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State Level Guru Ghasidas Folk Festival and Jayanti

Why in News

- On December 31, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh made several announcements including granting Municipality status to Nagar Panchayat Nawagarh in the closing ceremony of Guru Ghasidas Lok Mahotsav and Jayanti celebrations and Open Panthi dance competition.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister sanctioned one crore rupees for upgradation of Nawagarh Hospital into 50 bedded hospital, police post at Sambalpur and Jaitakham of Nawagarh.
- The Chief Minister said that **Baba Guru Ghasidas** has tried to remove the darkness of the society by following the path of truth. Guru Baba incarnated in the land of Chhattisgarh and conveyed his message to the people in Chhattisgarhi dialect. By giving the message of equality, social harmony, Baba worked to unite human society in one thread.
- Baba gave the motto '**Mankhe-Mankhe**' is equal, that is, there is no discrimination between human beings, all are equal. Apart from this, he has given the message of Truth is God and God is Truth.
- In the function, the Chief Minister distributed prizes to the winning Panthi team of the Open Panthi Dance Competition. First prize one lakh 51 thousand, second prize one lakh one thousand rupees, third prize 75 thousand rupees and the Panthi dance teams participating in the competition were given consolation prize of rupees 3100.

Skill Hub Initiative Program

Why in News

- On 31 December 2021, the Ministry of Human Resource Education of the Central Government announced the launch of Skill Hub Initiative program in 18 schools of Chhattisgarh as a pilot project to connect school dropouts and youth to employment education. This program will start from the new year.

Key Points

- This program will start in the first phase in 18 schools of Chhattisgarh state. Under the programme, short term certification courses will be conducted to provide vocational education to out-of-school children, students and skill training after school hours and on weekends.
- For this new initiative being started for employment education and skill upgradation, school dropouts and youth will be given training in various job oriented tasks.
- People in the age group of 15 to 29 years will be selected for the training. In this regard, necessary guidelines have been given to all the district collectors for the preparation of the programme.
- Arrangements will be made in selected schools to provide training to the children in various employment related tasks. Interdepartmental cooperation will also be taken in this work.
- The District Education Officer and the nominated officers attached to the Education Department will monitor the training. Vocational trainers posted in the school will make training and other arrangements.
- The trainees who take the training after the training will also be linked with employment. Along with this, skill certificates and academic credit will be obtained through skilling, re-skilling, upskilling courses.
- Schools affiliated to the Skill Hub Initiative will be registered on the **Skill India portal**. In the pilot phase of this program limited duration training will be conducted.

National Quality Assurance Certificate

Why in News

- On December 31, 2021, 7 government hospitals in Chhattisgarh were awarded **National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS)** certificate by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for providing excellent healthcare and providing better treatment to patients.

Key Points

- Along with this, Kondagaon district hospital has been given LaQshya Certification for excellent facilities of delivery room and maternity operation theater and for good care of the maternity and pregnant women.

Note:

- The Union Health Ministry has awarded quality certificates to two district hospitals, two primary health centers and three urban primary health centers in the state.
- **National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate** has been awarded to Mungeli District Hospital and Narayanpur District Hospital by the Government of India.
- On the other hand, Katgi in Balodabazar-Bhatapara district and Kopra Primary Health Center in Gariaband have got the National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate.
- Rajatalab and Hirapur Urban Primary Health Center in Raipur and Nawapara Urban Primary Health Center in Surguja district have also been awarded with National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate.
- The hospital's services and satisfaction level are tested on several parameters by a team of experts before awarding the **National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate** and **Lakshya Certificate**. Only hospitals that meet these stringent standards are issued quality certificates by the Union Health Ministry.

Student Aditya Chaurasia's Painting on Renewable Energy was Selected and Rewarded at the National Level

Why in News

- On January 1, 2022, the painting made on energy by Aditya Chaurasia, a class X student of RD Tiwari Atmanand Vidyalaya, Raipur, has been selected and rewarded at the national level from the state of Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- For this proud achievement, Aditya Chaurasia will be rewarded and honored by the President in a program organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi in the month of January.
- Student Aditya Chaurasia along with his parents met Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at his residence office. On this occasion, he also presented a painting made on the three-year tenure of the Chhattisgarh government led by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel congratulated and congratulated Aditya on winning the first position in the state level painting competition organized by the Ministry of Power, Government of India in Chhattisgarh and winning a prize of Rs 50,000.
- The Chief Minister said that it is a matter of pride for the state that the painting of Aditya Chaurasia, representing the state of Chhattisgarh, has been selected at the national level. This achievement of Aditya has made Chhattisgarh proud at the national level.

Governor Inaugurates new Website of Raj Bhavan Chhattisgarh

Why in News

- On January 1, 2022, the Governor of Chhattisgarh, Anusuiya Uikey, launched the new website of Raj Bhavan Chhattisgarh. The Governor also released the annual calendar 2022 of Raj Bhavan Chhattisgarh on this occasion.

Key Points

- In the website, the details of the life introduction of the Governor Ms. Uike, constitutional obligations, responsibilities of the Governor as Chancellor, complete information of Raj Bhavan Secretariat and information related to the universities, the format and procedure for meeting the Governor have also been given.
- The website also includes biographies of former governors, photographs and video clippings of Governor's speeches on important occasions, information related to right to information and employees, etc.

Two New Campaigns Started in Chhattisgarh

Why in News

- On January 1, 2022, two new campaigns were started by the School Education Department in Chhattisgarh. Panchayat and Rural Development Minister TS Singhdeo and School Education Minister Dr Premsai Singh Tekam launched both these campaigns.

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Key Points

- From the program organized at the Government Higher Secondary School of District Headquarters Ambikapur, both the ministers joined the virtual program and started a 100-day campaign for the development of reading and mathematical skills of the children and Vocational Education Course-Skill Hub Initiative program for the school children.
- Announcing the launch of both the schemes, School Education Minister Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam said that a state-wide 100-day reading and mathematical skill development program is being started to reduce the learning loss of children due to closure of schools due to Corona.
- This hundred day program has been prepared for three levels. The first level covers children from Anganwadi to class II, the second level covers children from classes III to V and the third level covers children from classes VI to VIII.
- This program is divided into 14 weeks. For each week, a different theme will be shared in Language and Mathematics. All the necessary efforts will be made by the teachers to make them compulsorily proficient by making this theme very well practiced throughout the week by all the children of the class.
- Minister Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam said that the Skill Hub Initiative program for out-of-school children is being initiated for the first time in the state based on holistic education and vocational education at the school level.

Chief Minister Launched Direct Building Permission System

Why in News

- On January 3, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the online direct building permit system without human intervention for construction of buildings on residential plots up to 500 sq m (5382 sq ft) in urban areas in a program organized at his residence office.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister granted the first building permit issued through this system to the applicant, Smt. Chetan Dev Sahu, resident of Swadshiwani, Raipur.

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said on the occasion that this system would accelerate the development of the cities of the state and citizens would get an effective solution to a major problem.
- Building permission is an important process for the citizens of the state who want to build their own house. Earlier this process was not so easy, citizens used to have a lot of trouble to get this facility. Because this process used to take a long time to complete and this process used to reach many officials to get the map passed and after that the citizen got building permission to build the house.
- Now all this process will be free from human intervention and will be completed at the earliest. If the applicant has all the correct documents then the applicant has to submit the application fee of 1Rs. Now they will not have to travel anywhere to make their home.

First meeting of Chhattisgarh Green Council

Why in News

- On January 3, 2022, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the first meeting of the Chhattisgarh Green Council, constituted to give impetus to regenerative development in the state, was held. In this meeting, the vision and main activities of the council were finalized to solve the environmental issue.

Key Points

- Regenerative development is a more progressive concept than sustainable development, which works to increase the income of the local people through livelihood under the New Age Green Economy along with proper utilization of available resources as well as enhancing the quality of resources. .
- He said that Chhattisgarh is probably the first state in the country where Green Council has been constituted. Efforts will be made to further strengthen the green and sustainable economy in the state through the Green Council.

Note:

- The government's initiatives will include capacity building of women SHGs to market sustainable forest, medicinal, herbal and other products, inviting specialist companies to Chhattisgarh and launching an intra-state carbon credit program.
- The Chief Minister said that during the last three years, to strengthen the rural economy in the state, several eco-friendly schemes, such as 'Narva, Garuva, Ghuruwa, Bari Yojna' under 'Suraji Gaon Yojana', 'Godhan Nyay Yojana', have been implemented in Gothans. The work of preparing vermi compost from cow dung, increasing the income of local forest dwellers along with expansion in forest areas, value addition in minor forest produce has been started under 'Chief Minister's Tree Plantation Promotion Scheme'. These schemes are giving impetus to environmental protection and economic empowerment.
- Regarding carbon emissions, he said that Chhattisgarh is moving towards organic farming using vermicompost. Carbon emissions (pollution) are being reduced by not burning stubble and using it as fodder. He said that Chhattisgarh can prove to be the second organic state after Sikkim in the coming time.
- The Chief Minister directed that a nodal officer should be posted in every district to promote regenerative development, after identifying the specialties of the districts, development works should be done there with the help of experts.
- He also directed to make efforts towards branding of Chhattisgarh. Chhattisgarh will be the first state to take such a progressive step towards the economic empowerment of the local people along with tackling the challenges of climate change.

2201 Gauthans of the State became Self-Supporting

Why In News

- According to the information received from the Agriculture Department of Chhattisgarh on January 6, 2022, under the 'Garuva' component of 'Suraji Gaon Yojana', one of the flagship schemes of the state government, so far 2201 Gauthans out of 7889 Gauthans built and actively operated in the state have become independent.

Key Points

- The self-supporting Gauthans have started using the funds available with themselves for the manufacture of vermicompost from the purchase of cow dung.
- Raigad district has maximum 249 Gauthans self-supporting. Mahasamund and Korba districts are at number two, in which 170-170 Gauthans and in third order 141 Gauthans in Kabirdham district have become self-supporting.
- 105 in Janjgir-Champa, 104 in Kanker, 101 in Rajnandgaon district, 86 in Durg, 84 in Balobaazar, 80 in Dhamtari, 76 in Bilaspur, 75 in Raipur, 73 in Korea, 70 in Jashpur, 67 in Balod, 66 in Bemetara, 65 in Surguja, 62 in Mungeli, 56 in Surajpur, 55 in Balrampur, 52 in Sukma district, 46 in Kondagaon, 35-35 in Dantewada and Bastar, 25-25 in Gariaband and Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi, 22 in Bijapur and In Narayanpur, 6 Gauthans have become self-supporting.
- It is worth mentioning that in order to promote the conservation and promotion of livestock in the state, the state government has so far approved the construction of Gauthan in 10591 villages. Out of this, construction of 7889 Gauthans has been completed and other income-oriented activities are being conducted there including dung procurement, manufacture of vermicompost.
- Arrangements for the care, fodder and water treatment of livestock have been ensured in the Gauthans. On the appeal of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, para donation is being done by the farmers for the fodder for livestock.
- So far more than 7 lakh 32 thousand 886 quintals have been collected through donations in Para Gauthans. Apart from this, planting of hybrid Napier grass and sowing of other fodder has also been done to arrange green fodder for animals in Gauthans.

The State Ranks Fourth among the States with the Lowest Unemployment in the Country.

Why In News

- According to the unemployment data recently released by the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) organization, Chhattisgarh is at the fourth place among the states with the lowest unemployment in the country with 2.1 percent.

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Key Points

- According to the data released by CMIE after studying the situation in December 2021, the lowest unemployment rate in the country has been reported in Karnataka at 1.4 percent and the highest unemployment rate in Haryana at 34.1 percent.
- According to the data, Gujarat is the second state with low unemployment with 1.6 percent, while neighboring Odisha with 1.6 percent is at third place and Madhya Pradesh is at 07th position with 3.4 percent.
- Uttar Pradesh has an unemployment rate of 4.9 percent. Assam is ranked 12th with 5.8%. The unemployment rate is 27.1 percent in Rajasthan, 17.3 in Jharkhand and 16 percent in Bihar.
- According to the report, as of January 2021 last year, the unemployment rate in the country was 6.52 percent, in which urban unemployment was 8.9 percent and rural unemployment was 581 percent. At the same time, as of December 2021, the unemployment rate in the country was 7.7 percent, in which urban unemployment was 91 percent and rural unemployment was 7.1 percent.
- Chhattisgarh adopted a new model three years ago, in line with Mahatma Gandhi's vision of '**Gram Swarajya**', while setting the goal of inclusive growth, with an emphasis on increasing economic connectivity between villages and cities.
- Under this model, Suraji Gaon Yojana, Narva-Garva-Ghurva-Bari program, Godhan Nyay Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Bhumless Krishi Mazdoor Nyay Yojana, establishment of Rural Industrial Parks, Minor Forest Produce for economic empowerment of villages under this model. Schemes and programs like collection and value addition, entrepreneurship development are being implemented.
- Even during the first and second wave of Corona, the economy of Chhattisgarh remained untouched by the nationwide economic slowdown. Even then the unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh remained completely under control.
- It is worth noting that the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy Organization has been building the database for 45 years by doing continuous study in the fields of Indian economy, foreign exchange, agriculture, industry etc. and the data released by it is considered authentic.

Labor Department got Golden Award for e-Shramik Service

Why in News

- On January 7, 2022, for innovation in the field of e-governance, the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India, was awarded the Golden Award for Labor Service to the Labor Department of Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- The award was received by the Union Minister (Personnel, Public Grievances) Dr Jitendra Singh, Secretary, Labor Department, Chhattisgarh Alex Paul Menon and a team of Labor Department officials at a function held at Hyderabad International Convention Center, Hyderabad.
- The Labor Department of Chhattisgarh has been given the Golden Award for e-Shramik Service in the category Universalizing Access Including E-Services for National Award 2020-21 for e-Governance. An amount of Rs 2 lakh has been given with this award.
- About 36 lakh workers have been registered under e-shramik service by the Labor Department of Chhattisgarh Government. Chhattisgarh ranks 6th in the country in terms of registration of unorganized workers and third on the basis of target.
- The workers registered on the e-shram portal are being benefited from various schemes being run by the central and state governments for the workers.
- The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Government of India, gives awards to various departments and districts of the Central and State Governments every year for innovation in e-governance.
- Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation for the year 2020-21, Universalizing Access including e-Services, Excellence in District Level Initiative in e-Governance, Outstanding Research on Citizen Centric Services by Academic/ Research Institution, Excellence in Adopting Emerging The award has been given in the categories of Technology and Use of ICT in the Management of COVID-19.

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Audio-Video Studio in Vivekanand Technical University

Why In News

- On January 9, 2022, Chhattisgarh Governor Anusuiya Uikey inaugurated the **Audio-Video studio of Swami Vivekanand Technical University, Bhilai.**

Key Points

- The Governor inspected the **Ultra High Resolution UAV Mapping Machine** at Swami Vivekanand Technical University. Describing this machine as **useful for Public Works, Rural Development, Agriculture and Water Resources, Public Health and other departments**, she said that such machines would prove to be very useful for designing the master plan.
- On this occasion a **report on 42 villages adopted by CSVTU Bhilai** was presented to the Governor and various social works done by NSS were mentioned.

Chhattisgarh Sports Development Authority

Why In News

- On January 9, 2022, **Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel** said that the work of formation of **Chhattisgarh Sports Development Authority** would be completed soon.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel gave this information while discussing with the people of the state on the topic of **'Youth dreams and Chhattisgarh'** in the 25th episode of **Lokvani, a radio talk broadcast from All India Radio.**
- The Chief Minister said that **Chhattisgarh Sports Development Authority** is being established in order to provide necessary facilities, training, equipment and other expenses to the youth players of the state.
- For the first time in the history of Chhattisgarh, the overall infrastructure of sports training has been developed, under which 9 academies have been

established. Nine such academies have already been started for girls in football and for boys and girls in Kabaddi, Archery, Athletics and Hockey.

- The Chief Minister said that a **'Rajiv Yuva Mitran Club'** would be formed in the state, so that **youth could join this club and cooperate in creative work.**
- Under this, an action plan has been prepared for the formation of Rajiv Yuva Mitran Clubs in 13,269 urban bodies and gram panchayats of the state. **Each club will consist of 20 to 40 youth aged between 15 and 40 years.**
- Under the **'Think Be' (Technology Hub and Innovation for Knowledge Bastar) project**, the youth of Bastar are being encouraged for innovation, self-employment and entrepreneurship.
- **Protection and development of various tribal arts, folk songs, choreography, craftsmanship, culture, language, literature, food**, costumes are being done through the institution **'BADAL' (Bastar Academy of Dance, Art, Literature and Language).**
- The Chief Minister said that a **processing unit is being set up in Kanker district for crops like Kodo, Kutki, Ragi** and in Durg district for processing various agricultural products. Land has been allotted for the establishment of food parks in more than 200 development blocks.

Chhattisgarh State Backward Classes Commission Act Amendment Bill-2021

Why in News

- On January 11, 2022, the Governor of Chhattisgarh, Ms. Anusuiya Uikey signed the bill presented to amend the Chhattisgarh State Backward Classes Commission Act.

Key Points

- Under this, partial amendments have been made in sections 2, 3, 4, 6 and 16 of the Act.
- Under this, the post of a vice-chairman has been created in the Backward Classes Commission. After amendment, in sections 3, 4, 6 and 16, after the word "Chairman", the word "Vice President" shall be inserted.

Note:

- This act will be called the Chhattisgarh State Backward Classes Commission (Amendment) Act, 2021. It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.
- It is noteworthy that under Section 3 of the Backward Classes Commission Act, 1995, a 7-member Backward Classes Commission has been constituted in the state, under which there is 1 chairman and 6 members. In the new amendment, keeping in mind the population of the backward classes of the state, the point of creating the post of a vice-chairman apart from seven members has been included in the Backward Classes Commission.

Decision to Purchase on Support Price of Rally Cosa in Chhattisgarh

Why in News

- On January 12, 2022, Managing Director, State Minor Forest Produce Association, Sanjay Shukla informed that important decisions have been taken in the interest of tribal-forest farmers engaged in sericulture and cocoa production in Bastar division. Under this, the purchase of rally cosa will now be done by Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association on support price.

Key Points

- Forest and Climate Change Minister Mohammad Akbar said that with this important decision of the government, now the local residents will get maximum benefit of processing including production of Rally Cosa.
- Giving information in this regard, Managing Director Sanjay Shukla said that by increasing the local processing of rally cosa in the state, the Chief Minister has also directed to increase employment at the local level.
- It is worth mentioning that the state of Chhattisgarh is the leader in cocoa production. Two types of Cosa are produced in the state, which are called Rally and Daba Cosa. At present, Daba Cosa is purchased by the Silk Department, but Rally Cosa is purchased through traders.
- In view of this, Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association has been directed to purchase rally cosa produced in Chhattisgarh by Chief Minister Bhupesh

Baghel on support price. It will directly benefit the residents of Jagdalpur (Bastar), Dantewada, Narayanpur, Kondagaon and Sukma districts including tribal-forest farmers of the state.

- It is noteworthy that the production of Rally Cosa mainly occurs naturally on the Sal tree. Daba Cosa is produced on trees like Arjuna, Saja and Lendia etc. Rally Cosa is superior to Daba Cosa in quantity and quality. Rally Cosa takes place in 2 seasons (Bhado and Chaiti). The quantity and quality of the Bhado crop is more important.
- In the state of Chhattisgarh 8 to 12 crore rally cocoons are produced. Its average value is 30 to 40 crores. Also 9 to 10 crore cocoons are produced in the form of Daba Cosa, whose value is about 25 to 30 crores.
- At present, out of these, the purchase of Daba Cosa is done by the Silk Department, but the Rally Cosa is purchased through traders.

Selection of Peace and Bravery for State Gallantry Award

Why in News

- On January 12, 2022, the Chhattisgarh State Child Welfare Council announced the State Bravery Award. This year this award will be given to Shaurya Pratap Chandrakar of Dhamtari district and Aman Jyoti Jahire of Korba.

Key Points

- This decision has been taken by the jury committee headed by Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhediya.
- The award will be presented by His Excellency Governor Anusuiya Uikey at the main function of Republic Day on 26 January in the capital Raipur.
- These children will be given a cash prize of Rs 15,000 each, a citation and a silver medal in the award.
- It is worth mentioning that Shaurya Pratap Chandrakar saved the people working in the field from electric current on June 13, 2021, while Aman Jyoti Zahir saved the life of his friend Ashish by jumping into the strong current of water in August, 2021.

Note:



Governor Signs the Chhattisgarh Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill

Why in News

- On January 14, 2022, Governor Anusuiya Uikey signed the Bill introduced to amend the Chhattisgarh Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.

Key Points

- The Chhattisgarh Goods and Services Tax Act (Amendment) Bill was passed on December 15, 2021.
- It is noteworthy that after the implementation of GST, some difficulties have emerged in the new tax system.
- The Chhattisgarh Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 provides for the audit of the books of accounts of the taxpayers by a Special Professional (CA etc.), as a result of which the taxpayers, especially the small and medium enterprises, have to face additional compliance burden.
- Besides, certain discrepancies were noticed in various provisions of the Act. At the same time, there is a need to make the provision of taking input tax credit more stringent, so that the availability of wrong input tax credit can be prevented.
- In order to reduce the compliance burden as mentioned above, to remove the existing anomalies in the provisions of the Act and to strengthen the provisions relating to input tax credit, it was decided to make certain amendments in the Chhattisgarh Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017.
- The Central Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Act, 2021 is in force with effect from March 28, 2021, in view of the decision taken by the GST Council. Therefore, it was necessary to amend the Chhattisgarh Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 accordingly.

'Roko Au Toko Campaign' Launched in Sukma District

Why in News

- On January 14, 2022, in Sukma district, under the joint aegis of the district administration and Chhattisgarh

with People Foundation, 'Roko Au Toko Abhiyan' was launched by distributing T-shirts to the volunteers of We The People.

Key Points

- Under the guidance of District Collector Vineet Nandanwar and headed by Chief Executive Officer of District Panchayat Dev Narayan Kashyap and in the presence of Chief Medical Officer Sukma CB Prasad Bansod, T-shirts of Volunteer to Roko Toko were distributed in the District Panchayat Office.
- In view of the rising outbreak of the third wave of Covid-19 and the rapid pace of infection, in collaboration with the volunteers of We The People, the passersby in the crowded places of the district are required to wear masks, follow social distance, get Covid-19 vaccination, Stop and Toko campaign has been launched to bring awareness.
- Under this program, people are being motivated through Megha phones by volunteers to apply masks, follow social distance, get Covid-19 vaccination.

Chhattisgarh Employment Mission

Why in News

- On January 15, 2022, the Chhattisgarh State Government has decided to form Chhattisgarh Rozgar Mission headed by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel to create 12 to 15 lakh new employment opportunities in the state in the next five years.

Key Points

- State Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain will be its Vice President and Principal Secretary Alok Shukla will be the Chief Executive Officer of the mission. Various senior officers including the Managing Director of the Minor Forest Produce Association will be its members.
- Other members of the mission will be Director Industries, Director Technical Education, Employment and Training, Director Fisheries, Managing Director Village Industries, Hand Crafts Development Board, Khadi Board, Managing Director State Rural Livelihood Mission, Chief Executive Officer Godhan Nyay Mission.

Note:

- Through the mission, coordination of the above new programs will be established with the skill development programs conducted in urban and rural areas. Also, the expertise of other institutes like IITs, Triple IT, IIMs, NITs located in the state will be leveraged to create new employment opportunities.
- In the last 3 years, many innovative programs have been started in the state with the objective of promoting employment in all the districts, which have created a large number of permanent employment opportunities and have improved the income and standard of living of the people.
- With the initiative of Chhattisgarh Herbals, effective implementation of programs like Godhan Nyay Mission, Tea-Coffee Board, giving agricultural status to pisciculture and lac production, rural industrial park, millet mission, etc., have unlimited potential to create new employment opportunities in the state.
- Through this portal, four modules will be available for broadcasting of learning videos by the Panchayat Department, salary payment of Gram Panchayat Secretaries, survey and data revision, as well as compilation and maintenance of documents related to departmental orders, notifications and acts.
- Through the portal, the Human Resource Management System software of the Panchayat Department will pay the salaries of Panchayat Secretaries working in Gram Panchayats across the state online. The Learning Management System will broadcast the learning videos related to Panchayati Raj Institutions issued by the State and Central Government.
- Knowledge Management System for compilation of documents related to departmental orders, notifications and acts and survey module for compilation of basic information on first 100 points of Gram Sabha in Gram Panchayats has also been developed by the Directorate of Panchayats.

Launch of e-Panchayat Chhattisgarh Web Portal

Why in News

- On January 15, 2022, Chhattisgarh's Panchayat and Rural Development Minister TS Singhdev launched the e-Panchayat Chhattisgarh web portal prepared by the Panchayat Department. This portal is mainly designed to work on four modules.

Key Points

- While launching the web portal, the Panchayat and Rural Development Minister said that e-Panchayat Chhattisgarh web portal would prove to be effective in making the state digitally empowered in the field of e-governance. With this the state will move in the direction of political-social empowerment. It will also help in achieving the objectives of Panchayati Raj.
- Significantly, there are more than 11,000 gram panchayats in Chhattisgarh. In such a situation, the e-Panchayat Chhattisgarh web portal prepared by the Panchayat Department will act as a platform for better implementation, evaluation, monitoring and training of state and central government schemes with transparency.

Janjgir-Champa District Tops the State in Depositing Rice in CMR

Why in News

- Recently, according to the information received from the officials of Markfed, Janjgir-Champa district is the topper in the state in the matter of depositing rice in CMR. A total of 1,01,277 MT rice has been deposited in the district under CMR in non-central-non state and FCI.

Key Points

- According to the information, 285 rice millers have lifted paddy from procurement centers in Janjgir-Champa district. DO of 3,96,313 metric tonnes of paddy has been issued to these millers. Also, transport orders have been issued for 1,20,163 MT.
- In Janjgir-Champa district, 10515 MT in Non Central, 9375 MT in Non State, 80,785 MT in FCI, thus totaling 1,01,277 MT rice has been deposited.
- Similarly, Dhamtari district ranks second in terms of depositing rice in CMR. In Dhamtari district, 16,722 MT in Non Central, 15,868 MT in Non State and 49,414 MT in FCI, thus totaling 82 thousand 03 MT rice has been deposited.

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- Raipur district ranks third in terms of depositing rice in CMR. In Raipur district, 2885 MT in Non Central, 2738 MT in Non State and 75373 MT in FCI, thus totaling 80,996 MT rice has been deposited.

Director of IIIT-Naya Raipur Receives Lifetime Achievement Award

Why in News

- On January 17, 2022 Dr Pradeep K Sinha, Director, International Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) Naya Raipur has been conferred with Lifetime Achievement Award by Society for Data Science (S4DS) for his contribution in the field of Data Science and Information Technology. .
- Key Points
- The award was announced during the concluding session of 'International Conference on Data Management, Analytics and Innovation 2022 (ICDMAI 2022)' held in virtual mode.
- It is worth mentioning that Dr. Pradeep Sinha has been serving as an IT Professional for the last 35 years. He has written 6 books in the field of engineering. He was instrumental in the creation of TripleIT Naya Raipur in 2015.
- Prior to this he has led national programs in areas such as super computing, grid computing and health informatics at the Center for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC).
- In 2019, he took the initiative to start BTech and MTech programs in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence at TripleIT.

Governor Released a Documentary Focused on Raj Bhavan Chhattisgarh

Why in News

- On January 18, 2022, Chhattisgarh Governor Anusuiya Uikey released a documentary focused on Raj Bhavan Chhattisgarh in a program organized in the conference hall of Raj Bhavan.

Key Points

- This documentary has been produced by the Public Relations Department. Appreciating the documentary, the Governor said that in this documentary an interesting presentation of all the parts of Raj Bhavan has been made. Through this documentary, the general public will get detailed information about Raj Bhavan.
- This documentary describes the journey of Raj Bhavan from the construction of Raj Bhavan till now.
- In this detailed information has been given about all the governors, the infrastructure of different parts of Raj Bhavan - Raj Bhavan, Secretariat, Durbar Hall etc.
- In this, both the gardens of Raj Bhavan, the species of trees and plants in them have been told in detail. Along with this, information has been given about the specialties of the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan and the special and very special programs organized here.

The Governor signed the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertising and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Supply and Distribution) (Chhattisgarh Amendment) Bill

Why in News

- On January 19, 2022, Chhattisgarh Governor Anusuiya Uikey signed a bill introduced to amend the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003. Now this bill will be sent for the assent of the President.

Key Points

- Amendments have been made in sections 3, 4, 12, 13, 21 and 27 of this Act. Accordingly, by amending section 4, sections 4-A and 4-B have been added.
- Section 4-A 'Prohibition of hookah bars' - Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, no

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person, himself or on behalf of any other person, shall open any hookah bar or operate a hookah bar or any Will not give hookah to the customers at the location.

- According to section 4-B, 'Prohibition of smoking by means of hookah in hookah bar - No person shall smoke by means of hookah or nargil (gadgad) in any community hookah bar'.
- By amending section 13, new section 13-A has been added. According to section 13-A 'Power to confiscate in case of hookah bars- If any police officer/excise officer, authorized by the State Government and not below the rank of sub-inspector, has reason that the provisions of section 4-A have been or is being contravened, he may confiscate any material or article used as the subject or instrument of a hookah bar.'
- New section 21-A and 21-B have been added by amending section 21 of the principal act. Section 21-A - Punishment for operating hookah bar - Whoever contravenes the provisions of section 4-A, shall be punished with imprisonment of either description for a term which may extend to three years, but which shall not be less than one year, and shall be punishable with fine which may extend to fifty thousand rupees but which shall not be less than ten thousand rupees.
- Similarly, according to 21-B, the punishment for smoking by means of hookah in a hookah bar - Whoever contravenes the provisions of section 4-B, shall be punished with fine which may extend to five thousand rupees, but which may extend to one thousand rupees. shall be punished with a fine of not less than one thousand rupees.
- By amending section 27, new section 27-A has been added. According to section 27-A, "Offense under section 4-A to be cognizable and non-bailable - Notwithstanding anything contained in this Act, offense committed under section 4-A shall be cognizable and non-bailable."

Chhattisgarh State Haj Committee Constituted

Why in News

- On January 20, 2022, a notification for the formation of Chhattisgarh State Haj Committee was issued by the Tribal and Scheduled Caste Development Department

of the State Government. According to the notification, the tenure of the members other than the ex-officio members of the committee will be three years from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

Key Points

- According to the notification issued, Forest and Climate Change, Housing and Environment Minister Mohammad Akbar has been nominated as a member of Chhattisgarh State Haj Committee.
- Similarly, Maulana Qari Syed Ashfaq Ahmed of Raipur, Maulana Dr. Qari Imran Ashrafi, Maulana Asghar Mehndi have been made members of the State Haj Committee as Muslim religious knowledge and Muslim law expert.
- Imtiaz Ahmed (Surajpur), Dr Rubina Alvi (Rajnandgaon), Shamim Akhtar (Raipur) having experience in the educational, cultural and social field of Muslim community have been appointed as members.
- Along with this, the Chairman of the State Waqf Board and the Executive Officer-Secretary of the State Haj Committee have been nominated as ex-officio members.

Road Safety and Traffic Awareness Campaign of Raipur Police Registered in Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records

Why in News

- Recently the Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records recorded as a record 1,02,468 citizens taking pledge for road safety in a single day in a week-wide campaign on road safety and traffic awareness by Raipur Police.

Key Points

- These citizens of Raipur, during this innovative campaign organized by Raipur Police on the theme 'Suno Raipur' for a week from December 26, 2021-1 January, 2022,

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signed the road safety resolution letter on January 1, signing road safety in the new year.

- In this campaign run by Raipur Police with the help of active volunteers, many children came forward to support Raipur Police by giving a message to their elders to follow the safety rules.
- 'Suno Raipur' was launched by SSP Raipur Prashant Agarwal as an awareness program on 26th December at Magneto Mall Raipur. He appealed to the citizens to follow road safety rules while driving and not to put their lives and others' lives at risk by reckless driving or bypassing basic safety rules.
- He requested people to think about their family and friends while attempting any kind of bike stunts or speed driving. There should be no need to have traffic policemen at intersections to ensure people obey traffic signals.
- During the 'Suno Raipur' campaign, teams of Raipur Police and 300 active volunteers sensitized people about traffic rules in various public places, market areas, main squares, schools, educational institutions and commercial areas.
- Pamphlets, placards, handouts, video screens with interesting and educational messages were used during the campaign. Social media platforms of Raipur Police were also extensively used to create awareness among the people during this awareness campaign.
- It is worth noting that every year around 1.5 lakh people die in road accidents in India. About 450 people die every year in Raipur district alone.
- The main reasons behind these deaths are speeding, not wearing seat belt and not wearing helmets. Accidental deaths can be reduced by following basic road safety rules.
- The campaign is supported by Raipur Auto Dealers Association, Young Indians, Surakshit Bhava Foundation, Sikh Care India, Abha Foundation, Awaaz Foundation, Sparsh Ek Prayas, Helping Hand Foundation, Kopal Vani, Mission Sambhav, Vaakak Manch and Saubhagya Foundation, Maruti Suzuki Driving School, Supported and supported by volunteers of many NGOs and associations like Pranjal Seva Samiti.

Anganwadi Worker Amita Climbs Snowy UT Kangri Peak

Why in News

- On January 19, 2022, Anganwadi worker **Amita Srivas, a mountaineer from Janjgir-Champa district of Chhattisgarh, climbed the 6070 meters high snowy UT Kangri peak in the Ladakh range** of the ancient Himalayas. She started climbing on 14 January and reached the summit of UT Kangri on 19 January.

Key Points

- This was Amita's fourth major climb to the top of the mountain. After taking training in rock climbing from Vivekananda Mountaineering Institute Mount Abu in the year 2018, he first conquered the big peaks of North Sikkim and West Sikkim in 2019.
- After this, on the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, 2021, she set a record for climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak of the continent of Africa, taking the mission of women empowerment. After reaching the 5895 meter high peak of Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, he also gave the message of 'Garhbo Nava Chhattisgarh'.
- Amita told that the success at UT Kangri is a step in the initial preparation for her Everest mission. He had 11 members from the states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka including Delhi in this mission. Two of these people have already climbed Everest.
- He told that his base camp, situated at an altitude of 4700 meters, had a temperature of minus 20 degrees Celsius. At the time of the last ascent it was reduced to minus 31.4 degrees. During the ascent to the summit, there was a sudden avalanche (fall of a large piece of ice) 50 steps earlier.
- Seeing the achievements of Amita Shrivastava, 80 thousand rupees were provided by the district administration for mountaineering in UT Kangri. Earlier, to encourage their mountaineering, Rs 2 lakh 70 thousand was provided for mountaineering from CSR head.

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Governor Signs Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya Act (Amendment) Bill

Why in News

- On January 20, 2022, the Governor of Chhattisgarh, Anusuiya Uikey, signed the bill introduced to amend the **Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya Act, 1965** (No. 19 of 1956).

Key Points

- Section 12 of this Act has been amended that in the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 12-A of the Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya Act 1956 (No. 19 of 1956), for the figure '65', the figure '70' be replaced. That is, the age limit of the Vice-Chancellor of Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya will be 70 years instead of 65 years.
 - This Act will be called the Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya (Amendment) Act, 2021. It will extend to the entire state of Chhattisgarh. It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

CM Releases Calendar Based on Tourism and Biodiversity of Jashpur

Why in News

- On 21 January 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the calendar of the year 2022 based on tourism and biodiversity of Jashpur and the annual calendar of the daily newspaper 'Aaj Ki Jandhara' at his residence office.

Key Points

- This calendar based on biodiversity includes scenes from Jashpur district's picturesque waterfalls, mountains, wildlife, religious places including tea gardens, adventure sports and festivals of tribal life.
- State head of the news group Subhash Mishra said that this year poetry posters of theater artist Arun Kathote have been compiled in the calendar of 'Aaj Ki Jandhara'.

- Famous works of popular poets of Hindi and world literature like Sarvshree Gajanan Madhav Muktibodh, Vinod Kumar Shukla, Dhumi, Nagarjuna, Pablo Neruda have been included in the calendar. Apart from this, information about government holidays including birth anniversary of eminent litterateurs, artists has also been made available.

Chief Minister Inaugurated the office of Chhattisgarh Employment Mission in the Capital

Why in News

- On January 23, 2022, on the occasion of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's birth anniversary, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel presided over the first meeting of the newly formed 'Chhattisgarh Rojgar Mission' at his residence office through video conferencing.

Key Points

- In this meeting, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel directed to work expeditiously towards the creation of new employment opportunities and to review the work of the Employment Mission regularly. He said that youth should be made ready for employment according to the demand of industries and market, training them should be made proficient in various trades.
- He said that production should be done as per the market demand in rural industrial parks established in rural areas. To enhance the quality and certification of these products, cooperation of higher technical institutions located in Chhattisgarh should be taken. Better eco-system should be created for new startups, so that youth can get better employment opportunities.
- It is worth mentioning that with the objective of creating 12 to 15 lakh new employment opportunities in Chhattisgarh in the next five years, the state government has constituted Chhattisgarh Employment Mission.
- Principal Secretary Skill Development, Technical Education, Employment and Chief Executive Officer of Chhattisgarh Employment Mission, Dr. Alok Shukla, while giving a presentation on Chhattisgarh Employment Mission in the meeting, said that progress

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of agriculture sector in Chhattisgarh, Rural Industrial Park in Gauthan, Godhan Nyay Yojana, Collection and value addition of minor forest produce has created employment opportunities on a large scale. A large number of people have also got employment in government and private sector, as a result of which the unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh has come down to just 2.1 percent.

- Shukla informed that Chhattisgarh Employment Mission, various departments related to employment- Panchayat and Rural Development Department, Agriculture, Fisheries, Horticulture, Forest, Industry, Village Industries, Urban Administration, National Rural Livelihood Mission, Skill Development Program, Gauthan, Godhan Nyay Yojana, will coordinate between the Bari Scheme and the works of the Tea-Coffee Board.
- This mission will work towards creating better employment opportunities by collaborating with private companies, branding and marketing in the employment oriented training, service and manufacturing sectors. Along with encouraging research on better products and services of Chhattisgarh through the mission, it will help in creating a better ecosystem for startups.
- It will work to create a better market for eco-tourism, adventure tourism, home-stay, food processing, herbal medicine, handicrafts and cocoon and silk to create new employment opportunities.

Chief Minister Released the Story Collection 'Vishisht Parag'

Why in News

- On 23 January 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the story collection 'Vishisht Parag' by Ms. Komal Purohit Dhanesar at his residence office.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that Ms. Komal Purohit Dhanesar, working as Deputy News Editor in the Bhilai edition of Patrika newspaper, started journalism from Bastar.
- While in Bastar, he got an opportunity to closely observe the life of Paramilitary Force personnel posted in Chhattisgarh. During this time he started writing this book.

- Deputy Commandant Medical Officer Dr Tarakeswar Nath is the co-author of this book.
- Through the 11 stories compiled in this book, he has tried to bring to the fore the unexplored aspects of the life of the mighty officers and jawans of the Paramilitary Force, which are generally not exposed to the public.

Chhattisgarh Ranks First in the Quality of Roads in PMGSY

Why in News

- On January 24, 2022, Chhattisgarh's Panchayat and Rural Development Minister TS Singhdeo told in a meeting organized by the Union Ministry of Rural Development through video conference that Chhattisgarh ranks first in the quality of roads under **Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY)**.

Key Points

- The progress of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Gramin) and Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in various states was reviewed in this online meeting held under the chairmanship of Union Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Minister Giriraj Singh.
- Chhattisgarh's Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Singhdeo informed about the progress of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the meeting that 8547 roads of more than 42 thousand km have been approved in the state under the first, second and third phases of the scheme.
- A total of 176 km in Naxal affected areas. Tenders have been approved for the construction of 38 roads of length. Re-tendering process for 54 roads of remaining 277 km is under continuous process.
- He said that Chhattisgarh ranks first in the quality of roads. In the current financial year 2021-22, 393 inspections of completed and in-progress roads have been done by the National Quality Reviewers, in which none are in the unsatisfactory category.
- In the third phase of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, 5612 kms will be provided to the state. The length of the road was allotted. The state has been the first by getting the approval of all these roads in two phases. Under this, the construction of all the approved roads will be completed by March 2022.

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- He has done 2000 kms from the Union Ministry of Rural Development. Requested to sanction additional roads of length. He urged to implement the allocation of 60:40 in the ratio of 60:40 in the works of renovation and maintenance of roads, like the allocation in the ratio of 60:40 for the Central and State share in the construction works.
- Four new modules have been started on e-portal for effective implementation of schemes of Panchayat and Rural Development Department in the state. Under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana, out of ten lakh 97 thousand houses approved for the state, the construction of eight lakh 23 thousand houses has been completed.

On Republic Day, the Chief Minister Gave Many New Gifts to the People of The State

Why in News

- On January 26, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel made many new announcements during his message to the people of the state after hoisting the flag at Bastar district headquarters Jagdalpur on the occasion of 73rd Republic Day.

Key Points

- Important announcements made by the Chief Minister are-
 - Announcement to make a practical, simple and transparent law this year for the regularization of irregular building construction.
 - Announcement to make necessary provisions for the regularization of commercial activities conducted in residential areas.
 - Announcement to issue building configuration up to 500 square meters without any human intervention in such areas outside the municipal corporation in the state, which are included in the investment area.
 - Announcement to provide tap connections within time-limit by making the process of obtaining tap connections in urban bodies free from human intervention on the lines of 'Direct Building Permission'.

- Declaration of freeholding of government leased lands in rural areas also. The state government had decided to free hold the pattas located on abadi, nazul and slum in urban areas, now it will be implemented in rural areas as well.
- Announcement of reserving ten percent plots for this category by amending the industrial policy to promote entrepreneurship among other backward classes. This plot will be made available at the rate of ten percent of the land premium rate and one percent of the land rent.
- In view of the success of '**Mukhyamantri Urban Slum Health Scheme**', it has been announced to be expanded to all the urban bodies of the state.
- Announcement to simplify the process of making learning licenses for the convenience of youth. For this, 'Transport Facilitation Centers' will be started on a large scale. These centers will not only be authorized to make learning licenses, but in these centers all the services related to the transport department will be available to the citizens near their residence and the youth of the state will get employment opportunities.
- Announcement to increase the contribution of the state government from 10 percent to 14 percent under the Contributory Pension Scheme of government employees.
- Announcement to work on 5 working days per week system to increase working efficiency and productivity of government employees.
- Reiterating the commitment to the safety of women, announcement of formation of 'Women Safety Cell' in every district.
- Announcement to start state level archery academy in Jagdalpur in the name of 'Shaheed Gundadhur' to encourage archery.
- In view of the complexity of the rules of tree felling and the disinterest of the citizens in plantation due to it, announced the simplification of the law related to it in the interest of the citizens. For this necessary amendments will be made in all relevant Acts and Rules.
- Announcement to purchase pulses crops like moong, urad, tur etc. at minimum support price from the upcoming Kharif year 2022-23.

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- Announced to start 'Mukhyamantri Nani Sashaktikaran Sahayata Yojna' to help in education, employment, self-employment and marriage of daughters of labor families. Under this scheme, a lump sum amount of 20-20 thousand rupees will be paid in the bank account of the first two daughters of the beneficiaries registered in 'Chhattisgarh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board'.
- Announced the opening of 'Chief Minister Shramik Resource Center' at all district headquarters and block level and ITIs in each block.

Price List Booklet of Medicines Available at Shree Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store Released

Why in News

- On January 26, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the Medicine Rate List and Medical Item List of Shree Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store operated under Municipal Corporation, Raipur at his residence office.

Key Points

- In the booklet of Shree Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store, information has been given in simple language regarding which medicines and goods will be available for the treatment of which disease, including the full addresses of all generic medical shops operating in Raipur Municipal Corporation area.
- The medicine type, medicine name, MRP price and drug price after giving discount are displayed in the booklet through a chart. Also, along with information related to search of Shree Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store address and medical store helpline through Google Map, names of pharma companies whose medicines and medical goods will be available here have also been listed.
- It is noteworthy that in order to provide medicines at affordable rates to the people, Chhattisgarh Government has started Shree Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store in many places of the state including Raipur.

- The sale of 251 types of generic medicines and 27 surgical products has been made mandatory under the Shree Dhanwantri Generic Medical Store scheme, run by the Urban Administration and Development Department. Apart from this, there is also a provision for the sale of Sanjeevani products, cosmetics products and baby food etc. of the Forest Department.

Governor Honored Police Officers and Brave Children who did Excellent Work

Why in News

- On January 26, 2022, Governor Anusuiya Uike awarded medals to the police officers and employees of the state who did excellent work in the main function organized on the occasion of 73rd Republic Day at Police Parade Ground.

Key Points

- Apart from this, the Governor honored Master Aman Jyoti Zahire of Korba and Master Shaurya Pratap Chandrakar of Dhamtari district with the State Gallantry Award.
- The Governor honored 21 police officers with Police Gallantry Medals. These include Kamlochan Kashyap (Senior Superintendent of Police, Bijapur), Suresh Lakra (Deputy Superintendent of Police, Raigad), Sanjay Potam (Sub Inspector, Dantewada), Laxman Keonwat (Inspector, Rajnandgaon), Omkar Singh Dewan (Sub Inspector, Kondagaon), Bijaram Tamo. (Principal Constable, Bijapur), Uma Shankar Rathore (Inspector, Raipur), Chetan Lal Belendra (Principal Constable STF Baghera, Durg) and Manik Lal Koreti (Head Constable, Sukma).
- Similarly Mohan Lal Nishad (Inspector, Bijapur), Brij Lal Bhardwaj (Inspector Bilaspur), Kamlesh Kumar Ratre (Assistant Platoon Commander ATF Baghera, Durg), Somaru Ram Yadav (Cons, Sukma), Ashish Singh Rajput (Sub Inspector, Balodabazar), Inder Kumar Shivani (Company Commander STF Baghera, Durg), Vinton Kumar Sahu (Inspector, Balodabazar), Ashwani Rathor (Sub Inspector Raipur), Jitendra Kumar Dahria

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(Sub Inspector, Rajnandgaon), Dinesh Purena (Sub Inspector, Rajnandgaon), Heritage Kujur (Sub Inspector, Bijapur), Shaheed Murli Tati (Assistant Sub Inspector, Bastar) were also awarded Police Gallantry Medals.

- The Governor honored Udaybhan Singh Chauhan (Additional Superintendent of Police, CID Police Headquarters Raipur) with the President's Police Medal for distinguished service.
- The Governor honored 10 police officers and employees with the Indian Police Medal for meritorious service. These include Yaduram Tirkey (Deputy Superintendent of Police, STF, Baghera Durg), Manish Parmanand (Deputy Superintendent of Police, Surguja), Shriram Verma (Assistant Fighter, Bijapur), Dilleshwar Prasad Sahu (Sub Inspector, Raigad), Awadhesh Kumar Chauhan (Sub Inspector, Kanker), Premsay Bhagat Assistant (Sub Inspector, Raigad), Drigpal Prasad Tiwari (Principal Constable, Durg), Prahlad Singh Gagda (Principal Constable, Jagdalpur), Madan Mohan Patel (Principal Constable, Sakri Bilaspur), Vakar Ram Nareti (Principal Constable, Kanker) Are included.
- The Governor honored 6 police officers and employees with Home Guard and Civil Defense Medals. These include Suresh Prasad Gautam (Chief Instructor, Municipal Army Raipur), Motilal Sahu (Sub Inspector, Municipal Army Raipur), Bhogendra Gog (Havildar, Nagar Sena, Dantewada), Jodhan Lal Sahu (Havildar, Nagar Sena, Balodabazar), Renu Lokhande. (Lance Naik, Nagar Sena, Raipur), Surendra Devangan (Soldier, Nagar Sena, Rajnandgaon).
- Governor honored 7 police officers and employees with the Union Home Minister Medal. These include Srirodra Kumar Sahu (Sub Inspector Police Training School Mana Raipur), Ganga Dhurve (Inspector, Police Training School Mana Raipur), Kanhaiya Lal Yadav (Head Constable, 11 CTJW College Kanker), Ganga Prasad Yadav (Head Constable, No.149 State Police Academy Chandkhuri), Kanhaiya Lal Yadav (Head Constable, 6 CTJW College Kanker), Jeet Kumar Devangan (Subedar, State Police Academy Chandkhuri Raipur), Kamlesh Kumar Sonboir (Sub Inspector, Police Training School Rajnandgaon).
- Apart from this, the Governor honored two jail guards with Meritorious Correctional Service Medals. These include Santram Purena (District Jail Bemetara) and Lekhram Dhurandhar (Central Jail Raipur).

Raigad District has the Highest Number of 279 Gothans in the State.

Why in News

- According to the recently released data, out of 7933 Gothans built and actively operated in the state, 2201 Gothans have become self-supporting under the 'Garuwa' component of 'Suraji Gaon Yojana', one of the flagship schemes of the Government of Chhattisgarh. Raigad district has a maximum 279 Gothans self-supporting.

Key Points

- In Mahasamund and Korba districts, 170-170 Gothans have become self-supporting. The self-supporting Gothans have started using the funds available with themselves for the manufacture of vermicompost from the purchase of cow dung.
- It is worth mentioning that in order to promote the conservation and promotion of livestock in the state, the state government has so far approved the construction of Gothans in 10591 villages, out of which the construction of 7933 Gothans has been completed and there is cow dung, Vermi Other income oriented activities are going on including the manufacture of compost.
- At present 2300 Gothans are being constructed at a rapid pace, the work of construction of remaining 358 Gothans is yet to be started. Arrangements have been made for the care, fodder and water treatment of livestock in the Gothans.
- In Raigad district, all the necessary resources were ensured for the Gothan operation. Nodal officers were appointed for monitoring the work of the employees engaged in Gothan. Under the Godhan Nyay Yojana, arrangements were made for the purchase of cow dung and the manufacture and sale of vermicompost. The result of these collective activities was that in Raigad district, a maximum 279 Gothans became self-supporting in the state.
- Along with this, other income oriented activities are being promoted in Gothans through MultiActivity Centers, due to which women groups working in Gothans are generating additional income.

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Leprosy Awareness Campaign Started in Raipur District

Why in News

- To mark the death anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and to spread awareness about leprosy, 'Sparsh Leprosy Public Awareness Fortnight' was started in Raipur district of Chhattisgarh on January 30, 2022. It will end on February 13.

Key Points

- It is worth noting that on the occasion of Mahatma Gandhi's death anniversary (30 January) in India, 'Anti-Leprosy Day' is celebrated to end the stigma and discrimination related to leprosy and to spread awareness about it among the people.
- Inaugurating the campaign, Dr. Firoz Khan (Superintendent, Government Leprosy Center, Pandri, Raipur) said that the superstition prevailing in the society sees leprosy as a sin from a previous birth. People who hide the disease for fear of being ostracized from society actually spread the disease.
- He said that people need to understand that leprosy is a curable disease and if it is delayed it can lead to disability and deformity in the affected organs. He said that being a bacterial disease, it does not spread through touch, but there is a need for early identification and treatment of the patient.
- According to the guidelines issued by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, 'Gram Sabha' will be organized at the village level to remove fear and misconceptions and create awareness among the villagers about leprosy. On this occasion a fully cured leprosy patient will be honored as a guest.
- Publicity vehicles will be used to create awareness about leprosy and its treatment in the villages. A team will drive door-to-door to check the symptoms of leprosy.
- It may be noted that the prevalence rate of leprosy in Chhattisgarh is 2.45 per 10,000 population. The target has been set to bring the rate to less than 1 per 10,000 population.

'Chhattisgarh Amar Jawan Jyoti' will be Lit in Raipur in Honor of Martyrs

Why in News

- On January 29, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the construction of 'Chhattisgarh Amar Jawan Jyoti' in the capital Raipur in honor of the martyrs. Its Bhoomi Pujan will be done at the hands of MP Rahul Gandhi on 3rd February.

Key Points

- 'Chhattisgarh Amar Jawan Jyoti' will be constructed in the premises of 4th Corps Chhattisgarh Armed Forces Mana, Raipur. Chhattisgarh Amar Jawan Jyoti will continue to burn in honor of the martyrs.
- The Chief Minister said that the martyrs of the sons of Chhattisgarh who laid down their lives in uniformed services for the country, as well as the bravehearts of the country who sacrificed their lives in Chhattisgarh, were honored through 'Chhattisgarh Amar Jawan Jyoti'.
- In the year 1972, the then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi lit the Amar Jawan Jyoti in New Delhi in honor of the martyred brave soldiers of the country. It had been burning continuously since 1972, but the central government shifted the Amar Jawan Jyoti from India Gate to the National War Memorial.
- Martyrs' roll list wall, memorial tower and VVIP platform will also be prepared at Amar Jawan Jyoti in Chhattisgarh. The wall of the list of martyrs will be constructed with brown marble and the names of the martyrs will be written by digging in the same marble. This wall will remain in the form of a crescent of about 25 feet high and about 100 feet in length. The thickness of this wall will be 3 feet.
- The memorial tower will be set up of sandstone brown white marble granite in front of a crescent-shaped wall. A memento will be built on its top.
- Rifle and helmet will be the insignia on the base in front of the memorial tower. In front of this emblem, 'Chhattisgarh Amar Jawan Jyoti' will be lit, which will burn 24 hours by fuel supply through underground pipelines.

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- A fort-like two-storey building will be constructed just in front of the Memorial Tower. The length of the base of this building will be 150 feet, width 90 feet and height 40 feet. In front of the said building, 16 domes will be constructed for the standing of 16 buglers.
- A picture exhibition of martyrs will be kept on the first floor of this building and an arms exhibition will be kept on the second floor. Mess and residential rooms with all facilities will be constructed in this unit for the stay of the families of the martyrs involved during the State Level Police Commemoration Day to be organized every year on 21st October.



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