber and makes useful items from the 3D printer. This project is a creative way of waste management.
- IIT ISM's Naresh Vashishtha Center for Innovation and Tinkering (NVCTI) will assist in the marketing of this product.
- In the competition, the team of Mahendra Muni Saraswati Vidya Mandir of Madhupur in Deoghar district stood second and the team of Hill Top School of Jamshedpur stood third.
- Along with this, consolation prizes were given to the teams of DBMS English School, Jamshedpur and SDSM School, Jamshedpur, which stood fourth and fifth respectively.
- Teams from 10 schools from across the state had reached the grand finale. Of the five best ideas awarded, four are teams from Jamshedpur schools.
- Chief guest and Vice Chancellor of Jharkhand Technical University, Prof. (Dr.) DK Singh honored the winning team with a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and a trophy.
- The team of Mahendra Muni Saraswati Vidya Mandir (Aman Kumar, Anshu Kumar and Roshan Kumar) has



- together developed a firefighter drone. This drone is capable of automatically picking up water from a nearby water source and spraying it on the fire.
- Aman Kumar said that the idea of developing it came to him because of the fire that broke out in a school in Deoghar four-five months ago. All three started working together on this project about two months ago. The entire cost of developing this drone is Rs 14 thousand. 2200 mAh battery has been used in it. It supplies power to the drone.
- The team (Aarush Kumar, Darshil Tripathi and Siddharth Singh) from Hill Top Public School, Jamshedpur has developed the Khet Rakshak App to help farmers. This app will tell in time when locusts are going to attack the crops in the fields. With this, farmers can stop locust attacks by using pesticides in their fields in time.
- Also, this app is capable of identifying diseases occurring in crops. After this, farmers can take measures to protect their crops. This app will provide updated status of fields to farmers every five minutes through SMS along with WhatsApp.

Odisha-Jharkhand Expressway

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on September 9, 2023, the DPR of the expressway to be built from Littibeda in Odisha to Sithio (Ring Road) in Jharkhand's capital Ranchi has been prepared. Total 147 km. A long expressway is to be built, which will be a completely green corridor.

key points

- Out of this, 121 km is to be built in Jharkhand. Three phase work worth around Rs 3400 crore is to be done here. This also includes the amount of land acquisition. At the same time, about 26 km will be constructed in Odisha. Its cost will be around Rs 700 crore.
- With the construction of this road, it will be possible to reach Sambalpur from Ranchi in about two hours.
- It is known that the alignment of this road was not being finalized. Once it was amended by the Ministry of Forest and Environment. Once again there was objection to this. In such a situation, the DPR was changed several times.

- A corridor will be constructed for the passage of wild animals, elephants etc. To prevent wild animals from coming on the road, an eight feet high guardwall will be built. Many measures are being taken regarding security.
- Work is to be done in three phases in Jharkhand. In the first phase, work of about 30.35 km is to be done from Keriya to Kyondapani. In the second phase, 43.7 km from Kyondapani to Latra and in the third phase, about 47 km from Latra to Sithio (Ranchi). The work will be done.
- At the same time, in Odisha, the road will be built in two phases from Litebada to Jamtoli (Keria) via Zoram.

Second Subarnashila Samman

Why In News?

On September 9, 2023, 'Subarnashila Samman', given every year by 'Vibhuti Smriti Sansad', a cultural literary organization of Ghatshila city of Jharkhand, for notable literary contribution in other languages including Bengali, this year the National Executive Member of Ghatshila's Literary Progressive Writers Association and State Deputy General Secretary Shekhar Mallik along with Dilip Chakraborty and Shanta Chakraborty have been announced.

key points

- It is known that last year this honor was given to important Hindi storyteller Ranendra ji.
- This year, along with litterateur Shekhar Mallik, senior Bengali writer, journalist Dilip Chakraborty (co-editor with Mitra Sen Majumdar of the book 'Untold Stories of IPTA and Niranjan Sen') and Bengali language poet Shanta Chakraborty are also being given this honour.
- It is known that 5 books of Shekhar Mallik have been published so far. The country's well-known writer Shekhar Mallik writes stories of social and political concerns. His novel Kalchiti on tribal life is very famous and stories like 'Dyanmari', 'Jungle More Duladia' are also popular.
- In the same year, Shekhar received the prestigious youth award of the Indian Language Council, Kolkata.
- Dilip Chakraborty is an honorary life member of the Kolkata Press Club. He has received the Kalam Sena honour. Some of the famous books of Dilip Chakraborty are 'Tahader Prem Katha', 'Lock Downer Dinguli' and 'Shreni Sangramer Sabyasachi' etc.



Shanta Chakraborty writes poetry and does journalism. That source is the editor of Swamini Ichchamati. His poems have been highly appreciated



in the Bengali speaking reader community.

- According to the information released by 'Vibhuti Smriti Sansad' Ghatshila, on the occasion of the 129th birth anniversary of Vibhuti Bhushan Bandyopadhyay, this felicitation ceremony will be organized under a literary gathering at Vibhuti Manch, College Road (Ghatshila) on September 12, 2023.
- ➤ In this Sahitya Sabha, famous theater director Probir Guha, Sahitya Akademi Youth Award winning English writer Souvendra Shekhar Hansda and many literary lovers and theater artists from Kolkata, Ghatsila and surrounding areas will gather.

Jharkhand Gets its First Vistadome Coach Train

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on September 12, 2023, Ranchi-New Giridih-Ranchi Intercity Express train has been started. The biggest feature of this train is that it has also been provided with a Vistadome coach.

Key Points:

- The train was flagged off by Union Minister of State for Education Annapurna Devi at 10 am on September 12 at New Giridih station under East-Central Railway.
- Union Minister of State for Education Annapurna Devi, Giridih MP Chandra Prakash Chaudhary, local MLA Kedar Hazra and former Chief Minister Babulal Marandi attended the inauguration ceremony in Giridih.
- On the first day this train ran as a special train. On this day, instead of the regular route, this train ran on the diverted route via Barkakana, Muri, Tatisilve. Its service will be regularized from September 13.
- One Vistadome coach has been added to the Ranchi-New Giridih-Ranchi Intercity Express. The train will run between New Giridih station and Ranchi which will provide a new traveling experience to the passengers with a glimpse of natural beauty.

- The Vistadome coach installed in this train will be a kind of tourist coach, which will have large glass windows. Besides, it will also have transparent windows on the roof.
- While traveling in this Vistadome coach, passengers will be able to see the side as well as top view. This coach has been manufactured by ICF. There will be seating arrangement for 42-44 passengers in this coach. There will also be pushback chairs with seats that can rotate 180 degrees.

What is a Vistadome Coach?

 Vistadome coaches are a type of tourist coach which has large glass windows and also has transparent glass windows on the roof. While traveling in this, the passenger gets a side view as well as a top view.





Maha Prawn farming will be done in Gumla, Simdega and Hazaribagh Districts.

Why in News?

On September 13, 2023, the Fisheries Department of Jharkhand in collaboration with the Central Institute of Inland Fisheries Research (ICAR), Barrackpore, Kolkata has taken an initiative to improve the livelihood of tribal communities through Maha Prawn culture in the reservoirs of the state, under which Under the pilot project in Gumla, Simdega and Hazaribagh districts, fish farmers will be made to rear Maha Prawns.



Key Points

- ➤ ICAR Principal Scientist AK Das told the fish farmers that Jharkhand's cage culture is number one in the entire country. Thus, now Mahajingha also has to be made number one here, for which this pilot project has been made.
- Under the project, on September 16 and 18, 2023, two lakh seeds each will be planted in Masaria Dam and Hazaribagh of Gumla and four lakh seeds of Maha Prawn fish will be planted in Kelaghagh of Simdega. After this, a state level meeting will be held in Ranchi on 20th September.
- The pilot project started to promote the people of ST-SC category of the state in the field of fisheries, especially in Maha Prawn farming, which will prove to be a milestone in the economic progress of Maha Prawn farming and farmers.
- > It is known that fish contains abundant amounts of nutrients, which are very effective in removing many types of diseases and physical weaknesses of the body, especially malnutrition. But, Maha Prawn is more effective than all those fish.
- Also, Maha Prawn is even more expensive than other fish. This fish is sold at the rate of Rs 400-500 per kg.
- Farmers can fulfill their dreams by rearing Maha Prawn, because Maha Prawn is more expensive than other fish. There is progress in the field of fish farming in the state. People engaged in fishing are making economic progress.
- The state government will cooperate with the farmers in following this and after the fish is ready, the farmers will get all its benefits. It is used as food and can be sold in the market to generate economic income.



Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana to be launched on September 17 in Ranchi

Why in News?

On September 13, 2023, Ranchi Deputy Commissioner Rahul Kumar Sinha said that Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana will be launched in Ranchi on September 17.

Key Points

- The benefit of this scheme will be given to blacksmiths, potters, masons, washermen, flower traders, fish net weavers, lock and key makers and sculptors, besides workers from other sectors.
- Under the scheme, in the first phase, a loan of up to Rs 1 lakh will be available at 5 percent interest and in the second phase, eligible workers will get a concessional loan of Rs 2 lakh each.
- Artisans and craftsmen will also be given PM Vishwakarma certificate and identity card. Financial assistance of Rs 15,000 will also be given for purchasing modern equipment.
- The minimum age to avail benefits under this scheme has been kept at 18 years. Only one member of the family will get the benefit of this scheme. Those applying will also have to give a self-declaration form.



Governor Launches 'Ayushman Bhava' Campaign

Why in News?

On September 13, 2023, the country's President Draupadi Murmu launched the visionary health program 'Ayushman Bhava' campaign online to make access to



health services accessible across the country. Through this virtual program, Jharkhand Governor CP Radhakrishnan launched this campaign at Audrey House in the capital Ranchi.

Key Points

- The 'Ayushman Bhava' program is a comprehensive initiative to ensure effective implementation of various health schemes run at the national level to reach every beneficiary.
- > The objective of this campaign is to ensure access to health services to the people.
- This initiative is an effort to take health benefits to the people at the last resort through awareness campaigns, medical camps and inclusive strategies. With this campaign, even the marginalized people will be able to get quality health care. It will also promote equity in health services.
- > It is known that 'Pradhanmantri Jan Arogya Yojana' launched by the Prime Minister is the world's largest health protection scheme, which provides medical coverage up to Rs 5 lakh.
- Under this scheme, a campaign is being started from September 17, 2023, through which Ayushman cards will be given to all the remaining eligible beneficiaries under the PM-JAY scheme. It will be ensured that no beneficiary is left out.
- On this occasion, Health Minister Banna Gupta said that till now 1 crore 22 lakh people have got the benefit of Ayushman Yojana, but the target of the state government is to provide the benefit of this scheme to 2 crore 69 lakh people.
- The Health Minister said that the Ayushman Bhava campaign is a wonderful initiative of the government. This campaign will run from September 17 to October 2, 2023.
- Under this program, lakhs of families will get necessary medical facilities. With this, people will also get insurance coverage for treatment. Its objective is to save families from the burden of heavy medical expenses.
- Additional Chief Secretary of Health Department, Arun Kumar Singh gave detailed information about 'Ayushman Bhava'. 'Ayushman Aapke Dwar 3.0', Ayushman Sabha, Ayushman Fair and Ayushman Gram are the main pillars of the programme.
 - Ayushman Mela will be organized by Ayushman Bharat at Health and Wellness Centers (AB-HWC).

- O At the same time, Ayushman Sabha, a village-level campaign will be run under the leadership of Village Health, Sanitation and Nutrition Committee to ensure the benefits of all the health schemes of the Central and State Governments to the beneficiaries.
- Apart from this it will focus on awareness about the importance of Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PMJAY), Health Insurance Scheme Card and Ayushman Bharat Health Account (ABHA) number.
- These Gram Sabhas will also help in creating awareness about child health issues, vaccination, nutrition and anemia. This will promote social accountability of health.
- The fourth pillar, Ayushman Gram, is envisaged to cover 100% coverage of PMJAY card distribution, ABHA ID generation, vaccination coverage and testing of Non-communicable diseases.
- Villages that successfully complete all the health schemes will be awarded the title of 'Ayushman Gram' and given a certificate.
- In the program, institutions performing excellently in the field of health, people donating blood more than five times and excellent performance in HWC were honored.



Former DGP Neeraj Sinha becomes JSSC President

Why In News?

On September 14, 2023, former Jharkhand Police DGP Neeraj Sinha has been made the Chairman of Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission. The Personnel Department has issued a notification in this regard.



Key Points:

According to this notification, his appointment to the post of President will be considered effective from September 23. Whereas Neeraj Sinha's date of birth



is January 8, 1962, hence he will remain on this post till the maximum age of 65 years from the date of joining Jharkhand Staff Selection Commission.

- The tenure of current president Sudhir Tripathi is ending on September 22.
- Retired Jharkhand DGP Neeraj Sinha is a 1987 batch Bihar cadre IPS officer.
- After the formation of the state, he was allotted the Jharkhand cadre. On February 12, 2023, he retired from the post of Jharkhand DGP. He was the DGP of Jharkhand for two years.
- Neeraj Sinha has also held the post of Hazaribagh SP Ranchi, SSP in many districts including SP, IG ADG in ACB and later Wireless and ACB DG.

Medico Tourism will get a Boost in Jharkhand, Yogayush centres will Open at Tourist Spots.

Why In News?

According to information received from media sources on September 16, 2023, there is a plan to open Yogayush centers at major tourist spots of Jharkhand to promote medico tourism. Here tourists will get the experience of Yoga-Ayurveda and Panchakarma under one roof.

Key Points:

- According to the information, three major tourist places have been selected for this, where external and local tourists reach the most. These include Netarhat, Patratu and McCluskieganj.
- The state government has planned to develop them as Yogayush centres. The center will be established as the best authentic Ayurvedic Clinic, Panchakarma Centre. Along with tourism, stress relief programs will be organized here.

- Tourists will get a complete package based on Panchakarma principles at Yogayush Centre. Along with giving a better experience to the tourists, AYUSH doctors will provide health facilities through various modes.
- Both Ayurvedic and Naturopathy ideologies will work together. Help can also be taken from All India Ayurveda Institute in this.
- Yogayush Center will focus on the integration of medicine in future. The government has decided to establish it as a center to promote meditation, yoga and all aspects and activities. The center will have various treatments like Panchakarma, Yoga, lifestyle and related infrastructure available. Here, work is being done to establish a separate section for integrated medicine.



Jharkhand's First Solar Plant Inaugurated

Why In News?

On September 15, 2023, Central Electricity Authority Chairman Ghanshyam Prasad inaugurated the Solar Energy Power Generation Plant (Solar Plant) installed at KTPS Area One operated by DVC.

Key Points:

➤ It is noteworthy that the construction work of Jharkhand's first 10 MW solar plant is going on in Area One, in which two MW power production has started after today's testing charge inauguration. It is being established on 50 acres at a cost of about Rs 70 crore.



- While talking to journalists, Central Electricity Authority Chairman Ghanshyam Prasad said that electricity generation through solar energy will reduce the dependence on coal and control pollution. If electricity is generated from the sun's rays during the day, the consumption of coal in the plant will be less.
- > He said that in the coming time, all the plants will run on solar systems and India's name will be bright in the whole world.



Prime Minister will Inaugurate Bokaro and Dumka Airports

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on September 18, 2023, the country's Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate Bokaro and Dumka airports of Jharkhand in January 2024.

Key Points:

- ➤ The Airports Authority of India has given the green signal for its operation. The licensing process of the airport has also been completed and flights will start flying from Bokaro and Dumka airports from January 2024.
- After the start of aircraft operations in Bokaro and Dumka, Jharkhand will be ahead of Bihar in aviation services.
- The Civil Aviation Ministry has also planned to revive the airports of Hazaribagh and Daltonganj after Bokaro, Dumka. Work on this has started.
- With the opening of Bokaro Airport, passengers from many cities including Dhanbad, Giridih, Purulia of West Bengal will get convenience.

- Bokaro Airport has met the security standards. After investigation, permission has been given to operate planes at the airport. Flybig and Alliance Air have received permission from DGCA to fly from Bokaro.
- 70 to 80 seater aircraft will operate from Bokaro airport. The length of the airport's runway is 5400 feet. Therefore, permission to operate small aircraft has been received from DGCA.
- ➤ It is known that BSL already had an airstrip in Bokaro. Here the work of developing other infrastructure including ATC tower, runway, fire feet, passenger lobby, main gate has also been completed.



A Building will be Built for Five Health and Wellness Centres in Deoghar.

Why In News?

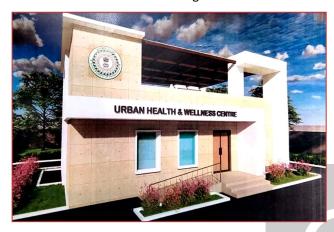
According to information received from the Health Department of Jharkhand on September 20, 2023, five new health and wellness centers will be constructed in the urban areas of Deoghar district of the state.

Key Points:

- Under the 15th financial year 2021-22, according to the Central Finance Commission and State Plan, it has been decided to construct five health and wellness centers in Deoghar Municipal Corporation and Madhupur Municipal Council area, under this an amount of Rs 1.72 crore will be provided by the state government for which approval has been granted.
- Health and wellness centers will be constructed in Chandajori, Baidyanathpur and Bariyarbandhi under Deoghar Municipal Corporation and in Chandmari and Lalgarh under Madhupur Municipal Council area.



- For this, about 2500 square feet of land has been provided by the district administration for the construction of each building. Earlier, a map was also prepared for this, according to which the building will be constructed.
- According to the Health Department, at present this center is being operated in the buildings of Ward Development Center of Municipal Corporation and Municipal Council at all these places. An amount of Rs 34 lakh 45 thousand has been approved for the construction of each building.



'Hamari Gomata Hamara Dayitva'

Why In News?

In the meeting held under the chairmanship of Jharkhand Go Seva President Rajiv Ranjan Prasad at Nepal House on September 20, 2023, many other resolutions along with the 'Hamari Gomata Hamara Dayitva' scheme were passed.

Key Points:

- Chairman Rajiv Ranjan Prasad said that this scheme will soon be started in Jharkhand. Future programs for cow conservation and promotion and self-reliance of cow sheds were also discussed in the meeting.
- Common people will be connected with this scheme. This will be implemented in the form of adoption of cattle reared in cow shelters. The donation coming under this head will be deposited in the Gaushala account.
- It was decided in the meeting that through the commissioners of all the districts, the concerned

- cattle land will be identified and put in the restricted list and the said land will be used as a cow sanctuary and a separate Vrishamshala Nandishala will be built in the cow shed.
- It has been decided to increase the rate of cow meal from Rs 100 to Rs 150 and self-employment will be generated from products made from cow dung.



CCL's First Highwall Mining will Take Place in the Dhori Area of Bermo.

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on September 21, 2023, the first highwall mining of CCL will be done in the Dhori area of CCL under Bermo Coal Plant in Bokaro district. Coal production from highwall mining is likely to start here by February-March 2024.

Key Points:

- According to the information, this highwall mining to be done in Amlo Mines of AADOCM in Dhori area will produce a total of 13 lakh tonnes of coal in three years.
- Every year 3.5 lakh tonnes of coal will be mined from here. There will be three lakh tonnes of coal production in the first year and 5-5 lakh tonnes annually in the subsequent years.
- It will have production like an underground mines gallery. The size of the coal produced in this will be less than minus 100 mm and after being crushed, completely fresh coal will come out. This will come directly from the coal mines to the conveyor belt and from here will again fall on the surface. From here, this coal will be loaded in the tipper and will be sent to the siding and washery.



- Presently in Jharkhand, production is being done through highwall mining in Tata's Ghati Colliery. A total of 30 highwall mining is going to start across Coal India. Coal production will start with this technology from two in ICL and one in CCL in the Dhori area of Bermo.
- According to the information, due to the presence of villages and settlements on the upper surface of AADOCM's Amlo Mines where this highwall mining will be installed, space is not available. Also, blasting within 100 meters is also prohibited. In such a situation, highwall mining will be carried out in Amlo Mines without removing villages and settlements and without clearing the land, i.e. without disturbing the surface.
- Like a gallery in an underground mine, a platform will be built inside the mines, on which the highwall machine will be installed and production will begin.
- A new coking washery with the capacity to feed 3 lakh tonnes of coal annually is also going to be installed in Tarmi project of Dhori area. According to the management, apart from SDOCM, Amlo, Tarmi of Dhori area, coal produced from Kalyani Expansion Project will be fed into this washery. From here, Washery Grade-5 coal will go to the CHP, while Washery Grade-3 coal will remain in the Washery. From here it will then be sent to other places.
- Soon Kalyani Expansion Mines of 2 million capacity per year will also come into existence in the Dhori area, which is a 20 year project. After this, the coal production graph of the Dhori area will increase significantly, in view of which a washery and CHP are being constructed here.
- According to Dhori regional management, coal production will start in any case by February-March of 2024 from the closed previous mines under Dhori area. A total of 98 acres will produce 20 lakh tonnes of coal, while the entire Pichchi mines are 459 acres, with 28-30 million tonnes of coal, which is a 16-year project.





Final Shape Given to PESA Law in Jharkhand

Why In News?

On September 24, 2023, the Jharkhand government finalized the PESA Rule-2022, taking a rational decision on all the objections and suggestions.

Key Points:

- In the PESA rule, a provision has been made to make the Gram Sabhas 'Powerful' and 'Empowered'. Under this, only traditional heads like Manki, Munda etc. will preside over the meetings of the Gram Sabha.
- > The Panchayat Secretary will work as 'Gram Sabha Secretary'. To complete quorum in meetings, presence of 1/3 members is necessary. To complete the quorum, presence of 1/3rd of the prescribed number of women is also necessary. The Chairman of the Gram Sabha has been given the right to expel from the meeting any member who misbehaves or breaks discipline in the Gram Sabha meeting.
- Land cannot be acquired without the consent of the Gram Sabha. The decision of the Gram Sabha will be final. Even in the matter of buying and selling land of tribals, the consent of the Gram Sabha will be mandatory.
- With the aim of restoring law and order in the village, the Gram Sabha will be able to impose a penalty ranging from a minimum of Rs 10 to a maximum of Rs 1000 on those committing crimes under a total of 36 sections of the IPC.
- The penalty will be appealed directly to the High Court after the traditional higher level. While determining the role of the police in the PESA rule, it has been made mandatory to inform the Gram Sabha about the reasons for the arrest within 48 hours of someone's arrest.



- > It is noteworthy that objections and suggestions were sought till August 31 on the draft PESA rule issued by the state government. In light of this, many organizations had lodged objections to the draft of the rule. Many suggestions were also given.
- The government has rejected the objections and suggestions, which were contrary to the provisions of the High Court, the Supreme Court and the PESA Act, Jharkhand Panchayat Raj Act-2001. Also, PESA Rule-2022 has been finalized by accepting the relevant suggestions. It has a total of 17 chapters and 36 sections.
- ➤ In the PESA rule, there is a provision to establish a fund in the Gram Sabha. It will be known as food fund, labor fund, commodity fund and cash fund. Donation, incentive amount, penalty, fee, royalty from forest produce, amount received from lease of pond, market etc. will be kept in the cash fund. Only a maximum of Rs 10,000 will be kept in a box in the Gram Sabha. The amount deposited in excess of this will be kept in the bank account.
- According to the Paisa Rule, Gram Sabhas will decide the grants to be received under Article 275 (1) of the Constitution and the schemes to be implemented from the District Mineral Development Fund (DMFT). The beneficiaries of the scheme will be selected through Gram Sabha. The schemes run by the department will have to be discussed by the Gram Sabha.
- In case the provisions of PESA rule are contrary to social, religious and custom, the Gram Sabha will have the right to register an objection to it. In such cases, the Gram Sabha will pass the resolution and send it to the State Government through the Deputy Commissioner.
- > The government will form a high level committee within 30 days. This committee will submit its report to the government within 90 days. Based on the report the government will take a decision and inform the Gram Sabha.
- > The Gram Sabha will manage natural resources within its traditional limits. Gram Sabha has been given rights over forest produce. Also, all non-timber forest products of plant origin have been included in the list of forest produce.
- The list of forest produce includes bamboo, brushwood, stump, cane, tussar, cocoon, honey, wax, lacquer, char, Mahua, Harra, Bahera, Karanj, Sarai, Amla, Rugra, Tendu, Kendu leaves, besides medicinal plants and Herbs are included.

Gram Sabha has been given the right to mine minor minerals. Gram Sabhas will control community resources through traditional methods and practices of the community. However, during this time, other laws including Wilkison Rules, Chotanagpur Tenancy Act, Santhal Pargana Tenancy Act will be kept in mind.

'Meri Maati Mera Desh' Program will be organized in Government Schools of Jharkhand

Why In News?

On September 25, 2023, the School Education and Literacy Department of Jharkhand issued guidelines to all DEOs and DSEs saying that 'Meri Maati Mera Desh Program' will be organized in all government schools.

Key Points:

- Before the school starts functioning, students will take out Amrit Kalash Yatra. Apart from this, Prabhat Pheri will be taken out.
- Prabhat Pheri can be taken out in the feeder areas of schools on any day till 30th September. National flag and posters of local heroes will be kept in it. Students will create a festive atmosphere using drums and local mantras.
- Students will tell about the warriors and heroes who gave freedom to the people. Various competitions will be organized, including rangoli, patriotic songs etc.
- After the program in schools till 30th September, it will be organized in the blocks from 1st to 13th October and in the capitals of all the states from 22nd to 27th October.
- The function will be held in the big grounds of one of the schools in the blocks. In this, the soil of the urn brought from all the places will be mixed and a program will be held at the local level, while an urn of the mixed soil from here will be brought to the capital.
- Apart from this, the Panch Pran pledge will be taken. In this, students will take a selfie and take a pledge to make India a developed nation by 2047, freedom from every trace of slavery, unity and solidarity, sense of duty among the citizens and upload it on the website.





Deputy Chairman of Rajya Sabha Launched Padmashree Balbir Dutt's Book 'Bharat Vibhajan Aur Pakistan Ke Shad yantra'

Why In News?

On September 25, 2023, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh launched Padmashree Balbir Dutt's book 'Bharat Vibhajan Aur Pakistan Ke Shadlyantra' in the book launch program organized at Chamber Bhawan in Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand.

Key Points:

- ➤ Balbir Dutt writes things after a lot of immersion, searching, study and research. This book has been composed in the same sequence.
- > This book is useful for the new generation and for all those who want to do their work well. It affects not only the past but also the present and future.
- ➤ It is known that Balbir Dutt was born in Lahore, Pakistan. He has seen the sting of partition closely, hence authenticity and pain are clearly visible in his book.
- Balbir Dutt has written with authenticity in his book that Jinnah was a medium, a tool in the partition of the country, similarly the British had established the Muslim League as part of their long plan.



Jharkhand Wins Subroto Cup Football International Tournament for the Second Consecutive year

Why In News?

Jharkhand won for the second consecutive year in the Under-17 girls category in the 62nd Subroto Cup International Football Tournament held in New Delhi on September 26, 2023.

Key Points:

- Jharkhand players won the title by defeating Haryana
 3-0 in the final match.
- The team from St. Patrick's School, Gumla based residential center from Jharkhand was representing the state in the tournament.
- In this tournament, the Jharkhand team defeated Delhi 23-0 in the first match, Gujarat 9-1 in the second match, Kerala 7-0 in the third match, Tripura 5-0 in the quarter finals in the fourth match, NCC in the semi-finals. Defeated 2-0.
- The Jharkhand team created a new history by scoring a total of 49 goals in 6 matches.





Ranchi Received the Best Performer Award from Eastern Zone in Smart City.

Why In News?

At the India Smart City Conclave-2023 held in Indore on September 27, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu honored Ranchi with the award of Best Performer among the smart cities of the Eastern Zone.

Key Points:

- On behalf of the state government, Secretary of Urban Development and Housing Department and CEO cum Managing Director of Ranchi Smart City Corporation Vinay Kumar Choubey, Director of State Urban Development Agency Amit Kumar and General Manager of Smart City Ranchi Rakesh Kumar Nandkuliyar received this honour.
- Ranchi has been given the Best Performer City Award among the smart cities of the Eastern Zone for establishing itself as the best performer in the implementation of the Smart City Mission in the areas of security, traffic management, urban mobility, social aspect and land monetization etc.
- Smart City Mission was launched on June 25, 2015. Its objective is to provide basic infrastructure, clean and decent quality of life to the citizens.





McCluskieganj got the Best Tourist Village Award

Why In News?

On September 27, 2023, V. Vidyapati, Secretary, Central Tourism Department, presented the Best Tourist Village Award to 'Mccluskieganj' of Jharkhand.



Key Points:

Asley John Gomes, a resident of Mccluskieganj, representing the Anglo-Indian Society, received the award.



- A massive cleanliness drive
 has been planned by the Ministry of Tourism.
 Government of India identifies 108 tourist spots for launch of cleanliness drive. The campaign will be carried out at these 108 sites as well as other places of tourist importance.
- The campaign aims to ensure garbage cleaning, hygiene and ban single-use plastic (SUP) and promote the use of eco-friendly substances. For wider reach, students from schools and colleges and members of Youth Tourism Clubs (YTC) have also been included.
- The Best Rural Tourism Village Awards were given for promotion and conservation of cultural heritage and sustainable development through tourism, in which 35 rural tourism villages from across the country were included in gold, silver and bronze categories with 5, 10 and 20 villages respectively.





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