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Birsa Munda Airport

Why in news

- Birsa Munda Airport (Ranchi) has been ranked 5th in the country and 1st in Eastern India in the recently released Airports Council International's Phase-I survey report out of 60 airports across the country.

Key Points

- A survey is conducted every six months by the Airports Council International, on the basis of which the ranking of the airport is released.
- In this survey, feedback was taken from the passengers on 35 points, which included connectivity to the airport, parking facility, facility to sit in the airport after checking, toilets, behavior of airport personnel etc.

Adiva

Why in News

- On November 2, 2021, Jharkhand Livelihood Promotion Society Limited launched Adiva, a brand of traditional jewelry to promote and provide employment to local artisans.

Key Points

- The main **objective of launching the brand 'Adiva' is to save the heritage tribal jewelry of the state and make rural women self-employed** by connecting the state's traditional jewelry with a larger market through a new identity.
- It is an attempt to establish new dimensions of entrepreneurship by connecting the tribal jewelry made by the women of '**Sakhi Mandal**' to the larger market.
- It is known that 'Flash Brand' has been started on the initiative of Chief Minister Hemant Soren to connect the products of Sakhi Mandal with big markets, which has increased the income of rural women. In this episode 'Adiva' has also been launched.
- JSLPS teams of all the districts of the state were added online in the launch program of Adiva.

Public Affairs Index, 2021

Why in News

- Jharkhand has been **ranked third in the category of**

large states in terms of development in the recently released Public Appearances Index, 2021.

Key Points

- The Public Appearances Index has been calculated on the basis of three basic pillars – Equity, Growth/ Growth and Sustainability.
- In this, Jharkhand has been ranked 9th in the list of big states in the equity column, while Gujarat has got the first and Uttar Pradesh has got the last position.
- Jharkhand has performed exceptionally well in the development/growth column and has been ranked 3rd in the big states category, as compared to 14th position last year.
- Jharkhand has been ranked 15th among the big states in the sustainability column, while Kerala is at the first and Uttar Pradesh is at the last position.
- In the overall ranking, Kerala has got the first and Tamil Nadu has got the second place.

Solo Act Competition

Why in News

- A solo acting competition was organized in the mini auditorium of **Jharkhand Film and Theater Academy (JFTA)** on November 7, 2021.

Key Points

- In this competition, solo performance was presented by the artists on the theme '**Corona Ki Maar, Upar Se Petrol-Diesel Ka Vaar**'.
- The winners were selected by the jury comprising filmmaker Purushottam Kumar and theater artist Ashok Gope.
- The winner of this competition was Nisha Gupta, while Ayush Sharma got second prize and Abhishek Rai got third prize. Naira Shagun and Shahbaz were given consolation prizes.

2 Persons from Jharkhand Received Padma Awards for 2020

Why in News

- The Padma Award for the year 2020 was presented by President Ram Nath Kovind on November 8, 2021.

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Key Points

- 'Guru Shashadhar Acharya' of Jharkhand was awarded the Padma Shri award for his contribution in the field of 'art'.
- Shri Madhu Mansuri Hasmukh was also awarded the Padma Shri award for 2020 for his contribution in the field of arts.
- For the year 2020, 141 Padma Awards were given including Padma Vibhushan (07), Padma Bhushan (16) and Padma Shri (118).
- It may be noted that due to the infection of Covid-19 this award could not be awarded till now.

Shubham Goyal selected for PM Research Fellow

Why in News

- Recently, Shubham Goyal of Jharkhand has been selected for the **Prime Minister's Research Fellow (PMRF)**.

Key Points

- The Prime Minister's Research Fellows was started by the Ministry of Human Resource Development to promote research work in the country.
- This scheme was first announced in the budget of 2018-19.
- Under this scheme, a fellowship of Rs 70,000 per month is provided for the first two years, Rs 75,000 per month in the third year and Rs 80,000 per month in the fourth and fifth years. Also 2 lakh rupees per year (total Rs 10 lakh for 5 years) are provided as research grants.

Jharkhand as 'Focus State' at International Trade Fair

Why in News

- On November 9, 2021, Jharkhand State Industries Department officials informed that **Jharkhand will be the 'Focus State'** along with Uttar Pradesh at the upcoming **India International Trade Fair (IITF)** at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Bihar will play the role of a 'Partner State' in this fair.

Key Points

- IITF is an annual event, which could not be held last year due to the Covid-induced restrictions. This year it will be held from November 14 to November 27, 2021 at Pragati Maidan in the national capital.
- This will be the 40th edition of IITF organized by India Trade Promotion Organisation.
- According to sources in the state industry department, at least 35 stalls have been allotted to Jharkhand in this international fair to showcase various business opportunities in the state. Some of the stalls from Jharkhand in the fair will focus on mining, information technology, forest conservation, tourism and tribal handicrafts.
- Khadi stalls and other stalls will also be set up by Jharkhand Silk Textile and Handicraft Development Corporation Limited (Jharcraft).
- Officials said the fair will help Jharkhand achieve global exposure and improve its future business prospects. Jharkhand's culture, art and industrial expertise will be showcased in the fair, giving the state an opportunity to make a mark on the global map for business.

Palamu Tiger Reserve

Why in News

- Recently, Director and Chief Conservator of **Palamu Tiger Reserve** (Jharkhand) Kumar Ashutosh told that after a long time a tiger has been seen in this reserve.

Key Points

- Tiger has been sighted in this reserve for the first time since March 2020.
- It may be noted that in the tiger census report released in 2019, the number of tigers in this reserve was said to be zero, but now the sighting of tigers in the reserve is good news for the state.
- Palamu Tiger Reserve was established in 1974 under Project Tiger.
- Palamu Tiger Reserve is the first such sanctuary in the world, where tiger census was done on the basis of footprint count.
- 'Betla National Park' is situated in 226.32 sq km within the Palamu Tiger Reserve, spread over a total area of 1130 sq km in Latehar district of Jharkhand.

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Tribal Pride Day

Why in News

- On November 10, 2021, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved to declare 15 November as Tribal Pride Day. 15th November is also the foundation day of Jharkhand state.

Key Points

- This announcement of the cabinet gives approval to the glorious history and cultural heritage of the tribal communities. This Tribal Pride Day will be observed every year and will recognize the efforts of the tribals to preserve the cultural heritage and promote the Indian values of valor, hospitality and national pride.
- This day is dedicated to the memory of the brave tribal freedom fighters, so that the coming generations can know about their sacrifices towards the country.
- As part of Tribal Pride Day celebrations, the Central Government in association with the State Governments will start a week long festival from November 15 to November 22 to showcase the glorious history of tribal society, culture, heritage, contribution of tribal society in the freedom struggle.
- Born on November 15, 1875, Birsa Munda fought valiantly against the exploitative system of the British colonial system and led the movement against British repression, calling for 'ulgulan' (revolution).
- The Prime Minister had approved the establishment of 10 tribal freedom fighter museums across India including Ranchi on the Independence Day of 2016. The old jail in Ranchi, where Birsa Munda breathed his last, is being renovated as a museum.

Service-Cum-Art Exhibition

Why in News

- On November 12, 2021, the Jharkhand High Court and the Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority (Jhalsa) organized a one-day state level legal service and art exhibition at the White Hall of the High Court as part of a pan-India legal awareness and outreach campaign.

Key Points

- The exhibition was inaugurated by Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad, Judge of Jharkhand High Court and Chairman of Jharkhand High Court Legal Services Committee.

- The State Legal Services and Exhibition was organized under the direction and guidance of Justice Aparesh Kumar Singh, Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court and Chief Patron of State Legal Services Authority, Justice Dr. Ravi Ranjan and Judge of Jharkhand High Court and Executive Chairman of Jharkhand State Legal Services Authority.
- Justice Sujit Narayan Prasad said that the main focus of the State Legal Services Authority is to create legal awareness among the marginalized section of the society and help these sections of the society by providing legal aid through a panel of advocates.
- During the COVID pandemic, Jhalsa had also set up a central 'War Room' in the state capital and other units in the districts to help those in distress, primarily those in need of COVID-related assistance.
- Jhalsa Member Secretary Mohammad Shakir said that various helpline numbers of National Legal Aid with graphical representation were also displayed in the exhibition. Along with this, stalls were also set up by Birsa Munda Central Jail, Ranchi, Communication Home, Ranchi, UNICEF, Ranchi, Elder HelpLine, Childline, Ranchi etc.
- In this exhibition, information about the work done in the legal services sector was given to the people through various stalls, along with the distribution of ready-made materials for the knowledge of the law.

State Foundation Day Ornamentation Parade Ceremony

Why in News

- On November 14, 2021, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren attended the Jharkhand State Foundation Day decoration parade ceremony and inspected the attractive parade.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister honored 57 police officers and jawans with medals for their excellent work in this function. Out of these, one police officer was given Vishisht Seva Medal, 27 police officers/personnel were given Chief Minister's Gallantry Medal and 29 police officers/personnel were awarded Meritorious Service Medal.

Note:

- The Chief Minister said that the Jap Ground at Doranda in the capital Ranchi has historical importance. It has been witness to many big and important celebrations and events. Along with the beautification of this ground, all facilities will be made available so that it can be used in a better way. He also announced to blacken the roads of ZAP campus on the occasion.

Jharkhand Foundation Day

Why in News

- On November 15, 2021, the 21st State Foundation Day was celebrated in Jharkhand. The birth anniversary of Lord Birsa Munda is also celebrated on this day.

Key Points

- The state of **Jharkhand was created on 15 November 2000 by bifurcating the southern part of Bihar.**
- Jharkhand, located in the north eastern part of India, is also called '**Jungle of Forest**' or '**Bushland**'.
- On this occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi congratulated the people of Jharkhand and online inaugurated the Bhagwan Birsa Munda Memorial Udyan cum Freedom Fighter Museum in Ranchi.
- On this occasion, in the program organized at Project Bhawan, three eminent personalities of Jharkhand who were honored with Panshree and the descendants of Lord Birsa Munda were honored.
- Along with the Universal Pension Scheme, '**Sahay Yojana**' was launched to connect youth and girls in Naxal-affected districts of Khunti, West Singhbhum, Gumla, Seraikela and Simdega.
- Apart from this, the second phase of '**Poolon Jhanno Ashirwad Abhiyan**' was launched, a new web portal related to Panch Navjeevan Sakhi Didis was inaugurated.
- Chief Minister Hemant Soren also launched the program '**Aapke Adhikar, Aapki Sarkar, Aapke Dwar**' in Khunti district and launched the app related to it.

Universal Pension Scheme

Why in News

- On November 16, 2021, after the instructions of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, the '**Universal Pension Scheme**' has been implemented in the state.

Key Points

- This pension scheme operated under the social security scheme has been simplified. In this, the compulsion of APL and BPL cards has been abolished.
- The special feature of this scheme is that now all the old people above 60 years of age will get the benefit of the pension scheme. Provided the applicant is not a taxpayer. Poor, disabled and destitute, including widows, single, abandoned women, will be covered by this scheme. All of them will get one thousand rupees per month directly in the bank account.
- The government has made a provision of Rs 100 crore under the Universal Pension Scheme.
- This pension scheme will be implemented through the Women, Child Development and Social Security Department of the government.
- The different beneficiaries to whom there is a provision to provide benefits under the Universal Pension Scheme are as follows-
 - **Chief Minister State Old Age Pension Scheme-** Under this, the age of the applicant (male or female) should be 60 years or more. Age related documents will be required. Also, the applicant should not be a taxpayer.
 - Under the **Mukhyamantri Rajya Nisrit Mahila Samman Pension Yojana**, a woman above the age of 18 years, whose husband has died, will be eligible for pension. For this the death certificate of the husband will be required.
 - Apart from this, abandoned women of 18 years of age or more, single women of 45 years of age or more will also get the benefit of pension. Women falling under both these categories will need a joint certificate of Mukhiya and Panchayat Secretary/ Ward Councilor and Revenue Sub-Inspector or a certificate issued by MLA /MP or any gazetted officer.
 - Under the **Swami Vivekananda Nishakt Swavalamban Protsahan Yojna**, a photocopy of the certificate of disability and age certificate (below 18 years of age, birth certificate or signed certificate of the principal of the school or college) will be required.
 - There is no age limit under the pension scheme for the help of **HIV/AIDS victims**. Medical certificate will be required for the applicant to receive ART/ ARD.

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ASER Report 2021

Why in News

- Recently, the 16th **Annual Status of Education ASER 2021** was released by NGO Pratham, which shows an increase in the inclination of students towards government schools in Jharkhand.

Key Points

- According to the report, the number of children in the age group of 6-14 years studying in government schools of Jharkhand has increased by 6.5 percent as compared to the previous year.
- The number of children (6-14 years) enrolled in government schools in Jharkhand was 72.1% in 2020, which has increased to 78.6% in 2021.
- 57.6 percent of children in Jharkhand have to take tuitions, compared to the national average of only 39.2 percent.
- In the year 2021, the number of enrolled students in the state, who have a smartphone in their homes, has increased to 60.2 percent, from only 20.6 percent in the year 2018.
- 89.8 percent of the state's enrolled children have books for their grades, compared to the national average of 91.9 percent.
- 2.7 percent children in the 6-14 year age group of the state are still enrolled in schools, including 3.1 percent boys and 2.3 percent girls.
- Only 15.3 percent of the enrolled students in the state are able to study online from home, while in Kerala it is 91 percent, while the national average is also much higher than Jharkhand (24.2 percent).
- It may be noted that this report presents data on the schooling status and basic reading and math abilities of children in rural India.
- The ASER 2021 report has been prepared on the basis of a phone-based survey due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jharkhand Number One in Swachh Survekshan 2021

Why in News

- On 20 November 2021, President Ram Nath Kovind honored Jharkhand as the top state in the category

of states with 100 urban bodies in the Swachhta Survekshan 2021 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

Key Points

- In the survey, Jharkhand has been awarded the Best Performing Award in the category of States having 100 Urban Bodies, along with some cities have also been awarded in different categories.
- Jamshedpur has got the second position for the Safai Mitra Suraksha Challenge among the cities with a population of 3 to 10 lakhs of the country.
- Jugsalai has been awarded as Best City for Citizen Feedback among cities with a population of 25-50 thousand in Eastern Zone.
- Similarly, Jamshedpur in Jharkhand has been awarded 3 rating in Garbage 3 star rating.

21st Anniversary of Jharkhand Legislative Assembly

Why in News

- On November 22, 2021, the 21st anniversary of Jharkhand Legislative Assembly was celebrated, in which the Governor of the state Ramesh Bais, Speaker of the Assembly Rabindra Nath Mahto and Chief Minister Hemant Soren attended.

Key Points

- On this occasion, in the presence of the Governor, Speaker of the Assembly, Chief Minister and Minister of Parliamentary Affairs honored the brave sons of Jharkhand martyred on the border of the country and the policemen who were martyred in the Naxal operation.
- Apart from this, archers Komolik Bari, Ankita Bhagat and cricketer Indrani Rai were also honored.
- On this occasion, Vishrampur MLA Ramchandra Chandravanshi was honored with **Birsa Munda Outstanding Legislator Award**.
- The outstanding personnel of the Legislative Assembly, the teachers of the Jharkhand State who were honored with the National Award were given shawls, memento citations and honor money.
- In the anniversary celebrations, the quarterly magazine 'Udaan' of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly was released and the Executive Summary of the Jharkhand State First Student Parliament was released.

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- The martyrs who were given the honor posthumously are Sunil Lakra (Havaldar), Duleshwar Prasad (Constable), Rabindra Kumar (BSF), Kiran Surin (Conservative), Rajesh Kumar, Deputy Commandant (STF), Devendra Kumar Pandit (Havaldar, STF), Hardwar Sah (Rakshasi, Jharkhand Jaguar), Shiv Oraon (SAP).
- East Singhbhum Deputy Commissioner Suraj Kumar, Ranchi Deputy Commissioner Chhavi Ranjan and Ramgarh Deputy Commissioner Smt. Madhavi Mishra were honored with memento and citation for their excellent work in corona vaccination.
- The Jharkhand State Legislative Assembly constituted on November 15, 2000, is located in Ranchi city. The Russian hostel of the township is located in the premises. Inder Singh Namdhari was the first Speaker of the Jharkhand Legislative Assembly. The first address in the assembly was given by the first Governor Prabhat Kumar.

Santhal's First Four-Lane Road 'Hansdiha-Mahagama'

Why in News

- On November 22, 2021, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) issued a tender for the first four-lane road (Hansdiha to Mahagama) of Santhal Parganas in Jharkhand.

Key Points

- This four-lane road will be constructed from Hansdiha to Mahagama in Godda parliamentary constituency of the state.
- The length of this road will be about 52 km.
- Its construction will cost a total of Rs 955 crore.
- This road route will be connected to National Highway 133 (NH-133).

Agreement between XISS and PHIA Foundation for Gender Equality

Why In News

- Recently **Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS)**, Ranchi and Partnering Hope Into Action (PHIA) Foundation,

Ranchi signed a Memorandum of Understanding for a one year partnership for cooperation in the areas of gender equality and involving students as changemakers.

Key Points

- The partnership between XISS and PHIA aims to co-create a facilitating platform where the youth leaders of tomorrow gain a wide range of experience to understand the nuances of the gender issue and help build a new narrative around gender justice.
- As part of this partnership, the PHIA Foundation will train XISS students to be changemakers, reaching out to the masses with creative content and creating awareness on the issue.
- Students/changemakers will initiate meaningful and engaging conversations to bring about change in themselves and others. Changemakers will also act as campaign ambassadors in educational institutions of the state and will be awarded Changemaker Certification.
- As a knowledge partner, PHIA Foundation will help organize workshops/idea-shops and awareness programs on gender issues for students.

'The People's Leader'

Why in News

- On November 25, 2021, Chief Minister Hemant Soren and Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Rabindra Nath Mahto released the book '**The People's Leader**' based on the biography of former state minister and current MLA Saryu Rai in the assembly hall of Jharkhand Mantralaya.

Key Points

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the books written by MLA Saryu Rai inspire the State Government to move ahead with better management.
- On this occasion, the author of the book 'The People's Leader', Vivekanand Jha told that many unexplored aspects of personal, social, political life related to Saryu Rai have been depicted in this book.
- From the year 1974 student movement, role in Emergency, debut in politics, differences on various issues, role of exposing scams to many other events have been mentioned in this book.

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Jharkhand is the Second Poorest State in the Country in the Multidimensional Poverty Index 2021

Why in News

- Recently, the **Multidimensional Poverty Index**, 2021 has been released by NITI Aayog, in which Jharkhand has been ranked second (Bihar first) in terms of poverty.

Key Points

- According to the report, **42.16 percent of the people of Jharkhand are poor**, which is the highest in the country after Bihar (51.91 percent). Kerala is the least poor state in the country.
- 47.99% of the people of Jharkhand are malnourished.
- Jharkhand has got a score of 0.202 in the Multidimensional Poverty Index, in which the score of rural area is 0.246 and the score of urban area is 0.067.
- Chatra is the poorest district of Jharkhand, where 60.74 percent of the population is poor. On the other hand, Pakur (60.66 percent), West Singhbhum (57.60 percent), Sahibganj (55.93 percent) and Garhwa (53.26 percent) are the poorest districts of the state.
- East Singhbhum is the poorest district of Jharkhand, where only 23.99 percent of the population is poor. On the other hand, Ranchi is on the second place in this case, only 27.7 percent of the population here is poor.

Jharkhand Pavilion got Gold Medal in the Category of Focus State in Trade Fair

Why in News

- Union Minority Affairs Minister Mukhtar Abbas Naqvi presented the Jharkhand Pavilion with a Gold Medal and a Citation in the Focus State Category at the closing ceremony of the country's largest trade fair 'Indian International Trade Fair' on November 27, 2021.

Key Points

- The medal and the citation were received by the pavilion director Rajendra Prasad on behalf of the

Jharkhand pavilion. On this occasion, he said that this pavilion put up by the Jharkhand Industries Department is a world class platform for various departments of Jharkhand and its craftsmen, artisans and businessmen.

- In these stalls, Jharkhand's Department of Mines and Geophysics was given first, Forest Environment and Climate Change second and Ranchi Smart City third. This year around Rs 20 lakh were sold at stalls in Jharkhand.
- The Indian International Trade Fair was first organized in 1979. India International Trade Fair provides a common platform for manufacturers, traders, exporters and importers.
- The fair is organized by the Trade Promotion Organization of India, a trade promotion agency of the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India.

Torpa is the First Block in the State to Get 100% Covid-19 Vaccination

Why in News

- Recently, Torpa has become the first block in Jharkhand to achieve 100% COVID-19 vaccination coverage.

Key Points

- This tribal-dominated block, located in the state's Khunti district, has achieved this feat despite opposition from villagers in the initial phase of the vaccination campaign.
- The hard work of the district administration officials and the support provided by the NGOs helped in creating awareness about vaccination and allaying the apprehensions about vaccination among the villagers.
- Torpa has a total of 95 villages and so far 55939 people (population above 18 years) have been vaccinated with the first dose. This is 100% of the population eligible for the vaccine; Also 70 percent of people have taken a second dose.
- Gayatri Mishra, Joint Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Department, on her recent visit to Torpa, inquired about the campaign started in Torpa.



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