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PM Cares for Children Scheme

Why in News?

On May 30, 2022, children who lost their parents due to Corona in the state were given scholarships under the PM Cares for Children scheme, passbook of PM CARES Fund and health cards of Ayushman Bharat.

Key Points

- > The beneficiaries of the state under the scheme include 49 children from 18 districts.
- The PM Cares for Children scheme was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 29, 2021. Initially, the deadline for availing the benefits of the scheme was fixed as December 31, 2021, which was later extended to February 28, 2022.
- > To take advantage of this, a portal called PM Cares for Children.in was launched.
- The benefits under this scheme are
 - o The government will give monthly allowance to children who lose their parents till the age of 18.
 - On the age of 23, you will get a lump sum amount of Rs 10 lakh from the PM CARES Fund.
 - o The children will be given free education by the government.
 - o Children will get loans for higher education, the interest of the loan will be given from the PM CARES Fund.
 - O Under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, health insurance of up to Rs 5 lakh will be available for 18 years, the premium of which will be paid through the PM Cares Fund.
 - o If the child is enrolled in a private school, then his fee under the Right to Education Act will be paid from the PM CARES Fund, as well as the expenses of school uniforms and books etc. will also be paid from the CARES Fund.

Event Vehicle Management System

Why in News?

On June 2, 2022, the Chief Electoral Officer of Jharkhand K. Ravi Kumar finalised the outline of the Event Vehicle Management System App after discussions in a meeting with the office bearers concerned with the vehicle treasury.

Key Points

- > The app will be used to create a database of vehicles used in elections and make quick payments for the acquired vehicles.
- > The Chief Electoral Officer said that the app will be used in the upcoming elections, which will reduce the disputes related to payment of vehicles.
- Under this app, details of the type of the car, number, name of its owner and meter reading of the timetaking and releasing the vehicle including the use of the vehicle in the election will be available.

Scientists at IIT (ISM) **Develop Absorbers to Remove Arsenic from Groundwater**

Why in News?

In a recent research, scientists from IIT (ISM) Dhanbad have succeeded in developing an adsorbent that helps in removing arsenic from groundwater.

Key Points

- Associate Professor of Environmental Science Engineering Department Dr. S.R. A four-member team of researchers led by Samaddar claims that arsenic can be removed through the coating of nano-manganese on calcinated laterite soil arsenic.
- Researcher Roshan Prabhakar and two MTech students Somparna Ghosh and Ali helped in the research.
- Dr. Samaddar pointed out that arsenic has been identified as a first-class human carcinogen and the World Health Organization has set its permissible limit in drinking water at 10 micrograms per litre.
- > Dr. Samaddar said that we have developed an absorption based scalable treatment system for the resource deprived community living in rural areas.
- He said that nano-based adsorption systems have been popular among researchers for the removal of arsenic ions, but since nano-absorbers are expensive to synthesize, this research uses cheap and readily available laterite soil as the base material for nano coating.



Dr. Samaddar pointed out that the treatment of 1000 liters of water with a concentration of 200 ppb requires about 0.70 kg of laterite nano manganese, most of which contains laterite clay particles. It can help in removing arsenic from groundwater in different parts of the country on a percentage basis.

Medieval Quadrangular Well found in Badam in Hazaribagh

Why in News?

Recently, a mid-day quadrangular well has been found at Badam under Badka village block of Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand. This well is located at a distance of 150 meters from the fort of Karanpura Raj.

Key Points

- Neeraj Mishra and Azhar Sabir of Archaeological Department, Ranchi visited the Badam Fort. He explained that all the ancient forts that have found wells are circular wells, but it is a quadrangular well. Its specialty can be known only after digging it.
- This well is believed to be from the time of Hemant Singh, the sixth king of the Karanpura raj. King Hemant Singh ruled for about 57 years (1604 to 1661).
- King Hemant Singh had made the Badam Fort very strong. For this, he called many artisans from Patna. The highest place of Badmahi (River Haraho) was chosen to build the fort. Its construction work was carried out in 1642 AD. completed in.
- The main gate of this fort, which is called Singh Darwaza, still exists in a dilapidated condition. It's two floors. A ladder was made to go to the upper floor. There were two rooms on both floors. Even on the summer days, there is a feeling of cold in its rooms.

Jharkhand's Minority School Employees to get Benefit of Contributory Pension Scheme

Why in News?

Recently, the Department of School Education and Literacy, Jharkhand has announced the benefit of contributory pension scheme to the employees of minority schools.

Key Points

- Employees of 836 elementary aided (including minorities) and 134 secondary minority schools in Jharkhand will get the benefit of contributory pension scheme.
- Under this, those employees of these schools who are employed on or after December 1, 2004 will get the benefit of contributory pension scheme.
- It is worth mentioning that the Department of School Education and Literacy has taken this decision in the light of the order passed by the Jharkhand High Court in the case of Jharkhand State Secondary Teachers Association vs State Government. In this, the High Court had ordered the state government to take necessary decisions on the presentation of the petitioner.
- The announcement issued by the department regarding the benefit of contributory pension scheme to these schools has said that since they have been appointed through the School Management Committee, the committee will have to be registered with the Central Record Keeping Agency 'National Security Depository Limited'. At the same time, each personnel will have to take permanent retirement account number along with the contribution.
- Ten percent of the basic salary and admissible living allowance of the employees will be deducted from the amount, which will be deposited in the NPS account as employer contribution.

Guru Sushant Mohapatra honoured with 'Guru Brahma Award'

Why in News?

On June 10, 2022, in a program organized in Jagannathpuri, Odisha, Guru Sushant Mohapatra, the leading artist who prepared the mask of Seraikela Chhau dance form of Jharkhand state, was given 'Guru Brahma Award'.

Key Points

In the International Mega Dance Festival 'Apsara-2022' organized by the Cultural Development Foundation of Odisha, Dr. Tirupati Panigrahi, Chairman, Hitech



- Group, honored Mohapatra by giving him an angavastra and a citation.
- The exhibition of Chhau Masks created by Guru Sushant Mohapatra has been held in the country and abroad, the Saraikela style Chhau mask prepared by him has been exhibited not only in the country, but also in New York, Berlin, Vienna in the US, as well as in mumbai, kolkata and other big cities including the capital of the country Delhi.
- The mask, produced by Guru Sushant Mohapatra, has also been presented to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- > It is known that in the year 1925, his elder father, Prashna Kumar Mohapatra, had prepared the first modern mask for the Saraikela Style Chhau.
- Sushant Mohapatra started manufacturing the mask at the age of 8 with the inspiration of his elder father (Guru Prasanna Mohapatra). After this the practice of this mask started increasing and now this Seraikela style of mask has become the hallmark of Chhau dance.

Domestic Flights to Start from Deoghar International Airport

Why in News?

On June 14, 2022, Deoghar Airport Director Sandeep Dhingra informed that domestic flights will start from the newly built Deoghar International Airport before the world-famous Shravani Mela, which will start from July 15.

Key Points

- The airport will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 12. It is worth mentioning that the online foundation stone of this airport was laid by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on May 25, 2018.
- > It is the first international airport in Jharkhand, but in the first phase, domestic flight services will be started from here. Deoghar will be the first airport in the state from where direct flight services can be started for foreign countries in the future.
- At present, regular domestic flight services are being operated from Birsa Munda Airport in Ranchi only in the entire state.
- > The DGCA (Director General of Civil Aviation) had issued a licence to Deoghar airport for domestic flights on April 11, 2022. After this, on June 8, IndiGo's air bus-320 took off from this airport as a trial run.

- Deoghar Airport Director Sandeep Dhingra said that regular flight services to Delhi, Mumbai, Bengaluru and Ranchi will start before here. For this, IndiGo and SpiceJet have given approval on their behalf. Other airlines, including Air Asia, have also expressed their willingness to offer their services from Deoghar airport.
- > The airport has been constructed at a cost of about Rs 400 crore, of which 50 percent is contributed by DRDO. A replica of the world famous Baba Vaidyanath temple has been built on the airport building. On it, the Panchshul has been made from brass, which is visible from a distance. Similar is the case with the Panchshul Baba Vaidyanath temple.
- A huge Shravani fair is organized every year in Deoghar for a month in Sawan, in which about 1 to 1.5 lakh devotees reach daily from Bihar, Jharkhand, Uttar Pradesh as well as from different parts of the country. Devotees coming from outside will get a lot of convenience due to the start of flight services from here before the fair.
- Federation of Jharkhand Chamber of Commerce and Industries President Dhiraj Taneja said that the commencement of services from Deoghar airport will also expand the possibilities of trade and industry.

Orders to Remove All sawmills in Forest Area of Jharkhand

Why in News?

On June 15, 2022, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren has issued orders to the Forest Department to remove all sawmills falling within a radius of 5 km from the forest area.

Key Points

- > The Chief Minister of the state has issued this order while rejecting the proposal of the Forest Department, in which it was requested to regularize the saw mills operating within a radius of five km from the forest area before 1996 in the state.
- The far-reaching impact of this decision of Hemant Soren will be seen on the forest and environment of the state in the coming days. This will also check illegal felling of wood in the forests. In addition, wild fauna, forests and flora will also be protected.
- It is to be known that earlier the Chief Minister had also given strict instructions to close the illegal mine



- operating in the state. In this regard, he said that action would be taken against the senior officers of the district where illegal mines would be operated.
- The people of Koylanchal region have benefited the most from this, where there have been many accidents due to illegal mining, while repeated explosions in the mine have adversely affected their houses including pollution.

Ranchi's Kritika Received the Impact Award

Why in News?

On June 15, 2022, Kritika Singh from Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand state, was honored with the Impact Media Award at a function held in Mumbai. This award was presented to Kritika by Padmashree Prasoon Joshi.

Key Points

- The award has been given to 28-year-old Kritika for her influential personality in the Under-30s, discharging her duties responsibly, helping people and playing an important role in the country's important projects.
- Kritika is currently working as the Contact Group Head for Wavemaker Global, under which various campaigns have been successfully conducted.
- ➤ Earlier, Kritika has also been awarded the MSL Group Maestro Award Individual for her outstanding performance in the year 2016.
- Kritika has worked on important projects on OTT platforms, web content, TV partnerships, marketing sponsorships and as a marketing influencer.
- Apart from social responsibility, Kritika had contributed significantly to the Swachh Bharat Mission run by the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India and the Kovid Vaccination and 'Malaria No More' campaign of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

15th Jharkhand State Boxing Championship

Why in News

On June 19, 2022, with a stellar performance and interesting competitions, the 15th Jharkhand State Boxing Championship concluded at The Novamundi Boxing Centre (NBC) of Tata Steel.

Key Points

- More than 132 boxers from 11 districts participated in the three-day high-octane boxing championships.
- The competition was divided into two categories, Junior (Boy and Girl) and Young (Male and Female).
- Palak Kumari, Annu Pandey and Rahul Kumar of East Singhbhum won the award for best boxer in junior (girl) and youth (women and men) category respectively in this competition, while Suraj Rana, West Singhbhum won the best boxer award in junior (boy) category.
- > At the same time, East Singhbhum won the award of team champion in the junior (boys and girls) and youth (men's and women') categories.
- Ranchi received the runners-up award and Dhanbad and West Singhbhum received the runners-up award in youth (male and female) respectively.

Adventure Sports Launched at Maithon Dam

Why in News?

On June 20, 2022, three-day adventure sports started at Maithon Dam located in Dhanbad district of Jharkhand.

Key Points

- The adventure activities being organized by Jharkhand Tourism Department for the first time near Gogna Sports Hostel in Maithon include Parasailing, Wall Climbing, Surfing, Kayaking, Ringo Riding, Jet Skiing etc.
- > The main objective of organizing adventure activities in Maithon Dam is to make Maithon Dam a prestigious adventure sports center of the state by promoting adventure tourism.
- It may be mentioned that during the 34th National Games held in Jharkhand in 2011, several water sports events were held at Mathon Dam, including Kayaking and Canoeing.

Mayor Election in Jharkhand

Why in News?

 On June 21, 2022, in the meeting of the state cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Hemant Soren, the proposal



of the Urban Development Department was approved, under which the election of the mayor in Jharkhand would be on the basis of non-party, not on the basis of party.

Key Points

- In the meeting, the state cabinet approved 43 proposals. However, due to the model code of conduct in force in view of the Mandar by-election, there was no press conference on the decisions of the Cabinet.
- > But sources said that the most important proposal has come from the Urban Development Department, which has been approved. At the same time, there will be no election of deputy mayor, but the councillors of the municipal corporation and municipal bodies will together elect the deputy mayor. The approval of the cabinet has been received on the rules brought in this regard.
- ➤ In the meeting, the police appointment rules were also amended, under which now the candidates will have to complete the race first, then only they will have a written test.

MoU for Multi-Skill Center in West Singhbhum

Why in News?

On June 27, 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between West Singhbhum district administration and Tata Steel Foundation (TSF) for setting up a multi-skill centre.

Key Point

- The agreement was signed by Ananya Mittal (IAS), (Deputy Commissioner, West Singhbhum) and Saurav Roy (Chief Executive Officer, Tata Steel Foundation).
- > The Centre will provide a multi-set of short-term training programmes aimed at capacity building and creating employment generation and entrepreneurship opportunities among the youth of the tribal communities mainly in the region.
- > Tata Steel Foundation will take over the routine maintenance of the centre as well as strengthening the initial infrastructure. In addition, the provision of training partners, trainers and equipment will also be supported by the Tata Steel Foundation.

- Keeping in mind the 'Make in India' campaign of the central government, the centre will start with four courses in the supply chain, including warehouse packaging, auto service technician, assistant technician and mobile assembly. These are all three-six month courses.
- Such programmes are being seen as an opportunity to reach out to the youth from the most vulnerable backgrounds with meaningful choices on skill development, which will ensure a sustainable livelihood through income generation.
- Once ready, the center will ensure employment for a large number of youth, who will receive training and ultimately contribute to meeting the demand for skilled workers in industrial areas across the country.

KMEH Becomes National Level Training Institute for Retina Surgery

Why in News?

Recently Kashyap Memorial Eye Hospital, Ranchi has been recognized by the National Board of Examinations of the country for fellowship studies in Vitro Retinal Surgery.

Key Point

- With this, it has become the only nationally recognized training institute for retinal surgery in eastern India.
- The credit for the initiative of retina surgery in the state also goes to Kashyap Memorial Eye Hospital. The retina department of the hospital is run under the supervision of Dr.Vibhuti Kashyap, a double FRCS retinal surgeon trained at AIIMS.
- The hospital has the highest number of blind patients in the state. Surgery of the retina of the eyes is considered to be the most complex surgery of the eyes. This is the longest operation of the eyes.
- Three years ago, the facility of electrophysiology examination of retina and nerves of eyes was also started for the first time at Kashyap Memorial Eye Hospital in Jharkhand's Bihar. This test is currently available only at Kashyap Memorial Eye Hospital.
- It is like a heart ECG and no dye is used in this test. This test is very safe for patients with heart disease, kidney disease, diabetes and blood pressure.



Milk Cooling Center

Why in News?

On June 29, 2022, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren inaugurated the Milk Cooling Centre at Panchkathia/Babupur, Barhet, Sahibganj.

Key Points

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that milk collectors in these centres will get a fair price for milk and the state government will also pay a market price of Rs 2 per litre.
- > Also, milk products manufactured at Medha Dairy will be used in anganwadi centres.
- The State Government is making continuous efforts to promote the farmers and milk producers. In this connection, milk cooling centres are being opened in villages.
- > The milk which will be made available by the cattle herders in milk cooling stations will be processed in the big dairy plants of the state. After this, milk and milk products will be sent for sale in every part of the state. The government will work to make these products available in the market.

Inauguration and Foundation Stone Laying of Various Schemes

Why in News?

On June 29, 2022, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant

Soren laid the foundation stone, inaugurated and distributed assets, distribution of appointment letters at Damruhat, Sunderpahari, Godda.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister launched the Government-run Well-sponsored Godda Scheme and released a booklet related to it.
- Under this scheme, various programmes will be undertaken to free the children of Godda district from malnutrition.
- On the occasion, 79 schemes worth Rs.18001.17 lakh were inaugurated by the Chief Minister and foundation stone of 10 important schemes worth Rs.12598.28 lakh was laid.
- ➢ In this program, appointment letters related to various departments were distributed by the Chief Minister to 170 people. A total of Rs 1767.10 lakh was also distributed among 2573 beneficiaries under other schemes including Social Security Pension Scheme, Sona Sobran Yojana, Ration Card Distribution, Chief Minister Kanyadan, Chief Minister Employment Generation, Phool-Jhan Ashirwad Yojna.
- Tanu Kumari of Godda, who has brought laurels to the Santhal Pargana in the entire state by securing 97% in the board exams, was felicitated by the Chief Minister in this program.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister said that the children who stood first in the board examinations in the state would be given prize money of Rs 3 lakh, 2 lakh for the second position and Rs 1 lakh for the third position.





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