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## Four More Hospitals of Chhattisgarh got NQAS Certification

### Why In News?

On November 30, 2022, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has awarded National Quality Assurance Standard Certificates to four more government hospitals in Chhattisgarh. These include two hospitals in Dhamtari district and one each in Durg and Raigarh.

### Key Points

- The Union Health Ministry has issued NQAS certificates to **Gedra and Gadadih Health and Wellness Centre (HWC)** Sub Health Centre ( HWC) Sub Health Centre in Dhamtari district, Aheri Health and Wellness Centre Sub Health Centre in Durg and Rambhata Urban Primary Health Centre in Raigarh.
- Gadadih Sub Health Centre has scored 94 percent, Gedra Sub Health Centre and Rambhata Urban Primary Health Centre 90 percent each and Aheri Sub Health Centre 87 percent in the evaluation of the hospital on various parameters by the Government of India team.
- So far, a total of 61 hospitals in the state have been awarded national quality assurance standard certificates. These include ten district hospitals, seven community health centres, 26 primary health centres, 13 urban primary health centres and five sub-health centres.
- Hospitals are evaluated on 12 parameters for national quality assurance standard certification by the team of the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. For this, the quality of parameters such as service delivery, patient satisfaction, clinical services, inputs, infection control, support services, quality management, output is evaluated by the hospital. Quality certificates are issued by the Government of India only to hospitals that meet the assessment.

## Country's First Fish Research Center Established in Private Sector

### Why In News?

According to information received from Chhattisgarh public relations department on November 30, 2022, a

fish research centre has been established in village Rampur of Balodabazar-Bhatapara district with the technical support of scientists from Thailand. The centre is the first of its kind in Chhattisgarh and the country to be set up in the private sector.

### Key Points

- Dr. C. Suvarna, Chief Executive, National Fisheries Development Board, during his two-day visit to Chhattisgarh, visited the Aqua Genetic Center for Fish Farming at Rampur. Along with this, Dr. Suvarna also inaugurated a large private fish feed center with a production capacity of 100 tonnes per day located in village Baikoni of Simga development block of Balodabazar-Bhatapara district.
- This centre of Aqua Genetic has been established by a joint venture of M Hatchery Raipur and Manit Group Thailand. In this research center, scientists from Thailand will provide research as well as training.
- Spread over an area of about 100 acres, this research center is also producing tilapia fish seeds along with research on the genetics of fish. Apart from this, fish farmers will also be trained in state-of-the-art techniques of fisheries.
- The research center established in village Rampur will be able to supply improved varieties of fish seeds to farmers across the country including Chhattisgarh. With this, Chhattisgarh will make rapid progress in the field of fish production. Apart from this, with the start of the Large Fish Feed Center, the farmers of the state will be able to get fish food at a low rate at the local level.
- Significantly, Chhattisgarh is among the leading states of the country in fish seed production. Now private sector units are also coming forward in the field of fish research here.
- Dr. Suvarna also inspected the fish farming being done by women self-help groups in the closed mines in village Kherwari of Simga development block through cage culture method. The group has prepared 12 cages for fish farming here. For this, 60 percent under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana and D. M. 40 per cent grant has been given from F.
- During his stay, Dr. Suvarna also visited the large Bio floc unit at village Pikaridih in Tilda development block of Raipur district. For the establishment of this unit, farmer Anju Mishra has received 60 percent of the amount in grant under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana. Tilapia and Singi fish are being reared in this unit.

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## Sports Authority of India Approves 7 Khelo India Centers in Chhattisgarh

### Why In News?

On December 1, 2022, on the proposal of the Sports and Youth Welfare Department of Chhattisgarh, the Sports Authority of India has approved the establishment of **7 Khelo India Centers under the Khelo India Scheme in Chhattisgarh**. These seven centers will be opened for one sport each in different districts.

### Key Points

- Khelo India Center has been approved by the Sports Authority of India for **Weightlifting, Football, Kho-Kho, Kabaddi and Badminton**. Sports Authority of India will also provide financial assistance for the establishment of these centres.
- With the addition of these seven centres, the total number of centers under the Khelo India scheme in Chhattisgarh has now increased to 14.
- On getting the approval of seven Khelo India centers in Chhattisgarh, the Chief Minister said that the players of Chhattisgarh will get a good chance to enhance their sporting talent. He said that this has proved to be another meaningful step in realizing the vision of 'Khebo Jeetbo Garhbo Nava Chhattisgarh'.
- It is noteworthy that on the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the Sports Directorate had sent a proposal to the Sports Authority of India to start Khelo India Center for various sports, out of which Weightlifting Center in Balod, Football Center in Baloda Bazar, Kabaddi Center in Patan Durg, Kanker Approval to start Kho-Kho Centre, Weightlifting Center in Raipur, Badminton Center in Raigarh and Football Center in Sukma has been obtained from the Sports Authority of India.
- Prior to this, the approval to start the Archery Center in Shivtarai Bilaspur, Archery Center in Bijapur, Hockey Center in Rajnandgaon, Hockey Center in Jashpur, Volleyball Center in Gariaband, Malkhamb Center in Narayanpur and Khelo India Center in Ambikapur Surguja from the Sports Authority of India. has been received.
- While starting all these Khelo India Centers, Chhattisgarh sports directorate will continuously monitor these

centers. Local senior players of each sport will be attached to the centre, they will also be given honorarium to work as coaches.

- Equal representation of boys and girls players will also be ensured in all Khelo India Centers. These centres will be registered in the Sports Authority of India portal.

## Insurance Chariot

### Why In News?

On December 1, 2022, Chhattisgarh Assembly Speaker Dr. Charan Das Mahant and Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey flagged off the **Insurance Chariot** from the residence of the Agriculture Minister.

### Key Points

- This chariot will tour various districts of the state till December 15 and make farmers aware about **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana and Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme**.
- It is noteworthy that the fourth crop insurance week is being celebrated between December 1 and 7 under the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence in the Rabi season year 2022. Under this week, farmers will be informed about the benefits of crop insurance, as well as the process of taking crop insurance and the stories of beneficiary farmers, so that no farmer is deprived of the benefit of crop insurance and more and more farmers can be benefited.
- The last date to avail benefits from both insurance schemes is December 15, 2022. Through this insurance chariot, farmers will be appealed to take advantage of the crop insurance scheme by the due date.

## Land Adventure Award

### Why In News?

On November 30, 2022, President Draupadi Murmu honored mountaineer **Naina Singh Dhakad** of Chhattisgarh with the '**Land Adventure Award**' under the **Tenzing Norgay National Award** at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

### Key Points

- It is notable that the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India had selected Bastar's

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mountaineer Naina Singh Dhakad for the **Tenzing Norgay National Land Adventure Award**. Naina Singh Dhakad has become the first woman from Chhattisgarh to receive this national award.

- The Tenzing Norgay National Award is given in four categories - Land Adventure, Water Adventure, Air Adventure and Life Time Achievement. Under this award, a certificate is given along with Rs 15 lakh and a memento in each category.
- The Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards are given annually to recognize the achievements of individuals in the field of adventure. The award encourages people to develop the spirit of endurance, risk taking, co-operative teamwork and quick reflexes.
- Significantly, Naina Singh Dhakad hoisted the tricolor by climbing the **world's highest peak Mount Everest** and the fourth highest peak **Mount Lhotse** within 10 days. Naina Dhakad is the first woman mountaineer from India to achieve this feat.

## **Regional C-Mart in Bilaspur and Ambikapur**

### **Why In News?**

On December 2, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel virtually inaugurated the **Regional C-Mart in Bilaspur and Ambikapur** from his office in the Vidhan Sabha.

### **Key Points**

- The Chief Minister also transferred a grant of **Rs 13 crore 46 lakh 35 thousand to 863** collector families under Shaheed Mahendra Karma Tendu Patta Collector Social Security Scheme and scholarship amount of **Rs 8 crore 4 lakh 65 thousand to 7566 students** under the scholarship scheme.
- Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel said that C-Mart has been built in 28 districts. There is no problem with selling products anymore. C-Mart has made it easier for consumers and women in self-help groups. The income of the women of the group is also increasing.
- He said that those items should be produced more, which have high demand in the market. Before making a new product, assess its demand in the market in a better way.

- The Chief Minister said that today the products made by self-help groups have got a market through C-Mart. This has increased their income as well as employment.
- He said that a C-Mart is connected to the C-Mart of another district or division through online medium, which provides information about which products are available in which C-Mart.
- Chief Minister Mr. Baghel spoke sympathetically to the beneficiaries of Shaheed Mahendra Karma Tendu Patta Collector Social Security Scheme. Speaking on the occasion, he said that under this scheme, the victim's family is getting assistance in a short time. This has given his family a financial support.
- During the scholarship distribution program to meritorious students, the Chief Minister said that this amount received by the meritorious students helps a lot in their further studies and also encourages other students to study hard.

## **Delta Ranking of Health and Nutrition**

### **Why In News?**

According to the information provided by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on December 2, 2022, **Sukma district has secured the first position in the country** in the delta ranking of aspirational districts released by NITI Aayog for the month of October.

### **Key Points**

- Aspirational district **Sukma has got the first rank in the country in the field of health and nutrition** for the month of October.
- It is noteworthy that due to the continuous efforts being made by the administration and the health department, the situation in health and nutritional parameters has improved in the district. An increase of 4 percent has been recorded in the ANC registration of pregnant women in the district, whereas there has been an increase of 4 percent in institutional deliveries in the district, in the present situation 90 percent institutional deliveries are being done.
- It is noteworthy that the rate of providing supplementary nutrition to pregnant and infant women in Anganwadi's of the district under the Women and Child Development Department is **99.14 percent**. Similarly, there has

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been a seven percent increase in the detection of TB patients in the district, while the **successful treatment of TB patients** has increased by 12 percent.

- The district administration has done better work in the field of **health, nutrition, education, agriculture, development of basic facilities, skill development, water** resources in the district, as a result of which Sukma district has been ranked overall in the month of October based on the data released by NITI Aayog. Has got the third place, which shows the better performance being done in health, nutrition, education as well as other areas in the district.

## Lowest Unemployment in Chhattisgarh

### Why In News?

According to the report released by the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) regarding the unemployment rate released by the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), **Chhattisgarh is at the top with 0.1% among the states** with the lowest unemployment rate in the month of November.

### Key Points

- According to the latest data released by the CMIE on December 1, the unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh has been recorded at 0.1 percent in November, while in The month of November, this figure of unemployment rate in the country has been 8.2 percent.
- Chhattisgarh continues to be the state with the lowest unemployment rate in the country with an unemployment rate of 0.1 percent.
- According to the CMIE data released in May-August 2018, the unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh was 3.22 percent. There has been a significant decline in this from the schemes of the state government. The unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh has come down to 0.1 percent in the month of December 2022.
- The latest data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) has proved that 99.90 the people of Chhattisgarh state are getting livelihood by joining some employment or the other.
- In November, the unemployment rate in urban areas of the country was 9.0 percent and in rural areas was 7.8 percent.

- The reason behind this achievement of Chhattisgarh state in terms of minimum unemployment rate has been the schemes and policies formulated under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel to create new employment opportunities. In the last four and a half years, there have been many such innovations in Chhattisgarh, which have given work to every hand from city to village.
- According to the report released by CMIE, Chhattisgarh tops the list with 0.1 percent among states with the lowest unemployment rate in November 2022. At the same time, Uttarakhand is in second place with 1.2 percent in the same period. Odisha is third with an unemployment rate of 1.6 percent. In Madhya Pradesh, this figure is 6.2 percent and in Gujarat it is 2.5 percent.
- On the other hand, Haryana tops the list with the highest unemployment rate in November 2022 with an unemployment rate of 30.6 percent. The unemployment rate in Jammu and Kashmir was recorded at 23.9 percent.
- In Chhattisgarh, under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the state government started working with the goal of inclusive development. Innovations were made in the direction of economic strengthening of villages with Mahatma Gandhi's concept of Gram Swarajya. In this, the '**Narva-Garwa-Ghurwa-Badi**' program played an important role under the '**Suraji Gaon Yojana**', on the other hand, with the '**Godhan Nyay Yojana**', Gauthan's were developed as Rural Industrial Parks, from selling cow dung to The villagers got employment by making the products. New employment opportunities were created.
- Procurement of 7 to 65 types of minor forest produce at support price and processing and value addition of these minor forest produce was done. This also provided employment to people in Vananchal. Similarly, C-Mart has been started for the sale of products manufactured by self-help groups.
- '**Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana**' made efforts towards the economic prosperity of the farmers, while the interest of the farmers encouraged by this scheme increased towards agriculture. The area under cultivation and production increased in the state.
- Under the '**Rajiv Gandhi Rural Agricultural Landless Labourers Scheme**', people associated with the 'Pauni-Pasari' system received financial assistance. A new industrial policy was implemented in the

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state, in which provisions of subsidy were made in many classes and different sectors. This accelerated entrepreneurship development.

## Revenue Book Circular Book

### *Why In News?*

On December 4, 2022, the State's Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Jaisingh Agarwal released the Revenue Book Circular Book written by senior advocate Vijay Kumar Dubey at his Korba residence.

### *Key Points*

- In this book of about 1100 pages, after the formation of the state of Chhattisgarh, amendments have been made in the Land Revenue Code in the public interest and the guidelines issued by the state government through official circulars for the enforcement of these amendments. All have been included.
- On the occasion of the launch of the **Revenue Book Circular Book**, Revenue Minister Jaisingh Agarwal said that due to the inclusion of all references related to revenue in this book, this book will prove to be very useful while playing the role of a guide in relation to revenue matters. This book will be of great help to the revenue courts and advocates.
- Vijay Kumar Dubey, the author of the book Revenue Book Circular, said that in the context of revenue related matters, even the latest circulars issued by the Chhattisgarh government have been included in the book. He said that this book would prove to be very useful for all concerned as a reference book in dealing with revenue related matters.
- Vijay Kumar Dubey told that this is the fourth book out of many written by him, which has been released by the Revenue Minister. Prior to this, three other books have been released by the Revenue Minister in the past years.

## Helpline Facility For Elderly, Disabled and Third Gender Community

### *Why In News?*

Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhendiya and Urban Administration Minister Dr. Shivkumar

Dahria, in a program organized on the occasion of International Day of Disabled on December 3, 2022, started to provide necessary facilities to the elderly, differently-abled and people of the third gender community in case of emergency. The new helpline facility done was duly launched.

### *Key Points*

- Through this facility, along with medical aid, pension, problems being faced in various schemes will be resolved quickly. This new helpline facility is being operated by the Social Welfare Department.
- It is worth mentioning that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had announced to start the facility of helpline number **155326 and toll free number- 1800-233-8989** for the elderly, disabled and third gender community from the State Foundation Day. This facility was being operated on an experimental basis by the Social Welfare Department. It has been duly launched on the occasion of International Day of Disabled.
- Mahtari Express-102, Medical Helpline 104 and number 112 issued for emergency services have also been linked with this new facility. This will provide better facilities to the elderly, differently-abled and people belonging to the third gender community.
- It is worth mentioning that there was no effective arrangement in the state for helping such elderly people who are alone at home and whose children are working outside the state. In view of this, on October 1, on the occasion of International Old Age Day, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had announced to start Cyan helpline for the elderly in Chhattisgarh from November 1 (State Formation Day).
- Several schemes and programs are being run by the Social Welfare Department for the welfare and rehabilitation of senior citizens, Divyangjan and transgender persons. Through helpline and toll free number, along with information about departmental schemes, help can be taken for many tasks related to emergency services, counseling, complaints, redressal of pension payments.
- On this occasion, Women Child Development and Social Welfare Minister Anila Bhendiya said that on the approval of the Chief Minister, rehabilitation equipment including motorized tricycles will be distributed to about 10,000 Divyangjan's every year. Similarly, skill upgradation training will be given to 15,000 Divyangjan's to connect them with employment

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according to their interest. In this, an action plan has been chalked out to provide skill-upgrading training to 5,000 bone-challenged, visually-challenged and deaf-mute disabled people.

## Minor Forest Produce Product Park in Deobhog

### Why In News?

- On December 6, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel laid the foundation stone of a rural enterprise park based on **Minor Forest Produce being built in village 'Indagaon' near Deobhog**, the development block headquarters of remote Vananchal region of Gariaband district.

### Key Points

- The objective of setting up a Rural Enterprise Park at Deobhog is to bring value addition considering the availability of raw materials found in the region. This park will be a catalyst for the empowerment of women in the social and economic structure of the villages.
- A total of 11 women self-help groups will be included in this center, under which about 150 women will be directly connected to the center and more than 16000 collector families will be able to raise their standard of living by getting higher income under the development block.
- It is worth noting that under the Indagaon forest range minor forest produce, such as **Mahua flower dried, Chironji kernels, pulses, Mahua seeds, lac etc.** are found.
- Proposed processing units in Rural Enterprise Park Deobhog are Chironji processing, lac processing, pulses processing, neem, mahua and safflower oil processing, spice processing unit.
- Chhattisgarh State Industries Development Corporation Limited. The rural enterprise park will be set up by Raipur at a cost of Rs 7.42 crore. Secretary, Government of India, Rs 3.75 crore will be provided from Ministry of Food Processing Industries, New Delhi, Rs 2.00 crore from Rural Enterprise Park and the remaining Rs 1.67 crore from Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Federation, District Forest Produce Cooperative Federation and Vandhan Vikas Kendra.

- The project will prove to be a milestone for overall socio-economic development in Deobhog area and its adjoining areas, which have been devoid of any cottage industry, processing centre.
- This project can bring about a major change in the block by ensuring marketing of agro-forest produce across the country to make Chhattisgarh state Minor Forest Produce Association and Gariaband district's identity.

## Shishupal Mountain of Saraipali will be Developed as Tourist Destination

### Why In News?

On December 7, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced to develop the famous Shishupal mountain as a tourist destination during a meeting program at Saraipali in Mahasamund district.

### Key Points

- With the announcement of the Chief Minister, the way has now been opened for trekking on this mountain, establishing many basic facilities for tourists. Developing this mountain, which has been the identity of the area since the British era, will give a new identity to Saraipali.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister announced inter-state bus stand in Saraipali and tap-water scheme in the area.
- The policy of promoting employment at the local level through tourism in Chhattisgarh will create new income opportunities for the youth here. With the arrival of tourists not only from the state but also from other states, the local people will get an opportunity to make people aware of their culture and customs.
- It is believed that there was once a palace of King Shishupal on the shishupal mountain. When the king was surrounded by the British, the king had blindfolded his horse and jumped from the mountain. For this reason, this mountain is called Shishupal Mountain and the waterfall here is called Ghodadhar Waterfall.
- About 157 km from the capital Raipur. and 30 km from Saraipali. Shishupal Mountain is located at a distance of 10 km. The height of Shishupal Mountain is about 900 feet above sea level. There

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is a large ground on reaching the top of Shishupal Mountain, from where the water falls about 1100 feet in the form of Ghodadhar Waterfall during the rainy days.

- Apart from this, the Chief Minister inaugurated the newly constructed Baloda police station at a cost of Rs 1.97 crore. The Baloda police outpost was earlier under Saraipali police station. The upgradation of this outpost as a police station will provide better security to 60 nearby villages.

## Chief Minister transfers 57<sup>th</sup> Installment online to the account of beneficiaries of Godhan Nyay Yojana

### Why In News?

On December 8, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel made an online payment of Rs 7.83 crore as the 57<sup>th</sup> installment of the scheme to the beneficiaries of Godhan Nyay Yojana in a virtual program held at his residence office.

### Key Points

- Under this, from November 16 to November 30, an amount of Rs 4.62 crore was transferred online to their accounts in lieu of cow dung purchased from cattle rearing villagers, farmers and landless in Gouthan's. Similarly, a dividend amount of Rs 1.28 crore was transferred to Gauthan committees and Rs 1.93 crore to the account of women's groups.
- Out of Rs 4.62 crore paid to cow dung vendors, Rs 2.88 crore has been paid by 4270 self-supporting Gouthan's and Rs 1.74 crore has been paid by the Agriculture Department.
- In the last fortnight, the self-supporting Gouthan's of the state have paid more amount than the Agriculture Department for the purchase of cow dung. So far cow dung has been procured by the self-supporting Gouthan's from their own resources with an amount of Rs 29.61 crore.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel said that buying cow dung from their own deposits by Gouthan's is a big success of Godhan Nyay Yojana. More than half of the Gouthan's in rural areas of the

state are procuring cow dung from their own resources. The state government does not need to give money to these Gouthan's to buy cow dung.

- The Chief Minister said that the youth and women of the state will play an important role in '**Garhbo Nava Chhattisgarh**'. Youth and women are being involved in the activities of rural industrial parks being developed in Gauthans. This will provide good sources of employment and income to the youth and women.
- The Chief Minister said that farmers are doing paragan themselves in Gouthan's. Farmers should be encouraged more for paragan. When there will be fodder and water for the animals in the Gouthan's, the animals will live in Gouthan's instead of fields and roads. He directed the officers to make efforts to provide baler machines for making para bundles in more and more Gouthan's of the state.
- The Chief Minister said that in rural industrial parks, such products should be prepared on priority basis, which are needed by the government or which have good demand in the market. He said that training should be given to youth and women to prepare good products.
- Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey said that 11 thousand 252 Gouthan's have been approved in the state, out of which 9 thousand 619 Gouthan's have been constructed, out of which 8440 Gouthan's have been constructed in rural areas. Out of these Gouthan's, 4270 Gouthan's have become self-sufficient.
- The work of cow dung purchase, production and distribution of vermicompost is being done in coordination with various departments. In the coming time, the production of vermicompost will become a big campaign in Chhattisgarh. He said that more will be increased by connecting the youth with the activities of RIPA.
- Managing Director of Godhan Nyay Mission Ayaz Tamboli said that since the launch of the Godhan Nyay Yojana, an amount of Rs 188.45 crore has been paid to Gouthan societies and women self-help groups as dividend amount and Rs 170.05 crore has been paid to Gouthan societies and women self-help groups.
- He informed that so far 19.82 lakh quintals of vermicompost has been produced in Gouthan's. Out of this , 16.24 lakh quintals of vermicompost has been sold. So far , 2.25 lakh quintals of para has been found in Gouthan's.

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## G-20 Group Meeting will be held in Chhattisgarh Next Year

### Why In News?

On December 9, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel tweeted that the **fourth finance working group meeting of G-20 will be held in Chhattisgarh in September 2023.**

### Key Points

- Significantly, after getting the responsibility of the G-20 group, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had talked about holding the grouping meeting in different states and states of the country, so that other countries of the grouping get acquainted with India's culture and folk art.
- The Prime Minister held a high-level meeting through video conferencing regarding preparations for India's chairmanship of the G-20, in which Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar, Governor of Chhattisgarh Anusuiya Uikey, including Governors, Deputy Governors and Chief Ministers of all states joined in.
- Addressing the meeting, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said That India has got an excellent opportunity to chair the G-20. In this, all the states will get an opportunity to show their art, culture and their uniqueness.
- He said that more than one lakh important persons from G-20 countries will attend meetings, conferences in different states of the country. For this, all the states should also add some new programs on their behalf. State universities, school students, voluntary organizations should also be associated with G-20 programs.
- He said that the states should specially showcase the development work done by the women of their area.
- The 18th G-20 Summit, chaired by India, will be held in New Delhi in 2023. The conference will be held on the ideal of '**Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**'. The Summit will be held in **New Delhi on 09 and 10 September 2023 and there will be 215 meetings at a total of 56 locations** in all states of India, including the state of Chhattisgarh.

## Chhattisgarh will be honored on Universal Health Coverage Day

### Why In News?

On December 9, 2022, according to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department, Chhattisgarh will be honored in a program organized by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare on December 10-11 in Banaras on the occasion of **Universal Health Coverage Day.**

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- Significantly, the Government of India is honoring the states that have achieved 100 percent target in the operation of health and wellness centers. Chhattisgarh has made more centers functional than the target set for the operation of health and wellness centers by December 2022.
- Chhattisgarh had a target of upgrading a total of 4825 primary health centers, sub-health centers and urban health centers to operate as health and wellness centers. At present, 62 more i.e. 4887 centers are operating in the state than this target.
- Community Health Officers (CHO) have been appointed in sub-health centers health and wellness centers to provide universal primary health care and better health services to the people of the state.
- These centres include antenatal care and delivery, newborn health and immunization, family planning and reproductive health, National Health Programme and communicable diseases and non-communicable diseases screening and management, mental health screening and management, outpatient care and management for common diseases, eyes, nose and ears. Twelve types of health services such as general care of throat, oral health care, elderly health care and emergency care are being provided.
- Health and wellness centers also provide free check-ups for diseases like blood pressure, diabetes and cancer of people above 30 years of age. Their patients are also given free medicines and consultations as per the need.
- Along with treatment in health and wellness centers, people are encouraged to have a healthy lifestyle. Yoga and wellness activities are also being conducted through these centers to make people aware of health.

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- Due to the treatment in these centers in the village itself, the crowd at the community health centers has reduced. Due to this, patients do not have to travel much distance for treatment. When a person shows symptoms of serious illness, he is informed in time so that he can get his treatment done on time.
- The Health Department is working towards making all the medicines needed available at the Health and Wellness Centers so that primary and regular treatment can be possible in the village itself.

## Union Health Ministry Honored Chhattisgarh

### Why In News?

On December 10, 2022 the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare honored Chhattisgarh for achieving **100 percent target of making health and wellness centers functional** before the deadline .

### Key Points

- Union Health Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath gave certificates to Chhattisgarh for this achievement at a program organized in Banaras on Universal Health Coverage Day .
- Dr. Poonam Sisodia, Joint Director, Health and Family Welfare Department, Surguja Division, received this honor on behalf of Chhattisgarh in Banaras.
- It is known that Chhattisgarh has functionalized more centers than the target set for the operation of health and wellness centers till December 2022. Chhattisgarh had got a target to upgrade a total of 4825 Primary Health Centers, Sub Health Centers and Urban Health Centers and operate them as Health and Wellness Centers. At present, 62 more than this target i.e., 4887 centers are being operated in the state.
- Congratulating the Health Department and National Health Mission, Chhattisgarh for this excellent work and achievement, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Health Minister T.S Singh Deo said that soon all the selected health centers in the state will be upgraded as Health and Wellness Centers. Will go
- It is worth mentioning that the health and wellness centers of the state provide prenatal care and delivery, newborn health and immunization, family planning

and reproductive health, national health program and communicable and non-communicable disease screening and management, mental health screening and management. 12 types of health services such as outpatient care and management for common diseases, general eye-nose-ear-throat care, oral health care, elderly health care services and emergency medical facilities are being provided.

- Yoga and wellness activities are also being conducted through these centers to make people aware of health. To provide universal primary health care and better health services to the residents of the state, Community Health Officers (CHOs) have been appointed in the Sub Health Center Health and Wellness Centers.

## Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh Memorial State Level Painting Competition

### Why In News?

On the occasion of the death anniversary of Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh on December 10, 2022, Tribal and Scheduled Caste Development Minister Dr. Premsai Singh Tekam inaugurated a three-day **state-level painting competition at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium in Raipur.**

### Key Points

- As many as 150 participants participated on the first day of a three-day painting competition organized by the Tribal Research and Training Institute from December 10 to 12 in memory of Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh .
- The state level painting competition has been organized in **2 disciplines - painting and drawing sheet painting in canvas.** Participants from two age groups 16 to 25 and above 25 years are participating in the canvas painting competition. Similarly, participants in the age group of 12 to 18 and 18-30 years participated in the drawing sheet painting.
- Minister Dr. Tekam informed that prizes will be given to the participants who get first, second and third positions in every category and age group of the competition.
- In the age group of 16 to 25 years and above , the first prize winner will get Rs 11,000, the second prize

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winner will get Rs 8,000 and the third prize winner will get Rs 6,000 .

- Similarly, in the 12 to 18 age group and 18-30 age group, the first prize winner will get Rs 5,000, the second prize winner will get Rs 3,000 and the third prize winner will get Rs 2,000 .
- Apart from this, consolation prizes of Rs 1,000 will be given to 5 participants of each age group.

## **Chhattisgarh Ranks Second in the Country in Implementing Extended Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan**

### **Why In News?**

On December 14, 2022, Union Minister of State for Health Dr. Bharti Praveen Pawar honored Chhattisgarh for being second in the country in implementing the Extended Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan (ePMSMA) at the National Maternal Health Workshop held in New Delhi.

### **Key Points**

- Joint Director of Maternity Health Programme representing Chhattisgarh in National Maternity Health Workshop. Dr Alka Gupta, Chief Medical and Health Officer, Raipur; Mithlesh Chaudhary, State Programme Officer Shailendra Agarwal and State Advisor Abhilasha Sharma received the award on behalf of the state in New Delhi.
- It is known that during the current financial year, 1 lakh 48 thousand 851 pregnant women have been tested for ANC between The month of April and November.
- It is noteworthy that under the Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan, ANC check-up of pregnant women is done on the 9th of every month in the state. Under the Extended Pradhan Mantri Surakshit Matritva Abhiyan, ANC checks are now being conducted on the 24th of every month in addition to the 9th.
- State Programme Officer of Maternity Health Program Shailendra Agarwal said that in the workshop, a poster on high risk pregnancy tracking guidelines was presented by the team of Chhattisgarh. Through the poster, it was told how to identify and treat high-risk pregnancy as soon as possible.

## **The Work of the Right to Education Act is Now being Carried Out by Samagra Shiksha.**

### **Why In News?**

According to information received from the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on December 14, 2022, the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 (Right to Education) scheme operated in the state will now be operated by the Samagra Shiksha Office. So far this scheme was being operated by the Directorate of Public Education.

### **Key Points**

- According to the information, the School Education Department of the State Government has entrusted the responsibility of managing the managing director Samagra education state project office in place of the Director of Public Education Directorate of Public Education to settle the claims of the beneficiaries through the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) portal through the Public Financial Management System (PFMS) portal.
- It may be mentioned that under the Public Financial Management System (PFMS), the Scheme of Children to Free and Compulsory Education 2009 is prescribed by the Government of India, government of India, through a letter from the Ministry of Finance, Department of Expenditure, to monitor the funds of the centrally sponsored scheme and monitoring their utilization.
- Under the centrally sponsored scheme by departmental order, the single nodal agency and nodal officer of the scheme have been declared as Samagra Shiksha State Project Office Chhattisgarh.
- Holistic education is prescribed for all the responsibilities, discharge and responsibilities of the scheme. At present, this work is being executed by the Directorate of Public Education.

## **Chhattisgarh Pride Day**

### **Why In News?**

According to information received from the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on December

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14, 2022, December 17 will be celebrated as Pride Day to commemorate the completion of four years of the Chhattisgarh government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. On this day, the Chief Minister will also give a message to the public.

### Key Points

- According to the information, Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain took a meeting of all the Divisional Commissioners, Collectors, District Panchayat Chief Executive Officers, Forest Divisional Officers and senior officials associated with these events through video conferencing at the Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhawan and informed them about the Pride Day events. Gave necessary instructions in this regard.
- On the day of Pride Day, programs will be organized in Gauthans, cooperative society complexes, paddy procurement centers, tendupatta collection centers, forest produce management committees, haat-bazaars, wards of urban bodies in all the districts. In these programmes, people will be informed about the achievements, decisions made by the Chhattisgarh government in the last four years, as well as public welfare schemes and programmes.
- Programs will be organized on Pride Day from 11 am in all Gauthans, Tendupatta collection centers, each ward of urban areas and from 3 pm in Primary Cooperative Society premises and paddy purchase centers of the state.
- In the program organized in Gauthan, the chairman and members of the Gauthan committee, cattle rearers, farmers of the village, landless laborers, people's representatives, members of local bodies, members of Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club and residents will participate.
- Public representatives and local citizens will participate in the program organized at ward level in urban areas.
- Pride Day will also be organized in tendu leaf collection centers and haat markets in forest areas. On the day of Pride Day in Tendupatta collection centers, information about the achievements of the government will be given along with giving information about the schemes run for the farmers and laborers.
- Similarly, by inviting farmers to primary cooperative societies and paddy procurement centers, information will be given to them about major agricultural schemes of the government such as interest-free loan scheme, Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, etc.

## Chief Minister Inaugurated the Railway Over Bridge

### Why In News?

On December 15, 2022 Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the **railway overbridge of Mahasamund-Tumgaon road in Mahasamund district** during a statewide meeting program.

### Key Points

- With the construction of the much-awaited Tumgaon overbridge, the city residents will get rid of the constant traffic jams and problems in commuting.
- The people of the district, especially those coming and going daily from Tumgaon and Mahasamund, will get a simple, easy route. At present, due to the closure of the railway gate, there was a situation of jam. With the construction of the railway overbridge, they will get rid of it and will also save time.
- It is worth mentioning that with the construction of Tumgaon railway overbridge, the population of more than 35 thousand people of Mahasamund will be benefited.
- The total length of the overbridge is 616 meters and width is 15 meters. The length of the railway crossing is 294 meters towards Mahasamund, 248 meters towards Tumgaon and the length of the railway crossing is 74 meters.
- Apart from this, during the meeting in Mahasamund district, the Chief Minister also made many other announcements including opening of Swami Atmanand English Medium School in **Pateva and Tumgaon**, establishment of tehsil in Tumgaon.

## The Chief Minister released the Books 'Nyay Ke 4 Saal' and 'Nyay Ke Raste - Sabke Vaste'

### Why In News?

On December 17, 2022 Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released two books published by the Public Relations Department titled '**Nyay Ke 4 Saal**' (**Four Years of Justice**) and '**Nyay Ke Raste - Sabke Vaste**' (**Path of Justice - for All**) at a function organized at his residence office on the occasion of Chhattisgarh Gaurav Diwas.

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- The book 'Nyay Ke 4 Saal' focuses on the achievements of the state government in the last four years and decisions in the public interest. This book contains information about the progress of Chhattisgarh government's flagship scheme as well as other public welfare schemes.
- Similarly, the book 'Nyay Ke Raste Sabke Vaste' focuses on information about public welfare schemes run by various departments of the government. In this book, information about the name, purpose, condition, eligibility, provision and contact formula of the scheme has been given.
- These books have been published by the Public Relations Department with the aim of conveying the resolve of justice of the Chhattisgarh government to the people, so that the people are aware of the schemes and programs run by all the departments of the government and they can improve their standard of living by taking advantage of them.

## **'Mukhya Mantri Vriksh Sampada Yojana'**

**Why In News?**

In a virtual program organized on the occasion of Chhattisgarh Gaurav Diwas on December 17, 2022 Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the implementation of '**Mukhyamantri Vriksh Sampada Yojana**' considering the immense potential of promoting commercial use of trees in the state.

**Key Points**

- The objective of this scheme is to promote wood-based industries by encouraging tree plantation on private land and to increase income and employment opportunities.
- The Chief Minister directed to prepare a proposal of '**Mukhyamantri Vriksh Sampada Yojana**' to promote tree plantation on private land in the state and present it in the upcoming meeting of the Council of Ministers.
- The Chief Minister announced a grant of Rs 100 crore for this scheme while announcing 'Mukhyamantri Vriksh Sampada'.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister announced Rs 1000 crore for the maintenance and upgradation of

all schools, hostels, ashrams, government buildings and 'Swami Atmanand Excellent ITI Scheme' for upgradation of industrial training institutions to improve the standard of technical education.

## **Chhattisgarh Wins National Silver SKOCH Award for 'Mor Mayaru Guruji' Program**

**Why in discussion?**

On December 19, 2022, the '**Mor Mayaru Guruji**' program of Chhattisgarh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights was awarded silver SKOCH Award at the national level by The SKOCH Foundation at a program organized at India Habitat Center, New Delhi.

**Key Points**

- The award was received by Women and Child Development Minister Anila Bhediya and Commission Chairperson Tejkunwar Netam.
- Chhattisgarh Housing Board and Forest Department Balod also received awards in this honor ceremony.
- Anila Bhediya said that this program has been started with the aim of making the teachers behave with the children after understanding the mentality of the children.
- It is noteworthy that the National SKOCH Award is a very prestigious honor which is received only after passing the step-by-step process of 7 steps. This award has been given for the innovation of 'Mor Mayaru Guruji' program in the field of child protection in the **category of Women and Child Development**.
- It is worth mentioning that through the 'Mor Mayaru Guruji' program of The Chhattisgarh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights, **teachers are given training** in an interesting way through sports and other activities to protect child rights.
- The Commission has so far trained about 2000 teachers at various district and state levels in this programme and plans to expand it to the district level in future.
- This program has been designed in an interesting way. Its duration has been kept only 2 to 3 hours, so that teachers can easily accept it.
- The Commission believes that the relationship between a teacher and a child lasts from 5 years to 12 years and in the meantime the personality of the teacher

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has a profound impact on the children. Keeping this in mind, all these topics have been included in the Mor Mayaru Guruji program, including child rights, what to emphasize and what shortcomings to be corrected while interacting with children and teaching.

## Book: 'Back from the Brink' Released

### Why in discussion?

On December 19, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Forest Minister Mohammad Akbar released a special book '**Back from the Brink**' written by the **Wildlife Trust of India (WTI)** on the **conservation of wild buffaloes, the state animal of Chhattisgarh**, at a meeting of the Chhattisgarh State Wildlife Board .

### Key Points

- For the last 17 years, **WTI has been working with Chhattisgarh Forest Department on conservation and promotion of forest buffaloes**. The book details the various aspects of the project that has been going on for the last two decades as well as a detailed description of the goal of conservation.
- **India accounts for more than 80 percent of the globally endangered wild buffalo (*Bubalus arnee*)**. In Chhattisgarh, the number of forest buffaloes in hard ground has come down to less than 50. The number of forest buffaloes in the wetlands of Assam is close to 4000.
- According to **Vivek Menon, founder and executive director of Wildlife Trust of India**, when WTI started functioning in the state in 2005, there were only six forest buffaloes left in Udanti Sanctuary along with one female wild buffalo. This meant that there was a serious threat of extinction of the isolated populations of central India.
- This report chronicles 15 years of conservation work with endangered wild buffaloes. The conservation of Chhattisgarh's State Animal requires global attention as well as the cooperation of the Central and State government.
- According to Dr. Rajendra Mishra, Deputy Director and Central Zone Head, Wildlife Trust of India, there were a maximum of 11 wild buffaloes in Udanti Sanctuary during the project period. The Forest Department also succeeded in shifting two forest buffaloes (male

and female) from Manas National Park in Assam to Baranwapara Wildlife Sanctuary in the year 2020 with the technical support of WTI.

- The book states that the wild buffaloes of Udanti share a haplotype with wild buffaloes of Assam state and even Maharashtra and hence can be used to increase the population of wild buffaloes in Udanti. However, the shrinking forests and grasslands in the Udanti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve can pose a serious threat to protect wild buffaloes.
- Through three consecutive years of public awareness campaigns, WTI has disseminated conservation and promotion of wild buffaloes to about 4000 students, 3000 villagers and 12 public service departments, whose impact has reached all sections of the society.

## Chhattisgarh to Increase Tiger Population

### Why in discussion?

On December 19, 2022, the **Chhattisgarh State Wildlife Board** meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel approved several other proposals including bringing tigers from Madhya Pradesh to increase the number of tigers in Chhattisgarh.

### Key Points

- According to this proposal, tigers brought from Madhya Pradesh will be released to the Sudden Tiger Reserve. Along with this, tigers will be released in Baranwapara sanctuary due to favorable conditions for tigers.
- In the meeting of the Chhattisgarh State Wildlife Board, several proposals were approved for protection and conservation of wild animals, prevention of wild animal-human conflict.
- A proposal to increase the number of tigers in Chhattisgarh was made by the Global Tiger Forum (GTF), whose implementation was approved in the meeting. Under which tigers will be brought from Madhya Pradesh to the Sudden Tiger Reserve.
- Officials said that water sources, pastures have been developed for wild animals in Achanakmar Taigar Reserve, so that the number of herbivorous wild animals can increase.
- In the board meeting, in-principle approval was also given to the proposal to release tigers to restore tigers in Barnawapara Sanctuary in Balodabazar district .

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- Tigers were found in Barnawapara Sanctuary till the year 2010 . Under the Tiger Re-Introduction and Tiger Recovery Plan, habitat suitability report will be prepared from renowned wildlife institutes, after which the work of tiger restoration in this sanctuary will be started after getting approval from the National Tiger Conservation Authority, New Delhi.
- Officials informed the meeting that the herbivorous wild animals have been brought from various breeding centers and other places and released into the natural habitat of protected areas of the state.
- It was also informed in the meeting that due to the provision of pasture, water etc. for elephants in the forest areas of Chhattisgarh, the incidents of elephant human conflict have been significantly reduced. About 11,314 hectares of pastures have been developed. About 80 thousandhectares of edible grass species have been planted.
- About 64 forest areas of Keshkal and Kanker forest divisions in The Danti-Sitanadi Tiger Reserve and Idravati-U Danti-Sitanadi-Sunabeda marked by wildlife institute of India Dehradun for construction of raipur-Vishakhap dameconomic corridor proposed under Bharat Mala project Permission was given for the construction of the proposed economic corridor in about 3.5 km highway passing through 7 forest chambers of the Tiger Corridor.
- The proposal will be sent to the National Board for Wildlife. In this way, permission was given to construct a new bridge over chintavagu river on Bhopalpattam to Jagdalpur National Highway. The proposal will also be sent to the National Board for Wildlife for approval. The construction of this new bridge and approach road falls under the buffer zone of 1.177 hectarearea of The IndiraVati Tiger Reserve.
- The meeting also approved proposals for laying optical fibre cables and installing mobile towers to facilitate better communication in forest areas. This will strengthen the forest animal protection system. At the same time, pds system, paddy purchase, old age pension, banking and online education will be easier in the villages of forest areas.
- In the meeting, permission was also given for artificial insemination in forest buffaloes. According to the proposal, semen extraction will be carried out under the supervision of experts from Wildlife Trust of India and **LaCONES, CCMB** Hyderabad and veterinarians posted in the Forest Department and this will be used for artificial insemination of female forest buffaloes.

## Open Air Museum at Sonakhan and Balodabazar-Bhatapara Tourism Circuit

### Why In News?

On December 20, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the grand **Open Air Museum and Balodabazar-Bhatapara Tourism Circuit built at Sonakhan** in District Balodabazar-Bhatapara.

### Key Points

- A grand open air museum has been constructed at Sonakhan by the district administration Balodabazar-Bhatapara to develop the birth and workplace of Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh according to his pride.
- This museum built in Sonakhan will be the first of its kind in the state, where the biography of Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh is being displayed through audio-visual setup and a special metal curtain steel.
- A special kind of curtain steel has been used to showcase the glorious story of Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh, who opened a front against the British rule in the freedom struggle of 1857. Corten steel is a type of metal that already has a layer of rust attached to it. The special thing is that this metal does not harm nature. Amidst the greenery of Kurupath mountain, its panoramic beauty is seen.
- The biography of Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh is engraved on the tall and beautiful panels made of Corten Steel, whose magnificence can be seen in the day as well as in the night. Amazing setup of lights make it special and different.
- There is an audio setup on all the panels, through which the story of Martyr Veer Narayan Singh's birth to revolution and sacrifice can be heard. This audio is available in Hindi, English and Chhattisgarhi languages. People coming here can decide the language of the audio according to their choice.
- Corten steel has been used in the country to make art works in various great projects. It has been used in Kashi Vishwanath corridor, Bihar museum and prestigious projects of many countries.
- There will also be parking and canteen arrangements in the museum. Canteen arrangements will be run by self-help groups. Along with this, entry to the museum will be free for the people coming here.

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This innovation will boost tourism and also provide employment to the people.

- The Balodabazar-Bhatapara tourism circuit includes Giraudpuri, the birth and workplace of Baba Guru Ghasidas, Sonakhan, the birth and workplace of Shaheed Veer Narayan Singh, Damakheda, the famous shrine of Kabir Panthis, Turturiya, Siddkhol Falls, Balar Dam, Siddheshwar Temple Palari and Shiva Temple of Narayanpur. Various facilities will be made available to the tourists visiting this tourism circuit.

## Now the Menu of Hotels will Include Dishes Made of Millets

### Why In News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on December 20, 2022, millets-based dishes will be included in the menu of hotels in Chhattisgarh, including the capital Raipur. In this regard, a meeting was held between joint director agriculture and 64 hotel operators of capital Raipur.

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- Significantly, the year 2023 has been declared as the **International Millet Year-2023** by the United Nations, due to which the product of millets is being included in the daily diet of the common man and promoted to promote consumption.
- In this context, the Agriculture Department held a meeting with the operators and representatives of hotels, restaurants, marts in Raipur area and requested to include millet products in the menu of the establishment along with the promotion of millet products. This will make millets-based dishes easily available to customers.
- Due to the benefits of nutrients found in millets, it was discussed to increase the consumption of millets in the daily diet. This will also boost the growth and production of millets crop area. Hotels, restaurant operators assured to include millets-based dishes and products in their establishment's menu.
- Due to the abundance of nutrients in millets, it is also called Nutricereals. It contains good amounts of protein, fiber, thiamine, riboflavin, folic acid, calcium, phosphorus, etc. Millets contain free glucose for a

very short period of time, which is a suitable diet for people suffering from diabetes.

- Ragi, which is included in the millet crop, contains high amounts of protein and calcium, which are helpful in strengthening bones and removing malnutrition. Ragi fiber protects the body from stomach disorders, high blood pressure and intestinal cancer.
- Similarly, **Kutki contains 37-38 percent fiber**, which is a useful food ingredient for baby foods, snacks and other processed products. At the same time, protein is found in **11 and fiber up to 14 percent in Kodo**, which is a good diet for people suffering from heart disorders, high blood pressure and high cholesterol.
- It is noteworthy that '**Millet Mission**' has been implemented by the Chhattisgarh government with the aim of increasing the crop area and production of millet crop as well as to provide the product easily to the common man by procuring, processing and adding value to the crop. In Chhattisgarh, Kodo, Kutki, Ragi and Jowar and Bajra are mainly produced among the Millet Crops.
- If we look at the statistics, 52,728 quintals of Kodo, Kutki and ragi produced in the state were procured in the year 2021 through Chhattisgarh State Small Forest Produce Association. At the same time, the target is to procure 13 thousand tonnes of millets in the year 2022-23.
- Ragi kheer, Laddoos, Malt, Cake, Vermicelli, Idli, Halwa, Pulav, Kutki kheer, Kutki Tea, Jam, Kodo kheer, Jowar Chocolate, Brownie etc. are made from millets. Kodo and Kutki are used as Staple Food.

## Separate Directorate of Archaeological Archives and Museum and Culture and Official Language

### Why In News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on December 20, 2022, the state government has declared the Department of Culture and Archeology under the Culture Department as a separate directorate. An order to this effect has been issued by the Department of Culture at The Mahanadi Bhawan.

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**Key Points**

- According to the order issued by the Department of Culture, now the Directorate of Culture and Archeology Department will be known as Archaeological Archives and Museums and Directorate of Culture and Official Language.
- The name and address of the office have been changed from the administrative point of view for the orderly performance of the newly constituted heads of department offices. According to this, the address of the Office of directorate archeological archives and museum is Mahant Ghasidas Memorial Museum Civil Line Raipur.
- At the same time, the address of the office of directorate of culture and official language is Chhattisgarh Housing Board Commercial Complex 2nd Floor Sector-27 Nava Raipur Atal Nagar.

## Chhattisgarh's Fifth Place in Eklavya National Sports Festival

**Why In News?**

Players from Chhattisgarh secured the fifth position with a total of 58 medals in the competition in the **3<sup>rd</sup> Eklavya National Sports Festival** which concluded at Guntur, Andhra Pradesh on December 22, 2022. This includes **26 gold, 12 silver and 20 bronze** medals.

**Key Points**

- The Eklavya National Sports Festival was held in Guntur, Andhra Pradesh from December 17-22. Children from Eklavya Adarsh Residential School from 22 states participated in this sports festival, in which 288 children from Eklavya Schools of Chhattisgarh participated.
- Players from Chhattisgarh state performed the best in athletics, winning a total of 20 medals including **13 gold, 3 silver, 4 bronze**. At the same time, a total of 16 medals including 8 gold, 6 silver, 2 bronze in swimming and 10 medals including 3 gold, 2 silver, 5 bronze in wrestling.
- Apart from this, 01 gold in chess, 03 medals including 02 bronze, 1 gold in kho-kho (boys), 1 silver in judo, 2 bronze in yoga, badminton, kabaddi (boys) She won

1 bronze medal in handball (boys) and kho-kho (girls) and 1 silver medal in weightlifting.

- Arjun Kovachi, a student of Eklavya Adarsh Residential School Antagarh Kanker, won gold medal in 800 m, 1500 m and 4x400 m race and silver medal in 400 m race.
- Similarly, Sonadai Kashyap of Eklavya Tokapal Bastar won gold medal in 400m, 200m and 100m race, Bhumika Rathia of Eklavya Chharratangar Raigarh and Tania Singh of Eklavya Palarikhurd Sakti won gold medal in high jump. Sohan Oraon got 03 gold medals in swimming under-14.

## Karma Ethnic Resort Mainpat and Johar Motel inaugurated

**Why in News?**

On December 23, 2022, 'Karma Ethnic Resort' and 'Johar Motel' Sontarai were inaugurated at a function organized at Kamleshwarpur in Mainpat under the chairmanship of Amarjeet Bhagat and Chief Hospitality and Food Minister of Chhattisgarh Government Tamradhwaj Sahu.

**Key Points**

- It may be mentioned here that the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India had launched the 'Swadesh Darshan Scheme' of Tourism Development based on various themes in the year 2015-16, under which the 'Tribal Tourism Circuit' was launched in the year 2016 with the aim of acquainting tourists with the tribal and rural culture of Chhattisgarh. The Project was sanctioned. A total of 13 destinations of Tribal Dominated Areas of the State have been developed in this Project.
- Under the Tribal Tourism Circuit of this Project, 'Karma Ethnic Resort' has been developed as an 'Eco Ethnic Tourist Destination' at Kamleshwarpur (Mainpat). This resort has been built at a cost of Rs. 21.37 crore on the theme of Rural Environment of Surguja region. The State Government had provided 46 acres of land in Kamleshwarpur for this project.
- The Karma Ethnic Resort built under the Swadesh Darshan scheme will provide tourists a chance to get to know the Tribal tradition, Local and Tibetan culture here with the facility of stay.

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- 'Karma Ethnic Resort' Tourist Reception and Facilitation Centre at Kamleshwarpur (Mainpat), 20 Rooms (Craft and Herbal Haat-Artisan Centre), Cafeteria, Open Amphitheatre, Souvenir Shop, Tribal Interpretation Centre, Tribal Workshop Centre, 2 High-end facilities including electric vehicle (8 seater), electric charging station, cycle track (including lighting) have been installed, which will become the center of tourist attraction.
- Facilities like 5 rooms, Dermatore Hall, Lawn, Cafeteria (Dinning Hall), Store Room, Parking have been constructed in 'Sontarai Motel, Sitapur'.
- The operation of this Scheme will increase the number of tourists in Mainpat, provide additional option of staying in Rural Environment along with other accommodation facilities for tourists to stay, additional sources of employment and income to the local people. Here, Handicraft Training can be given to tourists along with local people and Handicraft Artists.
- Apart from this, tourists will also be familiar with the local Tibetan culture, which will increase the sale of products made by them. Space will be available in Souvenir shops for selling Local Handicrafts, Forest Products/ Herbal Products, Conference Facility will be available commercially. Homestay will be promoted in Manpat in the future and other tourism activities will also increase.
- Addressing the function, Tourism Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu said that with the opening of Karma Ethnic Resort, tourists will stay here, which will promote home stay in Mainpat. Local people will get employment. Handicrafts here will get a market.
- Atal Srivastava, president of Chhattisgarh Tourism Board, said that Mainpat is called Shimla of Chhattisgarh. Mainpat is different from other hill stations of the State. The 'Jaljali' and 'Ultapani' here are unique in the country and the World. A Tourism Circuit will be built in the State, Satrenga, Mainpat and Jashpur will be connected to the north from Raipur.

## **International Forest Fair: Chhattisgarh Small Forest Produce Association First Prize in the Interstate Category**

### **Why In News?**

Chhattisgarh State Small Forest Produce Association won the **first prize in the inter-state category in the**

**International Forest Fair** held in Bhopal on December 26, 2022.

### **Key Points**

- Forest Minister of Madhya Pradesh Kunwar Vijay Shah gave the **first prize to Chhattisgarh Small Forest Produce Association for outstanding performance in display** and sale of stalls in inter-state category.
- Significantly, the **International Forest Fair was organized in Bhopal**, the capital of Madhya Pradesh, from December 20 to 26.
- Chhattisgarh State Minor Forest Produce Special Managing Director S.S. Bajaj said that in the International Forest Fair, a stall was set up by the State Minor Forest Produce for display-cum-sale of more than 140 products.
- He said that the state of Chhattisgarh has received very good response in this International Forest Fair. Many business establishments have shown interest in purchasing Chhattisgarh's minor forest produce. Eight merchant organizations discussed and agreed to buy 200 tonnes of **Kodo, Kutki, Ragi, Harra, Nagarmotha, Baheda, Kachariya Charota seeds, Giloy** and other minor forest produce.
- A commercial agreement worth Rs 6 crore was signed between the Chhattisgarh Minor Forest Produce Association and the Madhya Pradesh Minor Forest Produce Association in the International Forest Fair based on the buyer-seller conference.
- The MoU was signed by Dr. Dilip Kumar, CEO, MPMFP on behalf of Chhattisgarh Forest Produce Association Special Managing Director SS Bajaj and Vindh Herbals.
- Apart from this, business agreements worth Rs 28 crore 50 lakh were also signed between MFPPARC and various institutions. In this way a total MoU of Rs 34.50 crore was signed.
- An MoU was signed for Mahua export from Bastar Food Chhattisgarh in the Minor Forest Produce based buyer-seller conference. This will prove to be helpful in the economic prosperity of the primary collectors and producers involved in the field of herbs in the coming times.
- Buyer-Seller Conference Retired Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Forest Force Chief of Madhya Pradesh H.R. Khare's main hospitality. In this, 140 participants from different parts of the state and the country interacted directly and 300 participants through video conference.

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- Special Managing Director of Chhattisgarh Small Forest Produce Association S.S. Bajaj informed that the Government of Chhattisgarh is doing research on making jaggery from Mahua in collaboration with the Central Food Technological Institute, Mysore.

## Chhattisgarh Leading in the Implementation of Forest Rights Act in the Country

### Why In News?

According to information received from the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on December 26, 2022, Chhattisgarh state is the **leading state in the implementation of the Forest Rights Act in the country.**

### Key Points

- According to the information, **54 thousand 518 individual forest rights letters** were distributed in the state in the last four years, the total area of which is 30 thousand 46 hectares. Similarly, 23 thousand 982 forest rights letters of community forest rights have been distributed, whose total area is 11 lakh 77 thousand 212 hectares.
- Chhattisgarh is the first state in the country to be recognized as forest rights in urban areas in the country. So far, 266 individual forest rights cards, 7 community forest rights and 4 community forest resources rights have been distributed in urban areas of the state.
- Initiatives have also been taken by the state government in the implementation of community forest resource rights. So far, 3,845 community forest resources rights have been recognized in the districts. Under this, the right to protect and manage 16 lakh 60 thousand 301 hectares of land has been given to the Gram Sabhas.
- Continuous efforts are being made by the State Government to recognize the various forest rights of the local forest dwelling communities, so that they can get various types of forest rights mentioned in the Forest Rights Act, 2006.
- According to the Act, December 13, 2005 is the cut-off date for claiming possession of forest land by scheduled caste and other traditional forest dweller applicants. In case of other traditional forest dweller applicants, the cut-off date is already required to be residing in the village, forest land belonging to three generations (75 years).
- With the initiative of the state government, community forest resource rights are being recognized to the respective Gram Sabhas for the local forest resident communities. Various forest rights certificates are being distributed in urban areas of the state.
- On the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, action is being taken to reconsider the claims of forest rights rejected for various reasons in the state. Action is being taken from time to time to correct the record of land distributed under the Forest Rights Act.
- Work is being done to develop forest rights beneficiaries as post claim support as well as benefit them through various livelihood measures such as cocoons, Taser crops, lac production etc.
- In Chhattisgarh, the process of providing habitat rights to especially vulnerable tribes has been started in Dhamtari district. The validation of community forest resources rights began from Jabra village in Dhamtari district. Gram Sabha Jabra was recognized as having community forest resources rights over 5352 hectares of forest land, which is the highest area recognized by a single village in the country. Similarly, community forest resources rights have been recognized on 1861 hectares of forest land in Khair Kheda village of Kanker district.
- Various activities are being done under Community Forest Resources, better implementation of management under Forest Rights Act. Along with the management of the forest, the work of native goat rearing, poultry, rabbit rearing, pig rearing, pisciculture etc. is being done by making bamboo sheds and scaffolding. Along with this, the kharif crops are being sown by intercropping after treating the organic seeds, turmeric seeds and a seed bank has also been established. After this, special emphasis is being laid on conservation and management of forest resources.
- Special efforts are being made to give forest rights to the beneficiaries of forest rights for the use of fish and other products of reservoirs, pastures for livelihood. Due to the convergence of government schemes, individual forest rights holders are being provided post-claim assistance such as land leveling, bund-bonding, manure-seeds, irrigation equipment-related assistance. Along with this, they are also being benefited from Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural) and Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana.

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## Governor Honored Brave Boys and Girls on the Occasion of Veer Bal Diwas

### Why In News?

On December 26, 2022, the Governor of Chhattisgarh Anusuiya Uikey honored the brave boys and girls of the state in a program organized at Raj Bhavan on the occasion of **Veer Bal Diwas**.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that under the aegis of Chhattisgarh Civil Society, the Veer Bal Diwas program was organized at Raj Bhavan. During this, the Governor talked about providing financial assistance to the honored four brave boys and girls from the voluntary grant item.
- The courageous deeds done by the four children who were honored at the Raj Bhavan on Veer Bal Diwas are very inspiring. These four children include Unnati Sharma, 12, from Tikrapara in Raipur district, Durgesh Sonkar, 11, from Durg district, Sitaram Yadav from Khamaria area in Bemetara district and Jambavati Bhuarya from Bhanupratappur in Kanker district.
- It is noteworthy that Sahibzada Zorawar Singh and Fateh Singh Ji, the tenth Sikh Guru Govind Singh Ji, made their supreme sacrifice at the age of 9 and 6 respectively on 26<sup>th</sup> December to protect the pride of Sikhism. Guru Gobind Singh's sons Jujhar Singh and Ajit Singh also gave their martyrdom in the defense of religion.
- Chhattisgarh Civil Society has continuously communicated with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Central Government regarding the celebration of the martyrdom day of Guru Gobind Singh's Sahibzada's as Veer Bal Diwas. As a result, it was announced to celebrate Veer Children's Day as a mark of respect to the Sikh community.

## Cabinet Approves Implementation of 'Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana' From FY 2023-24

### Why in News?

On December 30, 2022, the state cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel approved the

implementation of a new scheme 'Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana' from the financial year 2023-24 with the aim of increasing the income of farmers.

### Key Points

- Farmers or institutions interested in participating in the 'Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana' can contact the office of the Forest Range Officer of their area and give information about the plants required for planting in the coming year with a consent letter.
- It is worth mentioning that under this scheme, one lakh 80 thousand acres of commercial tree species (Clonal Nilgiri, Tissue Culture Bamboo, Tissue Culture Teak, Milia Dubia and other economically beneficial species) will be planted in the private land of farmers at the rate of 36 thousand acres per year.
- All interested land owners, government, semi-government and government autonomous institutions, private educational institutions, private trusts, non-governmental institutions, panchayats and land contract holders, who want to plant in their land, will be the beneficiaries of this scheme.
- Under 'Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana', eligible beneficiaries will be given 100 percent financial grant for planting saplings on land up to 5 acres (maximum 5000 plants) and 50 percent for planting on more than 5 acres of land.
- Participation of partner entity or private companies is proposed in the scheme. They have also proposed to buy back the trees of the beneficiaries at the support price fixed by the government with financial participation. With the participation of associate organizations or private companies, farmers will get a assured market for their produce and the financial burden on the government will also be reduced. Tissue culture teak, tissue culture bamboo and milia doodiya trees will be purchased by the government at the fixed support price after maturity.
- Under this scheme in the state, after the maturity of 15 crore saplings planted in one lakh 80 thousand acres in a total of five years, the beneficiaries are likely to get an income of about Rs 5000 crore.
- About 30 thousand farmers will benefit every year from the implementation of 'Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana'. With the implementation of this scheme, the beneficiaries will get income from 15 to 50 thousand rupees per acre per year.

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- The implementation of the scheme will ensure availability of raw materials for wood-based industries such as paper mill, plywood, furniture, veneer, etc. The establishment of new industries will increase the employment opportunities of the local residents and the government will get more revenue through various taxes.

## Important Decisions Taken in the Meeting of the Council of Ministers

### Why in News?

In a meeting of the state council of ministers chaired by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the decision to give the benefit of the old pension scheme was taken despite the central government's ban on the return of NPS amount to the officers and employees of the state.

### Key Points

- In the cabinet meeting, it was decided to give the benefit of the old pension scheme even after the central government's ban on the return of NPS amount to state officers and employees.
  - Under this, government servants will be considered as members of Chhattisgarh General Provident Fund from April 1, 2022 and the employee contribution deposited in the NPS account from the date appointed on or after November 1, 2004, to March 31, 2022, and the dividend earned on it will be payable to the government employee under the NPS rules.
  - Employees will be eligible for the old pension only after depositing the contribution of the state government and the dividend earned on it. For this, government servants will have to give the option of remaining under NPS or getting the benefit of the old pension scheme in the notarized affidavit. This choice will be final and irreversible.
  - If a government servant takes the option of the old pension scheme, then the contribution deposited by the government in the NPS account from November 1, 2004 to March 31, 2022 and the dividend received on it will have to be deposited in the government account.

- Government servants of the state appointed on and after April 1, 2022 will compulsorily be members of the old pension scheme.
- In the cabinet meeting, it was decided to start a special scheme for the repair of school buildings. A total of Rs 780 crore will be spent on the repair of schools under this scheme.
- Taking an important decision to improve the environment and increase the income of farmers through commercial plantation, it was decided to start Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana in the state.
- Discussions were held regarding the implementation of the Millets Mission program in the state and initiatives will be taken jointly by agriculture, forest, cooperative, panchayat and rural development, school education, Scheduled Caste and Tribe development, food, women and child development, village industries, culture, commerce and industry, tourism, public relations, home and prisons, commercial taxes and health and family welfare departments to promote millet production and its use in the state.
- The draft Chhattisgarh Regularisation of Unauthorised Development (Amendment) Bill, 2022 was approved.
- The draft Chhattisgarh Gambling (Prohibition) Bill, 2022 was approved.
- It was decided to constitute District Level Agglomeration and District Level Committees in 5 new districts to monitor the implementation of Central State Sponsored Schemes related to inter-departmental and inter-state schemes at cluster level.
- Amendment draft in Chhattisgarh Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1991 was approved for collection of lifetime tax from ambulance category vehicles.
- In order to increase the temporary registration tax on vehicles, the draft amendment to the Chhattisgarh Motor Vehicle Taxation Act, 1991 and Rules 1991 was approved.
- It was decided to distribute fortified rice to state scheme ration card holders (except APL) in all districts of the state. An amount of Rs 26.42 crore will be spent on this.
- It was decided to distribute free food grains in antyodaya and priority ration cards issued under the Chhattisgarh Food and Nutrition Security Act, 2012, similar to the distribution of free food grains in ration cards issued under the National Food Security Act, 2013 from January 2023 to December 2023.

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- The draft amendment to the Chhattisgarh Industrial Land and Management Rules 2015 was approved.
- A report of the judicial inquiry into the incident of the death of Hon'ble MLA Bhima Mandavi of Dantewada constituency no. 88 was presented.

## **Fortified Rice Will be Distributed in All Districts of the State**

### **Why in News?**

In a meeting of the State Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on December 30, 2022, an important decision was taken to overcome the situation of malnutrition and anemia among women and children in Chhattisgarh that now fortified rice will be distributed in all the districts of the state.

### **Key Points**

- Fortified rice will be distributed to ration card holders through fair price shops from April 2023. Antyodaya, single destitute disabled category ration card holders will get fortified rice in place of normal rice currently being given.

- It is worth mentioning that under universal PDS, fortified rice distribution has been started in Kondagaon district from November 2020 to ensure food security as well as nutritional security and to overcome anemia and other nutrient deficiencies.
- At present, fortified rice is being distributed in all districts of the state under the Mid-Day Meal Scheme and Supplementary Nutrition Scheme. Apart from this, fortified rice is also being distributed in 10 aspirational districts of the state (Korba, Rajnandgaon, Mahasamund, Kanker, Narayanpur, Dantewada, Bijapur, Bastar, Kondagaon, Sukma) and 2 Highbirden districts (Kabirdham and Raigarh) under the Public Distribution System.
- It is noteworthy that fortified rice is nutritious and healthy. It is rich in iron, folic acid, vitamin B-12. Nutrients like iron, folic acid, vitamin B-12 present in it do not allow blood loss in adults and children and help in blood formation and proper functioning of the nervous system.
- Regarding the benefits of fortified rice, ration card holders of the district are being made aware from time to time about the methods and use of fortified rice through banners, posters etc. in Anganwadi workers, mitanin and fair price shops.

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