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Direct Flight Service Launched Between Delhi and Deoghar

Why in News

On July 30, 2022, Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and Minister of State (General) for Civil Aviation Dr. V.K. Singh (Retd) launched the IndiGo airline's direct flight service between Delhi and Deoghar through the virtual medium.

Key Points

- With this new flight service, the total number of daily departures from Deoghar will be 11. This will help in seamless movement of pilgrims coming to Baba Baidyanath Dham. Apart from this, tourism will increase in Jharkhand.
- Significantly, the Deoghar airport was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 12 July this year. The Deoghar airport spread over 655 acres has been constructed at a cost of Rs 400 crore. With its completion, it has become the second airport in Jharkhand after Ranchi.
- The Civil Aviation Minister said that work is also being done to build 3 more airports in Jharkhand - at Bokaro, Jamshedpur and Dumka, which will take the total number of airports in Jharkhand to 5.
- He said that 14 new routes connecting Jharkhand have been announced, out of which work has started on 2 routes – Deoghar-Kolkata and Delhi-Deoghar. In the coming days, Deoghar will be connected with Ranchi and Patna and Dumka with Ranchi and Kolkata. Once the Bokaro airport is ready, it will connect Patna and Kolkata.
- Under the 'UDAN' scheme, 425 routes and 68 airports, heliports, water aerodromes have been operated. More than 1 lakh 90 thousand flights have been operated under this scheme.
- The Ministry of Civil Aviation has constructed 66 airports in the last 8 years. Earlier in the year 2014, the number of airports was only 74. 220 new airports are being planned, including a water aerodrome and heliport, in the next 5 years.

World Breastfeeding Week-2022

Why In News?

On August 1, 2022, Jharkhand's Minister of Women, Child Development and Social Security Department Joba Manjhi launched the state-level programme at the launch of 'World Breastfeeding Week' at Palash Auditorium, Doranda. The event will run from August 1 to 7.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the minister got 7 children done Annaprashan and flagged off the awareness chariot related to the program.
- The theme of World Breastfeeding Week-2022 is '**Promotion of Breastfeeding and Education and Cooperation**'.
- Minister Joba Manjhi said that through this programme, the message will be spread among pregnant and lactating mothers that the women who give birth to the child should be fed the mother's milk within one hour of the birth of the child. This milk is very useful for the all-round development of the baby.
- He said that the society has to be made aware that the mother should not give any food to her child in the first 6 months other than her milk, in which the necessary nutrients for the baby are available. After 6 months it is necessary to give the upper diet with the right amount and the right nutrients. At the same time, nutritious food should be given along with breastfeeding for 2 years, so that the children can stay healthy.
- Joba Manjhi said that it is very important to make people aware so that an anemia-free, malnutrition-free society can be built. It is only by becoming aware that the mortality rate of children will be reduced and only healthy children will create a healthy society.
- He said that the work has to be done to give the right direction to the adolescent girls also. It is necessary to educate the girls to keep them healthy, to make them free from anemia and to get married at the right time and to conceive in a mature body.

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Jharkhand Tribal Festival-2022

Why In News?

On August 4, 2022, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren unveiled the insignia of the upcoming 'Jharkhand Tribal Festival-2022' to be held at Morhabadi Ground in Ranchi on August 9 and 10, 2022.

Key points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Hemant Soren said that for the first time after the formation of the state, 'Jharkhand Tribal Festival' is being organized at the historic Morhabadi Maidan in Ranchi.
- Artists from North-East will participate in this function. Seminars, art and music, costumes, fashion shows, food and cultural programs will be organized in this function on tribal history, literature, anthropology and other subjects.
- Artists from other tribal dominated states including Jharkhand, Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Mizoram have been invited by the Scheduled Tribes, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Welfare Department to participate in the program.
- The opening ceremony of the program will take place on August 9, 2022. Rajya Sabha MP Shibu Soren will be the chief guest of the inaugural program, while Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel will be the chief guest of the closing ceremony on August 10. Chief Minister Hemant Soren will preside over the festival.
- During this cultural program, food-cuisine, art and craft exhibition will be organized at Morhabadi Maidan. Seminar and panel discussion at Tribal Research Institute will be held at Morhabadi Hockey Ground.

Jharkhand Tribal Festival-2022

Why in News?

On August 9, 2022, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren and JMM supremo & Rajya Sabha MP Shibu Soren inaugurated the two-day Jharkhand Tribal Festival-2022 at Morhabadi, Ranchi, the capital of Jharkhand.

Key Points

- Glimpses of rich tribal life philosophy have been shown in this Tribal Mahotsav-2022.

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that if you want to save the forests and animals, then save the tribals. **The land, culture and language determine the identity of the tribals. Their existence is threatened by that new definition of development**, which involves cutting down forests to set up buildings and factories.
- JMM working president said that '**Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Pravasi Scholarship Scheme**' has been started to send tribal students abroad for higher education. '**Guruji Credit Card Scheme**' will soon be started for students who want to take loans to pursue education. Apart from this, **work is going on to set up a tribal university.**
- The Chief Minister announced that from now on **every year on August 9, the tribal festival would be organized** and demanded the central government to declare this day as a public holiday.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister announced that on the occasion of marriage and death of anyone in the tribal family, 100 kg rice and 10 kg pulse would be given to them, so that they would no longer have to take loan for the mass meal.

Chief Minister Felicitates Police Officials and Police Personnel

Why in News?

On August 15, 2022, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren honored police officers and policemen of the state with President's Police Medal and other medals.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister honored Murari Lal Meena, Additional Director General of Police (HQ), Ranchi and Havildar Mahendra Prasad, (Special Branch), Ranchi with the President's Police Medal for distinguished service.
- Martyr, Assistant Sub Inspector Banua Oraon, Police Under Inspector Prakash Kumar Rajak, Commander (CRPF), Kunal were awarded President's Police Medal/ Police Medal for Gallantry.
- Deputy Superintendent of Police Ranchi/Deputy Superintendent of Police Musabani Chandrashekhar Azad, Inspector of Police Shyam Kishore Mahato were awarded the Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Research.

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- Junior Inspector Tovius Topno, Junior Inspector Chandra Bhushan Singh, Assistant Junior Inspector Vijay Kumar Ram, Assistant Junior Inspector Vijay Kumar Yadav, Assistant Junior Inspector Manindra Kumar, Havildar Sanjay Kumar Shrestha, Havildar Dharmendra Kumar, Havildar Vinay Manjhi, Havildar Ajit Kumar, Havildar Sanjay Kumar Yadav, Havildar Mumtaz Khan, driver constable Raghavendra Narayan Choubey and police inspector Ashok Kumar Ram were awarded police medals for meritorious service.
- Similarly, Police Inspector Hulas Purti, Police Inspector Devki Saga, Police Sub Inspector Pankaj Oraon, Assistant Sub Inspector Rajiv Ranjan, Assistant Junior Inspector Rajesh Kumar, Assistant Sub Inspector Somnath Pandya, Havildar Baleshwar Yadav Havildar Praduman Gupta, Havildar Jitendra Kumar Singh and Havildar Arun Kumar Singh was awarded Police Medal for Meritorious Service.
- It is noteworthy that the President's Police Medal is the highest honor given to any police officer for his service to the nation.

Approved the Proposal Not to Re-notify the Netarhat Field Firing Range

Why In news?

On August 17, 2022, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren agreed to the **proposal not to re-notify the Netarhat Field Firing** Range keeping in mind the public interest. This decision of the Chief Minister will end the struggle of thousands of tribals for 30 years.

Key Points

- The Netarhat Field Firing Range, which **started in 1964**, was extended in 1999 by the then Bihar government.
- In protest against netarhat field firing range, about 39 revenue villages of Latehar district had also submitted a memorandum to the Governor through the general assembly, in which it was told by the people affected by Netarhat field firing range that Latehar and Gumla districts come under the Fifth Schedule. The PESA Act 1996 is applicable here, under which the Gram Sabha has constitutional rights.
- Under this, the village heads of the affected area of Netarhat Field Firing Range had decided not to provide land inside the village boundary for netarhat

field firing range by organizing gram sabha on the demand of the affected public. It had also requested for cancellation of the project by duly publishing the notification of Netarhat Field Firing Range without further extension.

- It is worth mentioning that the public affected by netarhat field firing range was continuously protesting for the last about 30 years to cancel the notification of Netarhat field firing range. At present, like every year, protests were held on March 22-23 against the Netarhat Field Firing Range.

Central Coalfields Limited Gets Coal Minister's Award 2021-22 in Safety and Stability Category

Why in News?

Central Coalfields Limited (CCL), a Jharkhand based subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL), bagged the second prize in safety category and third in sustainability category in the Coal Minister's Award for 2021-22 at a function held in New Delhi on August 18, 2022.

Key Points

- Union Minister of Coal, Mines and Parliamentary Affairs Prahlad Joshi presented the Coal Minister Awards, 2021-22 in various categories.
- Prahlad Joshi presented the trophy to PM Prasad, CMD, Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) in the presence of Coal Secretary Anil Kumar Jain and CIL Chairman Pramod Agarwal.
- These awards, first introduced last year, were given in three categories - safety, production & productivity and sustainability.
- Expanding the scope of these awards, two new additional categories of quality and ERP implementation have been added this year. As another aspect, General Managers from the best performing sectors were also awarded in four sub-categories this year.
- Mahanadi Coal Fields Limited (MCL) bagged the first prize in three categories, namely 'Safety', 'Production & Productivity' and 'Quality', out of the five categories of awards. While Western Coalfields Limited (WCL) got the first prize in the category 'Sustainability',

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Northern Coalfields Limited (NCL) got the first prize in 'Implementation of ERP'.

- It is to be noted that CCL (formerly NCDC Limited) was established on November, 1975 as a subsidiary out of five subsidiaries of CIL. Central Coalfields Limited is a Category 1 Miniratna Company since the year 2007.
- Central Coalfields Limited has recorded highest production of 68.8 Million Tonnes (MT) and dispatch of 71.8 Million Tonnes (MT) in the last financial year 2021-22 since inception.
- It is noteworthy that Coal India Limited is the first controlling company in the country for coal. Initially it had five subsidiaries, whereas CIL currently has eight subsidiaries.
- Coal India Limited The state owned coal mining corporation came into existence on November, 1975. Coal India Limited, with an ordinary production of 79 million tonnes (MT) in the year of its inception, is today (as on 11 August 2022) the world's largest coal producer with a production of 224 million tonnes (MT) and is one of the largest corporate employers with a manpower of 2,48,550 (as on 1 April, 2022).
- CIL, spread across eight states of India, operates through its subsidiaries in 84 mining areas. Coal India Limited has 318 mines (as on 1st April, 2022), of which 141 are underground, 158 open mines and 19 mixed mines. CIL also has 21 Training Institutes and 76 Vocational Training Centres.

Jharkhand's private universities to be de-recognised

Why In News?

Recently, Jharkhand Governor Ramesh Bais has ordered the **Higher and Technical Education Department to cancel the recognition** of private universities not fulfilling the conditions of UGC guidelines and state government guidelines.

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- Governor Ramesh Bais has ordered de-recognition of private universities for not submitting the report sought within 15 days in the course of investigation. It has also asked to cancel the recognition of those

private universities on the basis of the investigation report which do not fulfill the prescribed conditions.

- It is worth mentioning that the Governor had constituted a committee under the chairmanship of the Director of Higher Education in the last week of June and ordered the department to investigate all private universities in two months.
- Apart from the committee, four sub-committees have been constituted by the department and reports have been sought from 16 private universities for investigation. On this, the Governor directed to take action against the universities which did not give the report within 15 days.
- If a university does not give a report and does not cooperate in the investigation, action can be taken to cancel the recognition by seeking an explanation from the director of the university.
- It is noteworthy that private universities were recognized on the condition that they would build the required land in two years and infrastructure in three years. Many universities did not fulfill these conditions even after the prescribed period. It is also mandatory for private universities to get accreditation from NAAC in five years and audit every year. All these are being checked.

Approval of Formation of Sub-Committee to Suggest Reservation Percentage for ST, SC and Backward Classes

Why In News?

On August 20, 2022, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren gave his approval to the proposal to constitute a sub-committee to discuss and suggest the **percentage of reservation for ST, SC, Extremely Backward Classes (SC-1) and Backward Classes (SC-2)** in the state.

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- A Jharkhand government spokesperson said the present government is considering increasing the reservation limit in the state. A sub-committee will be formed for this.
- This high-level sub-committee will give its suggestion to the state government after considering every point

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regarding increasing the reservation limit for ST, SC and Backward Classes in Jharkhand.

MoU signed between Jharkhand Government and Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office (FCDO) British High Commission

Why In News?

On 23 August 2022, the MoU between the Government of Jharkhand and the Foreign Office of Commonwealth and Development (FCDO), British High Commission, New Delhi and the 'Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Pardeshi Scholarship 2023' was launched.

Key Points

- This MoU was concluded in the presence of Chief Minister Hemant Soren and British High Commissioner Alex Ellis. Under the shared MoU, scholarship will be provided to a maximum of five students.
- Significantly, this is the first time in the history of the country that an MoU has been signed with a state government for a common foreign scholarship.
- 'Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship' will be provided by the Jharkhand Government and the British High Commission to the meritorious children of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Backward Classes and Minorities community of Jharkhand.
- With the efforts of the Chief Minister, the British High Commission has started 'Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship Scheme', expanding the scope of 'Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship Scheme' to provide scholarship to maximum five youths.
- Prior to this, financial assistance was being provided by the Jharkhand Government to the youth belonging to Scheduled Tribes in selected courses of selected institutes/universities of United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland through 'Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Pardeshi Scholarship Scheme'. Now the youth of other sections like Scheduled Castes, Minorities and Backward Classes will also be benefited from the Pardeshi Scholarship Scheme.
- Under this MoU, maximum 5 youths of Jharkhand will be selected for 'Chevening Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship Scheme' for every academic year. The entire education expenditure of the five selected youth will be jointly funded by the Government of Jharkhand and the British High Commission for Foreign Affairs and Development Office (FCDO). All payments under the MoU will be as per the guidelines approved by the Government of India.
- It is worth mentioning that under the 'Marang Gomke Jaipal Singh Munda Scholarship Scheme', scholarship was being provided to maximum 10 youth in the past, but now maximum 25 youth will be given scholarship.
- Each year a maximum of 10 from the Scheduled Tribes of Jharkhand, maximum of 05 of the Scheduled Castes, maximum of 03 of the Minorities and 7 from the Backward Classes have been selected and each year in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the top universities and institutions located in the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland have been selected for the higher in the selected courses. Level education like Masters/M. Phil. Scholarship will be provided for
- The Chief Minister said that a hundred years ago today, a tribal youth from Jharkhand, Jaipal Singh Munda ji got an opportunity to study in Oxford University. Along with his studies, he also captained the Oxford Blues team in hockey. This is the reason that today people know him as Marang Gomke. Jaipal Singh Munda has had a different identity in the state, country and world.

'Implementation Directory' for Tobacco Free Educational Institute

Why In News?

On August 24, 2022, Jharkhand Education Minister Jagarnath Mahato and Health Minister Banna Gupta jointly released the 'Implementation Directory' for tobacco-free educational institutions at MDI Bhawan auditorium, Dhurwa.

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- This 'Implementation Directory' has been prepared by the Department of School Education and Literacy, Government of Jharkhand and Socio Economic and

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Educational Development Society (SEEDS) to ensure compliance of the activities of Tobacco Free Educational Institute (TOFEI).

- Health Minister Banna Gupta said that saving the people of Jharkhand from tobacco consumption is the priority of the state government. For this reason, the government has kept the health of the people paramount regardless of the loss of revenue and banned tobacco in the state.
- Under the Food Safety Act, the government has banned 11 named tobacco products in the state. The tobacco eradication campaign has been strictly implemented. WHO has also encouraged, honored and rewarded the work of tobacco eradication campaign in Jharkhand.
- The Health Minister said that many efforts are being made to free school children from tobacco consumption, in which there is a complete ban on the purchase and sale of any kind of tobacco within 100 yards of the school premises. The COTPA law is in force, with provisions for punishment. Before the tobacco eradication campaign, 50 percent of the people in Jharkhand used to consume tobacco, but now it has come down to 38.9 percent.
- Deepak Mishra Executive Director Seeds, New Delhi gave information related to the ill-effects of tobacco, the provision of punishment for the sale and purchase of tobacco in the law through a presentation.
- He said that in India about 13 lakh people die every year due to diseases caused by tobacco consumption. In Jharkhand 38.9 percent people use tobacco, out of which 34.5 percent people use chewing tobacco. According to the Global Youth Tobacco Survey-19, 5.1 percent children/minors of 13.15 years in Jharkhand use tobacco in some form or the other.

Sahitya Akademi's Yuva Sahitya Puraskar 2022

Why In News?

On August 24, 2022, the Sahitya Akademi announced the Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2022 of the Akademi to writers and writers of 22 languages and Yuva Sahitya Puraskar 2022 to writers of 23 languages. It also includes two litterateurs from Jharkhand, Mihir Vats and Salge Hansda.

Key Points

- In the meeting of the Executive Board of the Akademi chaired by the President of Sahitya Akademi, Dr. Chandrashekhar Kambar, the author-writers were approved for the Sahitya Akademi Bal Sahitya Puraskar 2022 and Sahitya Akademi Yuva Puraskar.
- The Akademi announced the Children's Literature Awards 2022 for writers and writers in a total of 22 languages, while author and writers in 23 languages will be given the Yuva Sahitya Puraskar.
- Mihir Vats of Hazaribagh district of Jharkhand has been selected for Yuva Sahitya Akademi Award for his book 'Tales of Hazaribagh - An Intimate Exploration of Chotanagpur Plateau' in English. It contains a travel memoir of the Hazaribagh plateau region.
- On the other hand, Salge Hansda of Jamshedpur district has been selected for the Yuva Sahitya Akademi Award for his Santhali novel Janam Disom Ujarog Kana.
- The Akademi secretary said that in the category of Bal Sahitya Puraskar, the award in Punjabi language is not being given this year, while the award in Santhali language will be announced later. At the same time, in the category of Youth Award, the winner will be announced later in Marathi.
- The selected authors will be given an engraved copper plaque and a sum of Rs 50,000.

National Teacher Award

Why In News?

On August 25, 2022, the Ministry of Education, Government of India released the final list of names of 46 teachers from different states of the country selected for the National Teacher Awards 2022. It also includes the name of Shipra Mishra of Jharkhand.

Key Points

- President Draupadi Murmu will present the National Awards for the year 2022 to selected teachers and teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day on September 5, 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and a silver medal.
- Shipra Mishra is originally from Purnia district of Bihar. The teacher has played an important role in giving the school national recognition. She has been working

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continuously at her level to increase the interest of the students in the school towards science.

- Shipra Mishra is originally from Purnea district of Bihar. He said that the teacher has an important contribution in getting the school a national level identity. She has been continuously working from her level in increasing the interest of students towards science in the school.
- Neha Sardar, a student of Shipra, model of Smart Village, had won the award at the state level in the science exhibition. In the competition held at ISM, Dhanbad recently, the project of Automatic Clean Toilet made by the students of Tata Workers Union High School in the category of Government Schools was selected for the overall category award.
- Shipra Mishra has received many awards so far. She has received the best teacher award from rotary club in the year 2017, best teacher award from inner wheel club, state level teacher award in the year 2019 and best science teachers award by NML in 2020.
- It is noteworthy that on the occasion of Teacher's Day, the Department of School Education and Literacy of the Ministry of Education organizes a national function every year on 5th September, in which national awards are given to the best teachers of the country.
- The selection of teachers for the awards is done in a transparent manner through an online three-tier selection process.
- The objective of conferring the National Award to Teachers is to highlight the unique contribution of the teachers of the country and to honor such teachers, who have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students with their commitment and hard work.

MoU between CCL and M/s JMS Mining Pvt Ltd

Why In News?

On August 30, 2022, Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with

M/s JMS Mining Private Limited for operation of Piparwar underground mines through MDO mode at Ranchi.

Key Points

- On August 30, 2022, Central Coalfields Limited (CCL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with M/s JMS Mining Pvt Ltd for operation of Piparwar underground mines at Ranchi through MDO mode.
- This will be the first underground mine of Coal India Limited to be operated by MDO model.
- The project will have an annual production capacity of 0.87 million tonnes per annum when commissioned.
- The project will use state-of-the-art technology to ensure that the ecosystem of the area is not disrupted by mining activities. The capital outlay of this project is Rs 1889.04 crore. The mines will be operational for 14 years and eco-friendly explosion free mining will be done to reduce the harmful impact on the environment.
- In MDO mode, contractors are involved in activities ranging from obtaining environment clearance and forest clearance, R&R activities, obtaining applicable permits, obtaining licenses etc., development of projects, operation and maintenance of mines for mining/extraction and delivery of coal. Covers the entire spectrum.
- Speaking on the occasion, CMD CCL said that the company is committed to fulfill the vision of 'Self-reliant India' through sustainable mining. While operating the Piparwar underground mine will help in the overall development of the local community and generate thousands of direct and indirect employment opportunities for the people of the area.
- CCL produced 68.6 MT of coal in the last financial year. Piparwar field has been one of the most prestigious and most productive areas of CCL with an annual production of 13.13 MT last year (FY 2021-22).
- Piparwar opencast mine in Piparwar area was the first mine of Coal India to have fully mobile in-pit crushing and conveying system installed with state-of-the-art CHP-CPP, which makes it unique in itself.



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Summary