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Inauguration of Five Resolution Program in Mahasamund

Why In News?

On February 28, 2023, under the joint aegis of District Administration Mahasamund and UNICEF, Collector Nilesh Kumar Kshirsagar inaugurated the 'Five Resolutions: Tomorrow, Today and Tomorrow' mega-campaign in the District Panchayat Sabha Hall.

Key points

- Mahasamund District Collector Nilesh Kumar Kshirsagar said that the aim of the Panch Sankalp Maha-Abhiyan is to create awareness among the public about five healthy behaviours. At the same time, an action plan must be prepared to solve the health challenges faced by every class of people, so that people can get better health benefits.
- He told that through five resolutions, five behaviour's which include resolution of healthy adolescence, resolution of pre-natal check-up and institutional delivery, resolution of getting rid of anemia, resolution of promoting breastfeeding, resolution of complete nutritional diversity.
- The collector said that behaviour change is not a matter of one day, it needs continuous work, and all behaviours are related to each other, with these resolutions we can reduce IMR and MMR.
- UNICEF Chhattisgarh chief Job Zakaria said that drinking mother's milk within just one hour can reduce the death of children by 22 percent and washing hands can reduce diseases by 40%, these resolutions can bring changes in the district can be brought.
- District Panchayat CEO S. Alok told that about 60 thousand people from different departments have been trained so far for awareness about five resolutions, who will try to bring awareness about these practices in the society.

Historical 27th Boramdeo Festival of Chhattisgarh on March 19 and 20

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on March 2, 2023, the

Bhoramdeo Festival 2023, to be organized in the name of the famous Bhoramdeo Temple of Chhattisgarh, will be organized on the coming 19th and 20th March. This will be the 27th Bhoramdeo festival.

Key points

- It is known that Bhoramdeo Festival is organized every year during Krishna Paksha Teras of Chaitra month to increase the fame of Bhoramdeo Temple, a place of historical, archaeological, religious, tourist and historical importance of Chhattisgarh.
- This festival is organized by the Culture and Tourism Department of Chhattisgarh Government with the Bhoramdeo Festival Organizing Committee, District Administration, Bhoramdeo Teerth Management Committee and public support.
- Initially, the fair was organized on two dates on Mahashivaratri and Chaitra Krishna Teras at Bhoramdeo. In 1995, the Teras Mela in undivided Madhya Pradesh was given the form of Bhoramdeo Festival. 1998, the fifth event of Bhoramdeo Festival was held in After the formation of Kabirdham district in 1999. After the formation of chhattisgarh new state, the seventh event of Bhoramdeo Festival was held in 2001.
- Bhoramdeo is 18 km from Kawardha in Kabirdham district of Chhattisgarh. Far and 125 km from the capital Raipur. There is a 1000-year-old temple at far away Chauragaon. this temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva.
- The temple is artificially located amidst mountain ranges, it was built in the period about 7th from to 11th century. This temple gives a glimpse of Khajuraho temple, so this temple is also called 'Khajuraho of Chhattisgarh'.
- The temple faces east. The temple is a beautiful example of Nagara style. The temple can be entered from three sides. The temple is built on a five feet high platform. One can enter the temple pavilion directly from all the three entrances.
- The length of the mandap is 60 feet and the width is 40 feet. There are 4 pillars in the middle of the mandap and 12 pillars on the sides, which have supported the roof of the mandap. All the pillars are very beautiful and artistic. Kitchen is made on each pillar, which is handling the weight of the roof.

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Bhoramdeo Temple, Kawardha

PEN/Nabokov Award to Vinod Kumar Shukla

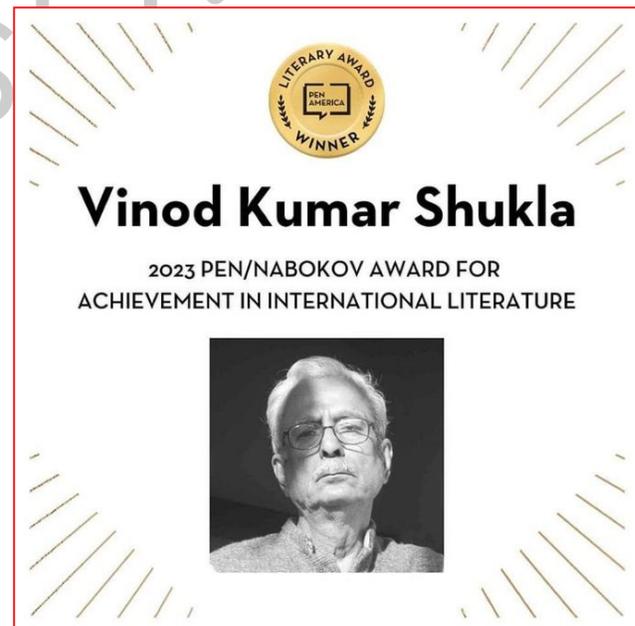
Why In News?

On March 2, 2023, Chhattisgarh's senior writer and eminent contemporary Hindi litterateur Vinod Kumar Shukla was awarded the prestigious PEN/Nabokov Award for 2023 for achievement in international literature at a ceremony organized by PEN America in New York.

Key points

- Hindi story writer, novelist and poet Vinod Kumar Shukla is the first Indian-Asian origin writer to be conferred with this highest honour. Vinod Kumar Shukla was given an amount of 50 thousand dollars (about 41 lakh rupees) in this award.
- This honor is given to those litterateurs who make a mark in international literature, who look at their traditions, modernity, present and history with a new insight.
- In International Literature The Pen/Nabokov Award for Achievement, commonly known as the Pen/Nabokov Prize, is awarded biennially by Pen America to writers, primarily novelists.
- The award is funded by the Vladimir Nabokov Foundation, established by the American opera singer and translator Dmitri Nabokov. It is said to be one of the most prestigious PEN Awards.
- Born in 1937 in Rajnandgaon in the then Madhya Pradesh and present-day Chhattisgarh, Vinod Kumar Shukla is recognized for his distinctive writing style. His style is often considered closer to 'magical realism', i.e., one that holds 'reality' together with 'imaginativeness'.

- His poetry and his writings describe the irony of the Indian middle class in simple language. His first novel, *Naukar Ki Kameez*, introduced decades ago to the taste of a new kind of prose. Eminent filmmaker Mani Kaul also made a memorable art film by the same name on '*Naukar Ki Kameez*'.
- The main novels of 87-year-old Vinod Kumar Shukla include '*Naukar Ki Kameez*' (1979), '*Khilega to Dekhenge*' (1996), '*Deewar Mein Ek Khidki Rahti Thi*' (1997), '*Hari Ghas ki Chhapper Wali Jhodi Aur Bauna Pahar*' (2011), '*Yasi Rasat*' (2017), '*Ek Chuppi Jagah*' (2018) etc.
- Apart from this, *Lagbhag Jaihind*' (1971), '*Woh Aadmi Chala Gaya Naya Garam Kot Pahinkar Vichar Ki Liye*' (1981), '*Sab Kuch Hona Bacha Rahega*' (1992), '*Atirikt nahi*' (2000), '*Kavita Se Lambi Kavita*' (2001), '*Aakash Dharti Ko Khatkata Hai*' (2006), '*Kabhi Ke Baad Abhi*' (2012) etc. are some of his major poetry collections.
- Known for his distinctive linguistic style and emotional depth, Shukla was awarded the Sahitya Akademi Award in 1999 for '*Deewar Mein Ek Khidki Rahti Thi*'.
- Apart from the Sahitya Akademi Award, he has received awards like Gajanan Madhav Muktibodh Fellowship (Madhya Pradesh Government), Raza Award (Madhya Pradesh Arts Council), National Maithilisharan Gupta Samman (Madhya Pradesh Government), Hindi Gaurav Samman (Uttar Pradesh Hindi Institute, Uttar Pradesh Government) have met



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Chhattisgarh Economic Survey 2022-23

Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, Chhattisgarh Economic and Statistics Minister Amarjeet Bhagat presented the 'Economic Survey year 2022-23' of Chhattisgarh state in the assembly budget session.

Key points

- GSDP of Chhattisgarh State At constant prices, it is estimated to increase from Rs 2 lakh 67 thousand 6 hundred 81 crores in the year 2021-22 to Rs 2 lakh 89 thousand 82 crores in the year 2022-23. This year the growth rate is estimated to be eight percent.
- At constant prices (base year 2021-12), in the advance estimate year 2022-23, Gross State Domestic Product at Market Price (GSDP at Market Prices) is estimated to increase by eight percent as compared to the previous year 2021-22.
- In this, 5.93 percent growth is expected in agriculture and allied sectors (agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries and forestry), 7.83 percent growth in industry sector (including construction, manufacturing, mining and quarrying, electricity, gas and water supply) and 9.21 percent growth in service sector.
- Advance Estimates at prevailing prices: Gross State Domestic Product (Market Price) (GSDP at Market Prices) in the year 2022-23 is likely to increase from Rs. 406416 crores in the previous year 2021-22 to Rs. 457608 crores, which shows an increase of 12.60 percent. Is.
- In this, the year the agriculture and allied sector 854.92 crore in the year 2021-22 increased from Rs 2022-23, in to Rs 946.35 crore to Rs 163616 similarly, the industry sector increased from Rs 2022-23 in the year 183586 crore service sector in the and from Rs 136329 crore in the year 2022-23 155995 The percentage increase over the previous year is estimated to be, respectively Rs. 10.70, Rs. 12.21 and Rs. 14.43 percent.
- According to quick estimates, the state's Gross Domestic Product at Market Prices (GSDP at Market Prices) has increased by 8.46 percent in the year 2021-22 as compared to the previous year 2020-21, in which agriculture and allied sectors (agriculture, mining, electricity, there has been an increase of 8.07

percent in the gas and water supply sector and 9.80 percent in the service sector.

- The per capita income is expected to increase from Rs 1,20,704 (One Lakh B Thousand Seven Hundred Four) in the Quick Estimates for the year 2021-22 to Rs 1,33,898 (One Lakh Thirty-Three Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety-Eight) in the Advance Estimates for the year 2021-23., which shows an increase of 10.93 per cent over the previous year.

The Chief Minister Announced the State Decoration Award in the Name of Saint Poet Pawan Dewan.

Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel made an important announcement to give state ornamentation award in the field of poetry writing in honour of Saint Poet Pawan Diwan in honour of 'Sant Kavi Pawan Diwan' tribute meeting and honour ceremony held in the capital Raipur.

Key points

- The awards, in the name of saint poet Pawan Diwan, will be presented annually from the upcoming state ornamentation ceremony.
- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel also felicitated the poets and litterateurs of Chhattisgarh for their outstanding contribution in the field of literature and poetry writing on the occasion.
- Among them, Padma Shri Dr. Surendra Dubey was awarded the Viprakul Gaurav Shikhar Samman-2023. Similarly, Arun Kumar Nigam and Kashipuri Kundan were awarded the Sant Kavi Pawan Diwan Smriti Asmita Samman.
- Each of them was awarded with a cash prize of Rs 21,000 each and a shawl and a shawl.
- He also released the Vipra Yoga Magazine and the monthly bulletin of VIP College on the occasion.
- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel while addressing the function said that Saint Poet Pawan Diwan had a deep attachment with the soil of Chhattisgarh.

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In his poem, the soil of Chhattisgarh is repeatedly mentioned. His writings give a very beautiful and intuitive depiction of the present state of the society, which related to the feelings of people of every class and every society.

- Saint poet Pawan Dewan was born on January 1, 1945, in a prestigious Brahmin family in Kirwai village near Rajim (lively confluence of Mahanadi parry and Sodoor river) called Prayag in Chhattisgarh.
- After the Emergency in the year 1975, in 1977, he contested from Rajim Vidhansabha seat on Janata Party ticket and surprised everyone by defeating veteran Congress leader Shyamacharan Shukla (Congress Party). He was the jail minister in the Janata Party government in undivided Madhya Pradesh.
- After this, he joined the Congress and then remained in the Congress till the formation of a separate state Chhattisgarh. He was the chairman of the Cow Service Commission in the previous government.

Chief Minister Released a Booklet 'Jatra' Based on Specially Protected Tribes

Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel held a meeting on special protected tribes of Chhattisgarh in his office room located in the Vidhan Sabha. He released a booklet written by Satyajit Sahu and published under the title 'Jatra'.

Key points

- Dr. Satyajit Sahu said that in the booklet, the concentration of special backward tribes living in Chhattisgarh, their lifestyle, living and food habits have been mentioned.
- Along with this, information has also been given about the efforts made by his team to create health awareness among these tribes through the camp as well as to remove misconceptions about minor diseases.
- He said that his team is organizing camps in remote tribal areas to provide information about the health schemes being run by the state government, as well as providing free health check-ups and medicines.

Chief Minister inaugurated Gahoi Bhawan in Raipur

Why In News?

On March 5, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the newly constructed building built by Shri Gahoi Vaishya Samaj of Raipur at Tatibandh near AIIMS in the state capital Raipur.

Key points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel said that this building has been constructed by Shri Ghai Vaishya Samaj to plan for the stay of patients and their families during the treatment of patients in AIIMS.
- He said that with the construction of the newly constructed building, people of other societies will also get its benefit. This building will be very useful for patients coming from Chhattisgarh and other states outside Chhattisgarh. Many times, the treatment must be stopped for a long time, in such a situation, through this building, the problem of stay of patients and their families will be solved and will provide them a lot of relief.
- The Chief Minister said that this work of the society is a high-quality human service. Any society which does not own land is being given land for giving a fixed amount for social work. Collector guidelines have also been reduced by 30 percent.



Chhattisgarh Budget 2023-24

Why In News?

On March 6, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel presented a budget of the year 2023-24

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for the progress and prosperity of the state with the aim of 'Garhbo Nawa Chhattisgarh', in which a provision of Rs 1 lakh 21 thousand 500 crore was made. This budget will prove to be a strong step towards fulfilling the objectives contained in the 'Chhattisgarh Model' based on agriculture and rural economy.

Key points

➤ Economic 2023-24 Status of Budget:

- The state's gross domestic product of the current year 2022-23 is estimated at 8 percent compared to the year 2021-22 at a stable rate. This is higher than a 7 percent increase at the national level.
- In the year 2022-23, there is a 5.93 percent increase in agriculture, 7.83 percent increase in industrial sector and 9.21 percent increase in service sector. Agriculture, industry and service are more estimated than the state growth rate center in all three areas.
- The state's gross domestic product on the prevailing price increased from 4 lakh 06 thousand 416 crore in the year 2021-22 to 4 lakh 57 thousand 608 crore in the year 2022-23, which is 12.60 percent more than the previous year.
- In the year 2021-22, per personal income per year of Rs 1,33,898 per person in 2022-23, which is 10.93 percent more than the previous year.

➤ Highlights of the Budget:

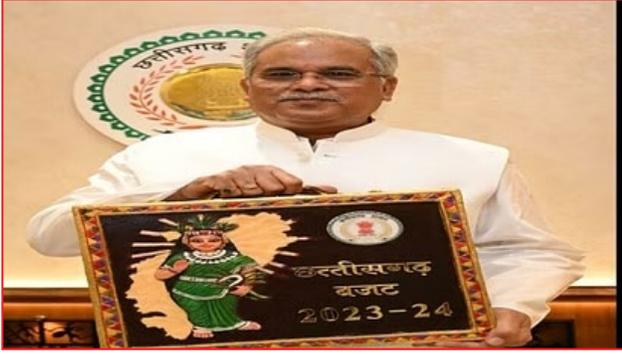
- A provision of Rs 6,800 crore for Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyaya Scheme to make the state of Chhattisgarh, famous as a 'bowl of paddy'. Rajiv Gandhi Rural Landless Agricultural Worker Justice Scheme expansion for rural areas as well as Nagar Panchayat area.
- A provision of Rs 250 crore for providing unemployment allowance at the rate of Rs 2500 per month under the new scheme to provide unemployment allowance to educated unemployed.
- The amount of monthly pension given under the Social Security Pension Scheme to the destitute, elderly, disabled and widow and abandoned women will be given Rs 500 per month.
- Provision of Rs 1000 crore for various urban infrastructure construction works in urban areas.
- A provision of Rs 50 crore for the establishment of an industrial park in the urban area on the lines

of the establishment of Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park.

- A provision of Rs 200 crore for the establishment of new medical colleges in Manendragarh, Geedam, Janjgir-Champa and Kabirdham districts.
- A new thermal powerhouse will be established in Korba West. Provision of Rs 25 crore for this in the budget.
- 101 Naveen Swami Atmanand provision of Rs 870 crore to open schools of English medium.
- Provision of Rs 38 crore for Chief Minister Kanya Vivah Yojana.
- Provision for introduction of Light Metro service from Nava Raipur Atal Nagar to Durg.
- Monthly honorarium of Anganwadi workers 6,500 per month to Rs increased from Rs 10,000 per month. Honorarium of Anganwadi helpers 3,250 to Rs increased from Rs 5,000 per month. Honorarium of mini Anganwadi workers 4,500 to Rs increased from Rs 7,500 per month.
- Honorarium at the rate of 2200 rupees per month from the state item to Mitani sisters from earlier incentives.
- Village Kotwars increased the amount of earlier honorarium based on service land to Rs 3,000 to Rs 3,000, Rs 3,375 to Rs 4,500, Rs 4,050 increased to Rs 5,500 and Rs 4,500 to Rs 6,000 per month. Village Patel's monthly honorarium increased from Rs 2,000 to Rs 3,000.
- Under the mid-day meal program, the amount of honorarium being given to the kitchens that make lunch in schools increased to Rs 1,500 to Rs 1,800 per month. The honorarium of sanitation workers working in schools also increased from Rs 2,500 to Rs 2,800 per month.
- The honorarium of home guard personnel increases a minimum of Rs 6,300 to a maximum of Rs 6,420 per month.
- 750 rupees to the chairman of the Steering Committee of Swavalambi Gothans and Rs 500 to non-government members.
- 50 lakhs for interest grant on housing loans up to Rs 25 lakh under Journal House Construction Loan Grant Scheme for cooperation in private housing construction to journalists.

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School Education Department Received Mbillionth Award

Why In News?

On March 6, 2023, at a program held in New Delhi, the School Education Department was awarded the Competence Award for teaching in the field of school education in Chhattisgarh through 'Niklar App'.

Key points

- It is worth mentioning that in South Asia, the Mbillionth Award honors the innovations being done in the direction of making life easier by using technology to the general public through mobile, which was started in 2010, this is the 12th series of the award.
- In Chhattisgarh, the School Education Department and NIC have also developed the Nickler app by doing long research to ease the assessment related work of teachers.
- This technology is used to ease the work of teachers. To use the app, one must first go to the Google Play Store and download the Nickler app.
- On the basis of U-Dice of the school, the students have to download the QR code cards from the portal and paste it in a booklet. In this way, a unique card has to be given for each student with his name. It should not be interchanged. It should remain with him throughout the session in the name of that child.
- If you want to ask questions after teaching a topic, you can ask the available questions related to that text in the Nickler app or you can give your own questions. There should be four options for the question to be asked. Children have to be taught how to hold the card based on the right choice.

- The presence of children can also be taken using the Nicker app. You can also ask questions by creating audio of various questions asked through this app. If there is any problem in the use of the app, technically expert teachers help them by making help videos from among the teachers, which has made it easier to implement it in the classroom.
- Samagra Shiksha is constantly providing necessary support for the use of this app. This year, budget has also been made available to all schools for internet. Teachers have also been trained to use the Niklar app.
- It is known that in the 'Sugghar Padhvaiya' Scheme launched by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on November 14, 2022, schools can also be assessed in a very short time through the Niklar app. Teachers are also being prepared for this.

Lord Buddha idol of Panduvanshi Era Found in Village Sondra

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on March 10, 2023, during the excavation work being done for the construction of a house in village Sondra, located on the Raipur-Bilaspur Road, other archaeological statues including the ancient Buddha statue of Panduvanshi period have been found.

Key points

- It is worth mentioning that during the excavation work done by Dilendra Banchor in village Sondra for the construction of a house in the individual housing complex, a statue of Buddha has been found from a depth of about 3 feet from the surface of the land.
- As soon as information was received in this regard, the team of Archaeological Department (Dr. P.C Parakh, Dr. Vrishottam Sahu and Dr. Rajeev Minj) conducted site inspection.
- Officials of the Department of Archaeology and Archives said that 16 km from Raipur to Bilaspur main road. Village Sondra is situated at 2 km west of Sankara. Kharun river is located about 3 km west from the above site. The place where the idol was found is situated on the highest part of the village and evidence of ancient mound is visible here.

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- Officials said that the width of this statue made of local sandstone is 74X height 87X thickness 40 cm.
- The marking of Urna (Tilak mark) on the forehead of this huge stone statue of Buddha gives it a unique look and, on this basis, it seems more likely to be a meditative Buddha. This bust statue of Buddha is incomplete, on which the marks of chisel are clearly visible.
- This is the upper part of the Buddha statue made in the three-tier construction technique. This technique was used for the construction of huge statues of sandstone, in which a statue was built in three stone blocks in levels according to the plan and installed vertically. Examples of Buddha statues made of this technique can be seen at Sirpur and Rajim in Chhattisgarh and Bodh Gaya in Bihar.
- Officials said that on-site inspection, information has also been received about the presence of other idols here, which are installed in the nearby temple and on the plinth next to the temple.
- Among the idols, Buddha in Bhumisparsh Mudra, Worshiper, Unknown Sthanak Statue, Buddha in Yogic Dhyani Mudra, Lalitasana Mudra Tara, Sthanak Bodhisattva as well as 4 Shivlings, 4 Fragmented Padar Silbatte, 1 Pranal Statue Peeth, some fragmented statues and architectural fragments were received. Are. The antiquities of the above site seem to be of Panduvanshi period (6th to 9th century AD).



Mathpuraina Urban Primary Health Center got National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate

Why In News?

According to the information given by Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on March 10, 2023, the Mathpuraina Urban Primary Health Center of Raipur, which provides excellent healthcare and better treatment to patients, was awarded the National Quality Assurance

Standard (NQAS) certificate by the Union Ministry of Health.

Key points

- The Union Health Ministry team had inspected this UPHC (Urban Primary Health Center) last December and tested the quality of services available to the patients. The team also took feedback from the patients in this regard. Mathpuraina Urban Primary Health Center got 93 percent marks in the evaluation of the Health Ministry team.
- During the inspection of Mathpuraina UPHC, the team of Union Health Ministry visited dressing room and emergency, immunization, communicable diseases, outreach, pharmacy, lab, general administration, non-communicable diseases, family planning, new-born and child health, maternity health and general clinic. Services were evaluated.
- It is worth mentioning that before providing the National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate, the services and satisfaction level of the hospital are tested on eight parameters by the team of experts.
- 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.

'Education in Angana' Program Received SKOCH Award for the Year 2022

Why In News?

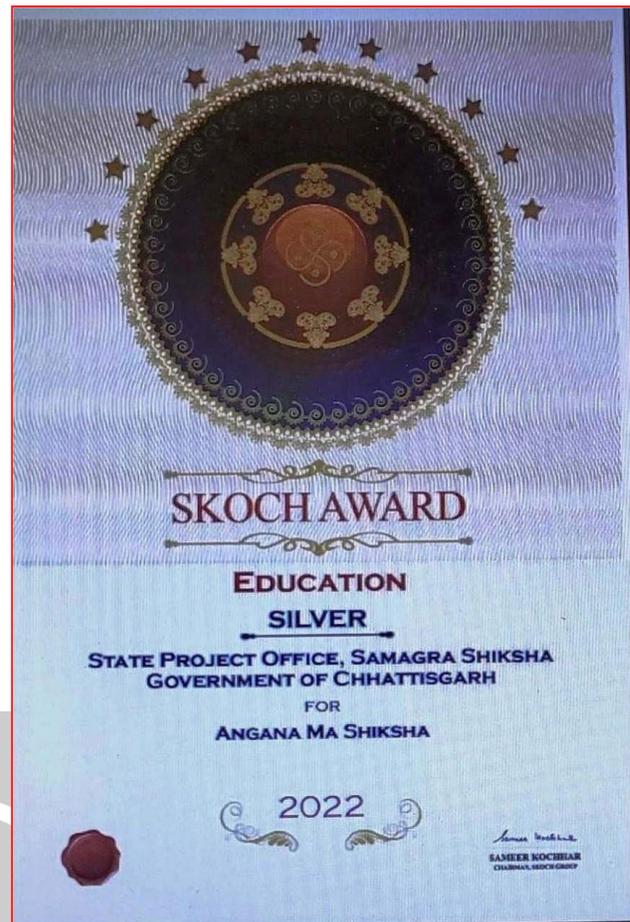
On March 13, 2023, Chhattisgarh School Education Department has once again 2022 for its outstanding work done in under the 'Angana Ma Shiksha' program run by Samagra the year 2022 received SCOTCH Award Shiksha in the state.

Key points

- This entire program of 'Angana Ma Shiksha' is being conducted by a group of women teachers from Chhattisgarh. This year will be the third year of the programme and every year some new designs are incorporated by women leadership.

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- The SCOTCH Award is the country's highest civilian honour given by an independent organisation, which recognizes people, projects and institutions who make extra efforts to make India a better nation.
- This award was instituted in the year 2003. This award is given for best efforts in the field of digital, financial and social inclusion.
- It is known that at the time of Corona, when the entire staff of the School Education Department was constantly trying to continue the education of the children and by encouraging the teachers for this work, efforts are being made to continue the education of the children in new ways. At the same time some women teachers of the state proposed their contribution in this state-wide program 'Padhai Tunhar Duar'. He trained the mothers and started the effort to teach the children while staying at home through them in the form of 'Angana Ma Shiksha'.
- Through the 'Angana Ma Shiksha' programme, it was successful in awakening the interest of the mothers towards the education of their children. Mothers and small children should be taught by organizing fairs in every village, by inviting mothers and children to the fair, using materials available at home like utensils, vegetables, fruits, clothes, etc. Work was done on this.
- In this program, mothers doing better work at the village level were selected and honored as smart mothers.
- Smart Mothers also used to help other mothers in this program and help in learning, as well as from time to time, they used to go to kindergartens and primary schools to help in the education of children and to get information about the learning work of their children from teachers. Through this program, mothers have been successful in developing a culture of teaching children at home.
- What the children learned was made to be made to ensure that the mothers gave it to their children's teachers by designing a support card instead of a report card. An attempt was made to show the status of the mothers in different competencies of the children using simple symbols in very easy ways.
- Arrangements were made by the groups of teachers to monitor the entire program through core groups at the cluster, development block, district and state level.



Chhattisgarh All Over Champion for the 11th Time in the All-India Forest Sports Competition

Why In News?

Chhattisgarh became the overall champion for the 11th time in the 26th All India Forest Sports Competition held in Panchkula, Haryana on March 14, 2023.

Key points

- In the 26th All India Forest Sports Competition, Chhattisgarh again retained its first position by winning a total of 164 medals, beating its nearest rival Karnataka.
- It is noteworthy that in this five-day long event, tennis, table tennis, badminton, swimming, carrom, chase, weightlifting, power lifting, kabaddi, along with indoor

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games like cricket, football, basketball, hockey, golf, there are various events in athletics.

- In this competition, the highest officers of the Forest Department participate in sports events from PCCF to guard.
- In the 26th All India Forest Sports Competition, the Forest Department team of Chhattisgarh won gold medal for the seventh time by defeating Jammu and Kashmir in cricket. Similarly, in football, Chhattisgarh got the first position by defeating the Haryana team. The basketball team of Chhattisgarh won the gold medal by defeating the Karnataka team.
- Chhattisgarh has won total 19 gold medals in weightlifting, powerlifting, 12 gold in tennis, 04 gold in badminton, 06 gold in swimming, 18 gold, 10 silver, 08 bronze medals in athletics. Similarly, 09 gold and 02 silver medals have been obtained in tennis.
- In this way, in this year's 26th All India Forest Sports Competition, Chhattisgarh won a total of 164 medals and scored a total of 542 points.



Chhattisgarh Becomes Self-Sufficient for NARCO Test, Approval for NARCO Test in AIIMS

Why In News?

On March 15, 2023, State Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu informed in the assembly that Chhattisgarh has now become self-sufficient for Narco test. Narco test has been approved in Raipur AIIMS.

Key points

- Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu told in the Vidhan Sabha that now for the Narco test used in major

crimes, there will be no numbering in the big states of the country for the narco test. The state government has completed the necessary formalities for the narco test and along with Raipur AIIMS, necessary machines have also been procured for it.

- Home Minister Tamradhwaj Sahu, while discussing the demands for grants in the Vidhansabha, informed that the Chhattisgarh Police is constantly using new techniques to curb criminals.
- To crack down on increasing cybercrimes, five cyber police stations are being established in the range of all the headquarters. Forensic Science Laboratory College will also be established in Durg to curb crimes.
- At present, the Dial 112 facility was available in 11 districts of the state, in which now 17 other districts have also been included. In this way, now the Dial 112 facility will be available in 28 districts.

The Chief Minister Paid Rs 7 Crore 4 Lakh to The Beneficiaries of Godhan Nyay Yojana

Why in News?

On 15 March 2023, the Chief Minister of the state Bhupesh Baghel made an online payment of Rs 7 crore 4 lakhs to cattle-rearing villagers, women groups, and Gauthan's Committees under the Godhan Nyay Yojana in a program organized in his office room located in the Vidhan Sabha.

Key points

- In the payment made by the Chief Minister from February 16 to February 28, 2.13 lakh quintals of cow dung were purchased from cattle rearers, villagers, farmers, and landless people for Rs 4 crore and 25 lakh, Rs 1.65 crore to Gauthans Committees, and Rs 1.14 crore to women's groups. includes a dividend amount.
- From February 16 to February 28, a total of 2.13 lakh quintal cow dung has been procured in Gauthans, in lieu of which, out of the amount of Rs 4.25 crore to be transferred to cow dung vendors, Rs 1.92 crore has been paid by the Agriculture Department and Rs 2.33 crore self-supporting Will be done by Gauthans.

Note:

- Self-supporting Gauthans have so far paid Rs 45.52 crore from their own funds for the purchase of cow dung.
- It is noteworthy that under 'Godhan Nyay Yojana', Rs 419 crore 25 lakhs have been paid so far to the beneficiaries in the state including the amount paid today.
- Rs 215 crore 50 lakhs has been paid in lieu of cow dung purchased from cow dung vendors. So far Rs 185 crore 77 lakhs have been paid to Gauthan committees and women self-help groups.
- Cow dung is being procured in the state of Chhattisgarh from July 20, 2020, at the rate of Rs. 2 per kg under the Godhan Nyay Yojana. In the state, until February 28, 2023, 107.75 lakh quintals of cow dung have been procured from Gauthans.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that a large number of Gauthans are becoming self-reliant. In order to encourage self-supporting Gauthans, it has been decided to provide honoraria to the chairman and members of the steering committee of Gauthans.
- He said that apart from making other products from cow dung, the work of generating electricity has also started. The power generation plant from cow dung at Domarpal in Bastar has been synchronized with the grid. The rate of electricity generated from this has been fixed at Rs 9 per unit.
- It is noteworthy that under the Godhan Nyay Yojana, the self-supporting Gauthans are not only participating in cow dung procurement but are also maintaining a steady lead. For the past several fortnights, the share of self-supporting Gauthans in the amount being paid for the purchase of cow dung has been 60 to 70 percent.
- At present, more than 50 percent of Gauthans have become self-reliant, and along with purchasing cow dung and cow urine from their own funds, they are completing other activities of Gauthans with their own funds.

The Chief Minister Inaugurated the State Government's Ambitious 'Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana'

Why in News?

On 21 March 2023, on the occasion of World Forestry Day, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel virtually launched

the state government's ambitious 'Mukhya Mantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana' in 42 places of all 33 districts of the state from his office room in the assembly premises. This scheme has been launched with the aim of increasing the income of farmers by promoting commercial plantation in rural areas.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the mobile-based FRA tool to make forest resource rights accessible to the people and launched the National Transit Pass System (NTPS) in Chhattisgarh to speed up the forest produce-based economy and facilitate the traders.
- Along with this, he transferred a total amount of Rs 22 crore online to the accounts of 1458 beneficiaries under Shaheed Mahendra Karma Social Security Scheme.
- The Chief Minister said that this scheme is a unique scheme in the country, in which private individuals, institutions or companies can earn maximum profit by planting trees of commercial species. It is not just a scheme of tree plantation but also shows our participation and commitment towards climate change in the country.
- 'Commercial tree plantation will be done in the fallow land of interested farmers of all classes under 'Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana'. Under the scheme, plantation will be done in 36 thousand 230 acres by 23 thousand 600 farmers of 33 districts. Farmers will get an annual income of 15 to 50 thousand rupees per acre from the scheme. Apart from this, farmers will also get additional income through carbon credits.
- Forest and Environment Minister Mohammad Akbar said that Chhattisgarh is a very rich state in terms of forest wealth. Through 'Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana', tree plantation will be done in 1 lakh 80 thousand acres in the next 5 years.
- Along with increasing the income of the beneficiaries, this scheme is also an important scheme from the point of view of environmental balance. In the scheme, a provision has been made to give 100 percent subsidy to the beneficiaries who do commercial tree plantation in 5 acres and 50 percent subsidy to the beneficiaries who plant trees on more than 5 acres of land.
- Farmers, interested landowners, government, semi-government and autonomous institutions of

Note:

the government, private educational institutions, private trusts, panchayats and land contract holders can take advantage of the 'Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana'

- 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.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel also inaugurated a mobile app during the program to track the process of issuing community forest resource rights.
- With the use of this mobile app, the entire process of obtaining Community Forest Resource Rights will be simplified.
- There is a 12-level process from applying for Community Forest Resource Rights to obtaining rights and information is filled in 18 forms.
- Monitoring of the process of obtaining rights can also be done through the mobile app.
- In the programme, the Chief Minister launched the National Transit Pass System (NTPS) prepared by the Forest Department for transportation of forest produce.
- Under this facility, applicants can apply for transit permits online and the Forest Department will issue online transit permits. New TP in the interstate border will not be required.
- Chhattisgarh has become the fourth state to implement the NTPS scheme after Madhya Pradesh, West Bengal and Jammu and Kashmir.
- In the programme, the Chief Minister launched the Sakri River Rejuvenation Program through tree plantation with the aim of conserving the Sakri river in Kawardha district and bringing the river flow to its full potential.
- Under this, riverbank plantation work in forest and revenue land, plantation in private land under Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana, water and soil conservation work under Campa head in forest areas under Narva Yojana and plantation and construction of structures under MNREGA will go in revenue area.
- With this integrated project, sufficient water will be available to farmers in Karwadha district for domestic use and irrigation for agriculture.



Chhattisgarh Media Personnel Security Bill-2023 Passed in Vidhan Sabha

Why in News?

On 22 March 2023, the Chhattisgarh Media Personnel Security Bill-2023 was presented and passed in the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly. Chhattisgarh is the second state in the country, where the Media Personnel Security Bill has been passed.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that on 17 March 2023, the draft of the Chhattisgarh Media Personnel Security Bill-2023 was approved in the meeting of the Council of Ministers in the Committee Room located in the Assembly premises under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.
- While discussing with media representatives, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that all the journalists, whether they are from electronic media, print media or portals, who work in offices and those who work in villages, such people have been brought under the purview of the Chhattisgarh Media Personnel Security Act, so that they can be protected.
- To register those who do not have a letter of preference, if the press says that they are with us and who have written three articles or their story has been published in it within six consecutive months, such people have been brought under the purview of the Chhattisgarh Media Personnel Protection Act.

Note:



- If any government employee misbehaves with them, an empowered committee has been formed for their complaint. This committee will be of the state level, which will have journalists, officers, a committee of six people will be formed, which will conduct hearings and will be able to give necessary instructions and a provision has also been made for punishment.
- If someone is not satisfied with the decision of the committee, a provision for appeal has also been kept. But if someone makes a wrong complaint, then the provision of punishment has also been kept for him.
- It is worth mentioning that a drafting committee was formed under the chairmanship of retired Supreme Court Justice Aftab Alam, whose members were retired Justice Anjana Prakash, senior Supreme Court advocate Rajuram Chandran, senior journalist Late Lalit Surjan, Prakash Dubey, Chief Minister's advisor Ruchir Garg, Advocate General, Principal Secretary of Law Department, Director General of Police were its members.
- This committee prepared its draft after holding several meetings in the state and Delhi after discussing with various organisations and after that this draft was handed over to the department, after long deliberations by the department, it was given the form of a bill.
- After taking permission from the governor, it was presented in the assembly and this bill was passed in the assembly. Such a bill which is an original bill, and which was presented for the first time in the assembly of Chhattisgarh, the opposition also had to give its opinion in it. However, this bill was passed unanimously.

Chhattisgarh Appropriation Bill-2023 Passed in Vidhan Sabha

Why in News?

On 23 March 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel informed that the Appropriation Bill-2023 has been passed in the Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly.

Key Points

- The GSDP of Chhattisgarh was Rs 03 lakh 27 thousand 106 crore in the year 2018, which is estimated to increase to Rs 05 lakh 09 thousand 43 crore in

2023. The size of the economy has increased by 56 percent due to the policies of the state government, despite slowing down of economic activities due to the Covid-19 disaster for 02 consecutive years from March 2020.

- The growth in GSDP of the state is estimated at 8 percent in the year 2022-23, which is more than the estimated growth rate of All India GDP at 7 percent and the estimated growth rate of the state in agriculture sector, industrial sector and service sector in the year 2022-23 at constant price is higher than the national level.
- The state's growth rate in the agriculture sector was 5.93 percent, while the national growth rate was 3.50 percent; in the industrial sector, the state's growth rate was 7.83 percent, while the national growth rate was 4.10 percent. Similarly, the state's growth rate in the service sector was 9.21 percent and the national growth rate was 9.10 percent.
- The revenue of the state's own taxes is estimated to increase from Rs 21 thousand 427 crore in the year 2018-19 to Rs 38 thousand crore in the year 2023-24 (77 percent increase).
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, while making a big announcement in the Vidhansabha in the interest of farmers, also announced to purchase 20 quintals of paddy per acre at the support price.
- The Chief Minister informed that from 1 April, a survey will be conducted of the homeless, beneficiaries of Ujjwala Gas Yojana and toilets. All the eligible beneficiaries in the housing scheme will be given houses in a systematic manner.
- Capital expenditure in the year 2018-19 is Rs. 08 thousand 903 crore as compared to Rs. 18 thousand 660 crore estimated for the year 2023-24 (an increase of more than 2 times).
- The state government has not taken any loan from the market this year. In the last year 2021-22 also, the state had taken a net loan of 865 crores only. In the year 2022-23, by January 2023, the debt burden of Chhattisgarh is 17.9 percent of GSDP, which is much less than the limit of 25 percent set by the 15th Finance Commission.
- For the year 2023-24, 6.5 percent of revenue receipts by Chhattisgarh on interest payment of loans which is much less than the limit of 10 percent set by the 15th Finance Commission.

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Chief Minister Inaugurated the State's First Full Height Four Lane Railway Underbridge

Why in News?

On 24 March 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the state's first full height four-lane railway under a bridge built on the level crossing located on the Raipur-Vizianagaram branch railway route from Raipur to Bilaspur.

Key Points

- Inaugurated on Raipur-Bilaspur highway, it is the first full height four lane railway underbridge of the state, which has been prepared by the Chhattisgarh Public Works Department at a cost of Rs 28.11 crore.
- With the construction of this full height four lane railway under the bridge, the population of about 5 lakhs of Raipur urban area will get the benefit of smooth traffic.
- Raipur to Bilaspur route Raipur-Vizianagaram branch railway level crossing on Raipur-Vizianagaram branch railway gate was repeatedly closed due to passing of train and traffic was blocked. Keeping in mind the public aspiration, the approval of this important project of the state government was given in the year 2017. The total length of this bridge is 336.96 metres.



Sports Academy Bilaspur girl won gold medal

Why in News?

On 26 March 2023, officials of the Sports and Youth Welfare Department said that Tuleshwar Khusro of Sports Academy Bilaspur has won the gold medal in the Dus Ka Dum archery competition organized by the Sports Authority of India and State Archery Association for women in district Raipur.

Key Points:

- The officials of the department said that in the Dus Ka Dum archery competition, the player of the archery training sub-centre operated in Shivtarai village of Bilaspur, Ms. Tuleshwari Khusro won the gold medal by scoring 656 points in the Indian round and Ms. Divya Yadav secured the third position by scoring 647 marks.
- It is known that the Sports and Youth Welfare Department is constantly promoting sports in the state, for which sports academies are being started in the state, where players are being given quality training with the highest level of facilities.
- By the Sports Authority of India, B. R. Yadav State Sports Training Center has been approved as Khelo India State Center of Excellence, under which Hockey Academy started from June 2022 and Archery and Athletic Academy from November 2022.
- In these academies, training is being made available to the players through nationally renowned coaches along with free residential arrangements, due to which in less than a year the players have earned medals at the national level and have also qualified for international level competition.
- In these, Amit Kumar won the 33rd West Zone Athletic Championship, Raipur, Gold in the Walk Race of 10 km, Ankit Ahlawat won gold medal in National Inter District Athletic Meet, Andhra Pradesh, Bronze medal in Discus Throw, Arjun Kovachi won 3rd Eklavya Residential School National Sports Meet, Andhra Pradesh, Gold Medal in Race of 1500 m Gitesh Yadav Won Silver Medal in 4th Khelo India East Zone Archery Championship, Kolkata, Indian Round and Amit Kumar Qualifies for Asian Championship with Bronze Medal in Walk Race at National Athletic Championship, Bangalore, and Aditya Kumar selected for Junior India camp.

Note:



- Archery training sub-centre has been sanctioned by the state government in village Shivtarai, district Bilaspur, which has also been marked as Khelo India mini-centre. With the opening of the training sub-centre, free training is being provided to the players by providing them with diet money as well as Indian and recurve bows.
- Within 1 year of starting the academy, the players here have earned medals at the national level. Among these, Kuber Singh Jagat won gold medal in the 4th Khelo India East Zone Archery Championship, Kolkata, Indian Round and Vikas Kumar, Ajay Kumar and Kuber Singh Jagat won Silver Medal in 42nd NTPC Junior National Archery Championship Goa, Indian Round.

Nagari Dubraj got GI Tag

Why in News?

On 26 March 2023, Union Minister of Commerce and Industry, Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and Textiles, Piyush Goyal tweeted that the 'Nagri Dubraj' variety of **Nagari paddy of Dhamtari development block of Chhattisgarh has got GI tag.**

Key Points

- Union Minister Piyush Goyal said that **Sundarja mango found in Rewa of Madhya Pradesh and Gajak made in Morena have also got GI tag.**
- It is noteworthy that '**Nagri Dubraj**' is the **second crop of the Chhattisgarh**, which has got the Geographical Indication Registry Tag, i.e. GI Tag. Prior to this, the state has got GI tag for **Jeera Phool paddy** variety.
- It is known that in the meeting of Geographical Indication Committee held in Gwalior on 29 November 2021, approval was given for giving GI tag to 'Nagri Dubraj' variety of Dhamtari, Chhattisgarh.
- In the committee formed by Chennai, a team of 10 experts from India examined, tested and accepted the proof of the origin of the city Dubraj.
- It is known that in October 2021, Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur had sent the proposal of Nagri Dubraj for GI tag.
- Nagari Dubraj is also called Basmati in Chhattisgarh, as this rice is used as a flavored rice in traditional feasts of Chhattisgarh.
- The origin of the city Dubraj is believed to be from Shringi Rishi Ashram area of Sihawa. It is also described

in Valmiki Ramayana. In various research papers also, the source of Dubraj has been told to the city Sihawa.

- The rice that comes out of the city of Dubraj is very fragrant. It is a completely native variety and its grains are small. Its rice is very soft to eat after cooking. Up to six quintals of yield is available in one acre. The height of paddy is low and the duration of ripening is 125 days.
- According to the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), a Geographical Indication tag is a type of label, in which a special geographical identity is given to a particular crop, natural or artificial product. This is considered to be the right of intellectual property.
- It is notable that the Indian Parliament had implemented 'Geographical Indications of Goods' in 1999 under the Registration and Protection Act. On this basis, the legal right of a specific item found in any region of India is given to that state, person or organization etc.

Gondwana National Livelihood, Art and Cultural Festival 2023

Why in News?

On 27 March 2023, Chhattisgarh's Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey inaugurated the four-day '**Gondwana National Livelihood, Art and Cultural Festival 2023**' at BTI Ground, Shankar Nagar Raipur. This event is being organized by the Chhattisgarh Regional Office of NABARD till March 30.

Key Points

- NABARD has sponsored 120 stalls in the exhibition in which 250 participants including NABARD supported self-help groups, FPOs, artisans from non-agriculture sector have participated.
- 125 participants from various districts of Chhattisgarh, as well as 125 participants from other 15 states of the country namely Maharashtra, Jammu & Kashmir, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Telangana, West Bengal, Jharkhand, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, Andhra Pradesh and Haryana participated in the exhibition and take advantage of it. Apart from this, 125 farmers and artisans from 5 districts of the state have also been invited on exposure visits.

Note:

- On this occasion, Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey said that such events will play an important role in promoting tribal and cultural tradition. The organization of this fair will encourage rural cottage industries and handicrafts and provide better employment opportunities.
- Apex Bank Chairman Bajinath Chandrakar said that in this national fair of NABARD, stalls have been set up for the exhibition and sale of items manufactured by rural artisans, weavers, self-help groups and farmers from Chhattisgarh as well as other states. NABARD also organizes training programs from time to time to encourage such craftsmen and artisans.
- NABARD Chief General Manager Dr. Gyanendra Mani explained the importance of 'Gondwana National Livelihood, Art and Cultural Festival 2023' and said that NABARD is playing an important role in making rural India self-reliant. Its objective is to provide a platform for display and sale of various products manufactured by NABARD supported Self Help Groups, Artisans, Producer Organizations, Handlooms, Handicrafts Men working in rural areas.

New Rates of Minimum Wages Fixed for Workers

Why in News?

According to the information provided by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on March 28, 2023, the minimum wage rates from April 1, 2023, to September 30, 2023, for workers employed in various scheduled employments based on the consumer price index issued by the Labor Bureau, Shimla, by the Labor Commissioner, Chhattisgarh, have been determined.

Key points

- These rates have per month for 45 scheduled, general employment been increased by Rs 20 per day and Rs 260. An increase of Rs 225 per month has been made for the workers working in agricultural employment.
- Similarly, for workers employed in the Agarbatti industry, the price of Agarbatti has been increased by Rs 5.85 per 1,000.
- With the implementation of the fixed rates of minimum wages, now the minimum wage has been fixed at Rs.10 thousand 480 for unskilled laborers Zone 'A',

Rs.10 thousand 200 for Zone 'B' and Rs.9 thousand 960 for Zone 'C'.

- Similarly, the semi-skilled laborers will be paid a minimum of Rs 11 thousand 130 for Zone 'A', Rs 10 thousand 870 for Zone 'B' and Rs 10 thousand 610 for 'C'.
- Skilled workers will be paid a minimum wage of Rs 11 thousand 910 for Zone 'A', Rs 11 thousand 650 for Zone 'B' and Rs 11 thousand 390 for Zone 'C'.
- Highly skilled workers will get a minimum wage of Rs 12 thousand 990 for Zone 'A', Rs 12 thousand 430 for 'B' and Rs 12 thousand 170 for Zone 'C'.
- The minimum wage fixed for agricultural laborers will be given to unskilled agricultural laborers at Rs.8,400 per month. Similarly, Rs 32.81 for making one thousand incense sticks in incense rollers and Rs. 33.51 for making scented incense sticks will be paid to the workers for making incense sticks.

Justice Ramesh Sinha

Why in News?

On 29 March 2023, Chhattisgarh Governor Vishwabhusan Harichandan administered the oath of office of **Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court to Justice Ramesh Sinha** at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that Justice Ramesh Sinha is **the 15th Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh**. Prior to this, Ramesh Sinha was working as a judge in the Allahabad High Court.
- It is known that Justice Ramesh Sinha replaced the outgoing Chief Justice of Chhattisgarh High Court, **Justice Arup Kumar Goswami**, who retired on 10th March.
- On 10th March, Justice Gautam Bhaduri was appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of the Chhattisgarh High Court following the retirement of Justice Arup Kumar Goswami.
- Ramesh Sinha, who took oath as the new Chief Justice of Bilaspur High Court, did his LLB from Allahabad University in the year 1990. In 2011, he was appointed as Additional Judge in the Allahabad High Court.
- It is noteworthy that in **Article-222 of the Constitution of India**, a provision has been made regarding the **transfer of High Court judges**.

Note:

- However, currently the appointment and transfer of High Court judges is being done under the collegium system whose present form has evolved from the decision of the Supreme Court in 'Third Judges Case 1998'.



One More Millet Cafe Started Operating in the State.

Why in News?

On 27 March 2023, State Women and Child Development and Social Welfare Minister Anila Bhendia inaugurated Millet Cafe at the Balod district headquarters of Chhattisgarh with the aim of promoting women self-employment, entrepreneurship and nutrition in the state.

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that on the initiative of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, the operation of Millet Cafe has been started in the state with the aim of promoting the consumption of millets. These millet cafes are being given to women groups.
- It is known that the state of Chhattisgarh is the **first such state in the country which is procuring millets at the support price.**
- It is worth mentioning that in May 2022, the first **Millets Cafe of the state was started in Raigad district with the cooperation of the district administration.** It is being operated by a **women's group.** Within just a few months of its opening the monthly income here has crossed Rs 3 lakh.
- After Raigad, Millets Cafe was started in Korba district. In this series, the first millet cafe of the district has now been started in Balod.
- In this cafe, people will be able to relish the nutritious dishes of millets. In this cafe, various dishes made from Kodo, Kutki, Ragi and other small grain crops – Idli, Dosa, Poha, Upma, Bhajiya, Kheer, Halwa, Cookies etc. will be available to the general public.



Chhattisgarh is among the Leading States in the Maintenance & Renovation of Roads Constructed under PMGSY

Why in News?

Giving information on 30 March 2023, Chhattisgarh's Panchayat and Rural Development Minister Ravindra Choubey said that Chhattisgarh is the leading state in the country in the maintenance and renovation of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana. A total of 8193 roads whose length is 40,234 km have been completed since the inception of the scheme in the state.

Key Points:

- The Panchayat and Rural Development Minister said that this achievement has been achieved due to the regular provision of the budget by the state government for the renovation of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana on the initiative of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel.
- Minister Ravindra Choubey said that in the financial year 2022-23, the maximum budget of Rs 700 crore was received from the state government for the maintenance of roads constructed under this scheme. The target set in the financial year is 6000 km, so far 5436 km of renovation work has been completed against the target of renewal of roads.

Note:

- Remarkable progress has also been made in the maintenance and renovation work of roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana in the highly sensitive Naxal-affected Bastar division of the state. 75 roads whose length is 231 km were maintained at a cost of Rs 37 crore in the most sensitive Naxalite-affected area of the division.
- Similarly, 146 roads of the tribal-dominated Surguja division whose length is 560 km were maintained at a cost of Rs 90 crore. Under Narayanpur district where no renovation work was done earlier, renovation work of 4 roads whose length is 10.50 km. is done for the first time after the construction of the road is being done.
- The Panchayat and Rural Development Minister also informed that an amount of Rs 779 crore is proposed for the maintenance of 782 roads whose length is 2915 km for renovation work in the financial year 2023-24.
- He said that Chhattisgarh is at the leading position in the country in the renovation work as a result of the regular budget being made available by the state government for the renovation work in the roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana.
- The Panchayat Minister said that the responsibility for maintenance and upkeep of the roads constructed under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana rests with the State Government. No amount is given by the Government of India for this. The Government of India has also been requested to give a central share in this regard.
- A total of 8193 roads whose length is 40,234 km have been completed since the inception of the scheme in

the state. 10,590 eligible habitations have benefited. The roads built by the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana are the only all-weather means of transportation for the rural population. The roads of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana are like lifelines for the villagers.

- The Panchayat Minister said that after the completion of the work, the responsibility of regular maintenance work for 05 years is of the contracting contractor. Out of the total constructed roads, 3664 roads whose length is 17,577 km. are under regular maintenance for five years, the rest of the roads are in a state of renewal after the completion of five years of construction. So far, renovation work has been completed for a total of 5609 roads whose length is 22,700 km.



Note:

