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## Chief Minister Shramik Siyan Sahayata Yojana

### Why in News?

- On the occasion of International Labour Day (May 1, 2022), Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the Mukhyamantri Shramik Siyan Sahayata Yojana for Building Workers Welfare Mandal and other construction workers registered with the Building and Other Construction Board.

### Key Points

- In this scheme, a lump sum assistance of 10 thousand rupees will be provided to the elderly workers.
- For this scheme, labourers whose minimum age is 59 years and maximum age is 60 years will be eligible. At the same time, these labourers should be registered under the Mandal for the last 5 years.

## 'Mitan Yojana'

### Why in News?

- On May 1, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the 'Mitan Yojana'. Under this, the civil services will be delivered to the home.

### Key Points

- The scheme has been launched in 14 municipal corporations under the pilot project. The scheme will soon be extended to the entire state.
- At present, 13 types of services will be available in 14 municipal corporations and other services will also be availed through this scheme.
- Under the scheme, people will get home access to birth certificates, marriages, residence, income, death certificates and other services.
- The entire process of Mitan scheme will be digital. For services, people will have to call the Mitan toll free number 14545.
- With the launch of this scheme, the government process will be further simplified. People will get rid of the visiting the government offices time and again.
- The Chief Minister said that through this scheme, all citizens, especially the elderly, the divyangs and the illiterate, will be able to get a variety of services easily sitting at home.

## Important Decisions of Chhattisgarh Council of Ministers

### Why in News?

- A number of important decisions were taken in the meeting of the Council of Ministers chaired by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on May 1, 2022.

### Key Points

- The Council of Ministers approved the decision to introduce the old pension scheme in place of the new contributory pension scheme for government servants appointed with effect from November 1, 2004. The proposal for deduction of monthly contribution of 10% from salary for the new contributory pension scheme with effect from 1st April, 2022 and a minimum of 12% of the basic pay as per the General Provident Fund Rules was agreed to.
- In order to overcome the difficulties being faced by the SC and ST persons in obtaining caste certificates due to quantitative error, it was decided to validate the caste notified in English and to mention the caste notified in English itself in the caste certificates.
- The decision to waive off the fees of examinations conducted by The Chhattisgarh Public Service Commission, Chhattisgarh Professional Examination Board and Special Junior Staff Selection Board was approved.
- In the 'Rajiv Gandhi Rural Landless Agricultural Mazdoor Nyay Yojana', it was decided to increase the amount of assistance provided on an annual basis to the head of the beneficiary family from Rs.6,000 to Rs.7,000 and also to provide benefits under the scheme to Baiga, Gunia, Pujari, Haat Paharia and Baja Mohria of Devasthala who worship at the shrines of tribals in the scheduled areas of the state.
- It was decided to launch the Chhattisgarh State Securities Redemption Fund Scheme, 2022 and approved the proposal to amend the Chhattisgarh Government Reserve Purchase Rules, 2002 (as amended, 2022).
- The proposal to amend the Chhattisgarh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1965 and the draft of the Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekanand Technical University (Amendment) Bill, 2022 were approved.

Note:

- It was decided to grant hotel bar licences at concessional rates for units run by Chhattisgarh Tourism Board and to lease out 26 units under Chhattisgarh Tourism Board with a view to provide employment opportunities to local people and to enhance the convenience of tourists.
- The draft Chhattisgarh Protection of Primitive Tribes (Interest in Trees) Amendment Bill, 2022 was approved to simplify the process of tree felling of tribals in their own land.
- The draft Chhattisgarh Land Revenue Code (Amendment) Bill, 2022 was approved.
- With a view to promote the use of cow urine and other organic substances in a big way along with the use of vermi-compost manure in lieu of chemical fertilizers and pesticides for the revival of fertility of the soil, it was decided to launch the Mati Pujan Mahaabhiyan in the state from Akshaya Tritiya (3rd May, 2022) this year.
- The Transport Minister was authorized to introduce city buses and publish new routes in Durg-Bhilai Industrial Area.
- The proposal for amendment to the Chhattisgarh State Electricity Division Transfer Scheme Rules, 2010 was approved.

## Godhan Nyaya Yojana

### *Why In News?*

- An amount of Rs 10.70 crore was released online to pastoralists, villagers, women groups associated with Godhan and Godhan Samitis under the Godhan Nyaya Yojana during a programme organized by Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at Rajpur in Balrampur district on May 5, 2022.

### *Key Point*

- The Godhan Nyaya Yojana is a scheme under which cow dung is being procured at the rate of Rs.2 per kg in the gauthans of the State of Chhattisgarh.
- Large scale vermi-compost, super compost, super compost plus and other products are being prepared from the cow dung purchased under the scheme by women's groups in the gauthans, which are being provided at a concessional rate to various departments of the government and farmers through societies.

- Women's groups are making profit by making and selling cow cast, diyas, incense sticks, idols and other materials besides manure from cow dung. Apart from this, production of vegetables and mushrooms, poultry, goat, fisheries and animal husbandry as well as various other income-making activities are being carried out by the women's groups in the gauthans.
- Power generation from the purchased dung in the gauthans has already been started. MoU has been signed to make natural paints from cow dung, as well as gauthans are being developed as Rural Industrial Parks. Agriculture and forestry based processing units are being set up here at a rapid pace to promote income-oriented activities.
- The construction of gauthans in villages is being carried out at a rapid pace for the conservation and promotion of gauthans in the state. There is a better arrangement of livestock care, treatment and fodder and water free of cost in the gauthans. So far, construction of gauthans has been sanctioned in 10,622 villages in the state, out of which 8,397 are constructed and operated.

## Fisheries College Kabirdham Named after Padma Shri Punaram Nishad

### *Why In News?*

- On May 6, 2022, an order was issued by the Chhattisgarh government to rename the Fisheries College Kabirdham after Padma Shri Punaram Nishad.

### *Key Point*

- Fisheries College Kabirdham will now be known as Punaram Nishad Fisheries College.
- It may be mentioned that a proposal was unanimously sent by the New Fish Policy Making Committee to the Government to rename the Fisheries College Kabirdham after Padma Shri Punaram Nishad.
- After the consent of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, fisheries college Kabirdham has been renamed after Padma Shri Punaram Nishad by the state government.
- It may be mentioned that Fisheries College Kabirdham is the only fisheries college in Chhattisgarh, which was inaugurated by the then Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Raman Singh on July 8, 2018.

Note:

- It may be recalled that Padma Shri late Punaram Nishad was a popular singer of the Vedamati style of 'Pandwani', the popular mode of singing the Mahabharata katha in Chhattisgarh. On the strength of his prodigious talent, he popularized 'Pandwani' in the country and abroad.
- In view of his art, in the year 1974, the then President of India, Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed, awarded him the copper letter. The Government of India had awarded him the Padma Shri in the year 2005 for singing 'Pandwani'.

## Nizat Abhiyan

### *Why In News*

- Recently, the rescue campaign being carried out by the Chhattisgarh Police in Koriya and Rajnandgaon has been included in the best smart policing practices across the country.

### *Key Point*

- The Nizat Abhiyan is an initiative of Superintendent of Police Santosh Singh under which action has been taken against the kochis involved in illegal sale of liquor, ganja and other drugs by the police team.
- Under this campaign, a massive awareness campaign is also being carried out among the people against drugs from city to village.
- It is worth mentioning that the Bureau of Police Research and Development has published a book on the best practices and innovations of smart policing across the country.

## MoU For Geo-Technical Evaluation Project of Bauxite Reserves of Chhattisgarh

### *Why in News?*

- An MoU was signed on May 11, 2022 between Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology (SECOST), Raipur and Jawaharlal Nehru Aluminum Research, Development and Design Center (JNARDDC), Ministry of Minerals, Government of India for the project 'Geotechnical Evaluation of Bauxite Deposits of Chhattisgarh'.

### *Key Points*

- The MoU was signed by Dr. S. Karmakar, Director General, Chhattisgarh Council of Science and Technology and Regional Science Center and Dr. Anupam Agnihotri, Director, JNARDDC.
- Under the MoU, both the institutes will prepare a district-wise digital database of laterite and bauxite storage using geo-referenced maps and geotechnical assessment of bauxite and laterite deposits located in Chhattisgarh with the help of space technology.
- This project will be very useful for the aluminum industry facing shortage of good grade raw ore (Bauxite) and bauxite miners and industries using aluminum in various forms and processes.
- Apart from the entrepreneurs dealing in bauxite and laterite ores, the existing mine owners and bauxite industries located in Chhattisgarh and Central India will also be benefited.
- The database obtained from the state's new entrepreneurs remote sensing and GIS can be used in any existing mineral, aluminum industry.

## HC stays judicial probe into Jheeram murder case

### *Why In News*

- On May 11, 2022, the Chhattisgarh High Court stayed the proceedings of the new judicial commission constituted to probe the 2013 Jheeram Valley naxal attack till the next hearing.

### *Key Point*

- The division bench of Chief Justice Arup Kumar Goswami and Justice R.C.S. Samant took the decision while hearing a **Public Interest Litigation (PIL)** filed by Leader of Opposition in Chhattisgarh Assembly Dharamlal Kaushik. .
- It may be recalled that 29 people, including senior Congress leaders, the then Congress state president Nand Kumar Patel, former leader of opposition Mahendra Karma and former Union Minister V.C. Shukla were killed in a Naxal attack on May 25, 2013 in Jheeram valley in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh.

Note:

- On May 28, 2013, the previous state government had constituted a judicial commission under the chairmanship of the then Chhattisgarh High Court judge Prashant Kumar Mishra to probe the attack.
- Eight years later, on November 6, 2021, Santosh Kumar Tiwari, secretary of the Jheeram Valley Inquiry Commission and registrar (judicial) of the High Court, submitted his report to the Governor.
- The Governor had submitted the report to the state government, but the present state government did not submit the inquiry report to the Assembly within six months as per rules and had constituted a two-member new commission on November 11, 2021, terming the report as incomplete .

## Labour department gets award for public welfare schemes at Self-Reliant India Conference

### Why In News

- On May 13, 2022, a citation was presented to Amrit Kumar Khalkho, Secretary, Chhattisgarh Raj Bhavan and Secretary, Labour Department, for running several welfare schemes for the workers on behalf of the Self-Reliant India Conference Organizing Committee by the Elates Group.

### Key Point

- It may be mentioned that on April 19-20, 2022, a self-reliant India conference was organized in New Delhi, in which the award was given to the Labour Department of Chhattisgarh for running several welfare schemes for the workers.
- Secretary Khalkho informed that the Integrated Labour Registration System for workers has been introduced by the Chhattisgarh government, in which workers from both organized and unorganized sectors can register themselves on the portal with the required minimum documents.
- The process of registration of migrant workers has been simplified by the department. Earlier it was offline, which has now been done online as well. Labour registration has been done using the PDS database.

- Labour Resource Centres have been opened in 148 blocks. Awareness is being brought among workers about maternity benefits and benefits of social schemes.
- Women migrant workers are being helped to make them aware of their rights. Shram Mitra Scheme and Educational Scholarship Scheme have been introduced to provide proper formal education to children.
- The workers are being assisted through helplines to provide information about their legal rights and safety.

## Agriculture Minister launches C-Mart at Bemetara

### Why In News

- On May 13, 2022, Chhattisgarh Agriculture and Water Resources Minister Ravindra Choubey launched the C-Mart at Bemetara district headquarters.

### Key Point

- It may be recalled that c-mart stores are being started across the state with the objective of providing an organized market to women self-help groups for their handmade products and to make women's groups financially viable in the gothans set up in rural areas.
- In the first phase, C-Marts are being opened at district headquarters for marketing of women's groups' products so that high quality products of the groups are available to the people at reasonable prices.
- A variety of herbal soaps, pickles, spices, murra, dona-patal, various types of sherbet, devbhog's dairy products, korean herbal tea, lemon grass tea, mushroom powder, honey, oil-jaggery, desi chana, Red rice poha and other local food items are also available for the people.
- Apart from this, herbal products like tamarind, harra, bahera, amla, honey are being sold.
- Gamchas and other attractive cotton fabrics made on handlooms can also be purchased from C-Mart. Apart from this, handicrafts made from banana stem fibre and handloom products produced in village Rakhi of Bemetara district will also be sold.

Note:



## **Food Minister Inaugurates Biodiversity Park**

### **Why in News**

- On May 16, 2022, Chhattisgarh's Minister for Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Protection Amarjeet Bhagat inaugurated the Biodiversity Park at Ropakhar, a gram panchayat of Manpat Vikaskhand in Ambikapur district.

### **Key Points**

- A biodiversity park is being developed by the Forest Department in village panchayat Ropakhar of Manpat development block on an area of 100 hectares at a cost of about one crore rupees.
- Cactus and bamboo plants will be planted in an area of 1-1 hectare and medicinal plants will be planted in about 2 hectares. Along with this, other construction works including inspection roads, guard quarters are also being carried out here.
- Speaking on the occasion, the food minister said that biodiversity park has also been added to the link to promote tourism in Manpat. In this park, tourists will get to see different forms of nature.

## **The caste notified in 'English' in the caste certificates of the persons belonging to SCs and STs shall be validated**

### **Why in News?**

- On May 17, 2022, a letter to this effect has been issued by the State Government to all district collectors regarding the recognition of caste notified in 'English' in the caste certificates of persons belonging to scheduled caste and scheduled tribe category in the state.

### **Key Points**

- It may be recalled that in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held on May 1, 2022 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, it was decided to validate the caste notified in 'English' and to mention the caste notified in English in the caste certificates.

- The objective is to remove the difficulties being faced by the SC and ST persons in obtaining caste certificates due to quantitative error.
- A letter issued by the General Administration Department to the Collectors states that at present, social status certificates (caste certificates) are issued in the prescribed format under the rules framed under the Chhattisgarh Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Regulation of Certification of Social Status) Act, 2013.
- Caste certificates of certain castes are not being issued due to the accented differences in the Hindi in different communities of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes.
- The letter states that the general administration department's circular dated September 24, 2013 mentions that in a particular situation, an applicant may need a social status certificate issued in English. The competent authorities are, therefore, directed that if the applicant is demanded to issue a Social Status Certificate in accordance with the format prescribed by the Government of India or in English, he/she may be issued a Permanent Social Status Certificate in this format after due scrutiny and procedure.
- In continuation of the direction given in this circular, it has been clarified that a list of caste names of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes notified in English, Hindi, English has been published by the Government of India for the State of Chhattisgarh.
- There is no confusion or dispute in the English pronunciation in this published list, therefore, it has been decided by the State Government to mention the caste notified in 'English' in the caste certificates to be issued to persons belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the State of Chhattisgarh.

## **CM Dedicates Sukma 'C-Mart'**

### **Why in News?**

- On May 18, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, in the second phase of his statewide Bhent-Mulakat Campaign, dedicated the C-Mart (Chhattisgarh Mart) built at a cost of Rs 58 lakh at the Sukma district headquarters.

Note:



**Key Points**

- The Chief Minister purchased kodo, kutki, ragi, aromatic rice, tikhur, spices, etc. from Mart and became the first customer of Sukma 'C-Mart' by purchasing products worth Rs 1348.
- At Sukma C-Mart, a total of 81 products ranging from local products manufactured by 35 SELF Help Groups working in the district, such as Shabri Spices, Shabri Foods, Mahua, Cashews, Cosmetics, Soaps, Phenoils, Hygiene Products, such as sanitary napkins etc., products made from forest produce such as Ashwagandha powder, Giloy, Multhi and Van Aushadhi, Aloe Vera, Amla, Mahua Laddu etc.
- The Sukma C-Mart will be run by Shakti Mahila Group Gram Sangathan Gram Ramaram.
- In order to strengthen the rural economy, the State Government of Chhattisgarh is setting up C-mart to sell the products manufactured by women self-help groups, artisans, weavers, dastars, kumbhakars and other traditional and cottage industries under one roof.
- At C-Mart, a variety of products made in villages, including a variety of products prepared by women's self-help groups working in gaothans, are available for sale under one roof.
- This will increase the means of employment at the village level. C-Mart will prove to be a milestone in the path of becoming self-reliant for the members of women's self-help groups. This will increase their income and improve their economic condition.

**Cm Launches Second Phase of Bhent-Mulakat Campaign****Why in News?**

- On May 18, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel started the second phase of his statewide Bhent-Mulakat campaign from Konta assembly constituency in Bastar division.

**Key Points**

- In the second phase of the Bhent-Mulakat campaign in Bastar division, the Chief Minister will visit the assembly segments of Bastar from May 18 to June 2, 2022.

- Chief Minister Baghel met the general public in the Nagar Panchayat premises of Konta and inquired about the implementation of government programs and schemes, listened to their problems and on the demand of the general public and local public representatives, declared two sub-tehsils of Konta district, Jagargunda and Dornapal will be made Tehsil.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also announced the setting up of electric sub-stations at Bandagaon and Jagargunda in Konta block, expansion of 30 bedded Community Health Centre (Hospital) at Konta to 50 beds, playground at Dubbatota, chhattisgarh entrance on the inter-state border of Chhattisgarh state and construction of mini-stadium at Errabor.
- It is worth mentioning that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has started the meeting campaign for all the 90 assembly regions of the state from May 4.

**Tripartite Agreement for Setting Up of Minor Forest Produce Based Processing Units in Bastar division****Why in News?**

- On 19th May, 2022, two tripartite agreements were signed by the State Government for setting up of minor forest produce based processing units in Bastar division under the Vananchal Package.

**Key Points**

- The first agreement was signed with Bastar Botanics Private Limited, Kumhar Para, Bastar for setting up of Mahua Processing Centre in Kondagaon district and the second agreement was signed with M/s Kosar Agro Private Limited, Pune (Maharashtra) for setting up of tamarind processing centre in Bastar district.
- Under the agreement, Mahua Distillation Plant will be set up in Kondagaon district at a cost of Rs 4 crore by Bastar Botnics Private Limited with a capacity of 600 kilolitres per annum.
- Most of the products produced by this plant will be exported to other countries. With the installation of this plant, food grade mahua will be used in Bastar region, which will give additional benefit to the collectors of that area.

Note:



- Apart from this, A tamarind processing centre will be set up by M/s Kosar Agro Private Limited at village Chhindgaon in Lohandiguda development block of Bastar district at a cost of Rs.4.30 crore.
- Tamarind paste, tamarind seed powder and tamarind bricks will be prepared in this processing centre. The annual capacity of this unit will be 4500 MT per annum.
- With the establishment of this processing centre, the finished products will also be sold abroad outside the country while processing bastar tamarind and using its seeds.
- With the setting up of these two processing units, while the local people will get employment, the collectors of tamarind and mahua will get a fair price for their produce.
- It may be mentioned that earlier also a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed with the private investor for processing of Kodo, Kutki and Ragi in Kanker district.
- All these industrial units will start production soon, which will make it possible for processing of minor forest produce produced in the state within the state, which will directly and indirectly benefit more than 13 lakh tendu leaves and forestry collectors.

## CM Inaugurates Gyan Gudi Education City in Bijapur

### Why in News?

- On May 20, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel dedicated the Gyan Gudi Education City in Bijapur and planted a Rudraksha plant in the campus.

### Key Points

- Free education is being provided to the children from class 9th to 12th for entrance exams like NEET, JEE Mains, Advance, Board exams etc. in the Chulo Aasman Coaching Center being run in the Education City campus. This year 3 children have been selected in JEE; 5 children have been selected in NEET.
- There are well-equipped hostels in the campus for boys and girls. Training is being imparted by the coaches in various sports like football, volleyball, archery, swimming, kabaddi, judo-karate, athletics etc.

- It has a capacity of 280 children and currently has 90 training children. 5 children were the winners in international games and 2 children in Khelo India.
- In Samarth Rehabilitation Centre, children are taught through teaching learning material. Samarth currently has 40 children from all development blocks of Bijapur district, who are being provided all facilities like food, shelter, etc. free of cost by the government. Here, other mentally, visually impaired children are being educated with the efforts of Samarth.
- Children with 21 types of physical disabilities are trained in the sensory room. Here, visually impaired children are also trained to identify objects and colours with the touch of hands and feet and to identify foods by tasting them.

## Two Short Documentaries Focusing on Bio-Diversity

### Why In News

- On May 22, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released two short documentaries focusing on the biodiversity of Chhattisgarh and six books by various authors at the 'Discussion and Prize Distribution' programme organized on the occasion of International Day of Bio-diversity.

### Key Point

- He released the film 'Life Icons in Chhattisgarh: Beyond Human Existence' based on the Marine Fossils Park being prepared by the Manendragarh Forest Division and 'Pratham Expression' based on the paintings found in the forest areas of the state.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister released 6 books of various authors on the biodiversity of Chhattisgarh at the event.
- The Chief Minister is authored by Dr. Shivaji Chavan's book 'Chhattisgarh State Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan, 2022-30', Indian Forest Service officer Ramakrishna's book 'Shades of Past' focusing on cave paintings in Guru Ghasidas Tiger Reserve, Gaurav Nihalani and Gyanendra Pandey released the book 'Eco Tourism in Chhattisgarh – Possibilities and Challenges' by Vasundhara Natural Conservation Committee.

Note:

- Similarly, he released 'A Field Guide to Forest Grasses of Chhattisgarh' by Shailendra Uikey and Srinivas T. of Indian Forest Service and "Biodiversity in Chhattisgarh's Soil" and 'Insect Biodiversity of Chhattisgarh' by Dr. Vivek Kumar Singhal and Dr. Hemkant Chandravanshi Ankit Seva Sansthan.
- In 1993, the United Nations General Assembly declared **May 22 as the International Day of Bio-Diversity** to increase understanding and awareness of biodiversity issues. This day is also known as **World Biodiversity Day**.

## Cm awards Individuals and Institutions for Conservation and Promotion of Bio-Diversity

### Why In News

- On May 22, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel felicitated individuals and institutions for conservation and promotion of biodiversity at the '**Discussion and Prize Distribution**' programme organized on the occasion of **International Day of Bio-diversity**.

### Key Point

- The Chief Minister announced awards for institutions, individuals and bio-management committees working in the field of biodiversity, conservation of pets, bio-cultural diversity at the event. The persons concerned were felicitated by the forest officials associated with video conferencing from the programme.
- The awards were given in the categories of Conservation of Wild Animals and Conservation of Domesticated Species, Nutritional Use of Bio-resources, Biodiversity Conservation from Civilization, Culture and Heritage and Best Biodiversity Management Committee.
- Under the **Chhattisgarh Biodiversity Awards, 2022**, the Best Bio-diversity Management Committee, Shahwara, Kanker and Management Committee Chicha Durg in the best institute category were honoured with a prize money of Rs.50,000 and a citation of Rs.50,000/
- Similarly, the nutritional use of bio-resources is kishore kumar rajput in the individual category and

the conservation of domestic species in the individual category. Padam Jain was honoured with a prize money of Rs.25,000 and a citation.

- People for Animal Durg-Bhilai in the Category of Conservation of Pet Species And Nature Biodiversity Association in the Category of Conservation of Wild Animals were awarded with a prize money of Rs.50,000/- and a citation of Rs.25,000/- were awarded to Rajendra Prasad Mishra and Ms. Nidhi Tiwari in the Conservation of Wild Animals Individual category and a prize money of Rs.25,000 /-.

## Virtual Bhoomi Pujan of State Cancer Institute

### Why In News

- On May 22, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel performed the Bhoomi Pujan of the 'State Cancer Institute' to be built at a cost of Rs 120 crore in Bilaspur in a virtual programme held at his residence office.

### Key Point

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the **State Cancer Institute** will be equipped with the necessary state-of-the-art equipment for the treatment of cancer and its construction will be completed in the next one year.
- The state cancer institute to be built in Bilaspur will have facilities for treatment of all types of cancers under one roof. The institute will have a 100-bed state-of-the-art cancer ward and a 20-bed state-of-the-art ICU ward.
- All types of chemotherapy, such as targeted, immuno, molecular, meturonomic facilities will be available free of cost at the State Cancer Institute. Here will be treated with state-of-the-art radiotherapy machine.
- Two linear accelerators, cobalt brachytherapy unit, PET scan machine, CT simulator, MRI machine and all state-of-the-art tools for cancer research will be available at the State Cancer Institute.
- Breast cancer, cervical cancer, oral and throat cancer, lung cancer, large intestine and cancer, stomach cancer, liver, gallbladder cancer, bone cancer, blood cancer can be treated under one roof.

Note:

## State's first model Haat-Market begins at Barsur in Dantewada district

### Why In News

- Recently, Chhattisgarh's first entry-exit gate model Haat-Market was launched at Barsur under Geedam Vikaskhand in Dantewada district.

### Key Point

- With the initiative of the district administration, this model Hat-Market has been constructed to provide all facilities to the villagers.
- For the first time, a well-planned gate for entry and exit has been built in the Hat-Market, where goods or products brought by villagers or traders are weighed, so that the villagers can sell the goods at a fixed price.
- At the same time, at the exit gate it is ensured that they have received a fair price for their goods or not.
- Being a model Hat-Market, the weight of the goods brought by the machine for the small traders is mentioned in the local dialect.
- In order to protect the food items in the Hat Market itself, dry and cold storage facility has been provided so that the remaining material after the sale can be preserved till the next market.
- About 200 traders are benefiting from the model Hat-Market. The Chief Minister's Hat-Market Clinic Scheme is also being run at the Hat-Market site itself.
- It is worth noting that the Hat-Market in bastar region has a different significance of its own. Hat-Market is considered as the lifeline of the rural economy.

## Launch of New Unit of Danex

### Why in News?

- On May 23, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the new unit of Innovation Danex of Dantewada, which is popular across the country due to its textile unit at Katekalyan in Dantewada district. Here 100 women will make garments.

### Key Points

- With this, the Fifth Unit of Danex, Chhindnar, signed an MoU. The MoU was signed between Danex FPO (Farmer Producers Association) and export house

Tirpur, one of the largest units in the country of Whole Sale in Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu.

- So far, four units of Danex established from Harm, Barsur, Karli, Katekalyan were being sent to Bengaluru, but after this MoU, the clothes to be prepared from The Chhindnar, the fifth unit of Danex, will also be seen in the UK and US market.
- It is worth mentioning that Dantewada has been established as a new centre of textile business through Danex. Due to the quality of the clothes here, the demand for them has increased across the country and the business organizations across the country are approaching them.
- About 16 months ago, in the tribal-dominated Dantewada district of Chhattisgarh, the district administration had set up a Nava Dantewada Garment Factory at Gram Panchayat Harm to enhance the self-reliance of women. The clothes made here were given the brand name 'Danex'. Danex means 'Dantewada Next'. The brand reflects the richness, tradition and culture of Dantewada district.
- In the last 16 months alone, 6 lakh 85 thousand cloth lots worth about Rs 50 crore have been sent to Bengaluru from four units of Danex, from where they are being sold all over the country (from Kashmir to Kanyakumari). About 800 people from Dantewada have got employment from Danex.
- Due to the rapid transmission of units of Danex, not only women have got employment, but the demand for the clothes of the institute is also taking place across the country to enhance their skills.
- Significantly, the women of Danex recently took eleven km. The long chunri has been constructed, which the Chief Minister will offer to Danteshwari Mata.

## 'Bhagini Maternity Assistance Scheme' Now Named 'Minimata Mahatari Jatan Yojana'

### Why in News?

- The 'Bhagini Maternity Assistance Scheme' for the beneficiaries of Chhattisgarh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board on May 23, 2022 has now been renamed as 'Minimata Mahatari Jatan Yojana' by partially amending the notification issued earlier.

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**Key Points**

- The main objective of the launch of 'Bhagini Maternity Assistance Scheme' by the Chhattisgarh government is to provide financial support to the working women belonging to the weaker income group of the unorganized sectors of the state for maternity.
- For this, the assistance is provided to the women for proper and adequate food from conception to the maternity, so that the body of the women and the child does not have any food and nutrition deficiency and economic problems in the pregnancy.
- Rs 10000/- is given under the scheme, out of which Rs.5000/- is given in the first trimester of pregnancy and the remaining Rs.5000/- in the third trimester (eighth month). The amount of assistance is paid within 72 hours of receipt of information.
- Eligibility for the scheme-
- Registration of spouse of the beneficiary is required.
- Official verification of pregnancy of a woman worker must be done by a doctor, ANM or Mitanine.
- The wife of a construction worker working in public and government institutions will not get the benefit of the scheme.
- The benefit of maternity scheme will be payable only for a maximum of two times delivery.
- After 90 days of eligibility registration of benefits.

## **State's First Farmer's School Opened at Behradih**

**Why in News?**

- On May 22, 2022, Chhattisgarh Assembly Speaker Dr. Charan Das Mahant inaugurated the state's first Kisan School at Village Beheradih in Baloda block of Janjgir-Champa district.

**Key Points**

- Speaking on the occasion, Dr Charandas Mahant said that this school is the first of its kind in the country where farmers will be given free training in the field of farming.

- In this school, farmers will be given information in 18 different subjects in the field of agriculture. Both theory and practical information will be available in the training.
- In this school, farmers will be given information about kharif crop, rabi crop as well as animal husbandry, dairying, poultry, fisheries, lac production, beekeeping, goat rearing, vegetable farming management, kosa pest rearing and other subjects in the agriculture sector.

## **Jheeram Valley Martyrs' Memorial**

**Why in News?**

- On May 25, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel dedicated the Jheeram Valley Martyrs' Memorial at Lalbagh Ground in Jagdalpur and paid a humble tribute to the martyrs of Jheeram Valley.

**Key Points**

- The Chief Minister also hoisted the flag of the 100 feet high tricolor in the memorial complex itself, which will always be hoisted as a mark of respect to the martyrs.
- In order to keep the memories of 32 people martyred in Jhiram Valley alive in the hearts of the common people forever in the hearts of the common people, the Jhiram Valley Martyrs' Memorial has been constructed at Lagbagh Ground in Jagdalpur.
- It may be recalled that exactly nine years ago, on May 25, 2013, 32 people, including senior Congress leaders Nandkumar Patel, Vidya Charan Shukla, Mahendra Karma, Uday Mudaliar, Yogendra Sharma and police personnel, were martyred in the Naxal attack in Jheeram Valley of Bastar.
- The statues of 32 martyred public representatives and jawans have been installed in the Jhiram Valley with their names, which will keep their identity alive forever.
- It may be mentioned that the Jheeram Valley Tribute Day is celebrated on May 25 to keep the memory of the sacrifices of martyrs intact in the state.

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## Chhattisgarh: The Second State to Give Forest Resource Accreditation in the National Park Area

### Why in News?

- On May 25, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced that forest resources certificates would be given to forest dwellers in the National Park area during an interview programme held at Mangalpur in Jagdalpur Assembly constituency.

### Key Points

- Chhattisgarh will be the second state in the country after Odisha to provide forest resource accreditation in the National Park area.
- With the grant of forest resource accreditation, more and more opportunities will be available to the forest dwellers for employment as well as income.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister also made the following other announcements:
- 15 Gypsy vehicles will be given to tribal youth to promote tourism in Kotamsar area.
- Swami Atmanand Schools will be started at Dornapal, Kokanar and Tongpal in Sukma.
- The road will be constructed from Kanakapal to Leda and from Jiram to Elmanar.
- Adarsh Devguri will be set up at Mawlipadar, Netanar, Pandripani and Madpal.

## Chhattisgarh's First FIFA Approved Synthetic Football Ground

### Why in News?

- On May 26, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated Chhattisgarh's first FIFA approved synthetic football ground and running track at Jagdalpur.

### Key Points

- FIFA has issued a certificate of international standard to the football ground at Jagdalpur Priyadarshini Indira Stadium.

- With this, the Chief Minister also dedicated 19 development works worth more than Rs.44.54 crore and laid the foundation stone of 8 development works worth more than Rs.11.88 crore at Priyadarshini Stadium.
- An MoU was signed between The Ordor Football Academy, Bhubaneshwar, Odisha, Bastar District Football Association and Bastar District Administration to make community football more popular on grass root levels in Bastar. This will enable the players of Bastar to get national level coaches.

## Innovation Award for Digital Governance at Self-Reliant India Summit

### Why in News?

- Chhattisgarh has been awarded the Elates Innovation Award for Digital Governance at the Self-Reliant India Summit on May 27, 2022.

### Key Points

- The award has been given to the Social Welfare Department at a function held in New Delhi for computerizing 'NGO registration and making the process of recognition and grant online'.
- Elates Techno India CEO Dr. Ravi Gupta gave the award to P. Dayanand, Director, Social Welfare Department of The State of Chhattisgarh.
- Director of the Social Welfare Department P. Dayanand said that the social welfare department made every effort to help the needy. In the Corona period, by making the process of NGO recognition and grants online in Chhattisgarh, help could be easily reached to the needy people.
- Manual process of application for NGO recognition and grant has been made completely online by the department, transforming it to digital.
- The department has maintained all the necessary data in an optimized manner with attachments, which can be viewed by the stakeholders- NGOs, DDOs, Collectors, Directorates, Secretariats and Ministers.

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## PM Launches Distribution of Season Based Insurance

### Why in News?

- On May 24, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the distribution of weather based insurance claim amount of Prime Minister's Crop Insurance and Horticulture Crops from Dantewada, a remote region of the state.

### Key Points

- Under the insurance scheme of Rabi and Horticulture Crops, about 1.5 crore farmers in 17 districts of the state will get a claim amount of Rs.307.19 crore.
- It may be mentioned that the Chief Minister launched the programme online from Dantewada instead of launching the programme from capital Raipur to ensure that there is no delay in payment of crop insurance claim amount to farmers. Earlier, he had distributed the amount of Godhan Nyaya Yojana from Ramanujanj during the meet-up drive in Sarguja division.
- The Chief Minister said that under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima, about 1 lakh 45 thousand farmers of 17 districts of the state are being paid Rs 297.9 crore and under the weather based insurance scheme of horticulture crops, 4,747 farmers are being paid Rs 10.10 crore. In Kharif 2021, a claim amount of Rs.7.52 crore has been paid to 3 lakh 97 thousand farmers of the state.
- Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey said that the highest number of schemes are being run in the interest of farmers in Chhattisgarh across the country. Chhattisgarh ranks first in the country in implementing the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and benefiting the farmers of the state. Chhattisgarh is also the leading state in the country in terms of payment of insurance claims of rabi crops to the farmers.
- It is worth mentioning that the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is in force since Kharif 2016. Under this, farmers have to pay only 2 per cent premium amount for kharif crops paddy, maize, groundnut, soyabean, arhar, moong and urad and 1.5 per cent for rabi crops wheat, chana, mustard and linseed. Half of the remaining insurance premium amount is the state share and central share.

## Procurement of Kosa Cocoon Under Silk Mission in Bastar

### Why in News?

- On May 9, 2022, an order was issued by the Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association to purchase cocoons at the minimum support price from the current year through the Minor Forest Produce Association.

### Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, in the budget speech of the current financial year, had announced to start the Silk Mission in the interest of tribal-forest farmers engaged in silkworm rearing and cocoon production in Bastar division.
- The purchase rate has been fixed by the Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Association for collection on its support price in Bastar division.
- With this important decision of the government, now the local residents will get the double benefit of production and processing of kosa cocoons.
- Sanjay Shukla, Managing Director, State Minor Forest Produce Association informed that MoU has been signed between State Minor Forest Produce Association and Silk Directorate to increase employment at the local level by increasing the local processing of kosa cocoons in the state.
- According to this MoU, the cocoons purchased by the Minor Forest Produce Association will be provided to the Silk Department.
- By selecting 740 beneficiaries in Bastar division by the Silk Department, training in silk threading has also been started.
- Significantly, 8 to 10 crore rally cocoons are produced in the state. Rally kosa collection is mainly done in 7 district unions Jagdalpur, Dantewada, Sukma, Kondagaon, Keshkal, Narayanpur and Kanker.

## Tourist Information Centre Inaugurated at Tatamari

### Why in News?

- On May 29, 2022, in the presence of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the sisters of self-help group dedicated the Tourist Information Centre built at Tatamari to provide information about tourism facilities in Kondagaon district.

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**Key Points**

- Lakshmi Sahu, president of the women's group and Jayanti Dhruv, member of the women's group working at **Bihan Canteen** in Tatamari, inaugurated the centre of Tatamari by cutting the lace.
- The **centre has been constructed by the Forest and Climate Change Department at a cost of about Rs 25.36 lakh**. A training co-production centre has also been set up in this tourist information centre.
- On the occasion, the Chief Minister released a booklet and logo focused on the Mawa Kondanar tourism circuit.
- The Mawa Kondanar tourism circuit is being developed in Kondagaon district with the objective of harnessing the potential of immense tourism and to provide employment to the local people.
- For this, a 3 day and 2 night tourism package has been prepared, in which tourists will be able to get acquainted with the panoramic valleys, more than 20 waterfalls, archaeological remains, tribal civilization-culture, prehistoric rock paintings, unique culture of Kondagaon in the vicinity of Nature.

## Driving License and Registration Certificate with QR coded on Polycarbonate Based Card

**Why in News?**

- As per the information received from government sources on May 29, 2022, in order to further strengthen and strengthen the facility '**Tuhar Sarkar Tuhar Dwar**' being provided by the Transport Department of the State, all the 'Driving Licenses' and 'Registration Certificates' issued in the State will now be on polycarbonate based and QR coded cards.

**Key Points**

- Significantly, the Integrated Driving License and Registration Certificate is to be issued by the Department of Surface and Transport (**MoRTH**), Government of India in compliance with the Ordinance issued in the year 2019, under which the Transport Department of Chhattisgarh has recently completed the tendering process and the scheme has been launched at the regional level from May 17, 2022.

- The printing of driving licence and registration certificate will be carried out at 'Centralized Card Printing and Dispatch Unit' Pandri Raipur and will be sent to the house of the applicants through India Post under the proposed scheme of Government of Chhattisgarh.
- Under this new system, polycarbonate driving licenses and registration certificates with 'QR code' will be issued. Polycarbonate cards are of high quality and long lasting, on which printing is done through laser. The cards will be issued meeting the standards set by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, New Delhi (**MoRTH**).
- The printing of polycarbonate driving licence and registration certificate with 'QR code' of the new format will be carried out by MCT Cards and Technology Pvt. Ltd. This company is an IT company of Manipal Karnataka, which is a pioneer in this field and has been doing similar works in other States.
- The '**Tuhar Sarkar Tuhar Dwar**' scheme run by the Transport Department is a very important scheme for the convenience of the people. With the public amenities related to the Transport Department sitting at home so easily, people no longer need to make frequent rounds of the Transport Department. This will save the time and money of the applicants.

## Mati Pujan Mahabhiyan

**Why In News?**

- On May 3, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel performed Mati Pujan in the traditional attire of Chhattisgarhi farmer by wearing dhoti-kurta in the traditional attire of Chhattisgarhi farmer and launched the Mati Pujan Mahabhiyan in Chhattisgarh by performing the ritual of paddy sowing.

**Key Point**

- The Chief Minister launched the mahaabhiyan at the Akti Tihar (Akshaya Tritiya) and Mati Pujan Diwas programme at Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur.
- The Chief Minister also announced to set up Mechanical Skill Development Centres in all the divisions on the occasion.

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- He inaugurated the Swami Vivekananda Agricultural College Engineering and Technology Research Centre building in the university campus.
- The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of doppler technology for accurate weather forecasting and also launched the Krishi Rozgar Mobile Application developed by the Agricultural University.
- The Chief Minister felicitated the progressive farmers, as well as seed kits, farm implements and cheques of grant amount under various schemes.

## **Gyaneshwari Yadav wins silver medal at World Junior Weightlifting Championships**

### **Why In News?**

- On May 3, 2022, in the women's category, rising weightlifter Gyaneshwari Yadav of Chhattisgarh represented India in the women's category at the ongoing World Junior Weightlifting Championships in Heracleon, Greece, representing India in the 156kg category. He won the silver medal by lifting the weight.

### **Key Point**

- Gyaneshwari Yadav of Rajnandgaon scored 49 kg. A total of 156 kg in the weight class. He won the silver medal by lifting weights. He was 73 kg. in snatch and 83 kg. Lifted weights in clean and jerk.
- In this category, India's Ritika scored 150 kg. While indonesia's Ayesha Kantika Windy won the bronze medal by lifting the weight, Indonesia's Ayesha Kantika Windy won the 185kg. He won the gold medal by lifting the weight.
- It may be mentioned that Gyaneshwari is the first player from the state to play the World Championships and win a medal in the junior category. Earlier, Rustam Sarang, Ajaydeep Sarang, Anita Shinde, Madhusudan Janghel, Keshav Sahu and Jagdish Vishwakarma of Chhattisgarh have also represented India in the global tournament but could not win medals.
- Gyaneshwari had won the bronze medal for the first time at the Guwahati School National in Assam in 2018-19. Then in 2019-20, he won a silver medal at school nationals, a silver medal at the National Youth Championships in 2020-21, a silver medal in the National Junior Weightlifting Competition held at Bhubaneswar in 2021-22 and also a silver medal in the All India Vivi tournament.

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