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## **'Siyan' Helpline for Elderly Persons**

### **Why In News?**

On September 30, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the launch of Siyan helpline for the elderly in the state from November 1 (State Formation Day) on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons.

### **Key Points**

- This helpline will help in providing assistance to the elderly, whose children are working abroad or in other places of the country, in emergency situations. In this regard, the Chief Minister has issued instructions to the Chief Secretary and asked him to ensure the arrangement of helpline after discussing with the police and social welfare department.
- In view of the lack of effective arrangements in the state to help such elderly people who are alone in the house and whose children are working outside the state, the Chief Minister has taken the initiative to start the Siyan Helpline with sensitivity.
- The Chief Minister said that elaborate arrangements have been made in Chhattisgarh for respectful environment, protection of life and property, medical care, shelter and legal protection in the society towards senior citizens. Pension amount is being provided to the elderly through 'Mukhyamantri Pension Yojana' and 'Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme'.
- As many as 31 old age homes are being run in 23 districts of the state to provide free accommodation, food, clothing, medical and family environment to the destitute elderly. The state government is trying to run at least one old age home in each district so that the destitute elderly can get shelter.
- Chief Minister Baghel said that palliative care homes have been started in Kabirdham, Durg and Balod districts for their medical and care for the elderly, who are suffering from serious illness or are completely dependent on others for their daily activities due to old age.
- Senior Citizen Auxiliary Equipment Supply Scheme is being operated to provide services of assistive devices, medical care to the elderly according to their need to solve the problem of old age. Through this, equipment's like walkers, crutches, sticks, wheel chairs, glasses, hearing aids are provided to the elderly.

## **Swami Vivekanand Technical University (Amendment) Bill, 2022**

### **Why In News?**

On September 30, 2022, Chhattisgarh Governor Anusuiya Uikey signed the Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekananda Technical University (Amendment) Bill, 2022. The bill was passed by the Chhattisgarh Assembly on July 25, 2022.

### **Key Points**

- The amendment bill amends sub-section (2) of Section 13 of the Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekananda Technical University Act, 2004 (No. 25, 2004).
- After this amendment, the term of vice-chancellor of Chhattisgarh Swami Vivekananda Technical University has been increased from 4 years to 5 years or till attaining the age of 70 years, whichever is earlier. At the same time, the restriction of his eligibility for appointment of more than two terms has also been abolished.
- Apart from this, by this amendment bill, clauses (Eight) and (Nine) of sub-section (1) of section 22 of the principal Act, clauses (eight), (nine) and clauses (Ten) have been substituted. In this amendment, the Director/CEO in-charge of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL)/Bhilai Steel Plant (BSP), Bhilai, ex-officio. Provision has been made to include the Executive Director (Personnel and Administration) as a member of the Executive Council of the University.

## **Chhattisgarh Electricity Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2022**

### **Why In News?**

On 30 September 2022, Chhattisgarh Governor Anusuiya Uikey signed the Chhattisgarh Electricity Duty (Amendment) Bill, 2022. In this amendment, there has been a percentage increase in the rates of effective energy charges for different consumer categories.

### **Key Points**

- 1 and 2 mentioned in Part A (Section 3(1)(a) of the Bill, respectively, the rate of effective duty in percentage

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of current energy charges for domestic consumers was increased by 3 percent from 8 percent to 11 percent and the current effective rate for non-domestic consumer to 12 percent. After 5 percent increase, 17 percent fee has been fixed.

- Similarly, in Part A (Section 3(1) (a)), the duty has been increased for various consumer categories and industrial units, small and medium industries etc. from simple no.3 to 13. The highest rate of the schedule has been fixed for Saral No.14 and 15.
- Similarly, in section 3(1) (b) of Part B, simple no. There has been no change in the rates of duty for the consumers of 16, that is, for electricity consumption obtained through open access outside the state.
- 17, 19, 20, 21, 22 and 24 of Part-C (Section 3(1)(c)) of the Bill, the rates of duty in percentage of energy charges for generating companies, private and public companies of the State etc. have been increased and the duty for the generating units mentioned in Saral No. 18 has been kept unchanged.

## **Indian Cleanliness League (ISL) of The Cleanliness Survey.**

### **Why In News?**

On September 30, 2022, the winning cities were announced in the Indian Cleanliness League (ISL) of the Cleanliness Survey. In this, seven urban bodies of Chhattisgarh are at number one and one is at second place.

### **Key Points**

- The prize distribution function of Swachhta Survekshan (Cleanliness Survey) 2022, organized on the occasion of Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi, will be held on October 1, 2022 at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi.
- The awards will be presented by the President and the Union Minister at the event. The details of the awards are yet to be announced by the Government of India. The details of the awards will be received by the President after the inauguration of the award dashboard.
- Under different sections in the Indian Sanitation League, Bhatgaon and Mana Camp in urban bodies with a population of less than 15 thousand, Khairagarh

in a population of 15 to 25 thousand, Jashpur Nagar and Kondagaon in a body with a population of 25 to 50 thousand, from 50 thousand Birgaon in 1 lakh, Ambikapur has secured first place in population of 1 lakh to 3 lakh, while Raipur has secured second place among cities with population more than 10 lakh.

- All 169 urban bodies of the state have participated for the cleanliness survey 2022. For this, the survey team had been visiting the bodies continuously for the last 8 months. The progress of Swachh Bharat Mission along with state-sponsored schemes like Mission Clean City, Swachhta Shringar, Suvidha 24, Godhan Nyay Yojana, Nidan-1100, Nishtha etc. was inspected by the survey team. After inspection of the bodies, the condition of ODF was found to be good as in the previous years.
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- In the event organized this time, the state's largest body in the country, Chhattisgarh is expected to be
- The performance of the state bodies is also expected to be excellent in the public awareness representatives organized by the state government during the Amrit Mahotsav, such as cleanliness of statues of great men by citizens, branding of squares, maintenance of monuments etc. The award function of Swachh Survekshan is being organized at Talkatora Stadium, New Delhi.

## **CM Announces Two New Awards on the Occasion of Gandhi Jayanti**

### **Why In News?**

- On October 2, 2022, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the award of awards in the name of the country's eminent theater artist, playwright and director Late

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Habib Tanveer and litterateur and environmentalist Late Anupam Mishra.

### Key Points

- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel announced this award in the name of both the personalities at a program organized on Gandhi, Youth and Challenges of New India at Shaheed Smarak Bhawan in Raipur.
- Late Habib Tanvir was born on September 1, 1923 in Raipur. After getting education, he moved to Mumbai in 1945 and started a job in All India Radio as a producer. While there, he wrote songs for Hindi films. He also acted in a few films. Composed many plays.
- Habib Tanveer received many awards and the Pt Vibhushan Samman in the year 2002. He was also a Rajya Sabha MP from 1972 to 1978. His play Charandas Chor was the first Indian play to be awarded at the Edinburgh International Drama Festival (1982). His major works include Agra Bazaar (1954), Charandas Chor (1975).
- Renowned writer, editor, cinematographer and Gandhian environmentalist late Anupam Mishra was born in Wardha, Maharashtra to Sarla Mishra and famous Hindi poet Bhawani Prasad Mishra in 1948.
- He did his post-graduation in Sanskrit from Delhi University in 1969 and after that he joined The Gandhi Peace Foundation in Delhi. He was working for the environment since then no department of environment was opened in the country. With his efforts, the work of water conservation started in drought-hit Alwar, which was seen and appreciated by the world.
- He was awarded the Chandrashekhar Azad National Award by the Government of Madhya Pradesh in the year 2007-2008. In the year 2011, he was awarded the country's prestigious Jamnalal Bajaj Award. In the year 1996, he was also honored with the Indira Gandhi Environment Award.

## Chhattisgarh Tops East Zone in Swachh Survekshan Gramin

### Why In News?

President Draupadi Murmu presented four awards in Swachh Survekshan Gramin to Chhattisgarh at an award ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on October

2, 2022, at the Swachh Bharat Diwas 2022 event held on Gandhi Jayanti.

### Key Points

- Chhattisgarh has emerged as the top performing state in the Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) survey conducted by the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti. Along with this, Chhattisgarh has also received national awards in 3 other categories.
- Among the best performing districts in the East Zone, Durg and Balod have bagged the second and third positions respectively.
- Along with this, Chhattisgarh has got the third position in the Central Zone in the wall writing competition on ODF Plus.

## CM Launched State-Wide 'Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park Scheme'

### Why In News?

On October 2, 2022, on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, while launching the ambitious 'Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park Scheme' statewide, laid the foundation stone of 300 rural industrial parks in different districts of the state. Also released the 'Logo' of Rural Industrial Park 'RIPA'.

### Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that on the initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, village Gauthans are being developed as Rural Industrial Parks to provide employment and income sources to the rural poor families. For this various livelihood activities are being conducted here. These parks are being developed as rural production and service centres.
- Addressing the program, the Chief Minister said that rural industrial parks will play an important role in realizing Mahatma Gandhi's dream of self-reliant and self-reliant villages. Through this scheme, steps have been taken strongly towards making the villages self-reliant.
- The Chief Minister said that 300 rural industrial parks are being developed in the first phase. For this, one to three acres of land in Gauthans has been reserved

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for the park. In the first phase, two Gauthans in each development block are being developed as rural industrial parks.

- In the budget of the current financial year, a provision of Rs 600 crore has been made for Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park. An amount of Rs 1 crore each has been provided to all the approved rural industrial parks. With this amount, arrangements are being made for training of youth along with construction of working sheds and approach roads in these parks along with providing electricity and water facilities.
- Units for the manufacture of vermi compost, poultry, goat rearing, agricultural and horticultural crops and processing of minor forest produce are being set up in the Gauthans developed under the 'Suraji Gaon Yojana'. Along with this, flourmill, pulse mill, oil mill is also being established.
- In these activities, a large number of women and youth of self-help groups in rural areas are getting good means of income along with employment, which is improving their economic condition. Panchayat and Rural Development Department has been made the nodal department for this scheme.

## **Bilaspur-Indore Flight Launched**

### **Why in News?**

On October 3, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel and Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia virtual launched the Bilaspur-Indore airline.

### **Key Points**

- Chief Minister Baghel flagged off the flight from his residence office in the capital Raipur and Union Minister Scindia from New Delhi flagged off the flight from Bilasa Devi Kenwat Airport, Chakarbhata Bilaspur.
- Bilaspur-Indore-Bilaspur Air Service will leave Bilaspur at 11.35 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday and Sunday, four days a week, to reach Indore at 1.25 p.m. and depart Indore at 1.55 p.m. and return to Bilaspur at 3.45 p.m.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel urged Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia to start international air service from Swami Vivekananda Airport, Raipur and establish an international cargo hub here, saying that Raipur

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- The Chief Minister said that 461.20 acres of land has been provided free of cost by the State Government to the Airport Authority of India for Raipur Airport. On which runway expansion, new terminal building construction, ATC tower construction and it has been prepared according to international standard. The pending demand of land for airport development, security related problems of airport complex have been resolved by the state government.
- Chief Minister Baghel also urged the Union Minister Scindia to start air service for cities like Varanasi, Ranchi, Patna, Bhubaneshwar connecting Ambikapur to Bilaspur, Raipur under the Regional Connectivity Scheme.
- Giving information about the efforts made by the state government for the expansion of Bilaspur airport, Chief Minister Baghel said that the Bilaspur airport has been upgraded to 3-C VFR category by the state government.
- Alliance Air Company started the first regular domestic air service from Bilaspur to Delhi-Jabalpur-Bilaspur-Prayagraj on 1st March 2021 and regular air service from Bilaspur to Bhopal was also started from 5th June 2022.
- Approval is being issued for works costing Rs 22 crore to prepare Bilaspur airport as per 3-C IFR standard and to develop night landing facility here. For the installation of PBN navigation system for smooth operation of aircraft from the airport, the amount has been paid by the state government to Indian airports.
- To develop Ambikapur airport as per 3-C VFR category, administrative approval has been issued for Rs 48.00 crore for runway development and expansion, city side development works. The target is to develop the airport and apply for its licensing by December 31, 2022.

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- Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said that both the cities of Bilaspur and Indore are of great economic and religious importance, connecting these two cities with air connectivity will provide a good facility to the people of both the cities.

## Three New Awards will be given in the State Decoration Category

### Why In News?

On October 5, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel took a big decision regarding the honor of folk art seekers in Chhattisgarh and announced three new awards in the state investiture category to be given on the establishment of the state in Chhattisgarh. This award was given by folk artist Late Laxman Masturia and Late. He will be dedicated to Kaushalya, mother of Lord Rama and Sahman Sao.

### Key Points

- In this regard, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that Chhattisgarh is famous for its ancient and rich cultural heritage and vibrant culture. The rhythmic music, folk songs and folk dramas here give a feeling of wonderful bliss.
- In order to preserve and promote the great heritage of folk songs and folk music of the state and to inspire new artists working in this field, three new awards will be given by the state government along with other awards in the form of state decorations.
- In this, 'Laxman Masturia Award' will be given in the field of folklore. At the same time, art seekers who have contributed in the field of folk music will be honored with 'Khuman Sao Puraskar'. Similarly, in Chhattisgarh, the maternal home of Mata Kaushalya and the maternal grandmother of Lord Ram, the best Ramayana (Manas) congregation will be decorated with 'Mata Kaushalya Samman'.
- Like the state decoration, the awards of these categories will also be given during the Rajyotsava program to be organized on the occasion of the State Foundation Day.
- The Chief Minister said that by expressing gratitude to the flag bearers of the state's culture and the award being instituted in their name, the contribution of

those great artists will also be known to the future generation. Apart from this, interest in folk songs and folk music will also increase.

## Lowest Unemployment in Chhattisgarh

### Why In News?

- According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on October 4, 2022, the unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh state in September is at its lowest level of 0.1 percent so far. Chhattisgarh tops the list with the lowest unemployment rate in the country.

### Key Points

- The Public Relations Department said that according to the latest data released by the Center for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE), 99.90 percent of the people of the state are getting livelihood by joining some kind of employment.
- According to the latest data released by CMIE, the unemployment rate in Chhattisgarh has been recorded at 0.1 percent in the month of September, while in the month of September this figure of unemployment rate in the country has been 6.43 percent. The figure of unemployment was 7.70 percent in urban areas of the country and 5.84 percent in rural areas in the month of September.
- According to the report on unemployment rate released by CMIE on October 1, 2022, Chhattisgarh tops the states with the lowest unemployment rate in September 2022 with 0.1 percent. In the same period, Assam is second with 0.4 percent and Uttarakhand is third with 0.5 percent unemployment rate. In Madhya Pradesh this figure is 0.9 percent and in Gujarat this figure is 1.6 percent.
- On the other hand, Rajasthan tops the list with the highest unemployment rate in September 2022, recording an unemployment rate of 23.8 percent. Jammu and Kashmir recorded an unemployment rate of 23.2 percent, Haryana 22.9 percent, Tripura 17.0 percent and Jharkhand 12.2 percent.
- The reason behind this achievement of Chhattisgarh state in terms of minimum unemployment rate has been the scheme and policies made to create new

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employment opportunities under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. In the last four and a half years, many such innovations have taken place in Chhattisgarh, which have given work to every hand from the city to the village.

- In Chhattisgarh, the state government under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel started working with the goal of inclusive development. In line with Mahatma Gandhi's vision of 'Gram Swaraj', innovations were made in the direction of economic strengthening of villages. In this, the 'Narva-Garuva-Ghurva-Bari' program played an important role under the 'Suraji Gaon Yojana', on the other hand, with the 'Godhan Nyay Yojana', the Gauthans were developed as Rural Industrial Parks, from which cow dung was sold to cow dung. Villagers got employment by making products. New employment opportunities were created.
- From 7 to 65 types of minor forest produce were purchased at support price and processing and value addition of these minor forest produce was done. This also provided employment to people in Vananchal.
- 'Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana' made efforts towards economic prosperity of farmers, while after this scheme, the interest of excited farmers increased towards agriculture. Area under cultivation and production increased in the state.
- Under the 'Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Krishi Bhumiheen Mazdoor Yojana', people associated with the 'Pauni-Pasari' system received financial assistance. A new industry policy was implemented in the state, in which provisions for subsidy were made in many sections and different sectors. This accelerated entrepreneurship development.

## Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel Started the Chhattisgarhi Olympic Games

### Why In News?

On October 6, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the Chhattisgarhia Olympic Games at Sardar Balbir Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium to give global recognition to the traditional sports of Chhattisgarh.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also released a brochure giving information about Chhattisgarhia Olympic Games.
- It is worth mentioning that Chhattisgarhia Olympics has been started on the initiative of the Chief Minister to keep people connected with the culture of Chhattisgarh and to promote local sports. This will give the local people a platform for sports on one hand, while increasing awareness about sports and also developing sportsmanship.
- The Olympics, which will run from October 6 to January 6, 2023, will feature people in the age group of less than 18 years, 18 to 40 years and above 40 years in the contingent and singles category.
- 14 types of traditional sports have been included in this Olympics in team and single category. In this, games like Gilli-Danda, Pitthul, Sankhali, Langdi race, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, tug of war and Banti (Kancha) have been included in the party category. At the same time, the sports discipline of the single category includes Billas, Fugdi, Gedi run, Bhanwara, 100 meters race and long jump.
- Apart from this, volleyball, hockey and tennis ball and cricket have also been included in it.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that the culture and civilization and unique identity of Chhattisgarh is due to the rural traditions and customs here. Traditional sports have special significance in this. In the last few years, people were forgetting these games of Chhattisgarh. Chhattisgarhia Olympic Games have been started to keep the games permanent, to make them aware of the coming generation.
- These games of Chhattisgarh are entertaining as well as beneficial for health. In rural areas, children, elderly and young people are all involved in physical activities like exercise etc. from these games.
- It is noteworthy that in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on September 6, 2022, the Cabinet had decided to organize Chhattisgarhia Olympic Games from this year, taking a new initiative towards promoting local and traditional sports in Chhattisgarh.

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## Country's Largest Millet Processing Industry in Kanker

### Why In News?

- On October 7, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the country's largest millet processing industry set up at Nathia Navagaon in Kanker district. This will benefit farmers cultivating Kodo-Kutki-Ragi as well as women self-help groups.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Mr. Baghel said that this unit established under millet mission is the highest capacity unit in India. The annual processing capacity of this unit is 10 to 12 thousand tonnes, which will require about 34 to 40 tonnes of Kodo-Kutki-Ragi per day.
- In this processing unit, Kodo-Kutki-Ragi will be processed by 7 types of machines and rice and their porridge, semolina, flour vermicelli, pasta, soup mix, biscuits, cookies, laddoos etc. will be made from Kodo-Kutki-Ragi. They will also be packaged. These products will be marketed at national and international level.
- He said that cashew processing unit has been set up by Chhattisgarh government at Bakawand in Bastar, which is benefiting the farmers there. Tamarind processing unit has been set up in village Dhuragaon of Lohandiguda development block, which will benefit tamarind collectors.
- Subsidy will also be provided by CSIDC for the promotion of this unit set up under the Millet Mission of the Government of Chhattisgarh. Came to set up this unit. I. M. R. An MoU has been signed with Hyderabad between Avani Ayurveda Private Limited and district administration North Bastar Kanker for technical know-how, high quality seeds, setting up of seed bank and training.
- The processing unit of Avani Ayurveda Private Limited will provide direct and indirect employment to more than 100 people and will also benefit about 4 thousand farmers of the district and about 25 thousand farmers of the state, who cultivate Kodo-Kutki-Ragi crop. At the same time, women's groups who buy them will also benefit. With the establishment of this unit, the farmers of the district will be encouraged to cultivate Kodo-Kutki-Ragi.

- It is worth mentioning that 'Millet Mission' has been started from the year 2021 with the aim of promoting the product, processing and use of millet in the state of Chhattisgarh. More than 20 districts of Chhattisgarh produce millets.
- From the year 2020-21, for the first time, arrangements were made for purchase of Kodo, Kutki and Ragi through primary minor forest produce cooperative societies while fixing the support price. The support price has been fixed at Rs 30 per kg for Kodo and Kutki and Rs 33.77 per kg for Ragi. Apart from this, input subsidy is also being given by the state government under 'Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana' for the cultivation of other profitable crops instead of paddy.
- Millets such as Kodo-Kutki-Ragi are highly nutritious cereals. Millets are gluten free and are rich in protein, dietary fiber, vitamins and minerals. Millets are beneficial for obesity, diabetes, heart disease and many other diseases and they also increase immunity.

## Inaugurates Tamarind Processing Plant Set Up in Dhuragaon

### Why In News?

On October 7, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the tamarind processing plant at Dhuragaon in Lohandiguda development block during his one-day visit to Bastar.

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- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that this will increase the possibility of industrial investment in the region. He said that processing of local forest produce and agricultural produce is necessary for employment generation here and this plant is a big achievement in this direction.
- Plant operator Karthik Kapoor said that this plant has the capacity to make 10 metric tonnes of tamarind pulp, 5 metric tonnes of tamarind chapati and 3 metric tonnes of tamarind seed powder per day.
- The plant is spread over 2 acres with 35000 sq ft of total construction in PEB and puff panel with all modern facilities. A food laboratory has been built here. Along with this, premium quality steel has been used as equipment.

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- Here all the norms of FSSAI will be strictly followed. This plant is fully automatic, there is a provision to work in manual mode for power backup, uninterrupted manufacturing.

## Chief Minister Inaugurated 10 New Enclosures in Nandanvan Jungle Safari

### Why In News?

- On October 7, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated 10 new enclosures to give people a chance to know wild animals closely and make them aware in a program organized by the Forest Department at his residence office in the capital on the occasion of Wildlife Conservation Week. With these, the jungle safari now has a total of 28 enclosures.

### Key Points

- In the program, the Chief Minister named three cubs born in the month of May 2021 by 'Kriti', lioness of Nandanvan Jungle Safari, as Arpa, Parry and Shabri.
- The Chief Minister also released a book on information on colourful butterflies found in Baranwapara Sanctuary on the occasion.
- Chief Minister Mr. Baghel said in the program that Wildlife Week is being celebrated in the state right now. Wildlife Week is organized every year from October 2 to October 8 with a resolve to protect wild animals and increase their companionship with them.
- Chhattisgarh is a state rich in forests and wildlife. More than 44 percent of the area in the state is covered with forests, where different types of wildlife roam. Keeping in view its importance, the state government has given priority to the protection of both forest and wildlife in Chhattisgarh.
- Chief Minister Mr. Baghel said that the national parks and sanctuaries located here are also rich in terms of biodiversity. As a result of the work being done under wildlife conservation in the state, the availability of food and habitat facilities of wild animals has increased. Under this, the Narva Development Program has also become an effective medium in preventing elephant-human conflict.
- The Chief Minister said that every possible initiative is being taken by the government to protect forest and

wild animals in the state. Under this, various works of protection and promotion of wild animals are being done through 3 national parks, 11 sanctuaries, 3 tiger reserves, one elephant reserve and one biosphere reserve under the protected forest area in the state.

- Speaking at the event, Forest and Climate Change Minister Mohammad Akbar said that Nandanvan Jungle Safari Nava Raipur is Asia's largest man-made jungle safari. There are many types of wild animals here.
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife) P.V. Narsing Rao informed that continuous work is being done by the department for the protection of forests and wild animals in the state. 10 new enclosures have been inaugurated in Jungle Safari. These include wild dogs, wolves, bison, chital, sambar, chinkara, porcupine, mongoose, moss, and snake dens.

## Chief Minister Inaugurated the Fourth Sub-Division of Kabirdham District, Sahaspur Lohara

### Why In News?

On October 10, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the new revenue subdivision headquarters office at Sahaspur Lohara, the block headquarters, during his visit to Kabirdham district in his state-wide meeting.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that in the budget of the year 2022-23, Tehsil Sahaspur Lohara was given the status of sub-division. After its launch, it will be the fourth sub-division of the district.
- The geographical area of Tehsil is 61479 hectares. Under this, 1 urban body, 96 gram panchayats, 198 villages are included.
- Sahaspur has 1 health centre, 5 primary health centers and 25 sub-health centres. Under Tehsil Sahaspur there are 22 Paddy Purchase Centers, 5 Revenue Inspector Circles and 45 Patwari Halkas.
- According to the 2011 census, the population of Sahaspur tehsil is 152238, of which 72792 are male and 72929 are female.
- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel gifted a medical college to the district during a meeting program

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in Kawardha Assembly constituency of Kabirdham district. The Chief Minister said that a new medical college will be opened in the zone.

- Apart from this, the Chief Minister also made several announcements for development block Bodla, development block Sahaspur Lohara and Kawardha Nagar during the meeting program.
  - A new gram panchayat building will be constructed in village Jhalamla of development block Bodla.
  - Announcement of opening of Swami Atmanand School in Chilfi, Rengakhar and Podi of Development Block Bodla.
  - Ghatola reservoir will be constructed for irrigation facility in development block Sahaspur Lohara-240 hectare area.
  - Swami Atmanand announces opening of English medium school at Pipariya in Sahaspur Lohara development block.
  - Announcement of construction of museum of Baiga tribal society in Bhoramdeo to preserve and preserve the culture of Baiga society, a special backward tribe in Kawardha city.

## **International Agricultural Farm 'Agri Carnival 2022' will be Organized in Raipur**

### **Why In News?**

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations and Information Department on October 11, 2022, the International Agricultural Madai 'Agri Carnival 2022' will be organized from October 14 to 18 at the Indira Gandhi Agricultural University campus in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh.

### **Key Points**

- Directors of international and national level agricultural institutions, agricultural scientists, senior officials of various agricultural product manufacturing companies, startup entrepreneurs and a large number of progressive farmers will participate in the Agri Carnival being organized at Indira Gandhi Agricultural University campus.
- A mega international agriculture fair exhibition will also be organized on the occasion. During the Agri Carnival, every day a tour of the crops and agricultural

exhibition being grown in the research area of the university will be organized for the farmers, students and common citizens.

- International Agricultural Farming 'Agri Carnival 2022' is organized by Indira Gandhi Agricultural University, Raipur, State Government Agriculture Department, Chhattisgarh Biotechnology Promotion Society, International Rice Research Institute, Philippines, NABARD, Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research, Agriculture and Processed Food Export Development Authority ( APEDA), NABL and other institutions.
- Various programs will be organized during the five-day Krishi Madai, including buyer-seller conference to increase export of agricultural produce, workshop on innovation startups and entrepreneurship, seminar on processing and export of minor forest produce, training workshop for biodiversity conservation and registration of farmer species. , Training by NABL for validation of testing laboratories, Crop Breeding Modernization and Digitization etc. are prominent.
- In agriculture, new varieties of crops, alternative crops that give more income, new agricultural technology, natural and organic agriculture, biofertilizers and biopesticides, animal husbandry, fish farming and fodder production, integrated crop nutrients and pest and disease management, soil Information regarding fertility and soil health, rainwater management and ground water enrichment, protected farming, advanced agricultural machinery processing and value addition etc. will be given by subject-expert scientists. During this, the successful entrepreneurs of agro-based startups will also be provided guidance to the youth willing to set up new startups.
- About 20 thousand farmers are likely to participate in the International Agriculture Madai.

## **Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain Launches Online Portal of Information Commission**

### **Why In News?**

On October 12, 2022, Chief Secretary of Chhattisgarh Amitabh Jain launched the online web portal of the State Information Commission prepared by the State Government in the State Information Commission office.

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**Key Points**

- With this, Chhattisgarh has become the sixth state in India, where applicants can apply in all three levels (Public Information Officer, First Appellate Officer and Second Appeal) under the online process.
- Chief Secretary Amitabh Jain while suggesting on this occasion said that online web portal should be made in Hindi so that people who are less educated in the matter of computer, it is easy to use it and whose benefit can be given to the common citizens more and more.
- He suggested that in order to make the Right to Information more effective, the Public Relations Department and the Commission should together make short videos in the local language of Chhattisgarh and tell the entire process of online web portal, so that common citizens can take maximum benefit of this portal.
- He said that it would be more beneficial if the online right to information portal is publicized in the Hindi at the college level through the Higher Education Department and also through the members of Rajiv Yuva Mitran Club.
- Chief Information Commissioner M.K. Raut said that this online web portal will be operational 24x7. Applicants, Public Information Officer / First Appellate Officer and Second Appeal can send applications online. Under the Right to Information Act, the desired fee can also be deposited online.
- The Chief Information Commissioner informed that there are more than 14 thousand public information officers in the state, public information officers of all departments of Chhattisgarh can register themselves online in this portal. Also, by filling the details of the first appellate officers and nodal officers, you can forward them to the concerned. The concerned First Appellate Officer and Nodal Officer will have to verify it, after that the registration will be completed.
- M.K. Raut said that the citizens of remote areas of the state would be able to get the benefit of this. The applicant can upload his application online as well as deposit the fee online. Applicants will not be required to attach Non-Judicial Stamp/Bank Draft/Postal Order/Money Order. Also, there will be no need to come personally to the departmental offices and submit the application or send the application through post.
- He said that after the online application is registered in the portal, the accountability of the Public Information

Officer will increase and within 30 days, the applicant will be forced to give online information.

## Revenue from Coal Mining Progressively Increases in Chhattisgarh

**Why In News?**

- According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on October 14, 2022, in the last three years, Chhattisgarh has received revenue of Rs.7 thousand 217 crore, registering a progressive increase in the revenue received from coal mining.

**Key Points**

- Of these, the revenue received by the state from coal mining is Rs 2 thousand 337 crore in 2019-20, Rs 2 thousand 356 crore in 2020-21 and Rs 2 thousand 524 crore in 2021-22. This achievement has been achieved by the efficient implementation of Chhattisgarh Mineral Storage Rules 2009 by the State Government.
- It is worth mentioning that under the Chhattisgarh Mineral Storage Rules, 2009, there is a provision to give information about the quantity of mineral proposed, grade recipient etc. to the district office before dispatch of mineral to the mineral lessees and licensees in special circumstances.
- The operation and dispatch of coal mines in the state is mainly done by SECL, a Government of India undertaking. Coal is provided by SECL to different consumers according to power and non-power category through various schemes like linkage, e-auction etc.
- The royalty payable to the state government on coal is 14 percent of the basic sale price of coal being provided by SECL as per the scheme. There is wide variation in the basic sale price of coal scheme wise power and non-power category and grade wise.

## 'River Bank Tree Plantation' Program

**Why In News?**

On October 16, 2022, Chhattisgarh's Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Head of Forest Force Sanjay Shukla informed that during the current rainy season

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2022 in the state, about 15 lakh 41 thousand saplings have been planted on the banks of 26 different rivers under the 'River Bank Plantation' program.

### Key Points

- Sanjay Shukla said that with the planting of these plants, 1 thousand 400 hectares of the river bank will be covered with greenery and filled with fruit and flower plants, which will be the center of special attraction.
- It is worth mentioning that according to the intention of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the work of planting the river bank was done by the department under the guidance of Forest and Climate Change Minister Mohammad Akbar. These have been planted under the 'River Bank Plantation' program including CAMPA and departmental head.
- The rivers covered during the current year under river bank plantation program are Shivnath, Phulkadei, Kendai, Lilagar, Mahanadi, Hasdeo, Agar, Red, Meghanala, Jhinka, Moran, Sondhur, Banki, Galfula, Hasdo, Neur, Kewai, Khatambara, Bhaisun. , Chundi, Bhavai, Banas, Rampa and Bhulu rivers.
- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests informed that out of these, 2 lakh 89 thousand saplings have been planted in 263 hectare area of 8 rivers located in Bilaspur, Marwahi, Korba, Dharamjaygarh and Janjgir-Champa forest divisions under Bilaspur circle.
- Similarly, 20 thousand 595 saplings have been planted in 19 hectare area of 4 rivers under Kanker circle and 31 thousand 900 saplings have been planted in 29 hectare area of 2 rivers under Raipur circle. Apart from this, 11 lakh 84 thousand saplings have been planted in 1 thousand 76 hectare area of 12 rivers located in Surajpur, Balrampur, Koriya and Manendragarh forest divisions under Surguja circle.

## Chief Minister's Announcement In The Newly Formed District Sakti

### Why in News?

On October 18, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel made several announcements in Malkharoda, Dabhra and Chandrapur development blocks of the newly formed district Sakti during the meeting program.

### Key Point

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that on the demand of late Mukutdhar Pandey Smriti Samiti, the college of Chandrapur should be named after Mukutdhar Pandey and agreed to the demand of the library and announced the opening of a vegetable market in Dabhra.
- Chief Minister's announcement in Development Block- Malkharoda
- NRLM for training of women in Gram Panchayat Sighra. Announcement of Dome Construction Work.
- Announcement of upgradation of Government Pre-Secondary School to New High School in Gram Panchayat Sarasdol and announcement of New High School in Village Mukta.
- Announcement of upgradation of Government High School in village Jamgahan and Sulauni to Higher Secondary School.
- Announcement to develop the city of Maa Ashtabhuji Devi as a tourist destination in Nagar Panchayat Adbhra.
- Announcement of construction of ahata at Youth Training Centre at Malkharoda.
- Announcement of Chief Minister in Development Block - Dabhra
- Tourist spot will be developed in Saradih Barrage.
- Development of tourist spot at Chandrapur Construction of Marine Drive.
- Construction of police post in village Tundri and construction of new police station building in Chandrapur.
- Government High School of village Siriagarh will be upgraded to Higher Secondary.
- Nega 33/11 KV substation at Sakrali.
- Announcement of opening of vegetable market in Dabhra.

## In Backward And Most Backward Areas, Colleges Will Be Run On PPPs Models

### Why in News?

In a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on October 18, 2022, it was decided that **colleges will now be operated in PPP model in backward, most backward and remote and inaccessible areas of the state.**

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**Key Point**

- It is noteworthy that the colleges to be started on PPP model in Chhattisgarh are an innovation for the state. Proposed PPP In the model, this system will be given to private colleges from the beginning. No such scheme has been implemented in the past and no private colleges are operating under the arrangement given in this scheme.
- It is worth mentioning that under the **Madhya Pradesh Non-Government Colleges and Institutions (Establishment and Regulation) Act**, a total of 12 private colleges in the state are being operated under 100 percent regular grant.
- After the formation of Chhattisgarh state, 50 percent grant is being provided to four private colleges under the **Chhattisgarh Non-Government Colleges and Institutions (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2006** after the approval of the Cabinet . Apart from this, under this Act, once in three years, ad-hoc grant can be given for building expansion, purchase of furniture, equipment up to a maximum of five lakh rupees. The grant is sanctioned on the basis of the application.
- So far, on the basis of Chhattisgarh Non-Government Colleges and Institutions (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2006, the above grant is provided only to those private colleges whose minimum 10 years of operation has been completed, but in the proposed PPP model, this system will be given to private colleges from the beginning. This will help the PPP to emerge from the adverse situation in the most backward and remote areas and to increase the all-round development of higher education. This model has been proposed to implement the model. The Chhattisgarh government has a vision that students can get higher education even in difficult areas.
- In the cabinet meeting held on October 17 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the proposed draft of setting up higher education institutions in the state under PPP model was approved to increase the gross admission ratio of the state in the field of higher education and to provide quality education facilities to the youth of backward and most backward areas of the state.
- In this, the maximum subsidy on fixed capital investment given to colleges to be opened under PPP model will be Rs 2.50 crore and Rs 1.75 crore subsidy will be given to colleges established in extremely backward areas and backward areas respectively.
- Similarly, at least 10 acres of land will be provided by the government at 50 percent concessional rate on a lease of 30 years. The land will not be used for other purposes. On the expiry of the lease period, the lease period can be extended with the consent of both parties.
- 50 percent of the interest amount will be paid by the government on the maximum loan of Rs 500 crore taken for infrastructure construction. Scholarships payable by the state government will be provided to the students studying in all the courses. The college will have to make salary arrangements for all the academic staff and employees on its own. For this purpose, the maximum amount of expenditure on total establishment by the state government will be given 20 percent and 30 percent expenditure burden on Rs 2 crore as establishment grant to the college established in backward region and most backward area respectively.
- At the same time, **NAAC** will provide an incentive of Rs 1 lakh 51 thousand and certificate to the colleges getting **A++, A+** or **A** grade by the state government. The state government will bear 50 per cent of the fee payable to higher educational institutions to be opened under the PPP model or a maximum of Rs 3 lakh (whichever is less) for obtaining **NAAC/NIRF** quality certificate.
- The proposed scheme will help in increasing the **gross admission ratio (GER)** of the state in the field of higher education. Also, the youth of backward areas and most backward areas of the state will be provided with the facility of quality education. To fulfill the above objectives, this scheme has been submitted for implementation in the state.

## Narayanpur Among Top 5 Aspirational Districts

### Why in News?

According to the information given by the **Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department** on October 18, 2022, in the report released by the **NITI Aayog of the Government of India** in August 2022 based on the performance of **aspirational districts** across the country, Narayanpur, a Naxal-affected area of Chhattisgarh, has made its place in the top five districts, performing better in the field of education, health and nutrition.

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**Key Point**

- Chhattisgarh's aspirational district Narayanpur is ranked fifth in the overall performance category among the 112 aspirational districts of the country in the **Champion of Change Delta ranking released by NITI Aayog**. Narayanpur district is second in the health and nutrition category. Similarly, Narayanpur district is ranked fourth in the monthly delta ranking released on the basis of education category.
- It is noteworthy that swami Atmanand English medium excellent schools have been started in Chhattisgarh keeping in mind the concept that the children of deprived sections can also get better education and they can be ready for future opportunities. After the start of Swami Atmanand English Medium School, children from economically weaker sections are also now studying in English medium.
- Swami Atmanand Hindi Medium Schools have also been started to increase the quality of education in English medium as well as Hindi medium. Apart from this, primary school children operating in aspirational districts are also being taught in their local dialect, so that they are easily able to understand the subjects by connecting with their culture and civilization.
- The Chief Minister has launched a state-wide **'Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan'** to free **children from malnutrition and women from anemia**. It has yielded positive results. About 50 percent of the malnourished children of the state have become malnutrition free. About 2 lakh 11 thousand children have come out of the cycle of malnutrition. With this, 85 thousand women have become anemia free.
- To provide accessible facilities to the citizens, 'Mukhyamantri Haat Bazar Clinic', 'Dai-Didi Clinic', 'Mukhyamantri Slum Swasthya Yojana', 'Hamar Lab', 'Malaria-Free Bastar' and 'Malaria-Free Chhattisgarh Yojana' along with 'Dr. Khubchand Baghel Health Scheme', 'Chief Minister Special Health Scheme' 'Being operated.

## Chhattisgarh Gets Outstanding Award for Digitising National Crop Insurance Portal

**Why In News?**

- On October 19, 2022, the Ministry of **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India**, conferred

an outstanding award on Chhattisgarh for digitally integrating economic crop insurance portals into digital land records database (BHUIS) under the **Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana**.

**Key Point**

- The 8th National Convention was held in Kochi, Kerala on October 19 and 20, 2022. On the first day of the convention, Chhattisgarh was given the outstanding award.
- This award has been given for successfully completing the integration of National Crop Insurance Portal from Kharif year 2022 under the ambitious scheme 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' of the Government of India in Chhattisgarh's digital land records database 'Bhuiyan' in a limited time.
- Special Secretary and Director Agriculture, Government of Chhattisgarh Dr. Abyaz Fakir Tamboli and Joint Director Agriculture, Directorate agriculture Chhattisgarh Shri B.K. Mishra received the outstanding award on behalf of Chhattisgarh.
- It is worth mentioning that under the leadership of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, innovations are being made in many areas in Chhattisgarh. At the same time, the process of providing quick benefits to the beneficiaries is also being adopted, out of which digitization of schemes is mainly involved.
- It is noteworthy that due to the integration of the National Crop Insurance Portal with the Digital Land Records Database (Bhuiyan) of the state, the information related to the land details of the farmers can be done in the National Crop Insurance Portal only after verification from the Bhuiyan portal. With this, the correct khasra number area of the farmers and the information of the right village will be stored on the portal, the process of crop insurance cover and claim payment will be implemented with easy transparency.

## Chhattisgarh Awarded at Indian Urban Housing Conclave

**Why In News?**

- The state of Chhattisgarh has received two awards under the **'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Award 2021'**

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at the **Indian Urban Housing Conclave** organized by the **Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India** in Rajkot, Gujarat on October 20, 2022.

### Key Point

- Under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel, the work being done towards building a New Chhattisgarh and continuous development in every field including education, health, nutrition, agriculture and farmers welfare, infrastructure, the state has once again won two awards under the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana Award 2021**, waving its flag in the country.
- Chhattisgarh has received this award in the best community oriented projects and best performing nagar panchayat category.
- It is worth mentioning that on the initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, '**Mor Zameen-Mor Makaan**' scheme was started in Chhattisgarh, which was linked to the **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)**, the families suffering from leprosy living in Asha Nagar of Nagar Palika Nigam Rajnandgaon were given all-equipped pucca houses to 61 families in convergence with other 19 central and state-promoted schemes. This improved their lifestyle.
- Similarly, in Nagar Panchayat Gandai and Antagarh, special category beneficiaries were also provided pucca houses with all facilities and efforts were made to improve their lifestyle.
- Appreciating these efforts for social upliftment in Chhattisgarh, the state of Chhattisgarh has been awarded the award for outstanding performance in the category of '**Best Community Oriented Projects**' for social upliftment projects.
- Apart from this, **Nagar Panchayat Patan** has got the third place in the '**Best Performing Nagar Panchayat**' category all over India. This award has been given for excellent work like providing housing to the beneficiaries and making attractive houses by completing a large number of houses against the sanctioned houses under the '**Mor Zamin-Mor Makaan**' scheme of **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban)**.
- It is noteworthy that Chhattisgarh has been given many awards in the last four and a half years by the Government of India for better implementation of various schemes and public welfare policies in the state.

## National Tribal Dance Festival to be Held in Chhattisgarh

### Why in News?

During the Tourism Conclave organized in New Delhi on October 21, 2022, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that a National Tribal Dance Festival will be organized in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh. This program will be held from November 1 to 3 at Science College Ground.

### Key points

- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel said that more than 1500 artists from 28 states and 8 Union Territories, including tribal artists from nine countries, will participate in the National Tribal Dance Festival.
- Through this festival, not only will their arts be shared among tribal artists at the national and international level, but they will also be able to see each other's food, customs, crafts and style.
- He said that in line with these efforts, an important tradition in the form of National Tribal Dance Festival has been started in Chhattisgarh. This effort of the state is very important not only for Chhattisgarh, but also for the development of tribal communities of the country and the whole world.
- Chief Minister Mr. Baghel said that the state government has used art, culture and tourism as a strong resource in the social and economic empowerment of forest dwellers, tribals, farmers, villagers and deprived people and it has also yielded good results.
- Invitation letters have been sent to nine countries by Chhattisgarh. All these countries will perform in Raipur for the first time. Tribal artists from Mozambique, Mongolia, Togo, Russia, Indonesia, Maldives, Serbia, New Zealand and Egypt will participate in the event.
- The Indian Council of Cultural Relations, Delhi (I.S.) was present at the transportation of foreign guests arriving in Delhi to Chhattisgarh and their hospitality. C. C. R) will be collaborative.
- This time, two themes have been kept in the Tribal Dance Festival. The first theme is 'Tribal dance on harvesting' and the second theme is 'Tribal traditions and customs'.

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- Prizes worth Rs 20 lakh will be distributed to the winners. Prizes of Rs 5 lakh will be given for the first position, Rs 3 lakh for the second position and Rs 2 lakh for the third position.

## Mukhyamantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana Gets National Level Scotch Silver Award

### Why in News?

On October 28, 2022, 'Mukhyamantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana', run under Chhattisgarh State Skill Development Authority, was awarded the national level Scotch Silver Award-2022 for providing quality and employment based free skill training.

### Key Points

- The state of Chhattisgarh, which has achieved the distinction of the **state with the lowest unemployment rate in the country**, has been honored with this proud honor at the national level.
- In order to provide better skill development training to the youth of Chhattisgarh, the **Skill Development Authority** is giving quality training to the youth as per their interest. After getting training, youth are constantly adopting self-employment along with getting jobs in government and non-government departments.
- It is worth noting that so far 4 lakh 68 thousand 184 youth have been trained under Mukhyamantri Kaushal Vikas Yojana, out of which 2 lakh 55 thousand 678 youth have been employed. Presently 2726 youth are under training.

## CM Inaugurates Sickle Cell Management Centers in 28 Districts

### Why In News?

On October 30, 2022, the Chief Minister inaugurated sickle cell management centres in 28 districts of the state in a virtual programme held at his residence office.

### Key Points

- Inaugurating new sickle cell management centers set up in medical colleges and district hospitals of the state, the Chief Minister announced the establishment of a national level sickle cell research center in Chhattisgarh soon.
- Along with this, free testing, treatment and consultation facility of sickle cell has been made available in 24 district hospitals, nine medical colleges of the state and Sickle Cell Institute Chhattisgarh located in the capital Raipur.
- The Chief Minister said that a new sickle cell management centre is being set up by the Health and Family Welfare Department to effectively combat the problem of sickle cell. These centers will be operated in all medical college hospitals and all district hospitals of the state.
- These centers will provide sickle cell test and treatment, screening by salubrity test and confirmation by electrophoresis and new method Point of Care (POC) test through hospital laboratory.
- The Chief Minister said that the new method of sickle cell test is the Point of Care (POC) test. Mitansins can also check with this method. Through this method, sickle cell patients can be identified by conducting campaigns.
- In this program, the Chief Minister launched digital card distribution to people suffering from sickle cell by providing digital cards to seven-year-old boy Pratik Das Manikpuri of Rajendra Nagar Raipur and 17-year-old girl Oshika Ramteke of Gudhiyari.
- Health Department Secretary Prasanna R. told in the program that in the survey conducted so far, sickle cell carriers and one percent patients have been found in ten percent of the population of the state. The electronic entry of each sickle cell patient receiving specific treatment at Sickle Cell Management Centers will be maintained in the Sickle cell Institute's portal and they will be contacted for regular follow-up and medication.

## Android App 'Token Tuhar Hath'

### Why In News?

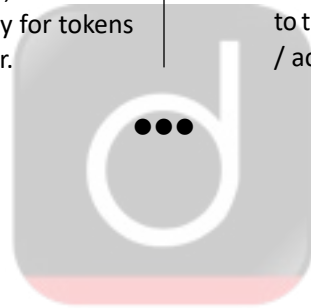
- According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on 29 October 2022, on

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the instructions of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, for the purpose of simplification and systematic management of the process of issuing tokens for sale of paddy to the registered farmers, NIC. Android App 'Token Tuhar Haath' has been developed by

### Key Points

- With the help of 'Token Tuhar Hath' app, each registered farmer will be able to get a token for the sale of paddy in the respective procurement center on the date fixed by him. Using this app, the registered farmers can get the token in the respective committee procurement or procurement centers for the next 7 days.
- Through this app, the farmer will get all the latest information about the farmer's information, registered acreage, bank account, token and paddy purchase etc.
- Through the app, online tokens can be obtained to the extent of 30 percent of each day's purchasing capacity in the concerned committee or procurement center. Even in the said limit, marginal, small and long farmers will have equal opportunity for tokens in proportion to their registered number.
- The remaining 70% of the procurement capacity at the concerned Samiti Procurement Centre will be available for offline tokens, so that farmers who feel inconvenienced in getting tokens through the app can get tokens from the Samiti module as in previous years.
- The arrangement for issuing tokens through the app is being made additionally in addition to the process of arranging the issuance of tokens from the committee module in previous years. In this way, farmers will be able to get tokens through both online and offline mediums.
- The following benefits are possible from the use of the said app:
  - The rush of farmers to get tokens in the committee/ procurement centres will be reduced.
  - Farmers will be able to get tokens to sell paddy sitting at home, they will not need to go to the committee, procurement centers.
  - Farmers will also be able to get information related to their registration, such as personal, underground / account / paddy purchase and payment easily.



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