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Chandkhuri, Giroudpuri and Sonakhan to be Renamed

Why In News?

On August 1, 2022, an official of the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department said that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has directed to rename three villages of Raipur and Balodabazar-Bhatapara districts to give a new identity to the great men and centres of faith of Chhattisgarh to suit the sentiments of the people.

Key Points

- The three villages which have been directed by the Chief Minister to be renamed are Chandkhuri in Raipur district and Girodpuri and Sonakhan villages of Balodabazar-Bhatapara district.
- After the chief minister's directive, Chandkhuri, which is now considered to be the birthplace of Kaushalya, the mother of Lord Shri Ram, will be renamed as 'Mata Kaushalya Dham Chandkhuri'.
- Similarly, Girodpuri, the popular pilgrimage centre of Satnam panth, will be called 'Baba Guru Ghasidas Dham Girodpuri' and Sonakhan will be renamed as 'Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Dham Sonakhan'.
- It is worth mentioning that Chandkhuri, which is involved in the state's ambitious 'Ram Van Gaman' tourism circuit project, is considered to be the birthplace of Kaushalya, the mother of Lord Shri Ram. Here is the temple of Mata Kaushalya in the middle of the pond, which was built in the 10th century.
- Girodpuri is the largest religious-social center of the Satnam Panth. This small village in Balodabazar-Bhatapara district, situated in the basin of Mahanadi, is the birthplace and tapobhoomi of 18th century Satnam saint and great social reformer Baba Guru Ghasidas.
- Veer Narayan Singh, a freedom fighter born in Sonakhan, is considered to be the first martyr of Chhattisgarh in the revolt of 1857. Veer Narayan Singh was hanged by the British on December 10, 1857 at Jaistambh Chowk in Raipur.

Unemployment in the Month of July in Chhattisgarh is the lowest in the Country

Why In News?

According to the data released by the Centre for Monitoring of Indian Economy (CMIE), a body that monitors economic activity recently, the unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh in July was the lowest at 0.8 percent in the country, while the country's average unemployment rate was recorded at 6.9 percent.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that for the past several months, Chhattisgarh has been consistently achieving the distinction of the state with the lowest unemployment rate in the country. Earlier, Chhattisgarh's unemployment rate in the month of May was 0.7 percent, while the country's unemployment rate was then recorded at 7.1 percent. In March and April also, Chhattisgarh's unemployment rate was the lowest in the country at 0.6 percent.
- According to the new CMIE data, 26.9 percent in Haryana, 20.2 percent in Jammu and Kashmir, 18.8 percent in Bihar, 13.7 percent in Goa, 13 percent in Tripura, 8.9 percent in Delhi, 7.7 percent in Punjab, Himachal Pradesh recorded an unemployment rate of 6.3 percent, Uttar Pradesh 3.3 percent, Gujarat 2.2 percent, Madhya Pradesh 2.0 percent.
- After the formation of the new government in Chhattisgarh three-and-a-half years ago, the government's focus was on schemes that balance the urban and rural economy and create new employment opportunities. Soon after the formation of the government, it was started with the liberation of farmers and waiver of pending irrigation tax.
- This was followed by Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay yojana, Godhan Nyaya Yojana, Suraji Gaon Yojana, Narwa-Garwa-Ghurwa-Bari programme, Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Landless Kisan Nyayojana, formulation of new industrial policy, better arrangements for collection of forest and agricultural produce, local processing of produce and value addition, Setting up of rural industrial parks, increase in collection rate of minor forest produce and procurement of 65 types of minor forest produce at support price, increase

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- Chhattisgarh has continuously expanded its employment and income generation schemes. In the same order, recently, while expanding the Godhan Nyaya Yojana, we have also started the purchase of cow urine along with cow dung. Manure and pesticides will also be manufactured from cow urine procured, which will create new employment opportunities.
- The gothans constructed in village to village are also being upgraded to rural industrial park where processing units like oil mill, dal mill, mini rice mill are being set up. Various products are also being manufactured in the gothans.

Meeting of Chhattisgarh State Wetland Authority

Why In News?

In the meeting of Chhattisgarh State Wetland Authority held at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan under the chairmanship of Forest and Climate Change Minister Mohammad Akbar on August 2, 2022, under the first phase of the action plan, expansion for the coordinated development of naturally available wetlands in the state. discussed with.

Key Points

- In the meeting, it was taken a significant decision to include naturally available wetlands under the first phase of action plan for development of wetlands in the State.
- During this period, discussions were also held regarding preparation of list of natural wetlands in the State as well as preparation of their inventory etc. In addition, the functions of the newly constituted Chhattisgarh State Wetland Authority and selection of expert institutions for preparation of action plan for conservation and management of major wetlands of the State, etc., were discussed.
- The meeting approved creation of a new budget item for the Chhattisgarh state wetland authority for

conservation and promotion of wetlands. Apart from this, the formation of District Level Committees for editing of field works for conservation of wetlands of the State was also discussed.

- It is to be mentioned that there are 35 thousand 534 wetlands in Chhattisgarh, out of which 7 thousand 711 are wetlands of more than 2.25 hectares and 27 thousand 823 are wetlands of less than 2.25 hectares. The area of all these wetlands is 3 lakh 37 thousand 966 hectares, which is 2.5 percent of the geographical area of the state.

24% Rebate in Energy charges to Rolling Mills

Why In News?

On August 2, 2022, on the special initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, keeping in view the public interest, the Chhattisgarh government decided to give a special discount of 24% in energy charges for up to 9 months to stand alone rolling mills in the state.

Key Points

- Under the order issued by the Ministry of Energy, Government of Chhattisgarh, rolling mills have been provided 24 percent rebate in energy charges payable on the amount of electricity consumed during the period from July 1, 2022 to March 31, 2023.
- Due to this, advance payment of subsidy amount due to Chhattisgarh State Power Distribution Limited Company will be made by the State Government to compensate for the loss.
- It is worth mentioning that in the situation arising out of the new electricity rates implemented by the Chhattisgarh State Electricity Regulatory Commission from April 1, 2022, stand alone rolling mills included in the HV-4 tariff cadre in the state, which are getting power from CSPDCL, should be made in competition. Keeping this in the public interest, this special exemption has been provided by the state government under the concessional package.
- It may be mentioned that there are 175 rolling mills in Chhattisgarh. There are 125 mills operating in Raipur. The continuous increase in coal prices and costly electricity has affected the operation of rolling mills. In order to maintain the operation of rolling mills,

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special relief has been given by giving exemption in energy charges, so that the workers working in rolling mills continue to get employment.

More than 2 lakh Children out of Malnutrition in 3 years in the State

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on August 3, 2022, under the "Mukhya Mantri Suposhan Abhiyan" started for the eradication of malnutrition in Chhattisgarh, in the last three years, about two lakh 11 thousand children of the state have come out of the cycle of malnutrition. .

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that at the time of the launch of this campaign in the year 2019, the number of malnourished children in the state was 4 lakh 33 thousand. Thus, a 48 percent reduction in the number of malnourished children is a remarkable achievement.
- Along with this, due to regular hot food and nutritious food under the scheme, about 85 thousand women of the state have also become anemia free.
- It is noteworthy that according to the data of National Family Survey-4 released in the year 2015-16, 37.7 percent children under 5 years of age in the state were suffering from malnutrition and 47 percent women between 15 and 49 years were suffering from anemia. In the year 2018, this figure increased to 40 percent. Thus, from 2016 to 2018, malnutrition increased by 2.3 percent instead of decreasing.
- Most of the malnourished children were from tribal and remote forest areas. Taking this as a challenge, the state government started 'Mukhya Mantri Suposhan Abhiyan' from October 2, 2019. The happy result of Chief Minister's nutrition campaign and determined efforts has been that the rate of malnutrition has come down continuously.
- According to the National Family Health Survey-5's report released in 2020-21, if we look at the data of children's weight up to 5 years in the state, then the rate of malnutrition has come down by 6.4 percent to 31.3 percent. This rate is less than the national rate of malnutrition at 32.1%.
- If we look at the statistics of weight festival, in the year 2019, malnutrition in Chhattisgarh was 23.37 percent, which has come down to only 19.86 percent in the year 2021. Thus the rate of malnutrition has decreased by 3.51 percent in two years.
- Around 22 lakh children were weighed in the weight festival held in July 2021. During this, the level of malnutrition was assessed in a transparent manner. The services of an external agency were taken for data quality testing and data validation. Similarly, in the year 2022 also, the weight festival is being celebrated in the state from August 1 to August 13. Based on its data, the present malnutrition rate in the state will be assessed.
- It is noteworthy that on the initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, a state-wide campaign is being run for the eradication of malnutrition through Mukhya Mantri Suposhan Yojana. Keeping the health and nutrition of women and children in priority order, the Chief Minister has given permission to use the amount of DMF, CSR and other items in the state for this.
- Under the scheme, hot meals are being provided to malnourished women, pregnant and lactating mothers along with children. An attempt has been made to overcome the deficiency of vitamins and minerals in the daily diet of the people by giving iron and vitamin-rich fortified rice and jaggery in the ration. Along with this, arrangements have also been made to provide quality nutritious ready-to-eat and nutritious food based on local availability.
- Women and children are being given fruits, vegetables in the form of soya and groundnut Chikki, nutritious laddus, biscuits of millets with eggs and delicious nutritious food. Due to this, the condition of malnutrition has improved by awakening the interest in food in children.
- Coordinated efforts have been made by integrating schemes with various departments to eradicate malnutrition in the state. Health facilities have been expanded through the establishment of Health and Wellness Centers, Primary and Sub Health Centers in rural areas along with Mukhya Mantri Haat Bazaar Clinic Yojna and Malaria Free Campaign, Dai-Didi Clinic Scheme. This has led to rapid improvement in the level of malnutrition along with the health of women and children.

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Chief Minister Releases Book 'Bastar Tiger'

Why In News?

On August 4, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the book 'Bastar Tiger' based on the life of martyr late Mahendra Karma on the eve of his birth anniversary at his residence office.

Key points

- Written by authors Kunal Shukla and Preeti Upadhyay, this book shares the untold aspects of the life of martyr Mahendra Karma, popularly known as Bastar Tiger.
- Through this book, martyr Mahendra Karma's thinking towards the development of tribals and his deep faith in democratic values has been placed before the readers.
- Martyr Mahendra Karma was inspired by the ideas of Gandhi-Nehru. He tried for peace in Bastar throughout his life. In the book, the thoughts about the Salwa Judum of Shaheed Mahendra Karma have been presented to the readers for the first time.
- Significantly, Mahendra Karma was the leader of Chhattisgarh Congress. He was the Leader of the Opposition in the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly from 2004 to 2008. In 2005, he played an important role in organizing the Salwa Judum movement against Naxalites in Chhattisgarh. He was the Minister of Industries and Commerce in the Ajit Jogi government cabinet since the formation of the state.
- On May 5, 2013, 28 Congress leaders including Mahendra Karma, then Congress President Nand Kumar Patel, MLA Uday Mudaliar were attacked and killed by Naxalites in Darbha Valley while returning from the Parivartan rally organized by the Congress in Sukma. Former Union Minister Vidyacharan Shukla, who was seriously injured in the attack, died during treatment.

Traditional game 'Madai' Organized on World Tribal Day in Raipur

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on August 4, 2022,

on the occasion of World Tribal Day, on August 7 and 8, the traditional game of specially protected tribes 'Madai' will be organized at Swami Vivekananda Stadium Kota in the capital Raipur.

Key points

- Sports games traditionally played by various tribal communities in Madai, such as archery, slingshot, matka race, gilli-danda, gedi-run, bumblebee, fugadi (girls' category), billa (girls' category), kabaddi, rope pulling, Competitions like Saktal (Pithul), Heavy Race, Bora-Run, Sui-Dhaaga Run (Girls Category), Mudi Lukavan (Goti Lukavan), Three Tangdi Race and Sailing (For Adults) etc. will be organized.
- The competition, organized by the Department of Development of Primitive Castes and Scheduled Castes, will have two categories for boys and girls, the age group of 14 to 18 years and the traditionally played sports competitions for women and men of 18 years and above under the open competition.
- At the district level, entry will be invited from sports wise specially protected tribal communities from all the development blocks falling under the agency area.
- It is noteworthy that sports competitions were organized in the districts from 22 to 28 July. After selection from district level, around 700 participants from 17 districts will participate in this state level event.

Godhan Nyay Scheme of Chhattisgarh

Why In News?

In the seventh meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 7, 2022, the Prime Minister mentioned about the Godhan Nyay scheme of Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel also attended the seventh meeting of the Governing Council of NITI Aayog. During this time, he spoke on various schemes and topics related to the state's interest in addition to the agenda points related to the meeting.
- In the meeting, the Prime Minister, especially referring to the Godhan Nyay Yojana, said that vermicompost

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- being prepared from cow dung is helpful in increasing the productivity of the fields, it is a good scheme in the interest of farmers.
- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel said that in the last three and a half years, NITI Aayog has appreciated the better performance of the aspirational districts of the state. Chhattisgarh is self-sufficient in the field of grain production. To promote crop diversification, 'Chhattisgarh Millet Mission' has been formed along with the implementation of 'Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana', 'Chief Minister Tree Plantation Promotion Scheme'.
 - The Chief Minister suggested that free seeds of newly developed crop varieties should be made available through mini kits and breeder seed on a large scale through agricultural research institutes for crop diversification and increase the production and productivity of pulses, oilseeds.
 - Regarding the implementation of the National Education Policy, the Chief Minister said that many important steps have been taken in this direction in the state. Good quality infrastructure, equipment, educational and curricular activities are being conducted including the establishment of Swami Atmanand Excellent English Medium School.
 - Discussing the urban administration, the Chief Minister said that Chhattisgarh has won the state Swachh Survekshan for three consecutive years. Better work has been done in solid waste management in urban areas of the state. He suggested that MNREGA should be implemented in rural areas located near cities and cities with a population of less than 20 thousand.
 - He also raised the issue of GST compensation in the meeting. He said that the gst tax system has caused revenue loss to the states, in the coming year, the center has not made arrangements to compensate the state for the loss of revenue of about Rs 5000 crore, so the GST compensation grant should be continued for the next 05 years even after June 2022 .
 - At the same time, he said that in the union budget of the last three years, Chhattisgarh has received less share of Rs 13,089 crore in central taxes, which has created a situation of immense pressure on the resources of the state. The amount of share of central taxes should be given entirely to the state.

- The Chief Minister demanded the coal block companies to give Rs 4,140 crore deposited with the Center on coal exploration at the rate of Rs 295 per tonne to Chhattisgarh soon. About 65 percent of the state's mineral revenue source is iron ore mines operating in the state. He requested for revision of royalty rates of coal and other major minerals.
- The Chief Minister said that the expenditure on internal security should be borne by the Central Government. The central government should bear the security expenditure of Rs 11,828 crore on the deployment of central forces in the state for naxal eradication and the state should be freed from this arrears.
- The Chief Minister also urged for exemption under the Forest Conservation Act in setting up solar power plants up to 5 MW in 10 aspirational districts of Chhattisgarh. Along with this, he requested for early action on the pending demands including refund of deposits in the new pension scheme, ensuring availability of jute gunny bags.

CM Releases 44 Important Books Including 'Adi Vidroh'

Why in News?

On August 9, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released 'Adi Vidroh' and 44 other books published by Tribal Research Training Institute in the World Tribal Day program organized at his residence office.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister also released the calendar of **Gram Sabha Awareness Campaign** towards forest rights, campaign song and video message of **Community Forest Resource Right** (Chargaon District Dhamtari) in the program.
- To display the valor saga of heroic tribal Jannayaks who played a leading role in various movements for the independence of the country and the revolts carried out by tribals from time to time for water-forest-land exploitation, protection from oppression and for Indian independence, Tribal Research and Training Institute has prepared a booklet on Adi Vidroh, Chhattisgarh ke Adivasi Vidroh and Swatantrata Sangram ke Adivasi JanaNayaka.

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- In this book the role of the tribal leaders of the state is described from the Halba Rebellion of 1774 to the Bhumkal Rebellion of 1910 and the various movements in the pre-independence period.
- The English version of this coffee-table book has been published as **The Tribal Revolts Tribal Heroes of Freedom Movement and the Tribal Rebellions of Chhattisgarh**.
- **Tribal Cuisine:** Northern tribal areas of the state, such as- Surguja, Jashpur, Korea, Balrampur, Surajpur etc., Central tribal areas, such as- Raigarh, Korba, Bilaspur, Kabirdham, Rajnandgaon, Gariaband, Mahasamund, Dhamtari and South tribal areas, such as- Kanker, Kondagaon, Narayanpur, Bastar, Dantewada, Sukma and Bijapur districts have been recorded in the special types of dishes and their methods showing the resources available in their natural habitat and their lifestyle.
- **Tribal Art of Chhattisgarh:** Tribal communities residing in the districts of North Central and South region of Chhattisgarh state, useful items of their daily life, murals carved in the walls of houses, geometric figures used in specific rituals, etc. have always been the subject of attraction for the general public since time immemorial. In these, artefacts usually made on walls and on the ground, artifacts made of bamboo and rope, and tattoos or designs tattooed on the bodies of women, and their traditional knowledge have been recorded.
- **Tribal Teej-Festivals of Chhattisgarh:** The Kathori and Sohrai festivals of the hill Korwa tribes of the northern region of the state, Sarhul and Karma festivals of the Oraon tribes, Banagadi and Jivatia festivals of the Khairwar tribes, Chherta and Akti festivals of the Baiga tribes of the central region, Mata Rachani and Akti festivals of the Kamar tribes, Jyotis and Chaurdhoni festival of Binjhar tribe, Uwans and Nawakhai festival of Rajgond tribe, etc., Mati Tihar and Karsad festival of Abujhmadia tribe of South region or Bastar division, Kohkang and Mati Saad festival of Muria tribe, Beej Bahadani and Teeja Chauth of Halba tribes and Amus or Hareli, Bali Parab festival of Parja tribes, and similar festivals of other tribes of the state have also been recorded.
- **Anthropological Studies:** An anthropological study book of 9 tribes of the state, namely- Rajgond Dhurva, Kandra, Nagvanshi, Dhangad, Saunta, Pardhi, Dhanwar and Kondh tribes was prepared, in which the origin of tribes, social organization, political life, religious life and social rites etc. is described.
- **Monograph Study:** A monograph study has been done on 21 points related to the lifestyle of the tribes of the state, which includes the publication related to customary law of Gond, Halba, Pahari Korwa, Kamar, Majhwar and Khadia tribes, Sarna festival of Oraon, Cultural change in Oraon tribe, Phagun Madai of Dantewada, Mavali Madai of Narayanpur, Ghotpal Madai, Bhangaram Jatra, Baiga Godna (tattooing), Bhujia tattooing, Red bungalow of Bhujia tribe, Bamboo pot making in Kamar tribe, Haat market in Kamar tribe, Haat market in Baiga tribe, Katha manufacturing method in Khairwar tribe and Handia (Popular Tribal Drink) & Mand making in Surguja division.
- **Language Dialect:** With the aim of preserving their specific dialects prevalent in the tribes of the state, dictionary and conversation brief in Sadri dialect, dictionary and conversation brief in Dorli dialect, dictionary and conversation brief in Gondi dialect, dictionary and conversation brief in Gondi dialect Dandami Madiya have been created.
- **Primers:** The work of publishing the Primers has been done for the promotion of the tribal dialects of the state and to provide alphabetical knowledge to the children of the primary level in their mother tongue. This episode includes Counting Chart in Gondi dialect, Alphabet Chart in Gondi dialect, Alphabetical Chart in Baigani dialect, Counting Chart in Baigani dialect and Barakhadi Chart in Baigani dialect etc. Apart from this, books on Rajgond, Dhruva, Kandra, Nagvanshi, Dhangad, Saunta, Pardhi, Dhanwar, Kondh have been published in other books.

PESA Act Implemented in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

On August 9, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, while addressing the World Tribal Day program, said that a rule has been made in the state regarding the PESA (Panchayat Extension of Schedule Area) Act, which has also been published in the Gazette on August 8.

Key Points

- Significantly, on July 7, 2022, in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the draft of the PESA law was approved. With its publication in the Gazette on August 8, 2022, it has come into force in the state.

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- The Chief Minister said that the PESA Act was already in place, but due to non-formulation of its rules, the tribals were not getting its benefits, now the tribals of the state would be able to take their own decisions regarding their water, forest and land.
- With the implementation of PESA Act, the power of Gram Sabha will increase. Under the PESA Act, 50 percent of the members of the Gram Sabha will be from the tribal community. Out of this, 25 percent will be women members. They will also have the right to take decisions in the development of villages and to settle mutual disputes.
- The Chief Minister said that after the formation of his government, a public holiday was declared on World Tribal Day, tribals were given forest rights pattas, under which five lakh pattas have been given under forest rights.
- It is noteworthy that the Panchayat (Extension to Scheduled Areas) Act, 1996 or PESA was enacted by the Center to ensure self-government through Gram Sabhas for the people living in the Scheduled Areas. It legally recognizes the right of tribal communities, residents of scheduled areas to govern themselves through their own systems of self-government, and recognizes their traditional rights over natural resources.
- PESA empowers Gram Sabhas to play an important role in approving development plans and controlling all social sectors. This includes procedures and personnel implementing policies, controlling minor (non-timber) forest resources, minor water bodies and minor minerals, managing local markets, preventing land alienation, and controlling narcotics, among other things.

Chief Minister Confers Rights of Community Forest Resources in Tiger Reserves

Why in News?

On August 9, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, taking a big initiative on the occasion of World Tribal Day, issued Community Forest Resources Charter to 10 Gram Sabhas under the Recognition of Forest Rights Act, 2006 in core and buffer areas in two big tiger reserves of the state.

Key Points

- The 10 Gram Sabhas include 5 Gram Sabhas of Achanakmar Tiger Reserve and 5 Gram Sabhas of Sitanadi Udanti Tiger Reserve.
- The 5 gram sabhas of Achanakmar Tiger Reserve, which have been empowered, are in the area of Mungeli district, out of which 4 villages are of core area and 1 is of buffer area. Of these, community forest resource rights were given to Mahamai on 1384.056 hectares, 1191.6 hectares to Babutola, 1663 hectares to Bamhani, 3240 hectares to Katami and 661.74 hectares to Manzoorha Gram Sabha.
- In Sitanadi Udanti Tiger Reserve, for the first time in the state, community forest resource rights have been jointly recognized in three gram sabhas of Sitanadi Tiger Reserve in Dhamtari district - Likhma, Baniyadih and Mainpur in 1811.53 hectares. It is noteworthy that the traditional boundaries of all three villages are the same, but due to increase in population, they were divided into three villages.

World Economic Forum Appreciated the Work Being Done for the Conservation of Forest of Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

On August 12, 2022, Nicole Sewad, head of One Trillion Trees on behalf of the World Economic Forum, appreciated the work being done by the Chhattisgarh government in the field of environmental protection, increasing tree cover and forest cover.

Key Points

- Significantly, the World Economic Forum is working on the One Trillion Tree Plan globally. Under this scheme, the World Economic Forum is working in the field of environmental protection.
- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel along with Nikol Sewad, head of One Trillion Tree program, joined the discussion through video conferencing regarding how environmental protection is being further improved in Chhattisgarh. In this discussion

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Ritvika Bhattacharya and Bhairavi Jani, the directors of One Trillion Tree Program in India, informed the Chief Minister about the program.

- Nikol Sewad said that linking the forests of Chhattisgarh with the economy is an important step, which can promote economic activities along with environmental protection.
- In the discussion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that in Chhattisgarh, work is being done to conserve forests and recharge groundwater sources in a scientific way, due to which the drains of Chhattisgarh have been recharged from 10 to 30 cm.
- The Chief Minister said that better work is being done in the field of minor forest produce in Chhattisgarh, if small industries are set up for them, then people living in rural areas will be greatly benefited and people will also be aware in the field of environmental protection.
- In Chhattisgarh, 42 per cent of the area is covered by forests and 31 per cent of the state's population is made up of tribals, who are mainly dependent on forests. To make them more prosperous, the Chhattisgarh government is distributing individual and community forest rights pattas.
- Suggesting to the World Economic Forum, the Chief Minister said that if we plant trees according to the season, then there will be more possibilities for the development of forests and this will happen only if they get enough water. The Chief Minister said that the Chhattisgarh government has done the same thing under the Narva scheme. Due to this, water has been recharged in the drains and due to sufficient quantity of water, the area of the forest is increasing.

CM Felicitates Three Outstanding Self-reliant Gothans of the State

Why in News?

On August 15, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel honored three self-reliant Gothans of the state for their efficient conduct of economic activities and excellent work in the state level function of Independence Day organized at Police Parade Ground in the capital Raipur.

Key Points

- Kesara Gauthan of Patan block of Durg district, Chattod Gauthan of Arang block of Raipur district and Donde, Harangarh Gauthan of Koylibeda of Kanker district were awarded.
- The Chief Minister felicitated these three Gothans with an incentive amount of Rs 50,000 each, a memento and a citation.
- Kanak Soni, Tilak Verma and Vishnu Sahu, the presidents of the Gauthan committee of these three Gothans respectively, received this honor on behalf of their respective Gothans.
- In Kesara Gauthan, 4900 quintals of cow dung has been purchased and sold by the self-help group to 1700 quintals of compost. Under the economic activities in Kesara Gauthan, activities like poultry, goat rearing, fish farming, garden development and oil crushing machines are being conducted by women self-help groups.
- So far, 5500 quintals of cow dung has been purchased from the cattle owners in Chataud Gauthan Committee and 2200 quintals of compost has been prepared and sold. In Gauthan, Sita Mahila Sangathan is producing poultry, fish farming, goat rearing, mushroom production along with garden development, papad, pickle, badi, washing powder etc. Sita Mahila Sangathan is making insecticides Neemastra and Brahmastra by purchasing cow urine, which are chemical free pesticides for organic farming.
- In Donde, Harangarh Gauthan, 2900 quintals of compost has been prepared by purchasing 6200 quintals of cow dung from cattle rearers through the group. In Gothan, women of self-help groups are conducting income-oriented activities like fisheries, garden development, mushroom production, lamp making. The work of selling vermi compost and purchasing of cow dung is also being done by Gothan.
- In the program, four officers were also honored for their excellent work in the operation, implementation and coordination of the scheme in the state level Godhan Nyay Cell under Suraji village.
- These officers include Agriculture Department's Joint Director Ramlakhan Khare, OSD Dr Mausam Mehra, Assistant Director Chandan Rai and Chips (CHIPS) Senior Advisor Nilesh Soni. The Chief Minister honored them with a citation and a memento.

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Litterateur Liladhar Mandloi gets Vasundhara Samman

Why in News?

On August 14, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel honored well-known litterateur and journalist Leeladhar Mandloi with the Vasundhara Samman at the 22nd Vasundhara Samman ceremony held at his residence office.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel honored Leeladhar Mandloi with a citation, memento and award fund in the award ceremony.
- It is noteworthy that Vasundhara Samman is conferred in the memory of Late Devi Prasad Choubey. This is the 22nd continuous event of Vasundhara Samman organized on the 46th death anniversary of Late Devi Prasad Choubey.
- The program was jointly organized by Culture Department Chhattisgarh Lok Jagran's monthly magazine Kriti Vasundhara and Chaturbhuj Memorial Foundation.
- Remembering late Devi Prasad Choubey, the Chief Minister said that he was a pioneer of rural journalism. He did a lot of work in the field of social reform. He was vehemently opposed to the sacrificial system. He had also stopped the practice of sacrifice in the temple of his village.
- Liladhar Mandloi was born in 1954 in a village called Gudhi in Chhindwara district of undivided Madhya Pradesh. His education took place in Bhopal and Raipur.
- Liladhar Mandloi has also been a member of the Prasar Bharati Board, apart from the Director General of Doordarshan and All India Radio.
- Mandloi is basically a poet. In his poems, there is a vivid depiction of the sweetness of the dialect of Chhattisgarh and the life of the people there. He is inclined towards writing folktales, folk songs, travelogues, diaries, media, journalism and criticism.

Chief Minister Honored 61 Journalists with Shramveer Samman

Why In News?

On August 16, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel performed a record 109 hours of live coverage during the rescue operation of Rahul Sahu in village Pihrid of Janjgir-Champa district in the Shramveer Samman 2022-23 ceremony held at the Conclave Hall of New Circuit House, capital Raipur. Journalists were honored with Shramveer Samman.

Key Points

- This program was organized by the Chhattisgarh unit of Bharti Shramjeevi Patrakar Sangh (National Organization of Print, Electronic and Web Media).
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the state government would soon take an initiative to provide benefits of health insurance to journalists. After studying this demand of journalists, appropriate decision will be taken soon.
- The Chief Minister said that the Journalist Protection Act will be brought in the upcoming winter session or budget session of the Assembly.
- At present, various schemes are being run by the state government to provide assistance for the treatment of patients.
- The Chief Minister said that all the people (journalists, businessmen, social workers) along with the government-administration at the time of incident of child Rahul Sahu falling into the borewell in Pihrid village of Janjgir-Champa, helped him in whatever way he could. Rahul's return safely after a 109-hour long rescue operation is the only example in the country.
- During this long rescue operation, journalists faced many difficulties and challenges and gave positive reports of the moment and conveyed information to the entire state, country and the world.

Photo Exhibition Organized by the Public Relations Department

Why In News?

On August 15, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated a photo exhibition organized by the Public

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Relations Department on the 75th anniversary of independence at the Town Hall located at Kachari Chowk in the capital Raipur.

Key Points

- This exhibition has been organized in memory of the great revolutionaries of Chhattisgarh who played an important role in the country's freedom movement.
- In this exhibition, the contribution of the revolutionaries of Chhattisgarh in the freedom struggle, important documents of immortal revolutionaries, their life journey during the freedom movement, Jungle Satyagraha, Quit India Movement and their contributions in various activities related to the freedom movement have been displayed.
- First Martyr Veer Narayan Singh of Chhattisgarh, Hanuman Singh, who is called Mangal Pandey of Chhattisgarh, Shaheed Veer Gundadhur, Shri Birsu Munda, Veer Surendra Sai, Thakur Pyare Lal Singh, Shri E. Raghavendra Rao, Dr. Khubchand Baghel, Shri Yatiatan Lal, Babu Chhotelal Shrivastava, Barrister Chhedilal, Pt. Madhavrao Sapre, Shri Parasram Soni, Shri Ramprasad Potai, Mahant Lakshmi Narayan Das, Shri Bisahu Das Mahant, Shri Dhaniram Verma, Shri Vamanrao Baliram Lakhe, Seth Shivdas Daga, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla, First of Raipur Contribution of many freedom fighters of Chhattisgarh including women freedom fighter Radha Bai was illustrated. Information related to the stay of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi in Chhattisgarh is also displayed illustrated.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that it is very important for the coming generations to know that the great revolutionaries of Chhattisgarh have made their valuable contribution in the freedom struggle movement. This exhibition will play an important role in making today's generation aware of it.
- It is worth noting that this exhibition is being organized from August 15 to 21 at the Town Hall, Kachari Chowk. A film focusing on the Humar Tiranga campaign is also being screened at the exhibition site.

Swami Atmanand Excellence School Scheme

Why In News?

On August 15, 2022, on Independence Day, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the implementation

of 'Swami Atmanand Excellence School scheme' in 422 schools of the state before the upcoming academic session to provide better and quality education to the students of the state. Out of which 252 schools will be in Bastar and Surguja divisions.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that 'Swami Atmanand Excellence School Scheme' has brought a new revolution in the field of school education. Last year, the state government had started this scheme from 51 schools, which has now increased to 279 schools. Out of these, 32 schools are Hindi medium and 247 schools are being taught in English medium along with Hindi.
- This year, 2 lakh 52 thousand 600 children have taken admission in these schools, out of which 1 lakh 3 thousand children are English medium and 1 lakh 49 thousand 600 children are Hindi medium.
- In view of the success of this scheme, it has been decided that more and more schools will be brought under this scheme. The scheme will be implemented in 422 schools before the upcoming academic session, out of which 252 schools will be in Bastar and Surguja divisions and these will have 100 percent government high and higher secondary schools of Dantewada district.
- The Chief Minister said that the process of setting up an international level boarding school in Nava Raipur has also been started.
- In order to provide elementary education to children in their mother tongue, the state government has published textbooks in 16 local languages and in the languages of 4 neighboring states besides Hindi.
- Under the 'Free Textbook Scheme', about 52 lakh textbooks are being provided to the children of all government-non-government schools from class I to class X and madrasas up to class VIII.
- A target has been set to provide free bicycles to 1 lakh 55 thousand girl students studying in class IX this year.
- To make school education employable, it has been coordinated with ITI, so that certificates of school education and ITI training can be obtained simultaneously. Under this scheme, 114 higher secondary schools have been added.

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- To improve the quality of higher education, 1,459 assistant professors, sports officers and librarians have been appointed. The honorarium of guest lecturers has been increased. In order to open girls colleges in all the districts, a new girls college has been started in Mungeli district.

Chhattisgarh's Ankita Hoists Tricolour on Europe's Highest Peak Mount Elbrus on Independence Day

Why In news?

On August 15, 2022, on the glorious occasion of **Amrit Mahotsav of Independence**, **Ankita Gupta** of Chhattisgarh hoisted the tricolor given by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Mount Elbrus, the highest peak of the European continent.

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- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had presented the national flag to young mountaineer Ankita at his residence on August 3 before going to Europe.
- Mount Elbrus (West), the highest peak on the European continent, has an elevation of **5,642 metres (18,510 ft)**, **with temperatures ranging from -25 to -30 degrees Celsius and wind speeds of 45 to 50 km.** remains up to. Even in these odd circumstances, Ankita made the 76th anniversary of Independence more memorable by waving the tricolor at 5.43 am on The morning of August 15 .
- Reaching the peak, Ankita showcased the Chhattisgarh model of justice and empowerment of the state government. After this, on the second day on August 16, he hoisted the national flag at 4.23 am on mount Elbrus (East) mountain, 5621 meters high located in the continent of Europe.
- Ankita Gupta is originally from Kawardha. At present, she is working as a constable under the police department in Kabirdham district. The Chhattisgarh state government has given financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh to Ankita to participate in mountaineering in Europe.

- Ankita Gupta said that this success is dedicated to the freedom fighters and martyrs of the country. He said that in the month of January, the 6080 meter high peak of UT Kangri in Leh Ladakh was fateh at -39 degrees Celsius. His goal now is to increase the value of the country by hoisting the tricolor in the top of the seven continents.

Two-Day National Workshop on Research and Development of Pulses Crops

Why In news?

On August 17, 2022, Chhattisgarh Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey inaugurated the two-day Rabi Pulses Workshop and Annual Group Meeting organized by Indira Gandhi Agricultural University in collaboration with Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.

Key Points

- In this two-day Rabi Pulses Workshop, discussions are being held on the development, research and production technology of new improved varieties to increase the production of gram, moong, urad, masoor, tivra, rajma and peas.
- It is noteworthy that more than 100 pulses scientists from different states of the country have participated in this workshop and annual group meeting organized to prepare an action plan and strategy for Research and Development to promote the production of pulses crops in the country.
- Deputy Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research T. R. Speaking on the occasion, Sharma said that special efforts are being made by the Central Government to make India self-reliant in the field of pulses production and reduce its import, as a result of which the country is likely to produce 2 crore 80 lakh metric tonnes of pulses this year. Significantly, in the year 2016, 1 crore 60 lakh metric tonnes of pulses were produced in the country.
- He stressed on increasing the use of mechanization and growing resistant and improved varieties of pulses crops to boost their production.
- Assistant Director General, Indian Council of Agricultural Research Sanjeev Gupta said that Chhattisgarh, known

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as a paddy bowl, is also making its mark in the field of pulses production today. He congratulated Indira Gandhi Agricultural University for developing new improved varieties of pulses crops. He said that the tivda crop grown in Chhattisgarh can play an important role in the field of providing food security.

- Vice Chancellor of Indira Gandhi Agricultural University Girish Chandel said that at present pulses crops are being taken in about 11 lakh hectare area in Chhattisgarh, in which arhar, gram, moong, urad, masoor, kulthi, tivda, rajma and peas are prominent.
- Three All India Coordinated Research Projects - Mularp Crops (Moong, Urad, Masoor, Tivda, Rajma, Peas), Gram and Arhar are being conducted at Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur for research and dissemination work on pulses crops, under which development of new improved varieties, Production technology and frontline demonstration work is being done on the fields of farmers.
- So far, a total of 25 varieties of improved and disease-resistant varieties of various pulses crops have been developed by the university, including 2 varieties of moong, 1 urad, 3 of arhar, 6 of kulthi, 1 of cowpea, 5 of gram, 4 of peas, 2 of tivra and 1 variety of lentil.
- Vice-Chancellor Dr. Girish Chandel said that two improved varieties of Tivda, the major pulses crop of Chhattisgarh, have been developed by the university, which are completely safe for human use. New agricultural implements are being developed by the university to promote mechanization in pulses crops.
- On this occasion, State Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey said that in order to promote the production of pulses crops in Chhattisgarh, special incentives are being given to the farmers growing pulses, under which a grant of Rs 9,000 per acre is being given to the farmers producing pulses instead of paddy.
- He said that in order to promote pulses production, the state government is procuring tur and urad from farmers at the rate of Rs 8000 per quintal instead of the support price of Rs 6600.
- Due to the efforts of the state government, the area and production of pulses in the state has increased in the last years and today pulses crops are being cultivated in an area of 11 lakh hectares, which is expected to increase to 15 lakh hectares in the next two years.

Establishment of Regional Test Laboratory for Testing of Electrical Equipments in Naya Raipur

Why In news?

On August 17, 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between The Central Electricity Research Institute, Bengaluru and the Government of Chhattisgarh for the establishment of a **National level laboratory and testing center for testing of electrical equipment at Naya Raipur** in a program organized under the chairmanship of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at his residence office.

Key Points

- Ankit Anand, Secretary, Chhattisgarh Energy Department and B. A. Sawale, signed the MoU.
- The Regional Test Laboratory to be set up by the Central Electricity Research Institute, Bangalore at Naya Raipur will be the largest laboratory in Central India, with facilities for transformers, routine tests, meter testing, oil testing and routine testing of all electrical equipment. At present, electrical equipment is sent to Bhopal for testing.
- With this facility available in Chhattisgarh, time and revenue will be saved. In this laboratory, power companies will be given a concession of 20 percent in testing. A training centre will also be set up under the laboratory, which will enhance the technical skills of employees of power companies and private institutions.
- Atal Nagar Naya Raipur Development Authority has allotted 10 acres of land in Layer-2 village- Leopard, Sector-30 of Naya Raipur area for setting up laboratory and testing center.
- The work of setting up the laboratory will be completed in 36 months at a cost of Rs 20 crore 70 lakh.
- The regional test laboratory to be set up in Raipur will have facilities of high voltage laboratory (impulse test 400 kV), routine test laboratory for transformer (up to 10 MVA), temperature rise test facility for transformer (up to 10 MVA), energy meter test laboratory for smart meter and cyber security test laboratory for substation equipment and smart meter.

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- It is noteworthy that The Central Electricity Research Institute is a Public Sector Undertaking constituted under the Ministry of Power, Government of India. The institute provides various services to ensure quality in power sector manufacturers and utilities, promotion of applied research in power sector and consultancy services to improve efficiency and reliability in the field of engineering.

Historic International Boxing match 'The Jungle Rumble'

Why In news?

On August 17, 2022, the international boxing competition 'The Jungle Rumble' was organized at Sardar Balbir Singh Juneja Stadium in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh. In one of the bouts, **professional Indian boxer Vijender Singh** defeated Ghana's Eliasu Sule.

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- The International Boxing Competition 'The Jungle Rumble' competition had five interesting bouts. The first match in the light weight group was between Ameya Nitin and Asad Asif Khan. Asad won the match. The second match was between Ashish Sharma and Karthik Satish Kumar, in which Karthik Satish Kumar was declared the winner. The third match was between Shaikom and Gurpreet Singh. Gurpreet Singh became the winner of this match.
- The fourth bout of boxing was between Sachin Nautiyal vs Faizan Anwar. Sachin Nautiyal was battered by rival Faizan's punch and left the ring. Under the rules of the game, the referee declared Faizan the winner.
- The biggest attraction of this boxing competition was the fight between professional Indian boxer Vijender Singh and Ghana's Eliasu Sule. In this match, Vijender Singh defeated Eliasu Sule with his strong punch. In the fifth and final match of 'The Jungle Rumble', Eliasu was dusted in just 02 minutes 07 seconds.
- Significantly, this is the first professional boxing competition in Chhattisgarh's capital Raipur. Vijender Singh, India's first professional boxer, was training extensively for the bout.
- On June 8, professional boxer Vijender Singh had met Chief Minister Bhupendra Baghel and requested him to organise a professional boxing match in Chhattisgarh.

The Chief Minister had accepted this request and in the same context, an international boxing competition was organized in the capital Raipur on the initiative of the Chief Minister. Vijender Singh entered the ring after almost 19 months.

- On the question of efforts to promote sports in Chhattisgarh, the Chief Minister said that a sports academy has been established in the state and a separate authority has also been created for sports. With this, the work of infrastructure development and grooming of players will be done simultaneously.
- Baghel said that cricket's road safety match was held in Chhattisgarh. Many big players have demonstrated their game. The state has already represented the state in women's hockey, now in the Commonwealth Games, the state's daughter Aarushi Kashyap has won a medal in badminton. There are many possibilities in archery too. Such events will give a new dimension to sports in the state.

Swami Atmanand English Medium Model College to Come up in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

On August 18, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced to start Swami Atmanand English Medium Adarsh Mahavidyalaya in a phased manner in Chhattisgarh.

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- The Chief Minister has directed the Chief Secretary to submit an action plan in 10 days regarding starting Swami Atmanand English Medium Adarsh Mahavidyalaya (Swami Atmanand English Medium Model College).
- With this decision of the Chief Minister, children studying in English medium schools will no longer have to go out for higher education after 12th. Quality higher education in English medium will be available in the state itself.
- In the first phase, from the coming academic session June 2023, at least 10 English medium colleges will be opened in major cities of the state. Similarly, in the next three years, English medium colleges will be opened in all the district headquarters of the state.

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- It is noteworthy that on the special initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the State Government has started Swami Atmanand English Medium School to provide quality education in English medium to the children of weaker sections and middle class families of the society. Last year 51 schools were started, due to the popularity of these schools the number of Swami Atmanand English Medium Schools has increased to 247 at present.
- Now with the start of Swami Atmanand English Medium Adarsh Mahavidyalaya, children studying in these schools as well as children of private English medium schools will not have to go out for higher education in English medium.
- Seeing the success of this scheme, on August 15, 2022, the Chief Minister had announced to implement Swami Atmanand Utkrisht Vidyalaya Yojana in 422 schools of the state before the upcoming academic session in the state. Out of these, 252 schools will be in Bastar and Surguja divisions.
- 100 percent government high schools and higher secondary schools of Dantewada district will be transformed as Swami Atmanand Utkrisht Vidyalaya.
- The Chief Minister has said that the education revolution of Chhattisgarh will present the best education model of the country in the future.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel Inaugurated 'Krishna Kunj'

Why In News?

On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Lord Shri Krishna on August 19, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the '**Krishna Kunj**' developed at Telibandha in capital Raipur.

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- It is worth mentioning that as an ambitious scheme of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Janmashtami, '**Krishna Kunj**' has been started in the entire state, under which cultural, religious and life-saving trees will be planted at 162 selected places in urban areas of the state.
- '**Krishna Kunj**' is being developed in all the urban bodies of the state by planting life-useful trees of cultural importance in a minimum of one acre of land. For this, the urban administration will provide land.

- Its purpose is to conserve the vanishing trees of religious, cultural and environmental importance and to make the coming generation aware of them and their importance.
- In '**Krishna Kunj**', trees of religious importance will be planted along with banyan, peepal, amla, kadamba as well as life-saving harra, neem, mango, tamarind, plum, Ganga tamarind, jamun, Ganga ber, mulberry, tendu, chironji, pomegranate, kaitha, neem, gular, palas, guava, sitaphal and bel trees.

Chhattisgarh got its First Skin Bank

Why In News?

On August 20, 2022, Anirban Dasgupta, director in-charge of Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP), inaugurated Chhattisgarh's first '**Skin Bank**' at **Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital and Research Centre**, the main hospital of Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) located at Bhilai in Durg district.

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- With this, Jawaharlal Nehru Hospital and Research Centre will be the first institute for autopsy in the state.
- Deputy Chief Medical Officer and Medical Head of Skin Bank Dr. Anirudh Mene said that this skin bank is the first of its kind in Chhattisgarh. It is the fifth skin bank in the country after Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru and Kochi.
- "The Centre has all the necessary equipment. Six employees of the burn department of Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP) were trained at the Skin Bank of the National Burn Centre, Mumbai.
- The centre has been started after the approval of a four-member inspection team of The **State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (SOTTO)**, Chhattisgarh. The registration number issued will be valid for five years.
- In addition to the burn unit, CMO Dr. Uday Kumar said that the skin bank will prove to be a boon for patients with severe burns through skin transplant and plastic surgery.
- Dr. Uday Kumar said that usually the upper layer of the skin of the patient's foot or back is removed and then 50 percent glycerol in the skin bank and stored in the incubator. This skin can be stored at 4 degrees

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centigrade for about 5 years. Also, the skin can be cut from the donor's body within a limited time even after his death.

State's Largest Jain Kirti Stambh Inaugurated

Why In News?

On August 21, 2022, Shwetambar Jain Saint Lalitprabh and other Jain munigans inaugurated the **state's largest 35 feet Jain Kirti Stambh** at Kotwali Chowk in capital Raipur.

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- Red stones of Rajasthan have been used to make this Kirti Pillar built at Kotwali Chowk.
- All the symbols of Jainism have been used in this Kirti Stambh. Four lions are also depicted around the column. Artisans from Gujarat have beautifully carved symbols of Jainism on stones.
- The specialty of this Kirti Pillar is that iron has not been used anywhere in it. It is made by adding red stones from bottom to top. It will be safe for years even in thunderstorms, storms.
- Earlier this pillar was only eight feet in height, which has been newly built by breaking during road widening.

Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana and Godhan Nyay Yojana

Why In News?

On August 20, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, on '**Sadbhavna Diwas**', the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Late Rajiv Gandhi, gave the second installment of '**Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana**' and '**Godhan Nyay Yojana**' to more than 26 lakh farmers of the state. Rs 1750.24 crore was transferred in the account of 'beneficiary'.

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- As the second installment of 'Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana', the Chief Minister has deposited Rs 1745 crore in the accounts of farmers and Rs 5 crore 24

lakh in the accounts of cow dung vendors, women self-help groups and Gothan committees beneficiaries of 'Godhan Nyay Yojana'. transferred the amount.

- Under 'Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana', the second installment of input subsidy of Rs 1745 crore was transferred through online mode in the bank accounts of 26 lakh 21 thousand 352 registered farmers for Kharif season 2021. Earlier on May 21, 2022, Rs 1745 crore was paid to the farmers of the state as the first installment of this scheme.
- 14 thousand 665 crore rupees have been paid to the farmers since the launch of 'Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana' including the amount paid in the second installment.
- Under this scheme, Rs 5627 crore was paid as input subsidy in 4 installments to 18.43 lakh farmers in Kharif 2019. Similarly, input subsidy of Rs 5553 crore was given to 20.59 lakh farmers of Kharif year 2020. This amount of input subsidy is being given to farmers to reduce crop cost price, increase productivity, promote crop diversification.
- Similarly, under 'Godhan Nyay Yojana', a total of Rs. Under this, Rs 2.64 crore was paid to cow dung vendors and Rs 2.60 crore to Gothan committees and self-help groups.
- 158.24 crore has been paid to the villagers selling cow dung since the launch of Godhan Nyay Yojana. Similarly, Rs 154.02 crore has been paid to Gothan committees and self-help groups so far.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that as input subsidy under 'Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana', Rs 9,000 per acre to paddy producing farmers, Rs 10,000 per acre to farmers taking fragrant paddy and other Kharif crops and for planting trees. 10 thousand rupees per acre will be given to the farmers for 3 years.
- He said that by giving input subsidy along with loan waiver and support price to the farmers, the farmers have become self-reliant from the burden of debt and are moving towards improving the economic condition of their families. The farmers who use the most vermi compost will be honored on the occasion of Rajyotsava.
- The Chief Minister said that there are few fertilizer factories in the country. Chhattisgarh has made a lot of progress in this matter, fertilizer factory has been started from village to village with the production of vermi compost in Gothans. The use of vermi compost

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is increasing the quality and fertility of the land. Agricultural products are getting rid of toxic elements. The state is moving towards organic farming. In the coming time, electricity will also be made in Gothans. Paint is also being made from cow dung.

- Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey said that the economy of Chhattisgarh has improved due to 'Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana' and 'Godhan Nyay Yojana'. Banks have increased confidence in farmers. He said that due to this scheme, the number of farmers has increased by 8 lakh in the last three years.

District Indicator Framework and Reports of Task Force

Why In News?

On August 20, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the '**District Indicator Framework (DIF)**' and task prepared by the **Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission to ensure localization** and continuous effective monitoring of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) up to the district level. Released the reports of the force.

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- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the '**Chhattisgarh SDG District Indicator Framework (CG-DIF)**' prepared by the State Planning Commission is one such effective progress measurement framework, which will not only act as a guide towards achieving the SDG goals. but will also help the collectors of all the districts in taking evidence based decisions by identifying the areas identified as impeding progress.
- Similarly, the release of useful recommendations for various departments in the form of 'Task Force Report' will ensure selection of new activities and expected implementation.
- The Chief Minister said that there are many public welfare schemes of the state such as 'Mid-day Meal Scheme', 'Chief Minister Food Security Scheme', 'Universal Public Distribution System', Chief Minister Urban Slum Health Scheme', Chief Minister Haat Bazaar Clinic Scheme, Mahtari Jatan Yojana, The state government is trying to fulfill the objectives of SDGs through social security schemes like Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, Suraji Gaon Yojana, Godhan Nyay Yojana.

- Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission Deputy Chairman Ajay Singh said that on the basis of the 'District Indicator Framework' prepared by the State Planning Commission, district collectors and departments will be able to evaluate, monitor and monitor the progress of various Sustainable Development Goals.
- A total of 82 indicators related to social, economic, environmental and other aspects have been included in the 'District Indicator Framework'.
- Chhattisgarh Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain said the state government's development agenda is largely interlinked with the SDGs. The SDG framework provides data-based evidence for appropriate decisions to the departments concerned towards achieving the goals.

National Teacher Award

Why In News?

On August 25, 2022, the Ministry of Education, Government of India released the final list of names of 46 teachers from different states of the country selected for the National Teacher Awards 2022. It also includes the name of Mamta Ahar, an assistant teacher from Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- President Draupadi Murmu will present the National Awards for the year 2022 to selected teachers and teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day on September 5, 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and a silver medal.
- Mamta Ahar, an assistant teacher, is the only teacher from the state to be selected for the National Teacher Award. She is posted as assistant teacher in Government Primary School P. Sakharam Dubey, District Raipur.
- On the occasion of Teachers' Day, the Department of School Education and Literacy of the Ministry of Education organizes a national function every year on September 5, in which national awards are given to the best teachers of the country.
- The selection of teachers for the awards is done in a transparent manner through an online three-tier selection process.
- The objective of conferring the National Award to Teachers is to highlight the unique contribution of the teachers of the country and to honor such teachers,

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who have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students with their commitment and hard work.

Chhattisgarh's Bastar Honored as 'Best of Beat Destination'

Why In News?

In the series of awards to be given in various categories by Outlook Group at the 19th Annual Outlook Travelers Awards function held in New Delhi on August 24, 2022, in the Outlook Travelers Award-2022 category, Bastar of Chhattisgarh with a Special Jury Award as 'Best Awarded as 'Off Beat Destination'.

Key Points

- Union Culture and Tourism Minister G. The Outlook Traveler Awards were presented in the presence of Kishan Reddy. Secretary, Tourism and Culture Department, Anbalgan P. received this award on behalf of Chhattisgarh in the ceremony.
- It is noteworthy that this year is the 19th year of the awards. At the same time, the theme of this year's Outlook Group summit is 'The Third Age of Travel'.
- This year's award was decided on the basis of a travel survey by a research agency and examination of the responses by the jury members.

Chief Minister gave Instructions to Set up New Power Plants of 1320 MW

Why In News?

On August 25, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel gave instructions for setting up a new power plant of 1320 MW in the state. For the first time after the establishment of the state, a power plant of such capacity will be set up.

Key Points

- This will be the largest and most modern plant of Chhattisgarh State Power Generation Company. With the establishment of this plant, the own power generation capacity of Chhattisgarh State Generation Company will increase to 4300 MW.

- The Chief Minister reviewed the availability of electricity required to supply the demand of power in future in a review meeting of power companies at his residence. New power plants will be required to supply the required power demand growth by 2030-31.
- The Chief Minister directed the State Power Generation Company to take appropriate action for setting up a 2x660 MW super critical new power generation plant on the available land in Korba West.
- NK Bijoura, managing director of the power generation company, said that this super critical plant will be set up with state-of-the-art technology. This will ensure availability of electricity on one hand, while employment opportunities will also increase.
- He informed that his own land is available for setting up a plant in Korba West. Also, conveyor belt facility is also available for the existing mobile production plants to ensure availability of coal at the required project site.
- The conveyor belt is expected to be cheaper at the rate of power generated from the newly proposed plant due to coal availability, own land availability and supercritical plant. The development of local employment will also be possible by setting up a new production plant.
- After the instructions of the Chief Minister, necessary approvals for the establishment of the plant, coal allocation, detailed DPR including water allocation. The work of preparing etc. will be done at an accelerated pace by the power generation company, so that the expected power supply can be made possible by the year 2030-31.

51st Mayor's Council Conference

Why In News?

On August 28, 2022, the 51st Annual Conference of the All-India Mayor's Council was organized in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh, under the leadership of Naveen Jain, the President of the Council and Mayor of Agra.

Key Points

- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated this conference on 26 August by worshipping the photograph of Chhattisgarh Mahtari

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and lighting the lamp. On this occasion, he called upon all the mayors to make the municipal corporations financially self-reliant.

- Describing the utility of Chhattisgarh's ambitious 'Godhan Nyay Yojana' as a source of income to all the mayors, the Chief Minister said that electricity generation has been started from cow dung in Gothan of Raipur, Durg, Bemetara. 79 lakh metric tonnes of cow dung is being received in the state, out of which 20 lakh metric tonnes of cow dung is being given in the fields of farmers, due to which the fertilizer power of the land is increasing.
- In the three-day conference, the Mayor of Surat talked about his water plus city, while the Mayor of Indore gave information about the cleanliness of Indore, the cleanest city of the country. The Mayor of Mohali and Chandigarh explained about Greenery, the Mayor of Agra about composting from waste and the Mayor of Bhopal about the water management system of his city.
- Naveen Jain, President of the Mayor's Council and the Mayor of Agra, said that 20 lakh tonnes of waste from Agra city was composted, soil was prepared, and it was used in construction work. Now electricity will be made from the garbage generated every day in Agra. Soon a plant will be set up for this in Agra.

Raipur's Budha Talab Project got the 'Smart Project' Award

Why In News?

Recently, Budha Talab Project of Raipur Smart City Limited of Chhattisgarh was honored with 'Smart Project' award at a function organized by Smart City Council of India in Mumbai.

Key Points

- Ujjwal Porwal, Chief Operating Officer, Raipur Smart City Limited received this award.
- Under Smart Urbanization-2022, 33 smart cities of the country had nominated their projects for this award, in which the Budha Talab project of Raipur Smart City Limited was awarded.
- Raipur Smart City Limited has awarded the Smart Project Award for the work done by The Budhatalab-

Swami Vivekanand Sarovar for the beautification and conduct of economic activities and to prepare safe, picturesque places for the entertainment of the common people.

- The jury formed to select the award considered the project useful for better living standards of the common people and increasing the economic opportunities of the local people. The jury included experts from IT Kanpur and NIUA and representatives of reputed companies and institutions.
- Managing Director of Raipur Smart City Limited Mayank Chaturvedi said that for the entertainment of the people, musical and tunnel fountains in the lake, land shopping has been done around the lake with attractive lights. A suitable playground has also been prepared for children.
- Under the Budha talab project, 28.1 hectares of aquatic area has been developed. Also, vending zone has been developed in 1400 square meters area and floating deck in 700 square meters. Saplings have also been planted to keep this area green.

CM releases Child Scientist Piyush's Research Book 'Velocity Mystery'

Why In News?

On August 29, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the research book 'Velocity Mystery' written by 14-year-old child scientist Piyush Jaiswal on astrophysics.

Key Points

- Child scientist Piyush Jaiswal has written this book as part of research work in astronomy. For this, he has been awarded the 'Golden Book of World Record Certificate' of the youngest astronomy writer.
- The certificate of Golden Book of World Records was presented to child scientist and author Piyush Jaiswal before the Chief Minister.
- It is noteworthy that Piyush Jaiswal, a resident of Gariaband district, has also obtained a PhD degree at the age of 13 from the recognized journal 'IJSER' of USA.

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Chhattisgarh in Better Position than Neighboring States in Criminal Cases in 2021

Why In News?

According to the recently released National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) state-wise data of crimes across the country in the year 2021, the level of crime in Chhattisgarh has come down in the year 2021 compared to the year 2018 and Chhattisgarh is better placed in reducing crime than other states of the country.

Key Points

- Under the basic mantra of security, crimes are continuously decreasing in Chhattisgarh. In Chhattisgarh, the data before December 2018 and the current figures show how the criminal cases in the state are continuously decreasing.
- Chhattisgarh Police has presented various standards. According to the chief minister's intention, various schemes have been launched for action against chit fund operators, withdrawal of cases registered against tribals, crime control, quick action on crimes against women, effective control of Naxal problem and arrest of Naxalites and welfare of police personnel.
- Police of Chhattisgarh State has presented new dimensions in Community Policing with Basic, Impactful, Visible. Chhattisgarh Police has established effective control over crimes as compared to earlier years. Along with this, various welfare programs have

also been started for about 72,000 police personnel and their families.

- According to NCRB data, Chhattisgarh was ranked 5th in terms of rape in the year 2018, while Chhattisgarh's position is 11th in the year 2021. Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra are among the top states in this list.
- Chhattisgarh was ranked 14th till 2018 in incidents of attempted rape, while Chhattisgarh has improved its position in 2021 and ranked 16th, according to NCRB data.
- NCRB statistics show that Chhattisgarh was ranked 11th in kidnapping cases in 2018 and now Chhattisgarh is ranked 12th with an improvement of one place in it.
- Major criminal incidents like dacoity have also come down in Chhattisgarh. NCRB data shows that Chhattisgarh was ranked 12th in the year 2018, while it is ranked 16th in 2021.
- According to NCRB data, Chhattisgarh was ranked 15th in the country in terms of murder in the year 2018. Chhattisgarh is also at the 15th position in the year 2021. Uttar Pradesh tops the list of murder crimes followed by Bihar, Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh.
- In terms of attempt to murder, Chhattisgarh was ranked 17th in 2018, while it is also at 17th position in the year 2021. According to the statistics, Uttar Pradesh is at the fourth position and Maharashtra is at the 5th position. In this way, the Chhattisgarh government has succeeded in curbing crimes like murder and attempt to murder.



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