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Rare ' Mouse Deer ' Seen in Kanger Ghati National Park

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on May 30, 2023, the picture of the now rare species 'mouse deer' has been captured in the camera trap in the famous Kanger Valley National Park located in Bastar.

key points

- Recently, along with the return of the endangered wild wolves in the Kanger Valley National Park, the sweet voice of Chhattisgarh's state bird 'Hill Myna' has also started echoing in the villages adjacent to it.
- This shows the positive result of the work being done for the safe habitat of wildlife by the initiative of the Forest Department. The habitat of rare species has been protected by Kanger Valley National Park Management by continuously working towards the conservation of wildlife.
- Director of Kanger Valley National Park Dhammasheel Ganveer said that employment has been provided to the local youth as patrolling guards by the National Park Management, due to which wildlife habitat is being conserved by continuous patrolling and monitoring. Along with this, an increase in the number of wild animals is being seen due to the participation of the villagers adjacent to the national park.
- It is noteworthy that out of 12 species of deer found in India, mouse deer is one of the smallest deer group species in the world.
- The habitat of Indian mouse deer is especially in dense bushes and moist forests. Mouse deer show a mixture of mouse-pig and deer appearance and size and are the only group of deer without antlers.
- Due to the shy behavior and nocturnal activity of mouse deer, special research has not been done about them. The presence of mouse deer has been recorded mainly in the tropical moist deciduous forests of South Asia and Southeast Asia.
- The Indian mouse deer population is probably



facing a serious threat from wildfires, increasing encroachment and hunting pressure. At present efforts are needed to save these species.

- Due to suitable habitat for such wildlife in Kanger Ghati National Park and the continuous awareness campaign for the protection of wildlife by the National Park Management and the participation of the local people, seeing the return of rare species like 'mouse deer', the state government The objective of wildlife conservation is being realized. This will attract tourists and the number of tourists in the national park will increase further.

Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park (RIPA) established in Gram Panchayat Chandkhuri

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 29 May 2023, a milk processing unit has been set up at a cost of 2 crores under Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park (RIPA) in Gram Panchayat Chandkhuri of Durg development block of the state.

Key Points:

- An administrative area has been constructed inside Ripa, in which a kiosk for a banking facility, WiFi connection for an internet facility, helpdesk has been constructed for information about state government schemes and a statue of Mahatma Gandhi has been installed in the middle of Ripa campus.
- Packaged milk, curd and condensed milk are produced by the youth at Ripa Centre. For its production, necessary machines have been made available by the administration at the RIPA site. Along with this, according to the demand of the sector, new products will also be given a place in the milk processing unit soon.
- A total of 41 people from the surrounding area will be provided employment opportunities from this unit. For the successful operation of the enterprise, the district administration is ensuring sales in the local markets by entering into contracts with private companies.

Note:



- Apart from this, the finished products will also be supplied to the government departments, so that by ensuring the consumption of the product, the working labourers are guaranteed employment and their future can be made better and prosperous from an economic point of view.



Three players from Bijapur will Represent Indian Team in International Softball Asia Cup

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 28 May 2023, four players from Chhattisgarh have been selected in the Indian team for the Under-18 Asia Cup softball match to be held in Japan, including three players from Bijapur.

Key Points:

- Rakesh Kadi, Sushil Kudiya and Trilesh Udde are the three players from Chhattisgarh's Bijapur who have been selected in the Indian team for the Under-18 Asia Cup softball match.
- Rakesh Kadi is originally from Awapalli, a remote area of Bijapur, while Sushil Kudiya Pindumpal is from the hinterland of Bhairamgarh. Trilesh Udde is a resident of Mangapeta Kutru.
- It may be noted that the Under-18 International Soft Ball Asia Cup will be held from June 23 to 26, 2023 in Kochi city of Japan.
- Softball player Rakesh Kadi's father was killed by Naxalites when he was a child and his mother also passed away. At the age of 4, he was handed over to the Children's Home (Tomorrow Foundation) operated by CRPF jawans in Bijapur, where he nurtured his talent in studies as well as in sports. Rakesh Kadi, performing well in softball at Bijapur Sports Academy, has played

8 national games so far, in which he has won 5 different medals. Rakesh is studying in class 9th in government school Bijapur, and he wants to become a softball coach.



- Sushil Kudiya has also played 5 national games, which is from the hinterland of Bhairamgarh. Trilesh is a senior softball player and is posted as a forest guard in Compassion after his father's death. Trilesh goes to the interiors of Bijapur where he informs the children about Bijapur Sports Academy and at the same time motivates them to move forward in sports.

An MOU was signed between the Sports Directorate & SAI for Chhattisgarh's Khelo India Center

Why in News?

On 25 May 2023, an MOU was signed between the Sports Directorate & SAI for 24 Khelo India Centers in Chhattisgarh. Sports Director Shweta Srivastava Sinha and Regional Director of Sports Authority of India Vishnu Sudhakar signed the MoU.

Key Points:

- It is known that on the proposal of the Directorate of Sports and Youth Welfare, the Sports Authority of India has approved 24 Khelo India Centers in Chhattisgarh in 3 phases for various sports in 24 districts.
- In the first phase, approval was given for Malkhamb in Narayanpur, archery in Bijapur & Shivtarai Bilaspur, volleyball in Gariaband, football in Surguja, hockey centers in Jashpur and Rajnandgaon. An amount of Rs 7 lakh was released for each center.
- In the second phase, seven districts have been approved for Weightlifting in Balod, Football in Baloda Bazar, Kabaddi in Patan Durg, Weightlifting in Raipur, Badminton in Raigarh, Football in Sukma and Kho-Kho in Kanker.

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- Similarly, in the third phase, 10 districts including Hockey in Bastar, Wrestling in Dhamtari, Hockey in Janjgir-Champa, Football in Korba and Balrampur, Kabaddi in Bemetara, Archery in Dantewada, Archery in Mahasamund, Khelo India centers for football have been approved in Mungeli and Surajpur.
- Out of the remaining 9 districts, the proposal for 4 districts-Sarangarh Bilaigarh, Kondagaon, Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi & Sakti has been sent to SAI by the Directorate of Sports and the proposal of the remaining 5 districts will be sent soon by the Directorate of Sports.
- It is worth mentioning that financial assistance is given by the Sports Authority of India for the Khelo India Center. High level training is provided to the players here.



5 lakh people will take pledge in Chhattisgarh on 1 June for Environmental Protection

Why in News?

According to the information given by Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 25 May 2023, five lakh people in the state will take pledge for environment protection on 1 June.

Key Points:

- It may be noted that the LifeStyle for Environment program is being run in the state under the Mission Life programme. Under this program, in the series of programs being organized by the Chhattisgarh Environment Protection Board on the occasion of World Environment Day, a program of pledge for environment protection has been kept on 1 June.

- Under the Life Pledge, it has been decided to pledge 5 lakh people simultaneously in the entire state, so that public awareness can be brought about environmental protection on a large scale.
- In a single day, five lakh people will show their commitment in the field of environmental protection by taking pledge. Taking pledge in Hindi or English, in group or individually, its video and photo can be sent on WhatsApp number +91-7415781776, +91-9109028361, +91-7415796619 on 1 June from 8 am to 4 pm.
- If 5 lakh people take pledge together in the entire state and the number of people taking pledge in Raipur district crosses 1.5 lakh, then it will be a world record.
- The Chhattisgarh Environment Protection Board has urged all the people of the state to become a participant in this grand campaign by taking pledge for environmental protection on 1 June 2023.
- The pledge is as follows- "I pledge to make all possible changes in my daily life to protect the environment. I also commit to continuously motivate my family, friends & others about the importance of environmentally friendly habits."



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MoU between Chhattisgarh Health & Medical Department and Australia's George Institute for Global Health

Why in News?

On 24 May 2023, an MoU was signed between the Chhattisgarh Health Department and Australia's George Institute for Global Health for a five-year research on malnutrition & non-communicable diseases in Chhattisgarh.

Key Points:

- Bhim Singh, Director of Health Services in Chhattisgarh and Prof. Anushka Patel, Chief Executive Officer of George Institute, signed the non-financial agreement.
- Under the MoU, George Institute will prepare a technical model by researching malnutrition and non-communicable diseases in the state. This model will be an evidence-based model after complete field research, which will help in treatment of the diseases caused by these serious problems.
- It is known that Chhattisgarh's Health Department team under the leadership of Health & Medical Education Minister T.S. Singhdev has gone on Australia tour to study and observe the latest technologies & advanced educational institutions in the field of health. In this sequence, the Health Department team signed an MoU with the George Institute for Global Health in Sydney.
- The George Institute for Global Health is headquartered in Australia and has regional offices in the United Kingdom, China & India. The institute conducts research on various diseases including non-communicable diseases, malnutrition, kidney disease & injury and trauma.



- The George Institute for Global Health is known for its large-scale medical science studies and is one of the leading research universities in the world.

Bastar's Daughters Created History in the 6th National Mixed Martial Arts Competition

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 24 May 2023, in the 6th National Mix Martial Arts Competition held in Lucknow (Uttar Pradesh) from 17 to 21 May, the players of Bastar District and Bastar Martial Arts Academy created history by getting 5 gold and 1 bronze medal.

Key Points:

- In this competition, international player Palak Nag of Bastar district again won the gold medal in senior welterweight.
- Mahi Dongre won gold medal in Youth C 57 kg. category, Yejin Shreya Suna won gold medal in Youth C 44 kg category, Tanupriya Dutta won gold medal in Youth B 44 kg category, Shriya Sharma won gold medal in bottom weight in semi contact and Mahi Meshram won a bronze medal in the Youth A 52 kg category.
- It is worth mentioning that Palak Nag, a resident of Jagdalpur city of Bastar district of Chhattisgarh, won the silver medal for India in the 2022 Mixed Martial Arts International Championship held in Abu Dhabi.



Note:

- All medal winners practice at Bastar Martial Arts Academy. The players who have won gold medals will represent the country in the upcoming international competition.
- It is known that this is the second year in which Bastar's Daughters have shown their mettle in the mixed martial arts competition.

Residential Hockey Academy Bilaspur's Player Geeta Yadav Selected in 'Khelo India Annual Scholarship'

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 23 May 2023, hockey player Kumari Geeta Yadav of the Residential Sports Academy run by the Sports & Youth Welfare Department at B.R. Yadav State Sports Training Center, Bahtarai Bilaspur has been selected for the Sports Authority of India's "Khelo India Annual Scholarship".

Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that the assessment camp was organized by Khelo India, New Delhi from 16 to 20 May 2023.
- Kumari Geeta Yadav, who was a member of the national team from Chhattisgarh, performed brilliantly in the West Zone Junior Hockey Competition held at Rajnandgaon. On the basis of performance, hockey trainee player Kumari Geeta Yadav was selected for Khelo India scholarship. Kumari Geeta Yadav will be given 6 lakh 20 thousand rupees every year under scholarship.
- Residential academies of hockey, archery and athletics are operated in Bahtarai Bilaspur. Based on the availability of modern training and better facilities, it has been recognized by the Sports Authority of India as a Center of Excellence.



- 95 players are trained in this academy, which includes 57 players in hockey, 12 in archery and 26 in athletics.

Tribal Vachikotsav 2023

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 22 May 2023, a three-day 'Tribal Vachikotsav 2023' will be organized by the Primitive Caste Research and Training Institute (TRTI), Raipur from 25 to 27 May 2023 with the aim of preserving, promoting and documenting the oral tradition related to tribal life.

Key points:

- It is noteworthy that this event is organized by TRTI in collaboration with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India and the State Government. It will be in the newly constructed building of the institute.
- In the event, tribal readers from different regions of the state will give their performances under various genres of tribal oral tradition.
- After organizing 'Tribal Vachikotsav 2023', the institute will also publish a book with a view to preserving and documenting the tribal oral tradition.
- About 240 tribal readers are expected to participate in the 'Tribal Vachikotsav 2023'. Prominent among them will be tribal litterateurs Ashwani Kumar Pankaj (Ranchi, Jharkhand) and Pankaj Chaturvedi (National Book Trust, New Delhi).
- The following 09 genres will be recited in the tribal oral festival:
 - Oral knowledge about tribal deities and Madai Mela,
 - Folk stories prevalent among the tribes,
 - Proverbs and legends prevalent among the tribes,
 - Tribal folk songs, their meaning and meaning,
 - Verbal knowledge related to tribal festivals,
 - Oral tradition of tribal life rites (birth, marriage, death etc.),
 - Perception and oral knowledge of origin of tribal community,
 - Oral knowledge of the concept of gotra occupation and gotra symbols in the tribal community,
 - Specific traditions prevalent among the tribes (Godna, Lal Bangla, Ghotul, Dhankul, Jagar, Jatra, Dhumkuria etc.) customs and traditional knowledge and beliefs.

Note:



- The programme is divided into 8 sessions per day. At the end of the programme, all the tribal readers will be honoured with mementos and certificates.



Union Coal Secretary Inaugurates SECL's 'Chhal' Rail Siding

Why in News?

On 20 May 2023, Union Coal Ministry Secretary Amrit Lal Meena during his two-day visit to Chhattisgarh inaugurated the 'Chhal' rail siding at SECL, Raigarh region and took stock of the progress of two rail corridors being developed on special purpose vehicle (SPV) model in the state.

Key points

- Coal Secretary Amrit Lal Meena reviewed the rail projects of Chhattisgarh East Railway Limited (CERL) and Chhattisgarh East Western Railway Limited (CEWRL) with officials of Southeast Central Railway (SECR) at SECL headquarters in Bilaspur.
- On the second day of his visit to Chhattisgarh, the Coal Secretary inaugurated the bark siding and flagged off the rail rakes. He also inspected the railway line being constructed from Gevra Road to Pendra Road under Chhattisgarh East West Railway Limited (CEWRL) project at Korba Coalfields of SECL.

- The bark siding has been constructed under Chhattisgarh East Railway Limited's (CERL) Phase One project and will connect the bark mine of Raigarh region directly by rail & coal will be dispatched directly by rail from here.
- The Chhattisgarh East Railway Limited (CERL) Phase 1 project, being built at a cost of over Rs 3,000 crore, aims to connect the Mand-Raigarh coalfields by rail.
- Under this 24 km long project, 74 km long mail line from Kharsia to Dharam Jaigarh has been commissioned. It also includes spur lines from Gharghoda to Pelma and feeder lines from Chhaal, Baroda and Durgapur.
- Mand-Raigarh coalfields are second only to Korba coalfields in terms of coal reserves and as coal production increases, these rail projects will play an important role in sending more and more coal in the coming time.
- This project will play an important role in the transportation of coal from SECL's mega projects operating in Korba coalfield. The project is 191 km long which includes 135.3 km of main line.
- The projects include Gevra Road, Surkachar, Deepka, Katghora Road, Bijhara, Putua, Mateen, Sendurgarh, Puteipakhana, Bhadi, Dhangawan and Pendra Road stations. Passenger amenities will also be developed along the railway line in the entire corridor at these stations.
- The total cost of the CEWRL project is about Rs 4970 crore and land acquisition & forest clearance for its main line has been completed. The project is likely to be completed by December next year.
- SECL's Geva mega project has recently become the first mine in the country to achieve 50 million tonnes of coal production. It is currently being expanded to achieve 70 million tonnes of production which will make it the largest coal producing mine in Asia.

The Chief Minister launched the 'Hamar Sugghar Laika Abhiyan'

Why in News?

On 21 May 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the 'Hamar Sugghar Laika Abhiyan' at the 'Bharose Ka Sammelan' program organized at Sankra in Durg district.

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Key Points:

- It was told by the concerned officials of the district that the aim of 'Hamar Sugghar Laika Abhiyan' is to bring 18 hundred malnourished children identified on the basis of the survey list of the district into the category of well-nourished children soon.
- This is the first program in the state to be launched at the district level. The speciality of this campaign is to manage the growth of children on the basis of appetite tests.
- In this, ANM and Mitanin will go door-to-door to test the appetite of children falling in the category of malnutrition. Apart from this, a camp will be organized for the screening of children. After this, the families of children falling in the category of malnutrition will be made aware like a nutritionist and they will also be given training.
- Under this campaign, training and guidance will be given to the family until the condition of the child improves by establishing harmony with the concerned family.

Food Processing Mission: Rs 1398 Crore Invested in 737 units in Four and a Half Years

Why In News?

According to the information provided by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on May 18, 2023, under the 'Chhattisgarh State Food Processing Mission' implemented in the state, 737 new units were established in the state in the last four and a half years, with a capital investment of Rs 1397 crore 24 lakh and 6 Thousand 896 people have got employment.

Key Points

- Under the mission, a technical upgradation, establishment and modernization program of food processing units is being conducted, in which grant up to 25 percent (maximum Rs. 50 lakh) of the cost of plant and machinery and technical civil works is being given.
- Similarly, for new cold chain in horticulture and non-horticulture sectors, 35 percent (maximum Rs. 5 crore) of the cost of the project under the Value Addition and Conservation Infrastructure Development Program and up to Rs. 2 crore by banks or financial

institutions for a period of 5 years. The grant of the amount is being given at the annual rate.

- Under the program for establishment of primary processing centers and collection centers in rural areas, grant up to 50 percent (maximum Rs. 2.50 crore) of the project cost is being given. On the other hand, under the Reefer Vehicle Scheme, subsidies up to 50 percent (maximum Rs. 50 lakh) of the cost of cooling are being provided to the entrepreneurs.
- It is worth mentioning that in terms of grant for setting up food processing units, the background of the applicant should be strong, that is, the net worth of the applicant should be more than 1.5 times of the grant applied for. Term loan should be availed, the term loan should not be less than 25 percent of the project cost.
- All project components for which grant is sought should be included in the project appraisal report of the bank and financial institution. The date of commercial production should not be earlier than the date of submission of application. Any 2 project components will have to be established out of the prescribed components for the scheme.
- It is noteworthy that under the Agriculture and Food Processing Policy, a new scheme 'Chhattisgarh State Food Processing Mission' is implemented in the state.
- The objective of the Food Processing Mission is to establish food processing industries, to bring more and more investment in the field of food processing in the state, to upgrade products and increase their capacity, to give economic benefits to farmers by collecting and processing agricultural products, and food security. And to improve the standards of cleanliness and to provide a better support system for the organized food processing sector.

Chief Minister Inaugurated the District's First Wi-Fi Zone at Rural Industrial Park

Why in news?

On May 17, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the district's first Wi-Fi zone at Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park in the village Achhota during a Meet-greet program in the Dhamtari assembly.

Note:

Key Points

- Starting the first Wi-Fi zone in the Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park in village Achota, the people working in the Rural Industrial Park and the people coming to Gadkaleva will get free internet facilities. Apart from this school children will also be able to take advantage of this facility.
- It is worth mentioning that the Chief Minister had announced to equip RIPA with Wi-Fi facility during the review of the activities of Rural Industrial Park on 5th of this month.
- With the starting of Wi-Fi facility here, Ripa has become the first Rural Industrial Park in the district to be equipped with this facility.
- During the meeting, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel also announced the construction of a mini stadium in Dhamtari town on the demand of local residents.



Painting Made of Cow Dung Paint Recorded in Limca Book of World Records

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on May 16, 2023, the cow dung painting made by the students of Eco Club has been registered in the 'Limca Book of World Record' in the competition organized by the Chhattisgarh Environment Protection Board on World Earth Day in Chhattisgarh.

Key Points:

- A painting of 3600 square feet was made in one hour by the students of Eco Club with cow dung

paint, which has been recorded in the 'Limca Book of World Records' as the 'Largest painting made of cow dung paint'.

- Significantly, on the occasion of World Earth Day, April 22, 2023, the students of Eco Club made this painting in one hour under the Life campaign on the theme 'Invest in Our Planet'.
- This painting was made by more than 100 children in a mall in the capital Raipur.
- A 2-day awareness campaign on environmental protection and pollution control was also conducted by the Chhattisgarh Tourism Board.



'National Ramayana Festival' organized for the 1st time in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 16 May 2023, on the special initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, a three-day grand National Ramayana Festival will be organised in Raigarh from 1 June to 3 June of the next month on the lines of the National Tribal Dance Festival.

Key Points:

- The Department of Culture is making vigorous preparations for this event. Like the tribal dance festival, foreign artists are being invited along with different states of the country. Very soon a unique presentation of Ramayana will be seen by artists from India and abroad on the land of Chhattisgarh.
- Lord Shri Ram has a deep relation with Chhattisgarh. It is believed that Lord Shri Ram had passed through

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Dandakaranya during his exile and the part of the forests of Chhattisgarh was the part of Dandak Aranya (Dandakaranya). Keeping this in view, there will be special presentations on the events of Aranya Kand during the event.

- Officials of the Culture Department said that in the Ramayana Festival, the artists of Manas Mandali coming from different states of the country will perform from 2 pm to 6 pm and the Manas Mandali coming from abroad will perform from 8 pm to 10 pm.
- In this grand event, Ramayana will be presented by Manas teams from different states as well as foreign teams on themes centred on the Aranya incident.
- Collective Hanuman Chalisa and grand Kelo Aarti will also be organised in the National Ramayana Festival, in which thousands of lamps will be donated.
- Culture Department officials said that for the first time in the state, the National Ramayana Festival will be organised by the Culture Department at Ram Leela Maidan in Raigarh.
- Manas troupes participating in this festival will be rewarded, in which the first prize of Rs 5 lakh, the second prize of Rs 3 lakh and the third prize of Rs 2 lakh have been fixed.
- This national-level event by the state government will be a unique initiative in the direction of preserving the culture of the state.
- It is worth mentioning that the story of Ramayana has been written in many languages and it is staged in many countries. The stage for their beautiful presentation will be the Ramlila Maidan in Raigad. There has been a continuous tradition of Ramlila in the country. When Ram Katha is presented through the festival, a large number of people will be able to learn about his ideals through Ram Katha.
- Tulsidas ji's RamcharitManas is widespread in Chhattisgarh. Now through Ramayana Mahotsav, the audience will get an opportunity to see the glimpse of the ideals of Lord Ram from Valmiki to Bhavabhuti.
- The expansion of the Ramayana ranges from the Tamil Ramayana of Kampan to the Bangla Ramayana of Kritivas. Along with this, many forms of it are prevalent in South-East Asian countries as well. The audience will be able to get a glimpse of these beautiful forms of the character of Shri Ram through the Ramayana Mahotsav.

3 players of Abujhmad won Gold Medal in the 2nd World Mallakhamb Championship

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on 13 May 2023, 3 Mallakhamb players from Abujhmad of Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh – Santosh Shorey, Santay Potai and Jayanthi Kachalam have won gold medals playing for the Indian national team in the 2nd World Mallakhamb Championship held in Bhutan.

Key Points:

- It is known that this championship was organized from 9 to 12 May 2023 in Bhutan.
- In this championship, all three players of Chhattisgarh have won gold medals in the team championship of boys and girls category. Santosh Shorey represented the national boy's team and Santay Potai & Jayanthi Kachalam represented the national girls' team in the championship.
- It is known that Abujhmad is one such tribal area of India which is still considered untouched, the lifestyle of the people here is related to the forest.
- It is worth mentioning that more than 200 players from many countries like India, Japan, America, South Africa, Brazil, Bahrain etc. participated in the World Mallakhamb Championship.
- Santosh Shorey started practising Mallakhamb from Class V (2017) at Porta Cabin School, Devgaon, Narayanpur, he got his first gold medal in the 2020 Bilaspur Invitational National Championship. After this, he also received 2 medals in the competition organized in Ujjain in September 2021.
- He also received 1 bronze medal in Khelo India organized on 2022 June, 1 bronze medal in National Games organized in Gujarat on 2022 October, 2 bronze medals in Khelo India organized on 2023 February. Santosh Shorey has so far won a total of 18 medals in state and national competitions.



Note:

- Similarly, Santay Potai has won 17 medals at the state and national level. Jayanthi Kachalam is a class 12th student, she has been practicing Mallakhamb for the past 4 years and has won a total of 14 medals at the state & national level.
- Based on the excellent performance of these players, they were selected in the national team of India.

Union Health Ministry awarded NQAS certification to 7 Hospitals in Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

On 12 May 2023, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare awarded the National Quality Assurance Standard (NQAS) certificate to the Sukma District Hospital located in the remote Vananchal of Chhattisgarh for excellent health services and LaQshya certificate for better obstetric facilities.

Key Points:

- The Union Health Ministry has awarded NQAS certification to 7 government hospitals in the state. These include 3 district hospitals, 2 primary health centers, 1 urban primary health center and 1 health & wellness center.
- It may be noted that the Health Ministry team inspected these hospitals between January and April this year to test the quality of services available to the patients. The team also took feedback from the patients in this regard.
- The Union Health Ministry has also issued National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate to Kawardha District Hospital under 'Muskan' program and Durg District Hospital under 'NQAS' programme.
- Along with Khaprikala Primary Health Center in Mungeli district and Khadma Primary Health Center in Gariaband, this certificate has also been issued to Rajkishore Nagar Urban Primary Health Center in Bilaspur.
- Country's first health & wellness center Jangla of Bijapur district, located in Bastar region, has also been awarded the National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate for quality health services. This health & wellness center was launched five years ago.
- It is worth mentioning that government hospitals located in remote areas like Sukma & Bijapur have

got National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate and Target Certificate, indicating that quality health facilities are reaching all areas in the state.

- Sukma district hospital has scored 93 percent marks in the evaluation of the Health Ministry team under the 'NQAS' program, 93 percent in the evaluation of the labor room and 87 percent in the evaluation of the maternity OT under the 'Lakshya' program.
- Jangla Health & Wellness Center got 80 percent, Khaprikala Primary Health Center 81 percent, Khadma Primary Health Center 84 percent and Rajkishore Nagar Urban Primary Health Center got 85 percent marks.
- Durg District Hospital has scored 88 percent and Kawardha District Hospital has scored 93 percent in the evaluation of the Health Ministry team.
- It is to be known that before providing the National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate, the services and satisfaction level of the hospital are tested on various parameters by the team of experts of the Government of India.
- 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.



First Rural Industrial Park of the State Equipped with Wi-Fi Facility

Why in News?

On May 11, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park 'RIPA' in village Beltukri during a meeting program in Masturi Vidhansabha.

Note:

Key Points

- With the introduction of Wi-Fi facility, Beltukri Rural Industrial Park has become the first RIPA in the state to be equipped with this facility. People working in this will now get a free internet facility.
- It is worth mentioning that during the review of the activities of RIPA on 5 May the Chief Minister had announced plans to equip it with a WiFi facility.
- It is worth mentioning that the state government is providing all necessary basic facilities like water, electricity, land in Ripa for small scale industries, in this sequence, the Chief Minister inaugurated the Wi-Fi facility in Beltukri.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also released the catalog of various items produced in Beltukari Ripa.
- It is worth mentioning that through RIPA, essential commodities are being made available nearby to the people of the village, due to which they no longer have to go to distant cities. Due to the good quality of the products of Bakery Unit, Sack Stitching Unit, Cloth Stitching Unit, Dona-Pattal Unit operated in Beltukari Ripa, supply orders have started coming from nearby cities and villages.
- It is known that on 2 October 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the Chhattisgarh government's ambitious 'Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park Yojana' on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti & performed Bhumi Pujan and laid the foundation stone of 300 Rural Industrial Parks in different districts of the state.
- Village Gothans are being developed as Rural Industrial Parks to provide employment and means of income to rural poor families. For this, various livelihood oriented activities are being conducted here.



3 Martyred Soldiers of Chhattisgarh got Kirti Chakra for their Supreme Sacrifices

Why in News?

On 9 May 2023, President Draupadi Murmu awarded Kirti Chakra to three martyr soldiers of Chhattisgarh for their supreme courage and sacrifice in the Naxal operation.

Key Points:

- President Murmu presented Kirti Chakra to Prantika Bhardwaj, wife of Martyr Sub-Inspector Deepak Bhardwaj, Sushila Sodhi, wife of Martyr Head Constable Sodhi Narayan, Dutika Kashyap, wife of Martyr STF head constable Martyr Shravan Kashyap in a function organized at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- These three soldiers have been honoured by the President with Kirti Chakra for their supreme courage and sacrifice in the Naxal operation in the Bijapur district of the Bastar region.
- Significantly, sub-inspector Martyr Deepak Bhardwaj was a resident of Pehrid of Malkharoda in Janjgir-Champa district of Chhattisgarh, constable Sodhi Narayan of Bijapur district Punur and STF head constable Martyr Shravan Kashyap of Baniya village of Bastar district.



Mungeli District got the honour of the Best Nikshay Mitra

Why in News?

On 8 May 2023, the Governor of Chhattisgarh Vishwabhusan Harichandan honoured Collector and President of Red Cross Society District Branch Mungeli as Shrestha Nikshay Mitra at a function organized at Raj Bhavan on the occasion of World Red Cross Day.

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Key Points:

- District Immunization Officer Dr. Kamlesh Khairwar received the award on behalf of Mungeli Collector Rahul Dev.
- It is worth mentioning that Mungeli district has got the distinction of becoming the best Nikshay Mitra in the state of Chhattisgarh by adopting more and more T.B. patients through the Chhattisgarh Red Cross Society.
- On this occasion, the Governor honoured several other Nikshay Mitras and District Magistrates who worked actively in the Prime Minister's T.B. free India campaign, in which Mahasamund Collector Nilesh Kumar Kshirsagar was also honoured.
- It is worth mentioning that on 9 September 2022, President Draupadi Murmu launched the Prime Minister's TB-free India campaign in virtual form. India has more than 25 percent of the total TB patients in the world.
- According to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals, all countries have set the target of eradicating T.B. by 2030 but the Government of India has set a target of eradicating T.B. by the year 2025 and efforts are being made at every level to fulfil this resolution.

Award given to Young Scientists on 19 identified topics

Why in News?

The two-day 18th Young Scientist Conference held in Chhattisgarh concluded on 5 May 2023, in which Young Scientists Award-2023 was awarded to young scientists in 19 identified subjects.

Key Points:

- At this conference, young scientists were honoured with prize money of Rs 21,000, medals and certificates.
- The young scientist awarded the Scientist Award will be allowed to do research work in any national laboratory, national research centre and university.
- Young scientists honoured with Young Scientist Award-2023 include Richa Saav & Sonal Upadhyay

in Agricultural Science, Department of Genetics & Plant Breeding, College of Agriculture, Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur; Chhaya Bhate in Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Study centre of Chemistry, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University; Rasleen Kaur in Biology, Study centre of Biotechnology, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University; Anita Bhoi in Biotechnology, Biochemistry, Bioinformatics & Biomedical Sciences, Study centre of Biotechnology, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University; Lavkesh Kumar Singh Tanwar in Chemical Sciences, Study center of Chemistry, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University etc.

- Similarly Tanveer Haider in Earth & Atmospheric Sciences, N.I.T; Anushree Saha in Chemical Engineering, Study Center of Chemistry, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University; Mayank Lowanshi in Computer Science, Electronics, I.T. & Instrumentation, I.I.I.T; Shyamantika Sarkar in Civil & Architectural Engineering, Department of Architecture, N.I.T; Ayushi Sharma in Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Department of Electrical Engineering, N.I.T; Rajeev Nayan in Mechanical Mechatronics & Production Engineering, Study centre of Chemistry, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University; Aishwarya Shri Tamrakar in Environmental Sciences, Engineering & Forestry, Study centre of Chemistry, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University; Bhanu Pratap Nayak in Home Sciences & Behavioral Sciences, Sh. D.B. Girls College etc. were honoured.
- Nisha Gupta from Life Sciences, School of Biotechnology, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University; Shikha Tiwari in Mathematical & Statistical Sciences, School of Mathematics, Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University; Sharda Gupta in Medical & Pharmaceutical Sciences, Department of Biomedical Engineering, N.I.T.; Kanchan Tiwari in Physics, Department of Physics, Sha. Nagarjuna, P.G. College of Science; Ankita Thakre in Veterinary Science, Animal Husbandry & Dairy Technology, College of Veterinary Science & Animal Husbandry, Sonali Swagatika in Anjora & Mining Metallurgy and Applied Geology, Regional Research Center, Central Institute of Mining and Fuel Research, Bilaspur were honoured.
- It is worth mentioning that under the joint aegis of the Council of Science & Technology and Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, this young scientist conference was organized at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium.

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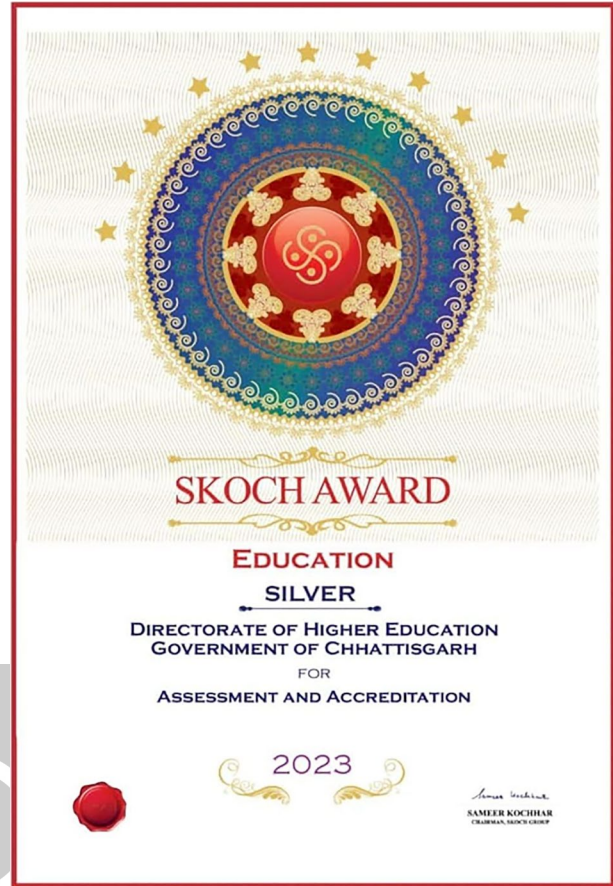
The Higher Education Department of Chhattisgarh received the prestigious National Level Skoch Silver Award

Why in News?

On 8 May 2023, the 'Project Assessment and Accreditation' of the Higher Education Department of Chhattisgarh was awarded the country's prestigious Skoch Silver Award.

Key Points:

- This award has been given to the Higher Education Department due to the presentation, voting & achievements of several stages while competing with many big and important projects of the country.
- In order to increase the quality of higher education, a campaign has been started to get affiliation from NAAC on a mission mode to ensure the arrangement of educational infrastructure and academic level according to the various criteria set by NAAC.
- It is worth mentioning that out of total 211 qualified government colleges, Chhattisgarh is at the top position in the country by getting 197 government colleges evaluated by NAAC.
- Due to the continuous efforts of the government, the number of students taking admission in the college is increasing continuously. Where about 2,26,373 students took admission to the college in 2018-19, this number has increased by 48 percent to 3,35,139 in the year 2022-23, which is 1,08,766 more than in 2018-19.
- Because of the increasing number of students studying in the college, a total of 33 new government and 76 non-government colleges have been established in Chhattisgarh in the last 4 years.
- To encourage girls in higher education, 26 girls' colleges are being run in the state. Co-study facilities are available in other colleges. In the year 2018-19, where 1,34,391 girl students took admission to the college as compared to 91,982 boys, in 2022-23 the number of girl students increased to 2,06,829 as compared to 1,28,310 boys. Thus, the number of girl students is 61 percent more than that of boys.



Kabirdham is the 1st district in the country to get Cataract Blindness Backlog Free status

Why in News?

On 6 May 2023, Chhattisgarh Health Services Director Bhim Singh reviewed the National Blindness and Short Vision Control Program with senior departmental officers. During this, he informed that seven districts have achieved Cataract Blindness Backlog Free Status under National Netra Jyoti Abhiyan in the state, in which Kabirdham is the first district in the country to achieve this status.

Key Points

- Along with Kabirdham, Raipur, Balodabazar-Bhatapara, Raigarh, Dhamtari, Rajnandgaon and Balod have also achieved this status.
- It may be noted that a target has been set to make Chhattisgarh a corneal opacity-free state by the year 2025.

Note:

- In the meeting, Director Bhim Singh praised the state nodal officers including nodal officers of all the districts for successful service delivery and 100 percent achievement in the field of eye services in the state by encouraging them to do more operations in the current financial year 2023-24.
- Health department officials informed in the meeting that a total of 1 lakh 35 thousand 113 cataract operations have been performed in the state in the last financial year. This number is the highest among the cataract operations performed in the state in a year.
- The actual target of cataract operation was kept at 1 lakh 7 thousand 800 by the Government of India and 1 lakh 25 thousand at the state level. Along with this, 32 thousand 603 operations for other eye diseases have also been done.
- Raipur district stood first, Surajpur second and Balodabazar-Bhatapara third in maximum cataract operations relative to the expected target. In the meeting, these three districts were honoured by giving symbols.
- In the meeting, the district hospitals which performed the maximum number of cataract operations in government hospitals (District Hospital/Civil Hospital/CHC) in relation to the expected target were also honoured with the symbol. In this, Dhamtari district stood first, Raigad second and Balodabazar-Bhatapara third.
- Dr. Sarita Nirmal of Jagdalpur District Hospital, who has done the maximum number of eye operations in the state, Dr. Meena Patel of Raigad District Hospital, who stood second and Dr. J.S. Khalsa of Dhamtari District Hospital, who stood third, was also honoured in the meeting.
- Dr. Rajesh Suryavanshi, District Hospital Dhamtari, surgeons who perform a large number of eye operations, Dr. R.S. Sengar, Chief Medical & Health Officer Korea, Dr. Teras Kanwar, District Hospital Surajpur, Dr. R. Meshram, District Hospital Raigarh, Dr. R.K. Awasthi, Civil Surgeon cum Hospital Superintendent Balodabazar-Bhatapara, Dr. Prabha Sonwani, Sims Medical College Bilaspur and Dr. Tarun Kanwar, District Hospital Bijapur were honoured by presenting mementoes.
- So far, 244 eye donations have been received in the state against the target of 400 eye donations. There are 6 eye banks and 4 corneal transplant centres

registered in the state, which have been allotted to the districts.

- Transplantation of the corneas obtained after testing the patients identified by the concerned centre as suitable is being done. Under the 'Corneal Blindness Free State Scheme', there is a target to make the state Corneal blindness free by the year 2025.
- Chhattisgarh is the first state where government hospitals have made additional arrangements for the transportation of patients suffering from eye diseases from home to hospital and from hospital to home.

Transfer of Honorarium for Gauthan Committee in the Thanksgiving Conference of Patel, Kotwar and Home Guard

Why in News?

On 03 May 2023, the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel, in the Gratitude Conference of Patel, Kotwar and Home Guards & the training-cum-conference program of the office bearers of Gauthan Committees, at the Science College Ground in the capital Raipur, the chairman of the Gauthan Committee and an honorarium of Rs 1 crore 56 lakh was transferred to non-official members.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, under the Godhan Nyaya Yojana, the Chief Minister transferred the cow dung sales amount of Rs 9 crore 80 lakhs to the cow dung vendors. This includes Rs 3 crore 80 lakhs for cow dung vendors and Rs 6 crore for Gauthan Committee & self-help groups.
- Thirteen members are appointed for the management of each Gauthan. An honorarium of Rs 750 per month is being provided to each self-supporting Gauthan president and Rs 500 per month to non-official members from today.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister released the book 'Bharatiya Godhan' written by Pandit Jhabarmal Sharma.

Note:

- This book was written about a hundred years ago and has been republished. Also, he released the book 'Kotwar' written by Bhagwat Jaiswal.



Chief Minister Made Various Announcements for Anganwadi, Sahayika, and Mitanins in the Thanksgiving Conference

Why in News?

On 02 May 2023, the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh, Bhupesh Baghel, expressed his gratitude by clapping at the Gratitude Conference held at the Science College Ground, Raipur. On this occasion, the Chief Minister made various announcements.

Key Points

- On this occasion, 6 Anganwadi workers and 5 Mitanni's (Female health volunteers) were honoured for their excellent work. Along with this, a check for a loan amount of Rs 10 lakh was handed over to 6 self-help groups from Mahila Kosh.
- In this conference, the Chief Minister made several announcements, the main ones being-
- Under Saksham Yojana, the annual income limit of women for the benefit of the scheme will be increased from Rs.1 lakh to Rs.2 lakh.
- The limit of loan amount given to women groups will be increased from 4 lakh to 6 lakh. The Chief Minister also announced the construction of 5000 Anganwadi buildings.

- Anganwadi workers and assistants will be honoured on November 14.
- Announced making arrangements for block coordinator and master trainer from the session.
- Announced to increase in the honorarium of Anganwadi workers by Rs. 10,000 and an incentive amount of Rs. 2200 to Mitanin sisters.



1st Prize to Chhattisgarh for Innovation in Safe Abortion Services

Why in News?

On 28 April 2023, Chhattisgarh received the 1st prize for innovation in safe abortion services in the National Consultation on Comprehensive Abortion Care organized by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare in New Delhi.

Key Points:

- State Nodal Officer for Maternal Health Dr. Shailendra Agarwal and State Advisor Abhilasha Sharma Ratre received the award on behalf of Chhattisgarh.
- It is worth mentioning that the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act has been implemented to monitor safe abortion services in the country.
- According to the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (Amendment) Act, 2021, a pregnant woman can get an abortion up to 24 weeks. Abortion is permitted in case of sexual assault, rape, change of marital status (widow and divorce) during minor pregnancy, and physically disabled and mentally ill women. Along with this, those women can also get abortions, whose fetus in the womb has a deformity.

Note:

- 'E-Kalyani App' has been prepared to monitor the availability of safe abortion services in private hospitals in the state and compliance of the MTP Act.
- Through this app, private hospitals can apply for providing services under the Act, which is reviewed and approved by the district-level committee.
- At present, 136 private hospitals are registered in the state in the 'E-Kalyani App', where safe abortion services are being provided under the MTP Act. Apart from these, safe abortion-related services are also available in 193 government hospitals.
- Support is being provided by the Ipas Development Foundation in the operation of safe abortion services in the state.



Direct Building Permission project started in Bhilai Charoda, Birgaon and Dhamtari

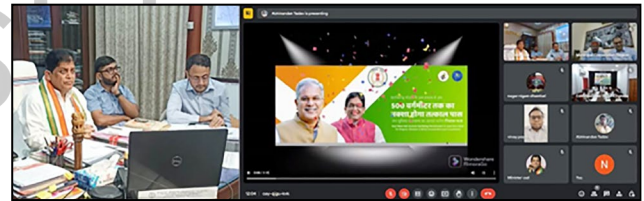
Why in News?

On 28 April 2023, Chhattisgarh's Urban Administration and Development Minister Dr. Shiv Kumar Dahria virtually

inaugurated the online building permission project in three municipal corporations of the state, Bhilai Charoda, Dhamtari and Birgaon due to which the process of passing the map of building construction has become online in all the municipal corporations of the state.

Key Points

- It is known that the online building permission project has already started in 11 municipal corporations of the state.
- All physical touch points have been removed in this software so that citizens do not need to go to the office for work related to building permission, verification of documents will also be online and an online payment facility is also available. Citizens will now get the benefit of this facility at home itself.
- Time limit has also been fixed for the officers in this software so that this facility can be given to the citizens within the time limit.
- Through this software, Chhattisgarh Model Direct Building Permit Project has also been started in these cities, which means citizens of these cities will now be allowed to build houses up to 5000 square feet with just one click and one rupee.
- Through this process, cities are trying to transform the building permit process into a simple, quick and easy system.
- This software based on the Chhattisgarh model has been developed by the National Institute of Urban Affairs under the National Urban Digital Mission.



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