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Big relief to the pensioners of Chhattisgarh, now dearness allowance will be increased by 4%

Why in News?

As per the announcement of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on August 31, 2023, the dearness allowance of pensioners, officers and employees of Chhattisgarh has been increased. The Finance Department of Chhattisgarh Government has issued an order for this.

Key Points:

- Dearness allowance has been increased by four per cent for basic pension/family pension in the seventh pay scale. This benefit will be available from the first date of this July month. After this increase, the dearness relief has now increased to 42 percent.
- Along with this, dearness allowance has been increased by 9 percent for the pensioners getting basic pension/family pension of the sixth pay scale. This benefit will also be available from the first of July this year. With this increase, the total increase in dearness relief has gone up to 221 per cent.
- It is worth mentioning that in relation to the dearness relief of pensioners, the approval of both the states of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh is necessary. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had written a letter to Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan to give approval in this regard soon. After this, as soon as the approval was received, it was decided without delay to provide the benefit of the increase in dearness relief to the pensioners.

52 teachers will be honoured with State Teacher Award

Why is News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on September 3, 2023, 52 teachers will be honored in the state level teacher honor ceremony on the occasion of Teacher's Day. Out of these, 48 teachers will be honored with State Teacher's Honor and 4 teachers will be honored with Memorial Award in the name of great litterateurs of the state.

Key Points:

- On the occasion of Teacher's Day, a state-level teacher honour ceremony will be organized in the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan on September 05, 2023, under the chief hospitality of Governor Vishwabhusan Harichandan. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will preside over this function.
- In the ceremony, each of the 48 teachers selected for the State Teacher Award will be given an amount of Rs 21,000 each and a citation. Apart from this, Rs 50,000 each and a citation will be given to each teacher who is honoured with the award given in the memory of the great personalities of the state.
- Teachers to be honoured with State Memorial Award -
 - **Dr. Padumlal Punnalal Bakshi Memorial Award:** Head Reader Mamta Ahar (District Raipur)
 - **Dr. Mukutdhar Pandey Memorial Award:** Headmaster Madhu Tiwari (District Kondagaon)
 - **Dr. Baldev Prasad Mishra Memorial Award:** Lecturer Rashmi Verma (District Raigarh)
 - **Shri Gajanan Madhav Muktibodh Memorial Award:** Teacher LB Indira Chandravanshi (District Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai)
- **Teachers to be honored with State Teacher Award-2022-**
 - Teacher LB Krishnapal Rana and Teacher LB Rukhmani Sahu (District Kanker)
 - Assistant teacher LB Devendra Kumar Dewangan and Principal reader Brajeshwari Raote (District Narayanpur)
 - Teacher Mahesh Kumar Sethia and Lecturer Ramesh Kumar Upadhyay (District Jagdalpur)
 - Assistant teacher LB Khemlal Sinha and upper class teacher Usha Bhuarya (District Dantewada)
 - Assistant Teacher LB Shravan Kumar Yadav and Assistant Teacher LB Pushpalata Sahu (District Balod)
 - Assistant Teacher LB Tuleshwar Kumar Sen and Teacher LB Parul Chaturvedi (District Rajnandgaon)
 - Principal Reader Yashwant Kumar Patel and Teacher LB Ms. K. Sharda (District Durg)
 - Teacher Yaksh Chandrakar and Head Reader Shiv Kumar Banjare (District Kabirdham)
 - Teacher LB Jyoti Banafar and Lecturer LB Sushma Shukla Sharma (District Bemetara)
 - Lecturer LB Anil Kumar Pradhan and Assistant Teacher LB Dolamani Sahu (District Mahasamund)

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- Assistant Teacher LB Santosh Kumar Tarak and Assistant Teacher LB Latabela Mongenre (District Gariaband)
- Assistant Teacher LB Uttam Kumar Dewangan and Assistant Teacher LB Dr. Gopa Sharma (District Raipur)
- Lecturer LB Rajuram Sahu and Assistant Teacher LB Dinabandhu Sinha (District Dhamtari)
- Assistant teacher LB Vinod Kumar Dadsena and head teacher Asha Sahu (District Balodabazar-Bhatapara)
- Assistant Teacher LB Rajesh Kumar Suryavanshi and Lecturer LB Anurag Tiwari (District Janjgir-Champa)
- Lecturer LB Bhojram Patel and Assistant Teacher LB Santosh Kumar Patel (District Raigarh)
- Lecturer LB Sushil Kumar Patel and Assistant Teacher LB Ramdhan Patel (District Bilaspur)
- Assistant Teacher LB Aditi Sharma and Assistant Teacher LB Bhishma Prasad Tripathi (District Gorela-Pendra-Marwahi)
- Assistant Teacher LB Gokul Prasad Marble and Teacher Mukund Keshav Upadhyay (District Korba)
- Assistant Teacher LB Pushpendra Kumar Kaushik and Assistant Teacher LB Meera Dewangan (District Sakti)
- Assistant Teacher LB Rudra Pratap Singh Rana and Lecturer Incharge Principal Dr. Vinod Pandey (District Korea)
- Lecturer Nisha Singh and Assistant Teacher LB Dinesh Kumar Sahu (District Surajpur)
- Lecturer Anamika Chakraborty and Lecturer LB Anchal Kumar Sinha (District Surguja)
- Lecturer Incharge Principal Babulal Lahare and Assistant Teacher LB Ramesh Kumar Saket (District Balrampur)

Chhattisgarh tops in the country in the implementation of forest rights recognition

Why is News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on September 3, 2023, the state of Chhattisgarh ranks first in the country in providing individual forest rights certificates.

Key Points:

- Forest Rights Recognition Act is being implemented effectively and sensitively in Chhattisgarh. As a result, all the poor and weaker sections of the state including tribals and forest dwellers have got a lot of relief and their economic condition has also strengthened.
- In the context of Forest Rights Recognition Certificate in Chhattisgarh, Forest Rights Certificates have been provided to a total of 517096 lakh beneficiaries. Chhattisgarh state ranks first in the country in providing individual forest rights certificates.
- Under this, help has been provided through many schemes for the overall development of the beneficiaries, with the aim of providing maximum benefits to the beneficiaries through land leveling, development of water resources and clusters.
- In this regard, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests V. Srinivas Rao said that the beneficiaries will be provided with public welfare schemes of the state, such as 'Mukhyamantri Vriksha Sampada Yojana' with buyback guarantee on private land, plantation of other crops instead of paddy to encourage crop diversity. Provision of incentive amount etc. is also being added.
- Under this, as a result of land development, agricultural production per beneficiary has increased and many types of income-oriented crops (cash crops) are also being produced in these areas. Due to this, livelihood upliftment of the beneficiaries has also been ensured. At the same time, this has brought out the direct concern of the public towards forest protection and its positive results are emerging.
- Similarly, a total of 46,000 cases have been recognized under community forest rights in the state, which is again the highest in the country. Under this, various types of drainage rights are given to the people living in forest areas, such as rights related to minor forest products, fish and other water products and pasture rights, housing rights to special backward castes and communities, farmers, right to convert all forest villages, old habitation areas, unsurveyed villages etc. into revenue villages, etc.
- Apart from this, the minimum support price of 67 species has been declared for the collection of minor forest produce found in the forest area and this year in Chhattisgarh. Through effective implementation of State Forest Rights Recognition, success has been achieved in collecting 73 percent of the country's minor forest produce.

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- According to the information received from the Forest and Climate Change Department, a total of 4306 Community Forest Resource Rights Recognition Certificates have been provided in the state. The state of Chhattisgarh is the first state in the country to provide recognition for the management of forest resource rights, where forest rights letters have been provided keeping in mind the protection of the rights of forest dwellers on a large scale.
- Under this right, the Gram Sabha has been given the right to manage the recognized forest areas. The process of preparing a management plan for the management of the said forests is in progress, for which the stakeholders of about 2000 villages of 19 districts have to be integrated with the work plan by preparing a management plan and ensuring management.
- In the management plan, all dimensions of management are proposed by conducting all types of surveys for the management of forests recognized as Community Forest Resource Rights. Here it is ensured that what kind of plantation or conservation work can be proposed for maximum benefit on each unit of forest land.
- In about 700 villages of 19 districts of the state, a voluntary organization named Foundation for Ecological Security has been looking for possibilities for processing and increasing income resources and related training has been given.
- Similarly, training has been imparted in 36 villages of 05 districts on various aspects of advanced techniques and processing of agriculture by the Pradan organization. Along with this, a plan is being prepared for mass planting of local species by integrating the provisions of the work plan in the management plan at vacant places.
- Under the Community Forest Resources Rights Act, about 106 trainings have been organized in 24 districts of the state, in which a total of 5492 beneficiaries have benefited.

Announcement of State Teacher Honor Award-2023

Why In News?

On September 5, 2023, Chhattisgarh's School Education Minister Ravindra Choubey announced the

names of 52 teachers for the State Teacher Honor Award 2023 at the state level teacher honor ceremony held at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan. The selected teachers will be honoured and rewarded on the occasion of Teacher's Day in the coming year.

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that in a dignified ceremony organized in the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan under the chief hospitality of Governor Vishwabhushan Harichandan and the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, 52 teachers were honored with the State Level Teacher Honor Award for the year 2022 and the names of the teachers to be honored in the coming year were announced. Went.
- In the state level teacher honor ceremony organized on the occasion of Teacher's Day, four excellent teachers - Mamta Ahar (headmistress) of Raipur district were given Dr. Padumlal Punnalal Bakshi Memorial Award, Madhu Tiwari (headmistress) of Kondagaon district was given Dr. Mukutdhar Pandey Memorial Award, Raigarh. Rashmi Verma (Lecturer) of the district was awarded the Dr. Baldev Prasad Mishra Memorial Award and Indira Chandravanshi (Teacher LB) of the Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai district was awarded the Gajanan Madhav Muktibodh Memorial Award.
- Similarly, Principal Reader, Lecturer, Higher Secondary Teacher, Teacher, Teacher L. B. And 48 excellent teachers of the Assistant Teacher LB category were honored with state level awards for the year 2022.
- Teachers selected for State Teacher Honor Award for the year 2023-
 - Lecturer Neha Nath and teacher LB Kumari Madhuri Uke (District Dantewada)
 - Principal Reader Madhu Sonwani and Lecturer Neetu Singh Yadav (District Surguja)
 - Lecturer LB Rita Giri and Head Reader Vinita Singh (District Surajpur)
 - Lecturer LB Dharmendra Kumar Sahu and Lecturer Dr. Bharatlal Sahari (District Balod)
 - Lecturer LB Tumanu Gosain and Ayodh Kishore Gupta (District Jashpur)
 - Head Reader Jaimala and Hapka Mutta (District Sukma)

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- Assistant teachers Neelkanth Komre and Angad Salamen (District Mohla-Manpur-Ambagarh Chowki)
- Assistant teacher Swapnil Singh Pawar and teacher LB Archana Samuel Masih (District Gorela-Pendra-Marwahi)
- Lecturer LB Manas Sahu and Assistant Teacher LB Mahadeep Janghel (District Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai)
- Lecturer Sevak Ram Nishad and Lecturer LB Pawan Kumar Sen (District North Bastar Kanker)
- Lecturer Tanuja Dewangan and Upper Division Teacher Saraswati Nag (District Kondagaon)
- Assistant Teacher LB Shweta Soni and Arpana Mishra (District Korea)
- Lecturer LB Gokul Das Janghel and Jaiprakash Sahu (District Rajnandgaon)
- Teacher LB Kavita Hirwani and Lecturer LB Lata Manikpuri (District Narayanpur)
- Lecturer LB Dinesh Kumar Chaturvedi and Assistant Teacher LB Kamta Prasad Singh (District Janjgir-Champa)
- Assistant Teacher LB Sunita Yadav and Lecturer Poonam Singh Sahu (District Sarangarh-Bilaigarh)
- Assistant Teacher LB Him Kalyani and Lecturer LB Bhuvanlal Sahu (District Bemetara)
- Lecturer Pramod Kumar Kannauje and Lecturer LB Shailendra Kumar Nayak (District Mahasamund)
- Teacher Shyam Kumar Gupta and Head Reader Vinod Kumar Panth (District Balrampur)
- Teacher LB Dr. Satyanarayan Tiwari and Head Reader Jitendra Gendale (District Mungeli)
- Assistant teacher LB Digeshwar Kumar Sahu and upper class teacher Kishore Kumar Nirmalkar (District Gariaband).
- Lecturer LB Jyoti Magar and Dr. Ashish Nayak (District Dhamtari)
- Head Reader Dr. Manisha Tripathi and Sushil Kumar Gupta (District Raigarh)
- Lecturer Bhupendra Kumar Rathore and Assistant Teacher Vasundhara Kurre (District Korba)
- Lecturer Meera Hirwani and Mohd Akbar Khan (District Jagdalpur)
- Principal Reader Pawan Kumar Sinha and Teacher LB Kakem Narayan (District Bijapur)



Principal of Swami Atmanand Government English Medium School, Dr. Brijesh Pandey honored with National Teacher's Award.

Why In News?

On September 5, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu honored Dr. Brijesh Pandey, Principal of Swami Atmanand Government English Medium School Brahmapara,

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Ambikapur, Surguja district of Chhattisgarh, with the National Teacher's Award at a function organized at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that President Draupadi Murmu presented the President's Award for the year 2023 to 75 selected teachers from across the country in a ceremony organized at Vigyan Bhawan.
- In this teacher felicitation ceremony, all the awarded teachers were given a prize of Rs 50 thousand in cash, citation, shawl and quince.
- Dr. Brijesh Pandey, Principal of Swami Atmanand Excellent English Medium School of Surguja district, received this award for his excellent work in the field of education.
- Dr. Brijesh Pandey, honored with the National Teacher's Award, made an important contribution in developing child scientists along with awakening their interest in science. Under his guidance, the models of many child scientists have been displayed at the national level.
- It is known that Dr. Pandey has also been honored with the Governor's Award in the year 2018. He played an important role in determining the activity book for primary education children.
- It is noteworthy that Swami Atmanand Excellent English Medium Schools have been established to provide quality English medium education to the children in the state. Through these schools, children from poor families in Chhattisgarh are also getting education in English medium. The number of Swami Atmanand schools in Chhattisgarh is also increasing day by day and parents have increased faith in these schools.



The Chief Minister Performed Bhoomi Pujan of the New Hospital building of Raipur Medical College.

Why In News?

On September 9, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel performed the bhoomi puja of the new integrated hospital building with 700 bed capacity at Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru Medical College, Raipur.

key points

- The construction of a modern well-equipped hospital building for the hospital affiliated to the medical college at a cost of Rs 322 crore will start soon.
- The Chief Minister also inaugurated the diamond jubilee celebrations of the college at the Medical College Auditorium. Exactly 60 years ago, on September 9, 1963, the Government Medical College of Raipur was established.
- Deputy Chief Minister T.S. Addressing the program, Singhdev said that the 60 years of journey of Raipur Medical College has been wonderful. The hospital associated with this is a great hope for the people of the state. Asia's most advanced machinery is also available here. Singhdev said that approval has been given for the Genome Sequencing Lab in Raipur Medical College.
- Renu ji, Additional Chief Secretary, Medical Education Department. Pillay said in the program that Raipur Medical College is the largest tertiary care hospital in the state. In view of the continuously increasing number of patients here, the need for a well-equipped integrated hospital building was being felt for a long time. After the Bhoomi Pujan today, its construction will start soon.
- Dean Dr. Trupti Nagaria said that its journey started on this day in 1963 with 60 students. Now there are 230 MBBS seats and 150 PG seats. He informed that the capacity of the hospital affiliated to the medical college has increased from 700 beds to 1248.
- With the increase of 700 beds in the new integrated hospital building, the number of beds here will increase to around two thousand. This will be the only hospital in Central India with a capacity of two thousand beds. With increased facilities in hospitals, people will get better treatment.

Note:

- This is a big step by the state government in the direction of providing the benefits of state-of-the-art health facilities to the people of the state. With its construction, the citizens of the capital will be able to get the facility of a modern super specialty hospital.
- This 700 bed hospital to be built in Dr. Bhimrao Smriti Chikitsalaya Raipur will have seven floors apart from basement floor, lower ground floor and ground floor. In this hospital, patients will get all the facilities of a super specialty hospital.
- This integrated new hospital building will be constructed in 70 thousand 896 square meters. Provision for fire fighting system, HVAC system, IBMS system etc. has been made in the building.



Chief Minister Paid Rs 23.93 Crore to the Beneficiaries of 'Godhan Nyay Yojana'

Why In News?

On September 9, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel transferred Rs 23 crore 93 lakh from the Chief Minister's Residence Office to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries in the online distribution program under 'Godhan Nyaya Yojana'.

key points

- In the amount transferred online to the accounts of the beneficiaries of 'Godhan Nyay Yojana', Rs 5.36 crore was given to cow dung sellers, Rs 1.63 crore to Gothan committees and Rs 1.14 crore to self-help groups, along with Rs 12.32 crore to self-help groups. This includes an additional incentive amount of Rs 1.23 crore to cooperative societies and an honorarium amount of Rs 2.25 crore to the chairpersons and members of self-reliant Gothan committees.
- After payment of Rs 29 crore 93 lakh to the beneficiaries under Godhan Nyay Yojana, a total of Rs 581.24 crore has been paid so far.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel made online payment of Rs 5.36 crore to cow dung sellers in lieu of 2.68 lakh quintals of cow dung purchased from August 15 to August 31 in Gothans. So far, 133.22 quintals of cow dung has been purchased in Gothans, in return for which Rs 261.08 crore has been paid to animal husbandry farmers. After payment of Rs 5.36 crore, the total amount of cow dung purchase has become Rs 266.44 crore.
- After the amount of Rs 2.77 crore paid to Gothan committees and women self-help groups, the amount to be paid to them has increased to Rs 275.01 crore.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced a total of Rs 12 crore 32 lakh on the sale of compost to the self-help groups involved in the production of compost from cow dung at the rate of Re 1 per kilogram and a total of Rs 1 crore 23 to the cooperative societies at the rate of 10 paise per kg. Lakh rupees were released online as an incentive amount. The Chief Minister transferred Rs 2 crore 25 lakh as honorarium to 42 thousand 644 members of self-reliant Gothans in their bank accounts.
- It is noteworthy that under the Godhan Nyaya Yojana, the participation of self-reliant Gothan committees in the matter of cow dung procurement is continuously increasing. Out of 10288 Gothans built and operated in the state, 6252 Gothans have become self-reliant, and are purchasing cow dung from cow dung sellers with their own funds. Self-reliant Gothans have so far purchased cow dung worth Rs 76 crore 42 lakh with their own money.
- The Chief Minister said that by purchasing cow urine at the rate of four rupees per liter in Gothans, the women of women self-help groups are preparing Brahmastra

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and Jeevamrut from it, which is being made available to the farmers at concessional rates. Farmers have now started using organic pesticides Brahmastra and Jeevamrut instead of expensive pesticides.

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that the state government has made a record in paddy procurement every year. This year it is expected that 125 lakh metric paddy will be purchased.



Chhattisgarh Made World Record in Performing Setu Bandha Asana

Why In News?

On September 10, 2023, Chhattisgarh registered its name in golden letters in the Golden Book of World Records for the performance of Setu Bandha Asana.

key points

- At the Late Balbir Juneja Indoor Stadium in Budhapara, capital Raipur, more than 2000 yoga practitioners from all over the state, forming a pattern of the

tricolor, collectively performed Setu Bandha Asana for a world record.

- It is known that this program was organized by Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission with the aim of making people aware of the importance of yoga and motivating them for a healthy lifestyle.
- Keeping people's health as priority, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel handed over an important responsibility to Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission. To fulfill this, the Commission has started about 50 regular free yoga practice centers in the state. Yoga is being propagated from village to village by providing training to yoga practitioners of all divisions.
- Giving priority to the health of common citizens, free yoga centers have been opened in more than 90 percent of the wards of his assembly constituency.
- In the group yoga practice program, along with Setu Bandha Asana, other asanas, pranayam and meditation were also practiced.

Gift of Millet from the Women of Bastar to the First Lady who Came to G-20

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on September 10, 2023, the heads of state and their wives who came to the G-20 were given laddus made of Bastar millet, especially ragi.

key points

- First ladies and spouses of participating heads of G-20 countries were given a special invitation to an agricultural exhibition at the IARI complex on Pusa Road on 9 September.
- Sangeeta Kashyap, who came from Bastanar block of Bastar district, said that she had prepared dishes prepared from millet like millet laddu, ragi cookies, ragi chakli, kodo-kutki etc. He gifted a basket of dishes made from millet to the First Lady of Australia. The women of Bastar also invited the First Lady to visit Bastar.
- Rukmani Kottam, nodal officer of Chhattisgarh Agriculture Department, said that in the stall set up by Chhattisgarh Agriculture Department in Pusa, products made from bamboo like Supa, Tukni, Basket,

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Tuma, Chhatri as well as products made from millet were kept. Chhattisgarh's Dhokrakala and Kosa stalls made from natural dyes were also a center of special attraction for the visitors.

- Nirmala Bhaskar of the women's group of Gotul Munda village of Durgkondal block of Kanker gifted a basket of millet to the First Lady of New Zealand. This basket contained millet products prepared by a women's group of Chhattisgarh.

Chhattisgarh Government's Big Decision Regarding Women's Safety

Why In News?

On September 11, 2023, the Chhattisgarh government, taking a big decision regarding women's safety, has banned girls and women accused of molestation, rape etc. from government jobs. An order in this regard has been issued by the General Administration Department of the State Government.

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that in the main Independence Day function on August 15, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had announced to ban those accused of molestation, rape etc. of girls and women from government jobs.
- In the instructions issued by the General Administration to all the departments, Revenue Board Chairman, Department Heads, Divisional Commissioners, Collectors, it has been said that such candidates, against whom there are cases of moral turpitude related to molestation of girls and women, rape etc., will not be considered for appointment in government service. Crimes which are registered under sections 354, 376, 376A, 376B, 376C, 376D, 509, 493, 496 and 498 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (POCSO Act), 2012, They should be banned from appointment to government services and posts till the final decision of the case is taken.
- In the instructions issued by the state government, it has been said that sub-rule (4) of rule 6 of Chhattisgarh Civil Services (General Conditions of Service) Rules, 1961 provides as follows that any candidate who has been convicted of any crime against women will not

be eligible for appointment to any service or post. Provided that in so far as such cases are pending in the court against any candidate, his appointment case shall be kept pending till the final decision of the criminal case.

- It is noteworthy that the state government has worked diligently at many administrative, practical and legal levels to prevent crimes related to women. Women cells have been established in 547 police stations and outposts of the state, so that victimized women can lodge their reports without any hesitation.
- Women's cell has been established in every district at the district level. Women's counseling center has been established in every district headquarters to prevent incidents of domestic violence and harassment of women.
- Mahila police stations have been established in four big districts of the state, Bilaspur, Raipur, Durg and Surguja. Crime against women research units have been established in 6 districts of the state, Raipur, Durg, Rajnandgaon, Bilaspur, Raigarh and Janjgir-Champa.
- Abhivakti app has also been launched by the state police department for women safety, which has more than 1 lakh 85 thousand registered users.
- For the purpose of women safety and controlling crimes, CCTV cameras have been installed in sensitive places by marking public places. An internal complaint committee has been constituted in each unit to prevent sexual harassment of women at the workplace.
- To ensure the safety of girls and women, women police patrolling teams are continuously patrolling schools, colleges and sensitive places. Along with this, an awareness campaign is also being conducted for prevention of crimes against women through expert or trained women police officers.

Great Chhattisgarh Run Marathon will be held on 17th December

Why In News?

According to the information given by Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on September 11, 2023, like every year, this time also the Great Chhattisgarh Run Marathon race will be organized in Nava Raipur of the capital on December 17, 2023.

Note:



Key Points

- Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Bhure started the registration of participants for this marathon in a function organized in the capital Raipur.
- The marathon will be held in four categories: 6 kilometers, 10 kilometers, 21 kilometers and 42 kilometers.
- This time the marathon will focus on the theme of birds found in Chhattisgarh. More than three and a half thousand runners are expected to participate in this marathon.
- The marathon will be organized by the Let's Run organization in collaboration with the district administration. The Let's Run organization has been organizing such marathons with enthusiasm and enthusiasm continuously for the last seven years in Chhattisgarh. This time it will be the eighth edition of the marathon.
- The organization Let's Run is a group of not only professional runners but also people from different sections of society associated with running. People of every age group and age who believe that running keeps them physically and mentally healthy are associated with this organization and keep organizing three-four such small and big marathon races in a year.
- Director of the organization, Dr. Vinay Tiwari said that every year the Great Chhattisgarh Run is organized with a speciality of the state as its theme. This year, birds found in Chhattisgarh have been identified as the theme.
- He also said that this marathon race will also give a message of awareness towards environmental protection and collective efforts to save the biodiversity of Chhattisgarh.



Note:

Bilaspur Division Becomes Overall Champion in the State Level Literary Competition of Eklavya Model Residential Schools

Why In News?

Bilaspur division became the overall champion in the state level literary competition of Eklavya Adarsh Residential Schools held on September 11, 2023 at Prayas Residential School, Saddu Raipur, under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Level Tribal Welfare, Residential and Ashram Educational Institutions Committee.

Key Points:

- In this literary competition, the Central region stood first in most of the literary genres, while the Surguja division stood second and Bastar division stood third.
- In this competition, competition was organized in a total of 10 literary genres like Speech, Extempore, Debate, Story Telling, Creative Writing, Sanskrit Verse, Hindi poetry recitation, English poetry, English quiz, English spell bee.
- In the Hindi language competition of the senior category, Pratima of the Central Region division, Anamika in the junior speech competition in Hindi, Jeevika Diwan in the English speech senior category and the Bastar division in the English speech junior category got first place.
- In extempore category, Tapeswar Sai from Surguja was the winner in Hindi senior category, Ishika from Central region in English senior category, Jaiprakash Sidar from Central region in debate senior category competition and Tejeshwari Manjhi from Bastar in English senior category were the winners.
- In the story telling competition, Aditi Bhagat from Surguja stood first in Hindi and Ashrit Tirkey stood first in English.
- In the creative writing competition in Hindi, Raghavendra from the Central region stood first and Rakhi Madkam from Bastar stood first in English.
- Prachi Meriya of Bastar stood first in Sanskrit verse competition, Anglian Tirkey of Surguja stood first in Hindi poetry recitation, Deepika of Surguja stood first in English poetry, Anila and Shashikala of Central

region stood first in English quiz, Smita Kanwar and Aanchal Pulast of Central region stood first in Spell Bee. Received.

- All the winners were honored with certificates and insignia. All the participants who get first position in the competitions will participate in the National Cultural and Literary Competition organized in Dehradun from 3rd to 6th October.

Surguja Division Becomes Overall Champion in the State Level Cultural Competition of Eklavya Model Residential Schools

Why In News?

On September 11, 2023, Surguja division became the overall champion in the state level cultural competition of Eklavya Adarsh Residential Schools held under the auspices of Chhattisgarh State Level Tribal Welfare, Residential and Ashram Educational Institutions Committee.

Key Points:

- Under the aegis of Chhattisgarh State Level Tribal Welfare, Residential and Ashram Educational Institutions Committee, state level cultural competition of Eklavya Model Residential Schools was organized at Thakur Pyarelal Panchayat and Rural Development Institute, Nimora Raipur and intellectual competition was organized at Prayas Residential School, Saddu Raipur.
- All the participants securing first position in these competitions will participate in the National Cultural and Literary Competition to be held in Dehradun from 3rd to 6th October.
- The Surguja division won the cultural competition. Surguja division stood first in group singing, group dance, painting, theater and also stood first in teachers' music competition - vocal classic, vocal semi classic and folk song. Central region stood at second place and Bastar division stood at third place.
- Giving information regarding the organization of the competition, Deputy Commissioner Pragyan Seth said that its main objective is to develop the cultural and intellectual capacity of children along with education for their all-round development, so that they can have correct knowledge of their cultural and literary values.

- In the state level cultural competition, group singing, group dance, playing of tribal instruments, semi-classical solo song, painting, theater and teachers' concert were held.
- Under the state level cultural and intellectual competition of Eklavya Model Residential Schools, Sahanpur (Surguja) stood first, Balod (Central Region) stood second and Orchha Narayanpur (Bastar) stood third in group singing.
- In group dance, Premnagar Surajpur (Surguja) stood first, Karpavand (Bastar) stood second and Gariaband (Madhyakshetra) stood third.
- In the tribal musical instruments competition, Dhamtari (Central Region) stood first, Karpavand (Bastar) stood second and Petla (Surguja) stood third.
- In the solo song competition, Gariaband (Central Region) stood first, Chheribera (Bastar) stood second and Sahanpur (Surguja) stood third.
- In the painting competition, Shivpur (Surguja) stood first, Korba (Central Region) stood second and Golavand (Bastar) stood third.
- In the theater competition, Balrampur (Surguja) stood first, Mugeli (Central Region) stood second and Karpavand (Bastar) stood third.
- Apart from this, a competition was organized in the music section for the teachers of Eklavya Vidyalaya. In this, Mainpat Surguja stood first in vocal classic music, Odgi Surguja stood first and Gariaband stood second in vocal semi-classic music. Surajpur Surguja stood first in folk songs and Raigarh stood first and Surajpur Surguja stood second in instrumental music. All the winners were honored with certificates and mementos.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel laid the Foundation Stone of 'Commercial Hub', 'Aerocity' and 'Shaheed Memorial' in Nava Raipur.

Why In News?

On September 12, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel performed the bhoomi puja and laid the foundation stone of three important projects 'Commercial Hub', 'Aerocity' and 'Shaheed Memorial' in a ceremony organized in Sector-35 of Nava Raipur Atal Nagar.

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Key Points:

- With the aim of promoting investment, settlement and commercial activities in Nava Raipur, 'Commercial Hub' is being developed on 1083 acres in Sector-23, 24, 34, 35 and 40.
- Similarly, 'Aerocity' is being developed in 216.63 acres identified in village Baroda and Ramchandi near Swami Vivekananda Airport to promote passenger facilities in Layer-3 of Nava Raipur, commercial development of the airport area and employment generation.
- 'Shaheed Memorial' is being established on 13 acres in the VIP battalion in village Parsada (Sector-3) of Nava Raipur.
- **Commercial Hub:**
 - In the first phase of the commercial hub, land plots have been made for the development of about 1,000 wholesale commercial shops of 20 businesses, in which separate provision has been made for wholesale grocery, incense sticks, wholesale gunny bags, pulse mill, paper trade etc.
 - A provision of Rs 5 crore has been made by the state government in the financial year 2023-24 for the development of the commercial hub. City level infrastructure of 'Commercial Hub' and infrastructure development in 125 acres of the first phase will be done at an amount of Rs 195.51 crore.
 - The land identified for this project is from National Highway No. 30 and Bharat Mala is located near the allotment of the project and the land also has railway connectivity. The identified plot of land is located about 12 km from Swami Vivekananda Airport.
 - The identified land is located in villages Nimora, Uparwara, Parasatti, Bendri, Kendri, Jhanki and Mudpar. The land use of the said land has been mixed from public and semi-public.
 - This wholesale commercial market will be beneficial not only for Chhattisgarh but also for the border areas of other nearby states. In this project, all the facilities and physical infrastructure related to wholesale business will be provided as per high standards. There are possibilities of employment generation in the surrounding area with the implementation of this project.
- **Aerocity: Provision of commercial establishments, shopping complexes, hotels**
 - Aerocity is being developed near Swami Vivekananda Airport in Layer-3 of Nava Raipur Atal Nagar

to promote passenger facilities, commercial development of the airport area and employment generation. Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had announced the establishment of Aerocity on January 26, 2023, on the occasion of Republic Day.

- About 216.63 acres of land has been identified in villages Baroda and Ramchandi of Nava Raipur for Aerocity. Since the identified plot includes privately owned land, it has been decided to develop the Aerocity project on the lines of the city development plan.
- Keeping in view the market assessment and financial interest of the authority, it was decided to develop the land of area of about 24.85 acres in the first phase.
- In the layout prepared on 15.45 acres of government-owned land, 04 commercial plots ranging from 0.62 acres to 3.01 acres, 01 shopping complex of 0.82 acres and 1.44 acres of land are proposed for 01 hotel.
- A provision of Rs 2 crore has been made by the state government in the financial year 2023-24 for the development of Aerocity.

- **Memorial:**

- VIP in village Parsada (Sector-3) of Nava Raipur Atal Nagar area. 42.931 acres of land has been identified for the battalion. Out of this, a martyr's memorial will be established in 13 acres.
- In this proposed project, Martyr Memorial, construction of walls for engraving the names of 2700 martyrs on about 07 acres of land, construction of Chhattisgarh Amar Jawan Jyoti Memorial, memorial museum, parade ground for 21 platoon, bugler platform, gallery for about 400 spectators, special Arrangements for guest gallery, barracks for 60 soldiers, parking, fountain, irrigation etc. will be made. The state government has issued administrative approval of Rs 47.75 crore for this.



Note:



New Office Building of the State Agricultural Marketing Board and Laid the foundation Stone of Chhattisgarh Krishi Bhawan.

Why In News?

On September 12, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the new office building of Chhattisgarh State Agricultural Marketing (Mandi) Board in Nava Raipur and laid the foundation stone of the newly built Chhattisgarh Krishi Bhawan.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced to name the new building of Mandi Board after Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The office of Seed Corporation will also operate in this building constructed at a cost of Rs 40 crore in Sector-24 of Nava Raipur.
- Various agriculture related activities will be conducted from this building constructed in approximately 1 lakh 58 thousand square feet which will benefit the farmers.
- While addressing the inauguration ceremony, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the market is being expanded in the state for the convenience of the farmers. About 1.25 lakh metric tonnes of paddy is to be purchased in the state. Keeping this in view, paddy collection centers are also being developed as markets.
- Apart from this, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel performed the Bhoomi Pujan and laid the foundation stone of the new five-storey Chhattisgarh Krishi Bhawan

to be built on 3.14 acres at a cost of Rs 49 crore 50 lakh in Sector-19 of Nava Raipur.

- Krishi Bhawan will house all the departments related to agriculture - Directorate of Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Horticulture and Field Forestry, Watershed Management, Livestock Development, Fisheries. The offices of the Agriculture Minister and Agriculture Production Commissioner will also be established in the building.
- The construction of Integrated Agriculture Building will increase the mutual coordination between the supporting institutions of the department, which will speed up the work of agricultural development and it will be possible to solve the problems of farmers coming from all over the state under one roof. In future, Krishi Bhawan will be developed as an 'Integrated Resource Centre' for the development of the agriculture sector.



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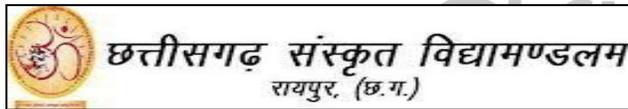
Chhattisgarh Sanskrit Vidyamandalam gets Recognition from National Institute of Open Schooling

Why in News?

On September 13, 2023, President of Chhattisgarh Sanskrit Vidyamandalam, Suresh Kumar Sharma said that Chhattisgarh Sanskrit Vidyamandalam has got recognition from the National Institute of Open Schooling.

Key Points

- President of Chhattisgarh Sanskrit Vidyamandalam, Suresh Kumar Sharma said that the National Institute of Open Schooling has included Chhattisgarh Sanskrit Vidyamandalam in the authorized list of Secondary and Senior Secondary Education Board. It has been approved by the competent authority of National Institute of Open Schooling.
- By getting recognition at the national level, students studying from Chhattisgarh Sanskrit Vidyamandalam will get the opportunity to get recruited in government jobs at the national level and to study further in the field of Sanskrit.
- It is known that Chhattisgarh State Government had formed Chhattisgarh Sanskrit Board, now known as Chhattisgarh Sanskrit Vidyamandalam in 2003 for the prestige of Sanskrit education and language.



Narayanpur District of Chhattisgarh Received a Certificate from the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti for its Excellent Performance in Jal Jeevan Survekshan 2023.

Why In News?

- On September 14, 2023, the Central Jal Shakti, Drinking Water and Sanitation Department honored

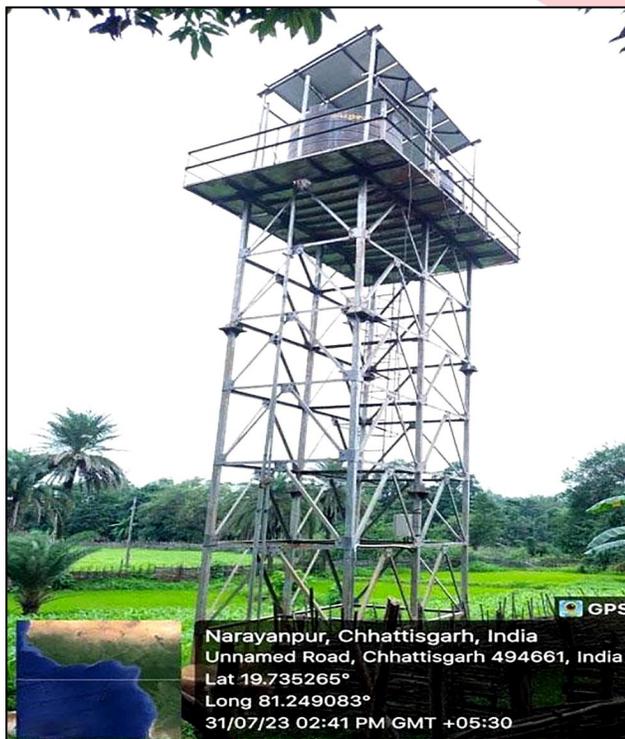
Narayanpur district of Chhattisgarh with a citation for its excellent work in the Jal Jeevan Survekshan 2023 under the Aspirational District.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that providing pure drinking water to every villager in Narayanpur district, which has very difficult settlements, was a challenging task. For taking it forward successfully, the Central Government honored Narayanpur district under the Aspirational District.
- The aquatic life survey was conducted by the central government from October 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023. In this, the work of Narayanpur district under the aspirational districts was found to be excellent.
- For this district, Jal Jeevan Mission had set a target of providing pure drinking water to 30 thousand 322 families. In this, tap connections have been provided to 18 thousand 72 houses. There are 14 villages where 100% families have been given connections.
- In the present situation, the state is achieving an average of 7000 domestic connections every day and 60 percent of the families have been given domestic connections. Till now, Har Ghar Jal certification for every household has been done in a total of 422 villages of the state.
- It is noteworthy that there are two development blocks in Narayanpur district, Orchha and Narayanpur. Most of the area of Orchha development block comes under Abujhmad, which is spread over an area of about 4 thousand square kilometers and is surrounded by mountains and dense forests. Survey of these areas has not been done yet.
- It is noteworthy that under Jal Jeevan Mission in the state, running water has been provided in total 43 thousand 974 schools (86.78 percent), 41 thousand 719 Anganwadi centers (83.39 percent) and 5246 health centers (97.86 percent) of the state. Running water facility has been provided in 100 percent i.e. 2470 ashram shalas of the state.
- The target of providing more than 70 percent household connections has been achieved in 7 districts of the state – Dhamtari, Raipur, Durg, Rajnandgaon, Mungeli, Janjgir-Champa and Sakti districts.
- Certification has been done by celebrating har ghar Jal Utsav in 6 villages in Narayanpur district. Under the efforts to provide water to every house in Narayanpur

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district, work is on completion in villages like Udidgaon, Gulumkodo, Kokodi, Kundla, Khadkagaon, Guria and Palli etc. in the inner villages of development block Orcha.



Prime Minister Dedicates Railway Projects worth about Rs 6,350 Crore to the Nation in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh

Why In News?

On September 14, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the nation's railway projects worth about Rs 6,350 crore in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- These railway projects include Chhattisgarh Eastern Railway Project Phase-1, the third railway line between Champa to Jamga, the third railway line between Pendra Road and Anuppur and the MGR (Meri-Go) connecting Talaipalli coal mine to NTPC Lara Super Thermal Power Station Round) system.
- These rail projects will accelerate socio-economic development in the region by facilitating the movement of passengers as well as freight.
- Phase-1 of the Chhattisgarh Eastern Rail Project is being developed under the ambitious PM Gatishakti-National Master Plan for Multi-Modal Connectivity and includes a 124.8 km rail line from Kharsia to Dharamjaigarh. It consists of a spur line to Ger-Pelma and three feeder lines connecting Chhal, Baraud, Durgapur and other coal mines.
- Built at a cost of approximately Rs 3,055 crore, the railway line is equipped with electrified broad gauge level crossings and free part double line with passenger amenities. It will provide rail connectivity to transport coal from Mand-Raigarh coal fields located in Raigarh, Chhattisgarh.
- The third rail line between Pendra Road to Anuppur is 50 km long and has been built at a cost of approximately Rs 516 crore. The 98 km long third line between Champa and Jamga railway section has been built at a cost of approximately Rs 796 crore. The new rail lines will improve connectivity in the area and increase tourism and employment opportunities.
- The 65 km long electrified MGR (Merry-Go-Round) system will provide low cost transportation of high grade coal from NTPC's Talaipalli coal mine to the 1600 MW NTPC Lara Super Thermal Power Station in Chhattisgarh. This will promote low cost

Note:

and reliable power generation from NTPC Lara, thereby strengthening the energy security of the country.

- Along with this, during the program, the Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone of 'Critical Care Block' with 50 beds in 9 districts of Chhattisgarh.
- Under the Prime Minister-Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM), nine critical care blocks will be built in Durg, Kondagaon, Rajnandgaon, Gariaband, Jashpur, Surajpur, Surguja, Bastar and Raigarh districts, the total cost of which will be Rs 210 crore.
- In order to address the health problems arising from sickle cell disease, which is particularly prevalent among the tribal population, the Prime Minister distributed one lakh sickle cell counseling cards to the screened population.
- It is noteworthy that Sickle Cell Counseling Cards are being distributed under the National Sickle Cell Anemia Elimination Mission (NSAEM), which was launched by the Prime Minister in July, 2023 in Shahdol, Madhya Pradesh.



MoU Signed between Raipur District Administration and Igebra-AI for formation of Data-AI Club

Why In News?

On September 14, 2023, in the presence of Raipur District Collector Dr. Sarveshwar Narendra Bhure, an MOU was signed between the district administration and Igebra-AI, under which Data-AI will be implemented in three Swami Atmanand Excellent English Medium School (SEGES) of the district Club will be formed.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that on Independence Day, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has announced to include information about modern technologies like Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Internet of Things in the curriculum of school children from the next academic session. The district administration has taken this step with immediate implementation in this direction. Raipur is the first district to take this important step.
- This MoU was signed by District Panchayat CEO Abinash Mishra and company director Chiranjeevi Madala on behalf of the district administration.
- Under this MOU, AI Club will be formed at Swami Atmanand RD Tiwari Amapara, Swami Atmanand BP Pujari Rajatalab and Swami Atmanand Martyr Memorial Fafadih.
- This will develop understanding of AI among the students of these schools. Students will be familiar with this latest technology of science and will be able to use it in projects and other works. This will create more interest in science among the children of Chhattisgarh, and they will also work shoulder to shoulder with other youth not only in the country but also in the world.
- In this club, students will be taught in the AI club by the trainers of the concerned institution and there will be workshops. Project models will also be displayed.
- It is noteworthy that Igebra-AI is an American company, which is working in the field of AI. Its objective is to educate the youth about AI.

Note:



Division Level Chhattisgarhiya Olympics: Balod Becomes Overall Champion

Why In News?

According to the information given by Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on September 17, 2023, Balod district has become the overall champion in the divisional level Chhattisgarh Olympics.



Key Points:

- Players of Balod district earned the title of overall champion due to their excellent sports performance in various competitions under the divisional level Olympics organized at Government Higher Secondary School, Purai of Durg division.
- Players of different age groups of Balod displayed their best performance and won a maximum 38 gold medals in the divisional level competition.
- In the competition, in the men's category, various sports for the age group of 0-18 years included Pithul, Sankhali, Gedi race, 100 meter race, long jump and wrestling 50 kg. Balod has got the first position in the match played under the category.
- Similarly, second place in Kho-Kho and tug of war and in wrestling competition, apart from Gilli Danda, 51-60 kg category, 61-70 kg category. Balod district got third place in the 71-80 kg category and 80 kg category.

- Under the women's category, in the age group of 0 to 18 years, Balod stood first in 40-50 kg, 61-70 kg and 40 kg categories in Pithul, Fugdi, long jump, rope jump and wrestling competition and 51-60 kg. And 70 kg. Got second place in the class. Apart from this, Balod has got third place in Kho-Kho and 100 meter race.



Jashpur Got 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 5 Bronze Medals in School State Level Taekwondo.

Why In News?

According to the information given by Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on September 17, 2023, Jashpur district has received 2 Gold, 2 Silver and 5 Bronze medals in the 23rd School State Level Taekwondo Competition held from 10 to 14 September in Korba.

Key Points:

- Jashpur Collector Dr. Ravi Mittal said that the district's Ayush Yadav, father Akhilesh Yadav, Prateek Bada, father Nirmal Bada have been selected for the national level Taekwondo competition.
- Yuvraj Kumar and Binesh Lakra of the district have got silver medals. Similarly, Karan Ram, Manish Bhagat, Rudra Pratap Singh, Ishapriya Lakra, Neha Nagvanshi received bronze medals.
- The Taekwondo coach said that the players selected for the national will take part in the national competition organized in Betul, Madhya Pradesh in December, for which the children are being made proficient in the sport.

Note:



Chief Minister Inaugurated Bijapur Garment Factory located in Itpal

Why In News?

On September 18, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, during his one-day visit to Bijapur, inaugurated the Bijapur Government Factory located in Itpal, and also flagged off the first consignment of products ready for the market from the factory.

Key Points:

- The main source of livelihood of the villagers living in Bijapur district is agriculture and forest based (products) and in view of the migration of villagers to other states for employment due to lack of industry in the district, the district administration Bijapur is providing business opportunities for stable livelihood and women empowerment. Garment factory has been established as a model.
- This is an example of the business model of the district administration to provide employment to maximum number of beneficiaries at minimum cost, in which garment based industry can be established in less time and at lower cost and employment can be provided to maximum number of beneficiaries.
- For the establishment of a garment factory, discussions have been held with the country's big garment brands Myntra, Max, Dixie etc., in which representatives of Dixie and Myntra companies visited the district and an agreement was reached on setting up the factory. Thus the garment factory has been built at a cost of Rs 6 crore 90 lakh 27 thousand.

- Started the work of counseling 800 women and training 200 beneficiaries for working in the garment factory. It was decided to start vest production in the District Project Livelihood College with 70 women by signing a 5-year contract with Dixie Company in June 2023.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel also unveiled the statue of Chhattisgarh Mahtari in the Collectorate office premises during his stay in Bijapur. He said that statues of Chhattisgarh Mahtari are being installed in all the districts so that people can be awakened about their culture.



Note:



Chhattisgarh Certification Committee, India Forestry and Agriculture-CGCERT Operated for Organic Certification.

Why In News?

According to the information given by Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on September 18, 2023, Chhattisgarh Certification Committee, India Forestry and Agriculture-CGCERT does the work of organic certification of agricultural products, minor forest produce products and processed products etc. Apart from this, CGCERT is also moving forward in the field of forest certification.

Key Points:

- Principal Chief Conservator of Forests and Chief Executive Officer-CGCERT V. Srinivas Rao said that Chhattisgarh Certification Committee, India Forestry and Agriculture-CGCERT is operated under the administrative control of Chhattisgarh State Forest Department.
- CGCERT is an accredited institution for organic certification of organic products as per the National Organic Production Program by the National Board of Accreditation, Ministry of Commerce, New Delhi.
- Its office in Chhattisgarh is located in the State Forest Research and Training Institute Raipur campus near Chhattisgarh Legislative Assembly.
- In the organic certification process, a certification body such as CGCERT monitors organic production, processing, selling or handling activities for compliance with organic standards.

- It is noteworthy that in view of the immense potential of organic farming and organic products in the country, the National Organic Production Program Standard was launched in the year 2005 by the Government of India to promote the field of certification of organic products.
- For this, APEDA, New Delhi has played an important role and formed certification bodies at all state levels. Indian organic standards are at par with European standards and Swiss standards. In this process, CGCert has been given recognition for organic certification work.
- In the inspection and certification process of organic farms of farmers, CGCERT carries out the inspection of organic production of various crops, maintenance of managed crops etc. as per NPOP standards.
- Under the certification process, it is mandatory for any individual farmer, group of farmers, processor, seller to register.
- CGCert also does the work of organic certification of such producer farmer groups who do organic farming by forming a group in a cluster. In group farming, both the area and quantity of organic production increases by small farmers doing organic farming and the cost of certification also reduces. Apart from this, due to high production, traders of organic products are attracted to sell these products.
- CGCERT deals with the certification of minor forest produce collected from forests, including various types of medicinal products like Harra, Bahera, Amla, Mahua, Tamarind, Chironji and wild honey.
- The products obtained from forests are automatically organic in nature. In the organic certification process, the work of inspection and evaluation of production areas and maintenance etc. of these minor forest produce is done by NPOP. Is done as per standard.
- CGCERT also certifies processed organic products prepared in processing units and organic fertilizers required for agricultural purposes.

The 38th Chakradhar Samaroh Started with Dignity

Why In News?

On September 19, 2023, Raigarh MLA Prakash Nayak and Dharamjaygarh MLA Laljit Singh Rathiya formally

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inaugurated the 38th Chakradhar Celebrations by lighting the lamp at the Municipal Corporation Auditorium of Raigarh district of Chhattisgarh, famous throughout India for music, dance and literature.

Key Points:

- It is known that the 38th Chakradhar Samaroh is being organized with dignity at the Municipal Corporation Auditorium Raigarh from 19th to 21st September.
- On the occasion of the inauguration of the festival, Raigarh MLA Prakash Nayak said that through the organization of the nationally renowned Chakradhar Festival, the audience will get a chance to get acquainted with various forms of art.
- Dharamjaigarh MLA Laljit Singh Rathiya said that Raigarh is the city of Sur Taal and Chakradhar festival has gained fame at national and international level. Organizing this will provide an opportunity to get acquainted with the talent of the artists.
- Raigarh Collector Taran Prakash Sinha said on this occasion that Raja Chakradhar Singh himself was a great artist and was a generous patron of artists. Raigarh is a city of art connoisseurs. On the initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Ramayana Mahotsav was organized here, which gained fame at the national and international level.
- For the first time, the cultural talents of the district and state are being provided a platform in the Chakradhar Festival, where along with singing and dancing artists, talented local artists of the young generation are also taking part in the festival.
- This year, as part of youth participation in Chakradhar Samaroh, a large number of school students of Raigarh district are being given a group dance performance and a platform is being provided to local artists.
- A group of 60 artists from Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya, Khairagarh, which has the distinction of being the only music university in Asia for a long time, will also perform at the Chakradhar function.
- The team will present Chhattisgarhi folk music and dance based on classical singing, sarod playing, rhythm playing, tal Kachhari, Sugam music, Kathak and folk songs and dances of Chhattisgarh based on the forms in which Shri Ram has been seen.
- Chakradhar ceremony also has its own historical significance. Before independence, Raigarh was an independent princely state, where cultural and literary

activities were spread on a large scale. Famous musician Kumar Gandharva and Hindi's first Chhayavadi poet Madhukar Pandey were from Raigarh. When the process of merger of the princely states into India started due to the efforts of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, King Chakradhar of Raigarh was the first king to sign the consent form for the merger.

- Raja Chakradhar was a skilled percussionist and also adept in music and dance. As a result of his efforts and encouragement, new styles of music and dance developed here.
- Since pre-independence, a rich tradition of cultural events developed here during Ganeshotsav, which gradually took the form of a big event. This event was so big that after the death of King Chakradhar, the cultural workers and art practitioners here started a ten-day cultural festival in his memory in the name of 'Chakradhar Samaroh' from the year 1985.



Note:



Chief Minister Inaugurated Indoor Stadium, BPO Center and Planetarium

Why In News?

On September 19, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the newly constructed Mini Indoor Stadium and newly constructed BPO Center in Khursipar under Municipal Corporation Bhilai and the newly constructed Planetarium in Nehru Nagar.

Key Points:

- Built at a cost of Rs 3 crore, the mini indoor stadium has a badminton court, 2 pieces of wooden flooring, three table tennis courts, carrom room, 3 board chess and a hall. Now players will get better playing facilities from the indoor stadium.
- About 700 youth will be provided employment through the newly constructed BPO center at a cost of Rs 7 crore.
- The newly constructed planetarium in Nehru Nagar at a cost of Rs 2 crore will introduce the city residents to the universe.



Note:



Chief Minister Participated in 'Mirror Now Summit-Chhattisgarh Path to Progress'

Why In News?

On September 20, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel participated in the program 'Mirror Now Summit-Chhattisgarh Path to Progress' organized by Times Group in a private hotel in the capital Raipur and spoke on the implementation of government schemes and positive results for the development of Chhattisgarh.

Key Points:

- Addressing the program, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that more than half of the country's population are farmers and more than 75 percent of the people in Chhattisgarh are involved in farming. We have made farming a profitable business and have worked to give them fair prices for their produce.
- He said that our priority has not only been focused on agriculture, but parallel to this we have done effective work towards social and economic empowerment of the people living in forests.
- Chief Minister Baghel, while speaking on the changes brought about in the lives of farmers and cattle herders by 'Godhan Nyay Yojana', said that before implementing it, a long study was done at the government level and only after that people were connected to it.
- Till now cow dung worth Rs 265 crore has been purchased and vermicompost worth about Rs 300 crore has been prepared. Also, out of 10 thousand 200 Gothans, 6500 Gothans have become self-reliant.

- He said that many allied activities are being conducted for livelihood in Gothan and more than 2 lakh women of more than 13 thousand self-help groups are getting employment.
- The Chief Minister said that the extent of Naxal affected areas has reduced and developmental works have been promoted in these areas. Now 67 types of forest produce are being purchased in the forest areas. Value addition to forest products has increased profits. The country's largest millet plant has been established in Chhattisgarh and it is also being purchased at support price.



UNICEF Praised the Health Programs of Chhattisgarh

Why In News?

On September 19, 2023, representatives from UNICEF South Asia, including UNICEF India, visited Kondagaon district and praised the innovative plans being made in the district to fight mental health and malnutrition.

Key Points:

- UNICEF India Chief Health Officer Luigi D'aquino along with representatives from UNICEF South Asia Regional Organization René Ehonu Akpini from West Africa, Gunter Bussey from Belgium, Chol Thabo Ayule, UNICEF Chhattisgarh Chief Job Zachariah, UNICEF Chhattisgarh Health Specialist Gajendra Singh observed the programs run by UNICEF in Kondagaon.
- Programs like 'Maya Mandai', 'Anemia Free Kondagaon' campaign and 'Yuvodaya Kondanar Champs' were especially praised by the team. Also, the contribution of the volunteers was appreciated.

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- On this occasion, the UNICEF team discussed with the youth and villagers about village health hygiene 'Maya Mandai', nutrition day and anemia free Kondagaon in Bandhapara and Nakapara Anganwadi centers under Keshkal development block.
- He took information from Anganwadi workers, Mitanins and ANMs about the work of vaccination and anemia free Kondagaon. While participating in various programs, he danced to the tune of Bastaria Halbi songs with children and Yuvodaya volunteers.
- During this, he learned about the implementation of the schemes at the ground level. Also discussed the awareness being spread about mental health by volunteers in schools and their contribution to the community.



Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel Inaugurated the Newly Constructed State-of-the-Art Central Library (Granthalaya).

Why In News?

On September 24, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, during his stay in Kondagaon, inaugurated the newly constructed, state-of-the-art Central Library with all facilities at a cost of Rs 6 crore in the Government Gundadthur College campus.

Key Points:

- This library will prove helpful in increasing the knowledge and skill development of the youth of the district, so that the youth will be able to shape their future.
- It is known that this central library has been started to make Kondagaon district an education hub. This library will be dedicated to children, youth and senior citizens of all age groups.
- For convenience, this library has been divided into Newspaper Zone, Magazine Zone, Kids Zone, Discussion Zone, Reading Zone so that all aspects of reading and understanding can be covered.
- Along with this library, an e-knowledge portal was also launched. Through this portal, a database of all the books available in 128 government secondary school and high school libraries has been created, and is being made available online.
- Through this portal, any student or common citizen of the district, who needs any book, can get any book available in the 128 libraries of the district allotted to him sitting at home and that book can be distributed to him through the Block Source Coordinator. Will be made available within 7 days.
- Along with this, Incubation and Innovation Hub Kondagaon was inaugurated to promote self-employment in the district. Guidance is being given to youth receiving unemployment allowance and those wishing to start startups.
- For this, MoUs were signed today with leading institutes of the state like IIT Bhilai, Triple IT, Naya Raipur and Head Start. These institutes will provide guidance to the founders admitted in the incubator on various essential points in business operations.

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Chief Minister Inaugurated the Chief Minister Breakfast Scheme

Why In News?

On September 24, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the Chief Minister Breakfast Scheme in 681 primary schools of Sukma district at Chhindigarh in Sukma district.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister distributed tiffin to school children.
- Under this scheme, children from classes 1 to 5 will be given snacks under different menus five days a week. Like poha will be given on Monday, porridge on Tuesday, chana fry on Wednesday, moong dal on Thursday and veg pulao on Friday.
- About 17 thousand children of Sukma district will benefit from this. Under this scheme, an additional incentive amount of Rs 800 will be provided to the school cooks.



Chhattisgarh's CHALK Project gets Approval from World Bank and Government of India

Why In News?

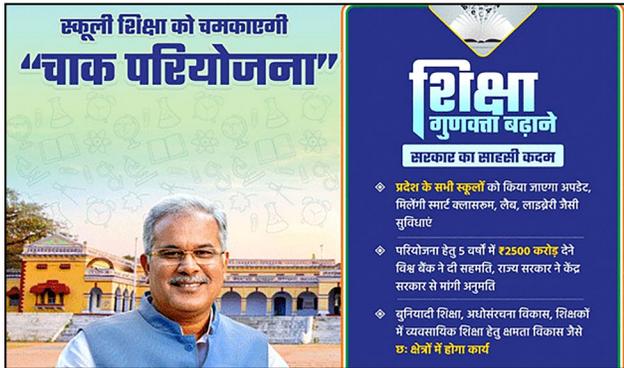
With a view to bring rapid changes keeping in mind the changing scenario of school education in the state of Chhattisgarh, on September 22, 2023, the CHALK project was approved by the World Bank and the Government of India for improving school education. The project documents were officially signed by the World Bank, Government of India and Government of Chhattisgarh.

Key Points:

- With the help of the World Bank, it has been decided to rejuvenate the schools along with improving the quality of education, under this a provision of Rs 400 crore has been made by the Chhattisgarh government in the first phase.
- Through this project, a total assistance of \$ 300 million (approximately Rs 2500 crore) will be received by the World Bank in the next 5 years (July, 2023 to September, 2028).
- Through this project, various works are mainly done towards improving the achievement of children, based on the demand of parents, starting new schools giving excellent results on the lines of Swami Atmanand, to improve the infrastructure of schools running in remote areas of the state. Necessary support etc. work can be done.
- With the arrival of this project, it will be easier to speed up and expand the various reform works started in the last four years in the state of Chhattisgarh and there will be a comprehensive improvement in the quality of school education.
- Under this project, training related to teaching-learning as per class level, opportunity for teachers to choose suitable training for themselves (on-mode training), remedial teaching for every subject and concept for classes from upper primary to higher secondary level. , Arrangement of analysis of children's results using digital technology for effective assessment in schools, availability of high quality test items ICT and science laboratory, smart classrooms, benefit of infrastructure development to selected schools, large number of Scheduled Caste and Tribe settlements. The focus will be on works like the proposal to open schools in the development blocks.

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- Apart from this, various capacity development programs will also be organized through CMET to bring changes in school education by training the school principals working in the state on other useful issues besides academic and administrative leadership.



Chhattisgarh State Renewable Energy Development Agency (CREDA) Awarded for the Third Consecutive Time

Why In News?

On September 21, 2023, Chhattisgarh State Renewable Energy Development Agency (CREDA) was awarded the Star Performance Award for the best performance at the national level in the field of energy conservation in a function organized in New Delhi.

Key Points:

- This honor was given by the Society of Energy Engineers and Managers (SEEM) at the 8th National Energy Management Awards ceremony.

- The said award was received by Alok Katiyar, Chief Executive Officer, Chhattisgarh State Renewable Energy Development Agency (CREDA) in the presence of Dr. Ashok Kumar, Deputy Director General, Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), Government of India.
- It is noteworthy that for 3 consecutive years (2020, 2021 and 2022) CREDA has been awarded the National Award by SEEM as the best performing state nominated agency in the field of energy conservation.
- Chhattisgarh State Renewable Energy Development Agency (CREDA) has made important achievements in the field of energy conservation and energy efficiency in the state in the last 11 years.
- Under the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, in the first and second phase, a total of 44 industrial institutions in the state have reduced carbon emissions of about 6.67 million tonnes by saving about 2.198 million tonnes of oil equivalent (MTO) of energy.
- Under this project, the industries of the state have received a total of more than ten lakh energy saving certificates through the Bureau of Energy Efficiency. To promote energy conservation in the commercial building sector, Chhattisgarh Energy Conservation Building Code has been notified by the state government and a total of 15 buildings in the state have been certified as green buildings and a proposal has been made to designate 8 government buildings as star rating. Has been forwarded to the Central Government.
- Continuous work is being done to make the residential projects of the state energy efficient by adopting energy efficient building construction techniques under the Eco NIWAS Samhita in residential buildings. In this sequence, more than 150 awareness programs have been organized by CREDA for engineers and architects.
- With the aim of promoting energy efficient appliances in rural areas, a total of 77 villages have been developed into model energy efficient villages. Similarly, 56 health centers have been developed as model energy efficient health centers and 376 government schools have been developed as model energy efficient government schools.
- With the aim of making school students aware about energy conservation, CREDA has formed Energy Clubs in a total of 603 schools and the target is to form Energy Clubs in more than 1 thousand educational institutions in the coming year.

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Chhattisgarh Got Three Awards in Ayushman Bharat Yojana

Why In News?

Chhattisgarh has received three national awards for the excellent implementation of Ayushman Bharat Scheme in the Arogya Manthan-2023 program organized in New Delhi on September 25, 2023.

Key Points:

- Union Minister of State for Health and Family Welfare S.P. Singh Baghel honored the states doing excellent work under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme in the programme.
- Director, Health Services and CEO of State Nodal Agency, Jaiprakash Maurya received these awards on behalf of the state in the Arogya Manthan program organized in New Delhi.
- Chhattisgarh has received these three national awards in the category of large states due to gender equality in providing services under Ayushman Bharat Scheme, 100 percent utilization of the amount allocated to the state and more than 90 percent of the families in the state having at least one Ayushman card. Given to ensure availability.
- It is noteworthy that under Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission, AIIMS Raipur was also honored in the program for providing facilities to patients through digital cards and digital health records. Aabha ID is being used under the Digital Health Mission, which is facilitating the patients in providing health services in OPD.
- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that in the last 5 years, many innovative schemes have been implemented in the state to provide easy access to

quality health services to the general public, which have been appreciated at the national level.

- Through 'Chief Minister Haat-Bazaar Clinic Scheme', free health facilities have become available to the people in remote forest areas of the state. Through this, till now more than 1 crore 40 lakh people have been given free medicines along with health check-up and treatment. Teams of doctors in mobile medical units are regularly reaching 1814 haat-bazaars in the state to check and treat the health of needy villagers.
- Similarly, through 'Mukhyamantri Slum Swasthya Yojana', people in urban areas are getting health facilities at home.
- 'Dai-Didi Clinic' is an innovative scheme of the Government of Chhattisgarh, through which free health check-up and treatment facilities are being provided to women and adolescent girls. In Dai-Didi Clinic, there are women from doctors to the paramedical team, so that there is no hesitation in getting women and adolescent girls treated.
- Chhattisgarh is the only state where maximum assistance of Rs. 25 lakh is being given for the treatment of serious diseases under the 'Chief Minister Special Health Assistance Scheme'.
- Through 'Shri Dhanvantari Generic Medical Store Scheme', quality medicines are being provided to the people of the state at 50 to 72 percent discount on MRP. Due to this scheme, people have so far got a discount of Rs 129 crore on the purchase of medicines.
- 'Dr. Under 'Khubchand Baghel Health Assistance Scheme', treatment facility up to Rs 5 lakh is being provided every year to more than 64 lakh BPL ration card holding families and up to Rs 50 thousand to other card holding families.
- By upgrading the primary health centers and sub-health centers of the state, 5233 health and wellness centers are being operated, where 12 types of primary services are being provided to the patients free of cost. Telemedicine e-Sanjeevani services are operated in more than 4 thousand health and wellness centers.
- Free dialysis services are being provided to the patients in the district hospitals. With the establishment of Hamar Lab in district hospitals and community centers, various types of testing facilities have become accessible to the patients.

Note:

- 'Malaria Free Chhattisgarh Campaign' has got better success. Due to this, the annual parasite index has decreased from 2.63 to 0.94 in the last 5 years.



Chief Minister Inaugurated the State's First Sugarcane based Ethanol Plant

Why In News?

On September 26, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the state's first sugarcane-based ethanol plant costing Rs 141 crore through video conferencing from his residence office.

Key Points:

- The state government has established the state's largest and first sugarcane based ethanol plant in Kabirdham district. For the establishment of an ethanol plant, construction has been done on 35 acres of vacant plot of Boramdev Cooperative Sugar Factory.

- Ethanol plant based on agriculture is among the priority schemes of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel. Regarding the establishment of the country's first ethanol plant established through PPP model, the contract has been signed between Boramdev Cooperative Sugar Factory and NKJ Biofuel Limited, a subsidiary of Chhattisgarh Distillery Limited.
- The establishment of the ethanol plant will generate direct and indirect employment opportunities in the area and will strengthen the basis of economic prosperity in the area. Timely payment of sugarcane price to farmers will be ensured.
- Bhupendra Thakur, MD of Boramdev Cooperative Sugar Factory, said that the ethanol plant is built on hybrid technology, in which ethanol will be made directly from sugarcane juice during the sugarcane crushing season and from molasses during the off season.
- Due to diverting of sugarcane juice into ethanol, more juice will be required and to fulfill it, maximum sugarcane will be purchased from farmers. The construction of the ethanol plant will ensure timely payment of sugarcane price to the farmers.
- Keeping in mind the economic environment, PPP has been implemented to ensure economic and technical participation of the private sector in developing the economy of the state. Model has been selected.
- In compliance with the decision of the State Government, PPP in Boramdev Cooperative Sugar Factory in the first phase. Ethanol plants have been established from the model.
- Being the first example from PPP model in the country for setting up of ethanol plant of minimum 80 kpd capacity at Boramdeo Cooperative Sugar Factory Kawardha, the tender at the national level was successfully completed through a transparent process taking into account the subtle aspects of the process for investor selection.



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Three Police Officers of Chhattisgarh Honoured with FICCI Award

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department on September 26, 2023, three police officers of Chhattisgarh have been honored with the Smart Policing Award-2022 by the country's prestigious Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) organization.

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that the country's prestigious Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) has been honoring the police officers of the state for their good work and best practices for the last several years.
- In this series, on September 15, 2023, in New Delhi, three police officers of the state IPS Dr. Abhishek Pallav, IPS Mayank Gurjar and IPS Pooja Aggarwal have been honored with this prestigious award.
- In the Community Policing category, Dr. Abhishek Pallav (IPS), the then Superintendent of Police of Dantewada, who is currently the Superintendent of Police of District Kabirdham, was honored for the 'Lone Varratu' campaign conducted in District Dantewada.
 - 'Lone Varratu' campaign means 'Come back home'. This campaign was launched for those Naxalites who intended to leave the path of red terror and join the mainstream of society. Under this campaign many Naxalites left the path of terrorism.
- In the surveillance and monitoring category, the then City Superintendent of Police, Rajnandgaon and current City Superintendent of Police, Azad Chowk, Raipur Mayank Gurjar (IPS) have been honored for the 'Trinetram' campaign run in Rajnandgaon district.
 - 'Trinetram' campaign is a surveillance and monitoring campaign, under which CCTV surveillance was increased in Rajnandgaon city. This helped the police to solve many cases and crack down on criminals.
- Pooja Aggarwal, Assistant Inspector General of Police, CID, Police Headquarters, has been honored with the FICCI Smart Policing Award-2022 for the state level 'Abhivyakti' Program in the Women Safety category.

- Through Abhivyakti Abhiyaan, an effort to provide security to women through mobile phones was started.



Assembly Deputy Speaker Inaugurated Natural Cow Dung Paint Unit in Adegga RIPA

Why In News?

On September 26, 2023, Chhattisgarh Assembly Deputy Speaker Santram Netam inaugurated the natural cow dung paint unit in Mahatma Gandhi Rural Industrial Park of Gram Panchayat Adegga under the ambitious scheme of Chhattisgarh Government in Kondagaon district.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, Assembly Vice Speaker Santram Netam also presented a check of Rs. 01 lakh to the women's group manufacturing cow dung paint.
- Addressing the program, the Deputy Speaker of the Assembly said that as per the intention of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, the cow dung paint unit has been started with the aim of making women living in rural areas economically capable and self-reliant.



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- He said that the women of the group will definitely get full benefits from the production and sale of cow dung paint, and the income from this will make the women financially strong.

Important Decisions of the Council of Ministers under the Chairmanship of the Chief Minister

Why In News?

Many important decisions were taken in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel at his residence office on September 26, 2023.

Key Points:

- In the meeting of the Council of Ministers, the policy for procurement and custom milling of paddy and maize at support price in the Kharif marketing year 2023-24 was decided.
 - Under this, paddy and maize will be procured as per the support price declared by the Government of India. Kharif paddy will be purchased from farmers in cash and linking at support price from November 1, 2023 to January 31, 2024.
 - Similarly, Kharif maize will be procured from November 1, 2023 to February 28, 2024.
 - As per the announcement of the Chief Minister, the purchase of paddy from farmers will be maximum 20 quintals per acre and maize 10 quintals per acre including licking.
- It was decided to extend the validity of the government guarantee (amount of Rs. 14 thousand 700 crore) for paddy procurement to Chhattisgarh State Cooperative Marketing Federation Limited for the Kharif marketing year 2023-24 by one year till October 31, 2024.
- Consent was given to supply Fortified Rice Kernel (FRK) through the National Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Federation of India (NAFED) for the fortification of rice obtained from custom milling of paddy procured in the Kharif marketing year 2023-24.
- Approval was given to relax the minimum qualifying service of 5 years by 4 months for promotion from the post of Scientific Officer (Physics Gazetted, Second Class) to Senior Scientific Officer (Physics Gazetted First Class) under State Forensic Science Laboratory, Raipur.
- The draft of amendment in Revenue Book Circular Volume 6 Number 4 was approved.
- It was decided to provide relaxation in the criteria prescribed for making Gram Panchayat Ghumka, District Rajnandgaon a Nagar Panchayat.
- It was decided to provide relaxation in the prescribed criteria for making Gram Panchayat Portha, District-Sakti a Nagar Panchayat.
- It was decided to appoint Sudeep Thakur as Director (Contract) in Chhattisgarh State Hindi Granth Academy.
- It was decided to provide 100 percent grant to Shri Rameshwar Gahira Guru Prachya Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya, Shri Kot, District-Balrampur-Ramanujanj under the provision of Chhattisgarh Non-Government Colleges and Institutions (Establishment and Regulation) Act, 2006.

Chief Minister Virtually Inaugurated the Newly Constructed 'Chhattisgarh Niwas' in New Delhi

Why In News?

On September 27, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel gave a big gift to the people of Chhattisgarh by virtually inaugurating the newly constructed 'Chhattisgarh Niwas' in Dwarka, national capital New Delhi from his residence office.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that the people of Chhattisgarh have got a new building in the form of Chhattisgarh Niwas to stay in New Delhi. This will remove the problem of accommodation for everyone including the needy people of the state.
- It is noteworthy that the total cost of this new Chhattisgarh Niwas building built in Sector 13 of New Delhi Dwarka is approximately Rs. 60 crore 42 lakh. 61 rooms, 13 suite rooms, dining hall and waiting hall and meeting hall and residential tower for employees have been constructed in the building.
- It was conceived by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel for the convenience of the residents going from Chhattisgarh to Delhi for various government, non-government works and medical treatment.

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- It is known that already two buildings of Chhattisgarh government 'Chhattisgarh Bhawan' Chanakypuri and 'Chhattisgarh Sadan' are located in New Delhi near Safdarjung Hospital, but the need for a third building was being felt for a long time to meet the growing need of modern and Chhattisgarh.
- It is noteworthy that the foundation stone for the construction of the new 'Chhattisgarh Niwas' in Dwarka, New Delhi was laid by the Chief Minister virtually on June 19, 2020. This is the first time that the construction of such an important state-of-the-art building has been successfully completed outside Chhattisgarh by the Government of Chhattisgarh.
- Public Works Department officials said that 43 thousand 803 square feet of land has been purchased for the construction of Chhattisgarh Niwas for Rs 22.50 crore. Nava Chhattisgarh Niwas is giving a clear glimpse of Chhattisgarh culture and traditions.
- The newly constructed Chhattisgarh Niwas is located in the prime location of Dwarka. Apart from the grand mall, five star hotel, beautiful park, new Uttar Pradesh Bhawan, Arunachal Bhawan, Delhi's largest ISKCON temple etc., its location is also excellent in terms of connectivity. Dwarka Sector 13 metro station is near this newly constructed building.



Chief Minister Inaugurated Nirbhaya Command and Control Centre

Why In News?

On September 27, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel virtually inaugurated the Nirbhaya Command and

Control Center (GPS) built by the Transport Department for the safe travel of women from his residence office.

Key Points:

- Apart from this, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel also virtually inaugurated two other important projects of the Transport Department, in which to reduce the accidents caused by unfit vehicles, along with automated fitness centers in Raipur and Durg, monitoring of vehicles passing through various linkage routes is being done. This includes projects related to installation of Automatic Number Plate Recognition Cameras.
- To ensure the safety of women in passenger buses and students in school buses in Chhattisgarh, under the Nirbhaya Framework, panic buttons will be installed in all school buses and vehicles will be tracked through vehicle tracking software.
- In case of any kind of accident or tampering in the bus due to the installation of a panic button, pressing the panic button will immediately inform the Nirbhaya Command Center and dial 112 of the police department.
- Along with this, the location, speed etc. of the buses will also be known. With this, the buses will run at a controlled speed, which will also reduce the possibility of accidents. The control room of the GPS system has been set up in the office of Dial 112.
- With the introduction of this system, it will be much easier for the public to deal with any kind of danger and untoward incident. At present, a total of 12 thousand buses are operating in the state, which are going to every corner of the state on different routes. Similarly, about 6000 school buses are also operating in the state. With the installation of panic buttons and GPS in buses, real-time information about the buses will be available.
- Under the new system, the route of the school bus will also be mapped, so that if the school bus carrying children goes somewhere other than the prescribed route, an automatic alert will be received. For this, the duty of four employees will be assigned shift wise in the control room, who will continuously monitor all the buses and inform the police department in case of emergency.
- **What is GPS?**
 - Global Positioning System, i.e. GPS is a device which, if fitted in the vehicle, can trace the location of the vehicle to a designated server. With the installation

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of GPS systems, criminal incidents will be curbed and information about the correct routes of buses will be available.

- For the safety of women and children, all school buses and passenger buses of the state will be monitored through GPS equipped with panic buttons. For this, Nirbhaya Command Center has been created.
- **Police will get information as soon as panic button is pressed**
 - Transport Department Commissioner Dipanshu Kabra said that the Transport Department has taken many innovative initiatives for the safety of women. In order to promote safe traffic of women in public transport, a vehicle tracking platform has been set up under the Nirbhaya Fund as per the instructions of the Government of India, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.
 - Under the project, passenger vehicles operating in the state will be fitted with GPS and panic buttons. In case of any emergency, pressing the panic button will immediately be received by the dial 112 of the police department through the command and control center of the Transport Department, which will make the journey of women and children safe in passenger vehicles and provide assistance to them in case of an emergency.
- **Fitness check of vehicles will be done faster**
 - In view of the increasing number of vehicles and accidents in the state, the Transport Department has established Automated Fitness Centers in Raipur and Durg. Fitness testing of more vehicles can be done in the fitness center as compared to manual tests.
 - Fitness tests of goods vehicles will be done by automated machines in the fitness center and vehicles failing the test will not be allowed to run on the road. Automated fitness centers will prove to be very helpful in ensuring fit vehicles operate on the roads and more and more vehicles can be tested in less time.
 - It is noteworthy that after Raipur and Durg, action is being taken to set up automatic fitness centers in Bilaspur, Ambikapur, Jagdalpur, Korba, Raigarh, Rajnandgaon.
- **Action will be taken against vehicles without valid documents**

- The third project launched today by the Transport Department is Automatic Number Plate Recognition Camera with



e-Detection. Under the project, action will be taken against such vehicles which are not operating on the highway but are passing through various lockdown routes.

- ANPR cameras are being installed on these lockdown routes, the information about trains received through ANPR cameras will be matched with the database of vehicle software and e-challan will be issued on trains running without valid documents.
- For this, e-detection software has been developed in collaboration with NIC. After receiving information from National Highway toll plazas through e-detection software, challan proceedings have been started on vehicles passing without valid documents.



Chief Minister Inaugurated Bio-Ethanol Demonstration Plant

Why In News?

On September 27, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel virtually inaugurated the state-of-the-art Bio Ethanol Demonstration Plant established in village Godhi of Durg district to promote Biofuel production in Chhattisgarh.

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Key Points:

- The technical design and drawings of this plant have been prepared by Chhattisgarh Biofuel Development Authority (CBDA) under the guidance of scientists from CSIR and CSMRI, Government of India.
- The 1G Bio-Ethanol Demonstration Plant established by CBDA at the Biofuel Complex Project premises at village Godhi in Durg district has been set up purely for biofuel research and development activities such as work in the area of biofuel production, processing and conversion technologies.
- The plant will use starch containing compounds available in Chhattisgarh as local raw material such as surplus paddy, grains like wheat, spoiled rice grains which are not edible, sugarcane juice, molasses, maize etc.
- It is worth mentioning that experimental (research) work of bio-ethanol production is going on in the Bio-Ethanol Plant by initially purchasing the surplus paddy of Feed 2 category of Kharif Marketing Year 2019-20 available in Markfed. Biofuel Complex A state-of-the-art bio-technology laboratory has also been established in the project complex.
- In the laboratory, quality testing of bio-ethanol will be done as per the criteria set by the Bureau of Indian Standards, efficiency improvement and innovation will be encouraged to increase the capacity to utilize the co-product and patents will be registered wherever possible.



Sarodhadadar of Kabirdham District got the Best Tourism Village Award in Silver Category at the National Level.

Why In News?

- This year, on the occasion of World Tourism Day on September 27, 2023, Sarodhadadar village of Kabirdham district of Chhattisgarh has been awarded the Best Tourism Village award in the Silver category at the national level by the Union Ministry of Tourism.

Key Points:

- Sarodhadadar has been selected as the best village on the basis of various parameters in a competition among 795 tourist villages across the country.
- Mangal Singh Dhurve of Sarodhadadar village received this award in a function organized at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi on the occasion of Tourism Day.
- It is noteworthy that various efforts are being made by the Chhattisgarh government to expand the possibilities of tourism development in Kabirdham district. To study the development of rural tourism village Sarodhadadar, Collector Janmejay Mahobe and District Panchayat CEO Sandeep Aggarwal organized a tour by inviting influencers promoting rural tourism in different districts of the state. Besides, information was also given about the study of possibilities of development of rural tourism in Kabirdham district.
- Sarodhadadar has been selected for the award out of 795 villages in 31 states and union territories across the country.
- Sarodhadadar was given this award on the basis of best performance in nine different segments due to local environment and natural values as well as best activities in terms of rural tourism. These included parameters like conservation of natural and cultural resources, economic self-reliance, health, security, social self-reliance, infrastructure and transport connectivity.
- Tourism department officials said that before sending the entry of Sarodhadadar, an intra-district competition was organized within the state, in which seven villages were included. Of these, Chaura, Dongriakala and Sarodhadadar were selected. After this, competition was held in three stages at the national level.

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- A PowerPoint presentation and video focusing on Sarodhadadar was also sent along with the application form. Apart from this, photographs showcasing the characteristics of this village were also sent.
- Officials said that considering the tribal environment and typical rural environment of Sarodhadadar as a center of attraction for tourists, apart from the influencer meet, active participation of tourism institutions and agencies that generate employment at the local level was also specially promoted.
- Also, the hand embroidery and painting prevalent in Chilfi Valley was given adequate publicity, which got special importance in the competition. On this basis, selection of Sarodhadadar as the best village of the country in the silver category was possible.
- The fact that participation of the local community is being encouraged in the efforts of the state government for tourists was also particularly effective in Sarodhadadar getting the award of the best tourist village. Also, conservation of natural and cultural resources was especially underlined. Here, capacity and knowledge of villagers is also being developed through tourism.
- It is noteworthy that the district headquarters is about 50 km from Kawardha. And 5 km from Chilfighati. The distant Sarodhadadar is situated at an altitude of about 3 thousand feet above sea level amidst mountains and valleys. Tourists usually come here throughout the year. Their numbers start increasing from the month of October. During the winter season the temperature here sometimes even goes below zero.
- Apart from various states of India, tourists also come here from England, Switzerland and Australia. Especially in Chilfighati and Sarodhadadar, there is a lot of tourist traffic here to enjoy nature. Sarodhadadar has a huge potential for rural tourism due to its beautiful nature.
- A watchtower has also been built near Sarodhadadar and Peeraghat, from where tourists can enjoy the beautiful view of the mountains and the valley. Kawardha district is mainly inhabited by Baiga tribals, their traditional lifestyle and culture especially attracts tourists.
- Chhattisgarh Tourism Board is especially developing tribal dominated areas and places of religious importance as tourist centres. Among these, special priority is being given to Tribal Tourism Circuit. Apart from this, the state government has also set a target to complete the Tribal Tourism Circuit on priority.



Formation of State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee

Why In News?

As per the instructions of the Election Commission of India on September 27, 2023, a State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee has been constituted for the upcoming Assembly General Election-2023 in Chhattisgarh.

Key Points:

- A seven-member MCMC has been formed under the chairmanship of Chief Electoral Officer Smt. Reena Babasaheb Kangale. The order issued by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer regarding the formation of the committee has become effective immediately.
- According to the order issued by the Office of the Chief Electoral Officer, Joint Chief Electoral Officer Nilesh Kumar Mahadev Kshirsagar has been made the member-secretary of the state level media certification and monitoring committee.
- Press Information Bureau (PIB) Raipur Deputy Director Ramesh Jaibhaye, Press Council of India member Dr. Suman Gupta and scientist at National Informatics Center in Mantralaya, Nava Raipur, Asim Kumar Thawait have been made members of the committee. Along with these, observers appointed by the Election Commission of India and skilled representatives nominated by the committee will also be its members.

Note:

- The State Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee will take decisions on the appeals received from both the District and Additional/Joint Chief Electoral Officers regarding certification of advertisements. The committee will investigate all cases of paid news on appeal against the decision of the District Level Media Certification and Monitoring Committee or cases taken on its own motion. If cases of paid news are found true, the committee will direct the concerned Returning Officer to issue notice to the candidates.

Kotra and Hathbandh PHC and Kausra Health and Wellness Centre Received National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate for Quality Health Services.

Why In News?

On September 27, 2023, the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has awarded the National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate to Kotra Primary Health Center in Kanker district, Hatband Primary Health Center in Balodabazar-Bhatapara district and Kaunsara Health and Wellness Center in Mahasamund district for quality health services.

Key Points:

- The team of the Union Health Ministry had evaluated the services of these hospitals in the months of last August and September. He had also taken feedback from patients in this regard.
- In the evaluation by the team of Union Health Ministry under the National Quality Assurance Standards Programme, Kotra Primary Health Center has got 91 percent marks, Kausra Health and Wellness Center has got 83 percent marks and Hatband Primary Health Center has got 78 percent marks.
- Before awarding the National Quality Assurance Standard Certificate, the hospital's services and satisfaction levels are tested on various parameters by a team of experts from 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 those hospitals that meet these stringent standards are issued quality certificates by the Union Health Ministry.

Food Minister Inaugurated Food Park in Ulkia

Why In News?

On September 27, 2023, on the initiative of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel, Food Minister Amarjeet Bhagat inaugurated the first Food Park in the district in Ulkiya village of Sitapur Development Block of Surguja (Ambikapur) district.

Key Points:

- Administrative approval of Rs 6 crore 27 lakh was given by the State Government for the establishment of the new Food Park.
- The Food Minister said that today a Food Park has been established in Ulkiya village of Sitapur. The food processing industry in the Food Park will facilitate processing of agricultural products. Also, local people will get new employment opportunities.
- He said that any food park requires electricity, water and transportation facilities. Arrangements are being made keeping in mind all these basic requirements.
- District Collector Kundan Kumar said that for this project, the ownership of 8.920 hectare area has been transferred from District Trade and Industry Center Surguja to CSIDC.
- About 60 plots of 3000, 5000, 7500, 10000 square feet area have been provided for the establishment of micro and small industries in the proposed new food park, which will generate revenue to the government through various taxes. With the establishment of this new food park, the local people will get new employment opportunities.



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