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## Successful allotment of Graphite Block in Chhattisgarh through E-Auction

### Why in News?

- According to the information provided by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 31 March 2023, the Kenapara graphite block located in the Balrampur district was successfully allotted as a composite license through e-auction by the Chhattisgarh Mineral Resources Department. The said block was explored by GSI at the G-4 level.

### Key Points

- The highest bid (final price offer) of 111.00 per cent was placed by the M/s Maa Kudargarhi Steels Pvt. Ltd. for allotment in the form of composite license through e-auction of Kenapara Graphite Block by Chhattisgarh Mineral Resources Department
- A total of 670 bids were placed in the e-auction conducted on 29 March 2023 in the MSTC portal under the direction of Director, Land and Mining Jayaprakash Maurya, in which the highest bid of 111.00 percent was placed by M/s Maa Kudargadi Steels Pvt. Ltd.
- It may be noted that for the first time, the e-auction of graphite blocks has been successfully done by the state. Prior to this, only Odisha and Madhya Pradesh allocated graphite blocks through e-auction in the country.
- Graphite is an important mineral for manufacturing refractories, batteries, lubricants, and crucibles. Presently it has major mines in Odisha and Jharkhand only.
- Joint Director and InCharge Auction Anurag Dewan said that allocation of mines through the e-auction method is a very important system for the purpose of transparency and revenue sharing to the state government.
- So far, a total of 28 mineral blocks of limestone, bauxite, iron ore, gold metal and nickel, chromium and PGE and graphite have been successfully allocated by the Chhattisgarh Mineral Department, which will generate royalty, DMF, environmental and financial resources in the coming years and In addition to the infrastructure cess, the state government will get an additional income of about 81 thousand crores.

## CM launched Chhattisgarh's 1st Chhattisgarhi Digital Radio Station 'Radio Sangwari'

### Why in News?

- On 31 March 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched Chhattisgarh's first digital radio station 'Radio Sangwari' in a program organized at his residence office.

### Key Points

- Apart from this, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the audio of the Chhattisgarhi song 'Kaka Zinda Hai' in the programme. Its creator is head constable Dilip Tamarkar.
- The Chief Minister said that through Radio Sangwari, it has been established to take Chhattisgarhi folk art, folk culture and song-music to the common people through digital radio stations.
- The art and culture of Chhattisgarh will be conveyed to the people of the whole world through the app, certainly it is a very commendable effort.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that this platform can be a powerful medium to give new life to the vanishing cultural genres and art traditions of Chhattisgarh. The talents of new artists can also be easily brought to the world through this.



- There is no dearth of radio listeners even today. Many radio stations are still very popular today because of their innovations and fresh thinking. He expressed hope that the digital radio station being started by Radio Sangwari would also become such a popular medium.
- On this occasion, the founder of Radio Sangwari Rahul Sharma and co-founder Dr. Hemant Sirmour said that Radio Sangwari can be listened to comfortably even on 2G internet speed.

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## 10-10 Thousand Rupees will be Given as an Incentive to Nachaa Committees

### Why in News?

- On 2 April 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced Rs 10,000 each as an incentive to dance committees at the late Dau Ramchandra Deshmukh state-level Nacha Gammat Mahotsav in village Nikum of Durg rural assembly during the Bhent-Mulaqat programme.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, he honoured Padma Shri Domar Singh Kunwar and Deepak Taram with mementoes and also released the book 'Chet Karo Tan Ke' on the stage.
- The Chief Minister said that the Late Dr. Ramchandra Deshmukh, the doyen of the art world of Chhattisgarh, revived the culture of the state. He promoted his culture in the country and abroad through cultural programs by training dance artists in a new way.
- It is known that a three-day late Dau Ramchandra Deshmukh state-level dance festival was organized in village Nikum from 31 March to 2 April.
- Dau Ramchandra Deshmukh, the harbinger of the cultural renaissance in the Chhattisgarh region and known as the comet of the art world, took a meaningful initiative to awaken the Chhattisgarhi society battling exploitation and deprivation through his folk art and folk songs. The destitute life and suffering of the Chhattisgarh region moved him so much that it became the basic tone of all his productions.
- In 1951, he established 'Dehati Kala Manch'. In 1971, he formed the 'Chandaini Gonda' theatre party. After Chandaini Gonda, Padumlal Punnalal Bakshi's story 'Kari' was released in 1983 which created a buzz in the region.



## Socio-Economic Survey 2023 Started in Chhattisgarh

### Why in News?

- On 1 April 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the Chhattisgarh Socio-Economic Survey-2023 work, an important campaign run by the Chhattisgarh government, by flagging off the survey team in a program organized at the residence office premises of the capital Raipur.

### Key Points

- The survey work will run in the entire state from 1 April to 30 April 2023. Under this, the survey teams will go door-to-door in the rural areas of the state through a mobile application.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that the 'Chhattisgarh Socio-Economic Survey-2023' will prove to be important in making new schemes and providing maximum benefits to the people by their better implementation.
- The objective of the survey is to assess the impact of the government's public welfare schemes on the standard of living of the common man in the past years and use the data obtained for better implementation of the schemes in future and for the formulation of new schemes.
- Beneficiaries who were deprived of various schemes from the survey will now also be able to join the new list and they will be able to get benefits of various public welfare schemes of the government according to their eligibility.

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## Chief Minister Launched Unemployment Allowance Scheme in the state

### Why in News?

- On 1 April 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the statewide ambitious unemployment allowance scheme from his residence office. Along with the launch of the scheme, the Chief Minister has also given an unemployment allowance approval order to four youths.

### Key Points

- Under this scheme, every month Rs 2500 will be paid directly to the eligible beneficiaries in their bank account, as well as skill development training will also be given to the unemployed and they will be helped in getting employment.
- **Eligibility Conditions:**
  - It is necessary to be a native of Chhattisgarh to apply for the Unemployment Allowance Scheme.
  - The age of the applicant should be between 18 to 35 years as on 1st April of the year of applying for the scheme.
  - The applicant must have passed at least Higher Secondary i.e. 12th standard from a recognized board. Along with this, should be registered in any district employment and self-employment guidance centre of Chhattisgarh and his employment registration should be at least two years old with Higher Secondary or above qualification as of 1st April of the year of application.
  - ▪ The applicant should not have any source of income of his own and the annual income of the applicant's family from all sources should not exceed Rs.2.50 lakh.
  - ▪ An income certificate issued by Tehsildar or a higher revenue officer for family income should be made within 1 year from the date of application for unemployment allowance.
- **Who will be ineligible:**
  - If more than one member of the applicant's family of the unemployment allowance scheme fulfils the eligibility conditions then the unemployment allowance will be approved for only one member of the family. In such a situation, an unemployment allowance will be approved for that member, whose age is more. In case of equality of age, the member who registers first in the employment office will be made eligible for unemployment allowance. In case both age and employment registration date are the same, the member who has higher educational qualifications will be made eligible.
  - If any member of the applicant's family is employed in any class IV or Group D job in any institution or local body of the Central or State Government, such applicant will be ineligible for unemployment allowance. If the applicant is offered self-employment or any job in the government or private sector but the applicant does not accept the offer, then he will be ineligible for the scheme.
  - Family members of former and present ministers, state ministers and former or present members of Parliament or state legislatures, former and present mayors of municipal corporations and former and present chairpersons of district panchayats will be ineligible for unemployment allowance. Also, the family members of such pensioners who get a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 or more will be ineligible for the allowance.
  - Also, family members of income taxpayers, doctors, engineers, lawyers, chartered accountants and architects registered with professional bodies will be ineligible for unemployment allowance.
- **Payment of unemployment allowance:** Under the unemployment allowance scheme, a payment of Rs 2500 per month will be directly transferred to the beneficiary's bank account by the Directorate of Employment and Training, Nava Raipur. At the time of applying, the applicant has to give the correct information of his savings bank account number, and IFSC code. Any non-payment due to an error in the bank account will be the responsibility of the applicant.
- **Period of unemployment allowance:** Unemployment allowance will be payable for one year first to the eligible applicant for unemployment allowance under the scheme. If the particular beneficiary does not get profitable employment in this period of one year, then this period can be extended for one more year. In any case, this period shall not exceed two years.
- **Skill Training:**
  - Applicants who will be approved for unemployment allowance under the scheme will be offered skill development training within a period of one year.

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- After the skill development training, the applicant will be assisted in getting employment.
- Skill development training will be provided free of cost in any one of the trades mentioned in the application. If applicants refuse to undergo training or do not accept the employment offered, their unemployment allowance will be discontinued.



### 3 More Hospitals in the state got National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate

#### Why in News?

- According to the information given by Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 1 April 2023, three more health centres of the state providing excellent healthcare and better treatment to patients have been awarded the National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS) certificate by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.

#### Key Points

- The team of the Union Health Ministry inspected these three hospitals in the last month of February

and tested the quality of services available to the patients. The team also took feedback from the patients in this regard.

- The Union Health Ministry has awarded the National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate to Sitapur Community Health Center in the Surguja district, Komakhan Primary Health Center in Mahasamund and Gopalpur Urban Primary Health Center in Korba.
- Gopalpur Urban Primary Health Center got 89 percent, Komakhan Primary Health Center 85 percent and Sitapur Community Health Center got 84 percent marks in the evaluation of the Health Ministry team.
- It is noteworthy that the services and satisfaction level of the hospital are tested on various parameters by the team of experts before awarding the National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate.
- These include parameters such as services available, patients' rights, inputs, support services, clinical services, infection control, quality management and outcomes. Only hospitals that meet these stringent standards are issued quality certificates by the Union Health Ministry.

### Chhattisgarh government's 'Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana' praised by 'Rally for Rivers' campaign

#### Why in News?

- According to the information received from the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on 04 April 2023, on the initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the 'Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana' started in Chhattisgarh to increase the income of farmers and improve the environment was appreciated by the 'Rally for Rivers' campaign.

#### Key Points

- 'Rally for Rivers', a campaign launched by Sadhguru Sh. Jaggi Vasudev of Isha Foundation to create public awareness about the plight of the country's rivers and to get people's support to change the policies of the government to conserve rivers.
- 'Rally for Rivers' has also tagged an advertisement based on the scheme released by the Government

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of Chhattisgarh on the occasion of the launch of Mukhyamantri Vriksh Sampada Yojana with its tweet.

- Significantly, the 'Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana' launched in Chhattisgarh is the first major campaign at the national level to promote commercial tree plantation on a large scale. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched this scheme on 21 March 2023, on the occasion of World Forestry Day.
- Under this scheme, Chhattisgarh has a target of planting 15 crore trees of identified species in one lakh 80 thousand acres of private land in five years. So far, 23 thousand 600 farmers in the state have registered for commercial tree plantation on 36 thousand 230 acres of land.
- Through this scheme, farmers are expected to earn an income of 15 to 50 thousand rupees per acre annually. Apart from this, farmers will also get income through carbon credits.
- In this scheme, there is a provision to give a 100 percent subsidy to the beneficiaries who do commercial tree plantation on five acres and a 50 percent subsidy to the beneficiaries who plant more than five acres.
- Farmers, interested landowners, government, semi-government and autonomous institutions of government, private educational institutions, private trusts, panchayats and land contract holders can take advantage of this scheme.
- For the first time in the 'Mukhya Mantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana', a guarantee has been given for the purchase of trees of identified species at the minimum support price. Under the scheme in Chhattisgarh, 12 types of trees will be planted this year.
- In these, plants of Clonal Eucalyptus, Root Shoot Teak, Tissue Culture, Sandalwood, Melia Dubia, Normal Bamboo, Tissue Culture Bamboo, Rakta Chandan, Amla, Khamar, Shisham and Mahaneem etc. will be planted.
- Apart from being economically beneficial for the beneficiaries, this scheme will also prove to be important from the point of view of environmental protection and soil health. This scheme will also give a boost to wood-based industries.

## **Badrinath will Take the Form of Smart Spiritual Hill Town**

### **Why in News?**

- On 4 April 2023, Uttarakhand's Tourism Minister Saptal Maharaj said that the state's Badrinath Dham will be developed as a Smart Spiritual Hill Town (Spiritual Hill City).

### **Key Points**

- To develop Badrinath Dham as Smart Spiritual Hill Town (Spiritual Hill City), work has started on the Badrinath Master Plan for Rs 425 crore in the first phase.
- It is known that Kedarnath's reconstruction work under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has developed Kedarnath in a grand and divine form. From 21 February till now, 3,49,944 Yatris have been registered for Kedarnath, 2,91,537 for Badrinath, 1,61,149 for Yamunotri and 1,66,310 for Gangotri Dham in Chardham Yatra.
- Tourism Minister Satpal Maharaj said that air services are also being expanded in the state. The work on Char Dham All Weather Road and Rishikesh- Karanprayag Rail Project is going on in full swing. A target has been set to complete the Govindghat to Hemkund Sahib and Sonprayag-Kedarnath ropeways in three years.
- The state government has approved the ropeway project from Kharsali to Yamunotri to be built with an amount of more than Rs 166 crore.



- It is worth mentioning that the government has built Shakta, Shaiva, Vaishnava, Golju, Gurudwara, Hanuman, Nag Devta, Swami Vivekananda, Mahasu Devta, Narasimha Devta and Navagraha Devta circuits to promote religious tourism. Devotees coming to Chardham Yatra can visit these circuits.

## **Jharkhand Education Minister Jagarnath Mahto passed away in Chennai**

### **Why in News?**

- On 6 April 2023, Jharkhand Education Minister Jagarnath Mahto passed away in Chennai, he was an MLA from Dumri Assembly. Chief Minister Hemant Soren has shared this information by tweeting from his official Twitter handle.

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**Key Points**

- Significantly, Jagarnath Mahto has been running ill for the last few months. On 14 March during the budget session of the Legislative Assembly, his health suddenly deteriorated due to which he was admitted to Paras Hospital in Ranchi. He was later airlifted to Chennai's MGM Hospital where he died during treatment on 6 April.
- Two years ago, after being infected with the Corona epidemic, he had a lung infection. During this, his lungs were transplanted in Chennai MGM itself and now he was sent there for follow-up. Earlier in October 2018, he had a heart attack.
- Jagarnath Mahto represented the Dumri assembly constituency of Giridih district, he was counted among the tall leaders of Jharkhand Mukti Morcha. He was a very popular MLA elected from the Dumri assembly. He was known as a 'Tiger' in the area.
- He also had the additional charge of the Product Department. As the education minister, his big achievement was considered to be the implementation of service condition rules for the stabilization of 65,000 para teachers.



## Increase in the amount of assistance under 'Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Yojana'

**Why in News?**

- According to information received from the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 6 April 2023, the state government has increased the assistance amount from Rs 25,000 to Rs 50,000 under the 'Chief Minister Kanya Vivah Yojana'.

**Key Points**

- It is known that in the budget presented for the year 2023-24, a provision of Rs 38 crore has been kept for this scheme. With this, the dream of many families to get their daughters married pomp will be fulfilled.
- Under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the state government has increased the amount under the scheme twice. In the year 2019, Bhupesh Baghel gave priority to the marriage of daughters in the first budget presented after taking over as Chief Minister, the grant amount given under marriage was increased from Rs 15 thousand to Rs 25 thousand. Now this amount has been increased to 50 thousand rupees.
- Compared to the year 2019, the fixed budget amount has also been increased from Rs 19 crore to Rs 38 crore. Due to this, the concern about the marriage of daughters in many families has been removed.
- Significantly, due to financial problems in many families, the daughter's marriage becomes difficult. Under these circumstances, the state government helps with the marriage of daughters under the 'Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Yojana'.
- The objective of this scheme, run by the Department of Women and Child Development, is to solve the economic difficulties faced by poor families in the marriage of girls, to stop extravagance in marriages and to promote simple marriages, through the organization of group marriages, along with increasing the self-esteem of poor families, improving their social status and preventing dowry transactions in marriages.
- **Benefits payable under the scheme**
  - Under the scheme, financial assistance is given to families living below the poverty line and a maximum of two girls above the age of 18 years of the cardholder family under the 'Chief Minister's Food Scheme'.
  - In this, along with providing makeup materials and other daily use items to the bride and groom as gifts, money is also given through bank drafts.
  - Some amount is also spent on organizing mass marriages.
  - Widows, orphans, and destitute girls are also included in the scheme.
  - To take advantage of the scheme, the office of the District Women and Child Development Officer/ District Program Officer can be contacted. You can contact the Child Development Project Officer or the Integrated Child Development Officer at

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the development block level. You can also get information regarding the scheme from the Anganwadi workers in your area.



## Chhattisgarh Govt. implemented 'State Women Entrepreneurship Policy 2023-28'

### Why in News?

- According to information received from the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 6 April 2023, the state government has implemented the 'State Women Entrepreneurship Policy 2023-28' to give a new identity to the efficiency of women and to connect them with entrepreneurship.

### Key Points

- Under this policy, provision has been made to give financial assistance (loan) to women for setting up

industries. Due to this, along with an increase in women's workforce, their participation in industry and trade will increase. With this policy, the number of startups started by women will also increase rapidly.

- Under the State Women Entrepreneurship Policy 2023-28, a provision has been made to give loans up to a maximum of Rs 50 lakh to the women entrepreneurs of the state for manufacturing enterprise projects, a maximum of Rs 25 lakh for service enterprise projects and up to Rs 10 lakh for business enterprise projects.
- Under this policy economic investment incentives will be provided to eligible micro, small and medium manufacturing and service enterprises established by women entrepreneurs in the state for expansion, expansion and consolidation.
- Fixed capital investment grants up to 30-55 per cent of the fixed capital investment made in the enterprise i.e. Rs 40 lakh to Rs 1 crore 20 lakhs, term loan obtained for the enterprises and working capital provisioned in the project report (up to a maximum of three months' requirement) 45 to 70 percent interest subsidy, maximum amount from 15 to 60 lakh rupees, 50 percent for setting up new enterprises, margin money subsidy up to maximum 75 lakh rupees, net state goods and services tax (net SGST) reimbursement commercial production for 6 to 16 years from the date of commencement, exemption from electricity duty, for 6 to 12 years from the date of commencement of commercial production, full exemption and in addition to the above, exemption from stamp duty, transport grant, exemption from mandi fee, rent grant provision has been made.
- Women self-help groups will be given an additional grant of 5 percent in grants as an additional economic investment incentive and an additional time period of 1 year in cases of exemption.
- Under the Industrial Policy 2019-24, a provision has been made for a 5 percent additional grant and one-year additional exemption in cases of exemption to start-up enterprises established by women in the startup package announced under the Industrial Policy 2019-24.
- It is known that the Government of Chhattisgarh is encouraging women along with creating new schemes to ensure their participation in every field. Many women are working in small-scale and cottage industries in rural and urban areas. Along with this, through self-help groups, women working in Gothans,

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forest produce collection and other areas are making important contributions to the development of the state.

## **Ban on Fish Egg Production, Promotion and Rearing of Exotic Mangoor & Big Head Fishes in the State**

### **Why in News?**

- On 6 April 2023, the Chhattisgarh Government, Fisheries Department declared fish seed production, fish seed culture and rearing of Exotic Mangoor (*Clarias Garie Pinus*) and Big Head (*Hypophthalmichthys nobilis*) fishes prohibited in the state.

### **Key Points**

- According to the notification issued by the state government, the transportation, import and marketing of these fish have also been banned.
- No fisherman, individual, group or committee of these prohibited fishes, shall produce fish seed by the central or state government, promote and rear fishes in government or personal water bodies.



- According to the order issued by the Director of Fisheries, in case of violation of the ban, under the Chhattisgarh Fisheries (Amendment) Act 2015, one-year imprisonment and Rs 10,000 or both can be punished.
- If found involved in any activity related to these banned fish, after conviction, the concerned will be banned from all kinds of schemes offered by the Fisheries Department.

## **Investment Promotion Policy for Sick and Closed Industries and State Logistics Policy Implemented for Industrial and Commercial Development**

### **Why in News?**

- According to the information given by Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 10 April 2023, the state government has implemented an investment promotion policy for sick & closed industries and a state logistics policy for industrial & commercial development.

### **Key Points**

- Taking important steps for the development of industries, the state government has implemented a new policy for closed & sick industries in Chhattisgarh. This will encourage closed & sick industries and they will be able to operate in a better way.
- Along with this, with the help of the logistics policy implemented by the Government of Chhattisgarh, along with the increase in exports, processing & storage of agricultural and other products will be encouraged.
- **Chhattisgarh State Logistics Policy-2022**
  - Chhattisgarh State Logistics Policy-2022 (01 November 2019 to 31 October 2024) has been implemented to promote industrial development as well as commercial development in the state, encourage agriculture in remote areas, increase the contribution of the state in the total exports of the country, proper exploitation of mineral wealth available in the state, encouraging agriculture in remote areas including processing, storage of grains and other products.
  - Under this policy, the establishment of logistics, warehouse, cold storage, sole proprietorship, partnership, company, limited liability partnership, cooperative society, Hindu undivided family, self-help group and farmer producer organization are eligible for industrial investment incentives.
  - Under this policy, up to 35-55 percent of the fixed capital investment made in the enterprises, fixed capital investment grant up to Rs.35-350 lakh,

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interest subsidy up to 50-60 percent, up to Rs.10-55 lakh for starting commercial production. There is a provision for full exemption from electricity duty, exemption from stamp duty and grant of transport vehicle for 5-8 years from date.

➤ **Chhattisgarh special investment promotion policy for closed & sick industries**

- At present, industries have been established in the state in industrial areas and outside industrial areas as well. Due to various types of problems associated with the speedy pace with which industries are being established in the state, some of these established industries have become sick and even closed.
- Chhattisgarh Special Investment Promotion Policy 2019 has been implemented for closed & sick industries with the aim of re-operating these sick & closed industries and creating employment opportunities again.
- Under this, there is a provision to provide an exemption from stamp duty, complete exemption from registration fee, interest subsidy, permanent capital investment grant, project report grant, quality certification grant, technical patent grant, under rehabilitation and re-operation package of sick & closed industries, technology purchase grant, disabled grant, exemption from electricity duty, exemption from payment of entry tax and exemption from the market fee.

## Web Media 'cgwall.com' launched in a new style

### Why in News?

- On 12 April 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the new web media 'cgwall.com' in his residence office.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that CGWAL has been taking the news of Chhattisgarh to the public for a long time. He said that CGWAL is news as well as thought as well as dialogue, now it is coming in front of the public in a new form.
- Rudra Awasthi, editor-in-chief of CGWAL, said that cgwall.com, a web media operating in Chhattisgarh

since 2014, is a reliable platform in which news related to political, social, educational and administrative activities is continuously being broadcast.

- Now this web media has once again been given a new look with an attractive page so that the news can reach the readers more quickly.
- In the new style, readers will be able to get news from different areas in different categories in a convenient manner.



## Jeevan Mission: More than 21.20 lakh Families got Domestic Tap Connections

### Why in News?

- According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on 12 April 2023, 21,20,616 domestic tap connections have been given so far under the campaign for supply of pure drinking water in the houses under 'Jal Jeevan Mission' in the state.

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**Key Points**

- Along with supply of pure drinking water to homes, arrangements have been made to supply pure drinking water through tap taps in 43,942 schools, 41 thousand 676 Anganwadi centers and 17,286 Gram Panchayat buildings and community sub-health centers of the state.
- Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, pure drinking water is being made available at the rate of 55 liters per person per day in the state, for this action plans are being prepared in all the districts and work is being done at a rapid pace.
- Under this mission, in addition to domestic tap connections, arrangements for running water are also being made in schools, sub-health centers and Anganwadi centers.
- Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, the maximum number of 1,83,377 rural families have been given household tap connections in Janjgir-Champa district. The second place is Rajnandgaon district, where so far 1,53,811 rural households have been given household tap connections.
- Under Jal Jeevan Mission, 1,26,655 in Raipur district, 1,20,575 in Raigarh, 1,16,133 in Dhamtari, 1,02,407 in Balodabazar-Bhatapara, 1,00,522 in Kawardha, 97,559 in Mahasamund, 92,634 in Bilaspur, 91,191 in Bemetara, 90,600 in Durg and 83,141 tap connections have been given in Mungeli district.
- Similarly, 82,508 in Balod district, 70,775 in Gariaband, 61,034 in Jashpur, 60,364 in Kanker, 58,253 in Bastar, 57,482 in Korba, 57,154 in Balrampur, 55,884 in Surguja, 54,390 in Surajpur, 52,769 in Korea, 51,399 in Kondagaon, 24,672 in Gorela-Pendra-Marwahi, 21,569 in Bijapur, 20,686 in Sukma, 19,779 in Dantewada and Narayanpur district Domestic tap connections have been given to 13,293 rural families.
- It is noteworthy that the 'Jal Jeevan Mission' was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 15 August 2019, on the occasion of Independence Day. Under the mission, by 2024, a target was set to provide pure drinking water to every house in all the remote villages of the country. Along with making drinking water easily accessible to the common people, this mission

works on an action plan for construction of long-term water sources, water conservation, identification of pollution-free water, water management etc.

- It is known that at the time of the announcement of this mission, out of 19.27 crore rural households in the country, only 3.23 crore (17 percent) houses were getting tap water but during the last three and a half years, there has been unprecedented success in the campaign to provide tap water to every household under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The result of this is that now water has started reaching 11 crore houses through taps.
- Five states and three union territories in the country have achieved success in providing 100 percent tap water to every household. These five states include Haryana, Goa, Telangana, Gujarat and Punjab while three union territories include Andaman & Nicobar Islands, Daman Diu & Dadar Nagar Haveli and Puducherry.

## Chief Minister inaugurated 'Chief Minister Adivasi Parab Samman Nidhi Yojana' in Jagdalpur

**Why in News?**

- On 13 April 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the 'Chief Minister Adivasi Parab Samman Nidhi Yojana' in the presence of special guest Priyanka Gandhi at the 'Bharose Ka Sammelan' organized at Lal Bagh, Jagdalpur, the headquarters of Bastar division.

**Key Points**

- Under this scheme, there is a provision to give grants to the Gram Panchayats by the state government for the dignified organization of tribal festivals and festivals.
- On the launch of the scheme, the Chief Minister released a grant amount of Rs.5000 each to 1840-gram panchayats of Bastar division as the first installment.
- Under this scheme, each gram panchayat will get an amount of Rs 10,000 in two installments per year.

Note:

- **Objective of the Scheme:**
  - Under 'Mukhyamantri Adivasi Parab Samman Nidhi Yojana', tribal festivals, festival fairs, Madai, Jatra festival, Sarna Puja, Devguri, Nawakhai, Chherchera, Akti, Hareli etc. for the purpose of preserving festivals, festivals, culture, a grant amount of Rs 10,000 per year will be released to each gram panchayat in two installments.
  - The objective of Mukhyamantri Adivasi Parab Samman Nidhi is to preserve the culture & tradition of Teej festivals of the tribals, to transfer these festivals in their original form to the next generation and record the cultural traditions.
- **Plan implementation:** The unit of the scheme will be grama (village). The nodal agency for the scheme will be the Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat. Village level governing body and section level governing body will be constituted for the implementation of the scheme. The format of the body will be as follows-
  - **The village level governing body** will be headed by the Sarpanch of the concerned Gram Panchayat. Gayata, Pujari, Sirha, Gunia, Baiga will be the members. The village level governing body will have two village elders, two women, village Kotwar, Patel and secretary of the village panchayat as members.
  - **In the district level governing body**, the Sub-Divisional Officer, Revenue will be the President and the Chief Executive Officer, Janpad Panchayat will be its Member Secretary. President of District Panchayat, Block Education Officer, Tehsildar will be its members.
  - In which festivals this amount is to be used in the village, it will be decided by the village level committee. The district level governing body will be responsible for monitoring and coordinating the implementation of this scheme at the district level.
- It is notable that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had announced 'Chief Minister Adivasi Parab Samman Nidhi Yojana' on 26 January 2023, on the occasion of Republic Day, to preserve the culture and tradition of festivals of the tribal society.
- A provision of Rs 5 crore has been made for this scheme in the budget of the financial year 2023-24. This scheme will be applicable in the entire Scheduled Area (Scheduled Tribe Development Block) of Chhattisgarh.



## Chhattisgarh gets honoured at National Level for Excellent Implementation of PM Fasal Bima Yojana

### Why in News?

- On 14 April 2023, in the 9th National Review Workshop organized by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, in the capital Raipur, Chhattisgarh was awarded the Excellence Award for better and successful implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

### Key Points

- In the 9th National Review Workshop organized by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India, in the capital Raipur, Manoj Ahuja, Secretary to the Government of India, handed over the citation to the Agriculture Production Commissioner of Chhattisgarh, Dr. Kamalpreet Singh, honoring him with the excellence award.
- In the national review workshop, it was informed that the ambitious scheme of the Government of India, Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, has been successfully implemented in Chhattisgarh with the Digi claim module for automatic calculation and settlement of the National Crop Insurance Portal. Along with this, remarkable success has been achieved in registering the portal and taking the benefits of insurance to the farmers.
- Under this scheme in Chhattisgarh, in the year 2022-23, 6 lakhs 77 thousand 558 eligible farmers have been given the benefit of crop insurance. An amount of Rs 192.41 crore has been given as an insurance amount to the farmers.

Note:



- It may be noted that Chhattisgarh is one of the leading states across the country in the implementation of the Prime Minister's Crop Insurance.



## Sub Health Center Khajuri got 1st place in the state

### Why in News?

- On 13 April 2023, in the presence of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Health Minister T. S. Singhdev, an award ceremony was organized in Raipur under the 'Rejuvenation Scheme' for the year 2022-23, in which Health and Wellness Center, Sub Health Center Khajuri has got the first position in the state.

### Key Points

- Under the 'Rejuvenation Scheme', marks are awarded on the basis of the facilities being made available in

the health institutions by the senior officers of the health department and allied institutions.

- In this sequence, the health and wellness centre sub-health centre Khajuri of the district was honoured with the Rejuvenation Award by the Chief Minister and Health Minister for getting the first position in the entire Chhattisgarh.
- Apart from this, Primary Health Center Ranhat of the district has also been honoured with the Appreciation Award.



## Surajpur district got 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize under Rejuvenation Scheme

### Why in News?

- On 13 April 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel gave the first prize to Sub Health Center Jur Vikas Khand Bhaiya than in the category of Sub Health Center in the year 2022-23 at the state-level award distribution ceremony organized by Chhattisgarh Health Department under Kayakalp Swachh Hospital Yojana and second prize was awarded to Sub Health Center Dadri development block Surajpur.

### Key Points

- Along with this, the Chief Minister gave away consolation prizes to 81 health institutions.
- 100,000 was awarded to the hospital which secured the first position at the sub-health centre level and Rs.50,000 to the second prize-winning hospital.
- And in the year 2021-22, first place in the state was awarded to the Health and Wellness Center Nawapara

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Kala Vikas Khand Premnagar & Primary Health Center Basdei.

- This award is given on the basis of better management, delivery of better health services to the general public as well as cleanliness in hospitals.
- Apart from this, Ms. Shubham Srivastava from the district was awarded the best RMNCH A award in the state for doing excellent work. On the other hand, Dr. Teras Kanwar Ophthalmologist, Dr. Deepak Markam Dental Surgeon were also awarded for doing excellent work.



## CHC Janakpur of Manendragarh Chirmiri Bharatpur district Tops in Cleanliness & Better Management in the state

### Why in News?

- On 13 April 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel awarded a certificate, shield and given a check of Rs 15 lakh as an award to the Community Health Center Janakpur of Manendragarh Chirmiri Bharatpur district for securing first place in the state for cleanliness and better management at a function organized in Raipur under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Health and Family Welfare Department.

### Key Points

- This award was given for 2022-23 under the Rejuvenation Scheme.

- Janakpur community health centre of the remote Vananchal area in the newly formed district Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur, has been awarded the first prize in the category of Community Health Center for the year 2022-23 based on cleanliness management, and disease control, building and premises beautification, improvement in disease service, implementation of the Swachh Bharat Mission, and Swachh Hospital Yojana in government hospitals.
- The infrastructure of Community Health Center Janakpur is in favour of private hospitals of the state. Apart from the MCB district, patients from other states like MP are also benefiting from the services in this hospital.
- Here patients are given quality treatment, as well as quality free food for patients, prompt disposal of bio-waste, and is a source of inspiration for other health centres in the district.
- Here the methodology adopted by the hospital management is excellent to protect patients and staff from infection.



## Rejuvenation Award to 5 Health Institutions of Kabirdham District

### Why in News?

- On 13 April 2023, Health Minister T.S. Singhdev presented the award of the Rejuvenation Scheme to five health institutions of Kabirdham district at the state-level felicitation ceremony organized in Raipur under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Health and Family Welfare Department.

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**Key Points**

- Under the Kayakalp Clean Hospital Scheme 2022-23, five health institutions of the district, District Hospital Kabirdham, Community Health Center Pandariya, Urban Primary Health Center Kawardha, Primary Health Center Indori and Madmada Sub Health Centers (Health and Wellness Center) were awarded with Rejuvenation Award.
- This award was given to Kabirdham district for achieving first position in Chhattisgarh in various parameters of health services review in the year 2022-23 and cleanliness management, disease infection control, building & premises, beautification, patient service in health institutions operating in the state under Rejuvenation Campaign, a time-bound program for improvement is awarded on meeting the criteria of declared internal assessment, peer assessment & external assessment.

## Inauguration of the newly constructed Co-generation Power Plant of Keerta Sugar Factory

**Why in News?**

- On 15 April 2023, Chhattisgarh's Cooperative Minister Dr. Prensai Singh Tekam formally inaugurated the power generation work of the co-generation power plant at Maa Mahamaya Sugar Factory, Kerta by pressing the start button.

**Key Points**

- With the launch of the co-generation plant, a big achievement has been added to the name of Maa Mahamaya Sugar Factory, Keerta. The production of 2 MW electricity in this plant will be sold through the co-generation plant, which will benefit the farmers as well as the factory.
- Maa Mahamaya Sugar Factory is estimated to earn an additional income of about one crore rupees every month from power generation.
- Minister Dr. Tekam said that both the factory and the farmer would be benefited from the commencement of this plant. Surplus electricity was not being used

in the factory, keeping in mind that the government gave a grant of Rs 2 crore for the establishment of the power plant due to which the plant was established.

- Work is being done to set up an ethanol plant here. He suggested the factory management to visit and observe the rich sugar factories of Maharashtra & implement the management and technology of the factory there so that this sugar factory could be more beneficial for the farmers.
- Minister Dr. Tekam said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the state government is continuously working in the interest of farmers along with the development of every section. The highest price is being given for sugarcane, paddy and tendu leaves in the state. At the same time, 65 types of forest produce and millet are also being procured at the support prices.
- Minister Dr. Tekam said that the state government is going to start an ethanol plant in the sugar factory of Kawardha in the month of January.
- He said that this year the recovery of the sugar factory here was 9 per cent, if the recovery of sugar is above 10 per cent, then the farmers will get its benefit.



## Deendayal Upadhyay Panchayat Sustainable Development Award-2023 to 2 Panchayats of the state

**Why in News?**

- On 17 April 2023, President Smt. Draupadi Murmu presented the Deendayal Upadhyaya Panchayat Sustainable Development Award 2023 to the 2-gram panchayats of Chhattisgarh at the National Conference on Promotion of Panchayats in New Delhi.

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### Key Points

- Gram Panchayat Sankra of Nagri development block of Dhamtari district and Gram Panchayat Nagam of Lundra development block of Surguja district have been honoured with the Deendayal Upadhyaya Panchayat Sustainable Development Award 2023 at the national level.
- Gram Panchayat Sankara has been given this award in the category of 'Healthy Panchayat' while Gram Panchayat Corporation has been given the award in the category of 'Poverty Free and Enhanced Livelihood Gram Panchayat'.
- It is known that under the Deendayal Upadhyaya Panchayat Sustainable Development Award (DDUPSVP), the most populous Gram Panchayat Sankra of District Panchayat Nagri has topped in Chhattisgarh for excellent work related to health in the Healthy Panchayat category.
- It is worth mentioning that Gram Panchayat Sankara has also been awarded the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay National Panchayat Empowerment Award earlier.
- National Panchayat Awards were presented to the Panchayats selected in the following different categories-
  - Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Panchayat Sustainable Development Award (DDUPSP) for performance under individual LSDG themes
  - Nanaji Deshmukh Best Panchayat Sustainable Development Award (NDSPSVP) for overall performance under all 9 LSDG themes and specific categories related to green initiatives
  - Gram Urja Swaraj Special Panchayat Award
  - Carbon Neutral Special Panchayat Award.

## State Finals: Word Power Championship-2023

### Why in News?

- According to the information provided by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 18 April 2023, the top two winners of the Word Power Championship (WPC) State Finals for Chhattisgarh will get a chance to represent Chhattisgarh in the national level competition to be held on 28 April in Mumbai.

### Key Points

- It is known that the Word Power Championship (WPC) state final for Chhattisgarh was organized on 11th April at New Circuit House.
- Winner of Class-IV State Word Power Championship, Government Primary School, Kumari Nandini Chauhan of District-Raigarh, Winner of Class-V Mayank Kumar Nishad of District-Dhamtari and Runner-up Upasana Sahu, Class-IV, District-Raipur and Garima Sahu, Be class-5th, District-Durg.
- Rajesh Singh Rana, director of the State Educational Research and Training Institute, said that 'Word Power Championship' is a commendable initiative which removes the hesitation of the students and provides a platform to showcase their English language skills. Such competitions not only increase the interest of the students towards English language but also encourage healthy competition among the students.
- The state finals were organized by LeapForWard, a registered non-profit organization based in Mumbai, in collaboration with Nihar Shanti Pathshala Funwala (NSPF) and SCERT, Chhattisgarh.



- The Word Power Championships is an annual event that celebrates the achievements of students and teachers who have excelled in LeapForWord's English literacy program.
- As many as 34,071 children of classes IV and V from all the districts had registered for the competition. Word Power Championship is an important competition for Hindi medium schools. State Finals After cluster, block and district level rounds, 9 children reached the state finals of the event.

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- Separate competitions were organized for both class IV and class V from all the districts of Chhattisgarh. In class IV, questions related to spelling and reading of words and in class V spelling, reading and meaning were included.
- The winning students of the state final competition were given a Samsung tablet, cycle and school kit. Also, their schools were awarded tower speakers and sports kits.
- In the programme, those teachers were also given incentive prizes who did a commendable job of helping these students reach this point. Similarly, the runner-up students were rewarded with cycles and school kits and their schools were presented with sports kits.



## Chief Minister inaugurated C&D Plant at Hirapur Jarwai

### Why in News?

- On 19 April 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the C&D plant at Hirapur Jarwai in Raipur during his Bhent-Mulaqat Programme.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that due to increase in construction activities in the cities, C&D plant has been constructed for the proper management of construction and demolition waste, colloquially called debris, coming out of demolition and other processes.
- Paver blocks, tiles, drain covers etc. will be manufactured by processing debris at this C&D plant.

- Proper disposal of debris through C&D plants will reduce problems like air quality, blockage of drains and reduction in water storage capacity of ponds.



## 'Chief Minister Chhattisgarhi Parv Samman Nidhi' Scheme for the Non-Scheduled Areas launched

### Why in News?

- On April 20, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel virtually launched the 'Chief Minister Chhattisgarhi Parv Samman Nidhi' scheme intending to preserve the Teej festival, culture and tradition of the rural areas of the community development block of the state.

### Key Points:

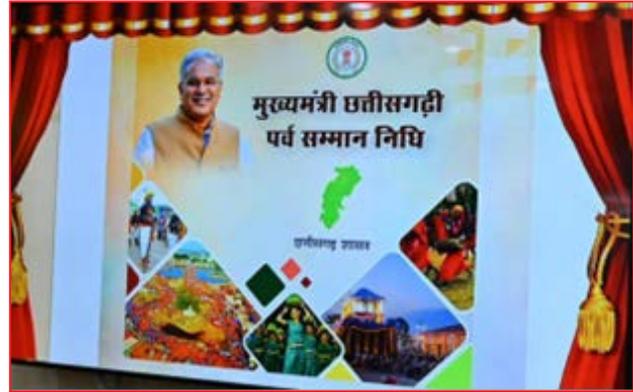
- To preserve and promote the Teej festivals, culture and tradition of rural areas, this scheme has been started along the lines of the 'Mukhyamantri Adivasi Parab Samman Nidhi' scheme.
- It is known that earlier, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had launched the 'Mukhyamantri Adivasi Parab Samman Nidhi' scheme at a trust conference held on April 13 at Bastar division headquarters Jagdalpur in the special hospitality of Priyanka Gandhi.
- 'Mukhyamantri Chhattisgarhi Parv Samman Nidhi Yojana' will be implemented in 6 thousand 111-gram panchayats of 61 development blocks of community areas of non-scheduled areas of the state.

Note:

- The unit of this scheme will be the Gram Panchayat. In this scheme, every gram panchayat will be given an amount of Rs 10,000 in two instalments to celebrate the Teej festival.
- Local festivals, festivals, fairs and fairs have special significance in the villages of the community areas. Funds will be provided to each Gram Panchayat to preserve all such festivals, festivals, and cultural traditions.
- A gram panchayat-level governing body committee will be formed for the implementation of the scheme. In this, the Sarpanch (president), priest, baiga member, 2 elderly members of the village, two women members of the village, village kotwar, patel member and village secretary have been included.



- On the occasion of the launch of the scheme, the Chief Minister released a total amount of Rs 3 crore 5 lakh 55 thousand rupees to all 6 thousand 111-gram panchayats as the first instalment of the scheme.
- The Chief Minister also released a total amount of Rs 1 crore 89 lakh 65 thousand rupees as the first instalment to 03 thousand 793-gram panchayats of the remaining 14 scheduled areas including Surguja division of the Scheduled Area under the 'Chief Minister Tribal Parab Samman Nidhi'. With this, this scheme has been implemented in the entire state.
- It is worth mentioning that while launching the 'Mukhyamantri Adivasi Parab Samman Nidhi Yojana' at the Bharosa Sammelan held in Bastar on April 13, Chief Minister Mr. Baghel had released a grant amount of Rs. 5-5 thousand as the first instalment of the scheme to 1840-gram panchayats of Bastar division.



## The CM transferred an amount of Rs 4.40 Crore Online to the Beneficiaries of 'Godhan Nyaya Yojana'

### Why in News?

- On April 20, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel transferred an amount of Rs 4.40 crore online to cattle-rearing villagers, women groups and Gauthan committees under 'Godhan Nyay Yojana' in a virtual program organized at his residence office.

### Key Points:

- From April 1 to April 15, the Chief Minister transferred online a dividend amount of Rs 2.59 crore to the cattle-rearing villagers, farmers, and landless in lieu of a total of 1.30 lakh quintals of cow dung, Rs 1.06 crore to Gauthan committees and Rs 75 lakh to women groups.
- Out of the Rs 2.59 crore transferred to cow dung sellers, Rs 1.24 crore has been paid by the agriculture department and Rs 1.67 crore by self-sufficient gauthalas.
- Under the Godhan Nyay Yojana, about Rs 439.73 crore has been paid to the beneficiaries in the state so far.
- Till April 15, 2023, 112.34 lakh quintals of cow dung have been procured in the state. After today's transfer of money from cow dung sellers, a payment of Rs 224.68 crore has been made in lieu of the cow dung purchased. At the same time, an amount of Rs 192.65 crore has been given to Gauthan Societies

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and Women Self-Help Groups after a payment of Rs 1.81 crore was made today.

- It is worth mentioning that 10 thousand 6 hundred 90 Gouthans have been approved in 11 thousand panchayats of the state, out of which more than 10 thousand Gouthans have been completed. Out of these gaushalas, 5,398 Gouthans have become self-sufficient, through which assistance of Rs 50.82 crore has been given to buy cow dung.
- Cow dung paint-making units have been approved in 49 gaushalas of the state, out of which 34 units have been set up. Paint is being produced in 32 units. 87 thousand 8 hundred 27 litres of paint have been produced from these units and an income of 97.08 lakh rupees has been earned from the sale of 47 thousand 5 hundred 47 litres (about 12.42 gal) of paint.
- Water has been provided in 20.20 lakh quintals of para and 7 thousand 8 hundred 59 gaushalas in 33 districts of the state.



## Recognition of 41 Hospitals Outside the State for the Treatment of Govt. Servants & their Families

### Why in News?

- According to information received from the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on April 20, 2023, the Chhattisgarh government has recognized 41 hospitals located outside the state for the treatment of government servants and their dependent families.

### Key Points:

- After the approval of Health and Family Welfare and Medical Education Minister TS Singhdev, the Medical Education Department has released the list of recognized hospitals from the Ministry.

- These hospitals have been approved for the current financial year 2023-24 for the treatment of government employees.
- On April 11, the Medical Education Department issued a list of 92 hospitals for the treatment of government employees and their families, which included 91 hospitals in different cities of the state and one hospital located outside the state, Niti Clinics Private Limited, Ramdaspath, Nagpur.
- The list of recognized hospitals released by the department on April 19 includes 40 hospitals located outside the state. In this way, the total number of recognized hospitals for the treatment of government-serving officers and employees has now increased to 132.
- The Medical Education Department has sent the list of recognized hospitals to all the departments of the State Government, the Chairman of Revenue Board Bilaspur, all Heads of Departments, Divisional Commissioners and Collectors.

## Mata Kaushalya Alankaran will be given to the women of Manas Mandali

### Why in News?

- On 22 April 2023, Chhattisgarh's Culture Minister Amarjit Bhagat, while formally inaugurating the Mata Kaushalya Mahotsav organized in Chandkhuri, announced to give Mata Kaushalya Alankaran to the women of Manas Mandali who are doing good work in their area.

### Key Points

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the Mata Kaushalya Mahotsav being organized from 22 April to 24 April 2023 at Chandkhuri in the Arang assembly constituency.
- Mata Kaushalya Alankaran is a special initiative of the state government for women empowerment.
- It is worth mentioning that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, under continuous efforts to promote art, culture & tourism of the state and to establish the glory of

Note:

Mata Kaushalya Janmabhoomi on the world stage & women empowerment, protection of working artists, announced to celebrate Mata Kaushalya Mahotsav at the national level in the Vidhansabha for promotion & continuous development of art parties.



## Women and Child Development Minister released the Book 'States of Women'

### Why in News?

- On 22 April 2023, the Women and Child Development Minister of Chhattisgarh Smt. Anila Bhendia released the book 'States of Women' written by Smt. Abha Prasad at Circuit House, Raipur.

### Key Points

- Women and Child Development Minister Smt. Anila Bhendia said that the law, procedure and rules related to women have been mentioned in the book 'States of Women', which every woman should be aware of.



- The author of the book Dr. Abha Prasad said that most women do not know about their rights. Various laws

related to women have been included in 'States of Women', so that they can get information about all the rights in one book.

## The State Government got a record Mineral Revenue of Rs 12 thousand 941 crore in the fiscal year 2022-23

### Why in News?

- According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 23 April 2023, the state government has received a record mineral revenue of Rs 12 thousand 941 crore from the mineral activities conducted in the state in the financial year 2022-23, which is 636 crores more than the previous year.

### Key Points

- According to the information received from Director, Geology and Mining, Jai Prakash Maurya, revenue is mainly received from coal, iron ore, limestone and bauxite minerals in the state.
- The highest revenue of Rs 3607 crore has been received from iron ore. Revenue of Rs 3336 crore has been received from mineral coal, Rs 392 crore from limestone and Rs 31 crore from bauxite.
- Rs 6419 crores from Dantewada, Rs 2361 crores from Korba, Rs 1717 crores from Raigarh, Rs 760 crores from Balod, Rs 315 crores from Balodabazar, 286 crores from Kanker and Rs 262 crore mineral revenue has been received from Surguja district.
- While the minerals obtained in the state are contributing to the development of infrastructure, production of electricity and operation of industries in the state, mineral revenue is providing an important partnership in the financial development of the state.
- According to the information received from Anurag Dewan, Joint Director of the department, under the new policy of the government, the production has started in the year 2022-23 in 02 main mineral limestone blocks namely Karhi Chandi, District Balodabazar-Bhatapara and Kesla, District Raipur allotted through e-auction.

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## Master's Table Tennis Team Announced Announcement of Chhattisgarh Master's Table Tennis Team

### Why in News?

- On April 23, 2023, Chhattisgarh Veteran Table Tennis Committee announced the state team to participate in the 29<sup>th</sup> National Master's Table Tennis Championship starting in Jalandhar.

### Key points

- The 29<sup>th</sup> National Master's Table Tennis Championship is being held in Jalandhar from April 24 to 30.
- Chhattisgarh Olympic Association vice-president Sharad Shukla said that players have been selected in each category.
- The players of the announced team are:
- **Age Group 40:** Male- Nikhil Bani (Raipur), Female- Shikha Khande Hussain (Bilaspur)
- **Age Group 50 (A):** Men: Rajesh Agarwal, Captain (Raipur), Sanjay Laheja (Bilaspur), Suresh Shadija (Raipur), Ritesh Malhotra (Raipur)
- **Age Group 50 (B):** Male- Arvind Kumar Sharma, Captain (Raipur Metropolitan), Giriraj Bagri (Raipur), Vidhandeep Mishra (Raipur), Vinay Kejriwal (Raipur Metropolitan).
- **Age Group 60:** Men: Pawan Shadija, Captain (Raipur), Shane Stephen (Raipur), Sushant Borwankar (Raipur), K. Ravi Shankar (Bilaspur), J.M. Rathore (Raipur Metropolitan).
- **Age Group 65:** Men: Pradeep Janwade, Captain (Raipur), R.N. Kelkar (Durg), A.N. Rao (Bilaspur)
- **Age Group 65:** Women- Gauri Dey, Captain (Bilaspur), Ira Pant (Raipur), Sarbari Moitra (Bilaspur).
- The team is coached by Ravi Shankar (Bilaspur) and manager Arvind Kumar Sharma (Raipur Metropolitan). Ajit Banerjee (Raipur) and Jaya Sahu (Rajnandgaon) will be the umpires from the state.

## Chhattisgarh got Award for its Remarkable work in PM Awas Yojana (Urban)

### Why in News?

- In a program organized in Delhi on 25 April 2023, Manoj Joshi, Secretary, Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, awarded Chhattisgarh for its remarkable work in the field of housing construction.

### Key Points

- On the occasion of the 53rd foundation day of Housing and Urban Development Corporation Limited (HUDCO), New Delhi, the State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) was honoured and rewarded for its innovative efforts & excellent contribution to the field of housing construction.
- Saumil Ranjan Choubey, CEO, SUDA, received the award at the ceremony held in Delhi.
- It is notable that under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban), the work of providing housing for all in all the urban bodies of the state is being done in mission mode. At present, the Housing for All Mission is being implemented by the State Urban Development Agency (SUDA) in all 170 urban bodies of all 33 districts of the state.
- So far, more than 2 lakh 62 thousand houses have been approved under the scheme, of which 1 lakh 40 thousand houses have been completed so far and the remaining houses are being constructed.
- In the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) Housing Mission for all, an expenditure of about 42 hundred crores has been spent.
- **The central government rewarded these achievements of Chhattisgarh-**
- Distribution of rights certificates for the construction of houses and renewal of residential leases to the families living on populated land.
- Group houses being built under the scheme were given an exemption by the government in RERA registration.
- Renowned consultants and architects were appointed by the government for the supervision of the houses under construction.

Note:

- In the 'Mor Makan-Mor Aas' scheme, an unprecedented decision was taken by the government to include the urban poor living on rent through group housing. Due to this, about 25 to 30 thousand houseless tenants of urban areas are being provided with houses.
- Benefits to the families affected by Naxalite activities - The state provided pucca houses with all facilities to the beneficiaries of 80 families affected by Naxalite activities in Nagar Panchayat, Antagarh.
- **Awards received in the past under Housing for All (Urban)-**
- Municipal Corporation Rajnandgaon, Nagar Panchayat Antagarh and Nagar Panchayat Gandhi were awarded Best State for Convergence with Other Missions by the Government of India under the PMAY Awards 2019.
- Under the PMAY Awards 2019 by the Government of India, Nagar Palika Parishad, Dongargarh was awarded the Best Performing Municipal Council category award.
- In the HUDCO Award 2019-2020, Municipal Corporation Rajnandgaon was awarded the category of Housing, Urban Poverty and Infrastructure.



- The State of Chhattisgarh has been awarded the award for Outstanding Performance in the category of Best Community Oriented Projects at the Indian Urban Housing Conclave (IUHC) 2022 by the Government of India at the PMAY Award, 2021.

- In the Indian Urban Housing Conclave (IUHC), 2022 by the Government of India, in the PMAY Awards, 2021 Nagar Panchayat Patan got the third position in the category of Best Performing Nagar Panchayat all over India.



## **PRI-CBO Convergence Project launched**

### **Why in News?**

- On National Panchayati Raj Day on 24 April 2023, Director of Thakur Pyarelal State Panchayat and Rural Development Institute (SIRD) P.C. Mishra launched the PRI-CBO Convergence (Panchayati Raj Institutions-Community Based Organization Convergence) project in Chhattisgarh.

### **Key Points**

- Under the project, self-help groups formed under the mission will be made entrepreneurs through the convergence of community organizations and gram panchayats of the State Rural Livelihoods Mission (Bihar) to increase livelihood opportunities & reduce poverty in villages.
- Under the PRI-CBO Convergence Project, Gram Panchayats and federations of self-help groups will work in convergence by promoting sustainable community-based organizations such as cluster organizations, village organizations & self-help groups to reduce rural poverty and generate livelihood opportunities.

Note:

- Under this, better coordination will be established between the local government and line departments to enhance the service delivery mechanism within the community. CBO network will also be created with gram panchayats and line departments.
- This project will be implemented in a total of 200 Gram Panchayats of Bakavand, Bastanar, Lohandiguda & Tokapal development blocks of Bastar district and Abhanpur, Arang, Dharsiwa & Tilda development blocks of Raipur district.
- In this, a total of 32 cluster organizations of 'Bihan' of 25-25-gram panchayats of all these development blocks and self-help groups associated with them, including 640 village organizations will participate.
- Chief Operating Officer (CCO) of the State Rural Livelihood Mission Smt. Alice Lakra said in the workshop that the 17 indicators of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have been regionalized and classified into nine themes for the development of villages with better coordination between the three-tier Panchayati Raj institutions and the community organizations formed under 'Bihan'.



## Chhattisgarh's First Zero Waste, State-of-the-art Water Treatment Plant

### Why in News?

- On 26 April 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated Chhattisgarh's first zero waste, state-of-the-art water treatment plant of 80 MLD capacity at Bhatagaon during a meeting in Raipur South Legislative Assembly.

### Key Points

- In the program, he also flagged off 9 backhoe loader vehicles of Municipal Corporation Raipur for solid waste management.
- The state-of-the-art water purification plant has been built at a cost of about Rs 15 crore 86 lakhs.
- The plant will be operated on the lamella tube settler method. It is based on a fully automated system.
- The Chief Minister took the complete process and technical details of the operation of the newly constructed water purification plant & also inspected the control room. On this occasion, he also inaugurated two old water purification plants in Bhatagaon after upgrading them. The capacity of these old water treatment plants has been increased.



- Municipal officials said that the newly constructed water purification plant will play an important role in making the capital Raipur tanker-free and ensuring adequate water availability. Along with this, the modernization of old treatment plants and expansion of capacity will also make the capital tanker-free.
- Six new motor pumps have been installed to increase the capacity in the already established 150 MLD filter plant at Bhatagaon. With these new motor pumps, the plant's capacity to deliver water from 1706 cubic meters per hour has increased to 2046 cubic meters per hour. Similarly, six new motors have been installed in the old filter plant of 80 MLD. The capacity of this plant has increased from 954 to 995 cubic meters per hour.



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