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## Wild Dog Disappeared from Jharkhand's Betla National Park

### Why In News?

According to information received from media sources on February 1, 2023, Wild Dogs i.e., Koiya, which were found in the number of about 200 in Betla National Park of Jharkhand, have now disappeared, they have not been seen since 2010.

### Key points

- According to information, since the establishment of Palamu Tiger Reserve in 1974, there was a continuous presence of wild dogs in Betla National Park. If experts are to be believed, Koiyas became extinct due to rabies disease.
- The wild dog found in Betla National Park is called 'Koiya' in the local language. Now it has been declared as an endangered species. After the year 2010, he has not been seen till now. Earlier, hundreds of wild dogs were seen in Betla National Park. From Betla to the forests of Bare sad, it used to come and go.
- Wildlife expert Dr. DS Srivastava says that one of the main reasons for the extinction of wild dogs from Betla is rabies. Wild dogs may also have been infected and died due to infection in the water they drank from the domestic dog.
- Significantly, there is a cave of big stones near Nunahi Grass Plot of Betla National Park. Wild dogs used to reside in these caves only. These people used to hide in the cave here after hunting. Not only this, in the evening, wild dogs used to sit on big stones, which were visited by tourists.
- Wild dogs hunted wild animals in a planned manner. His favourite food was sambhar and deer. They lived in flocks when they had to hunt, they surrounded the prey from all sides.
- Betla's guides say that many times a group of wild dogs used to reach in front of the main gate to catch the deer and surround them and attack them and kill them.

## PDS Empowerment Fortnight Started in Jharkhand

### Why In News?

On February 1, 2023, after the order of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, the organization of PDS Empowerment Fortnight has been started to speed up the pace of providing ration cards to the needy beneficiaries who are deprived of their right to food. It will run till 14 February.

### Key points

- Work related to Aadhaar improvement in ration card under PDS empowerment fortnight, action to remove name of one person registered in multiple ration cards, removal of name of dead persons in ration card, identification of beneficiaries receiving food grains from exception register, duplicate Aadhaar number Action is being taken for verification, physical verification of beneficiaries who have not lifted food grains for the last six months or more, food to the beneficiaries of Dal-Bhaat Center through Dal-Bhaat Apps and online to offline dealer.
- On the orders of the Chief Minister, not only PDS Empowerment Fortnight is being organized, but instructions have been given to make free Ayushman card through e-KYC of beneficiaries covered under Ayushman Bharat Mukhyamantri Jan Arogya Yojana. For this, from February 1 to February 15, 2023, a camp will be organized through Pragya Center and it will be ensured that the beneficiaries covered under Ayushman Bharat Mukhyamantri Jan Arogya Yojana get free Ayushman card through e-KYC.
- In this work, Sahiyas, ration dealers, women of self-help groups, maids and others will ensure that more and more eligible families are brought to the camp. All Pragya centers have been set a target of registering at least 50 eligible families every day.
- Sahiyas, ration dealers, women of self-help groups, volunteers and others will ensure that at least 15 people unable to get cards are taken to the Nikam Pragya Kendras every day.
- Block Development Officers will ensure necessary arrangements for organizing camps in all panchayats.

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## Jharkhand Budget 2023-24

### Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, the state's Finance Minister Dr. Rameshwar Oraon presented a budget of Rs 1 lakh 16 thousand 418 crores in the Jharkhand Assembly. In this budget, special emphasis has been laid on rural development, agriculture, health and education.

### Key points

- State Finance Minister Dr. Rameshwar Oraon said that 500 crore rupees will be spent for desilting and deep boring of ponds with an area of less than 5 acres in 2023-24 in order to provide benefits of irrigation to the farmers and from the point of view of water conservation. A proposed budget of Rs. Solar energy based micro lift irrigation is very economical in streamlining the irrigation system. Keeping in view its utility, Krishi Samridhi Yojana will be implemented by the state government in the financial year 2023-24.
- In the year 2023-24, Rs 50 crore is proposed under the grant head of FPOs.
- Other important points of Jharkhand Budget 2023-24 :-
  - In the year 2023-24, a budgetary provision of Rs 300 crore has been made to connect maximum beneficiaries under the Mukhyamantri Pashudhan Vikas Yojana. There is a proposal of Rs 180 crore for the establishment of new dairy plants in Giridih and Jamshedpur and milk powder plant and milk product plant in Ranchi.
  - In order to provide irrigation wells, it is proposed to implement a new scheme called Birsa Irrigation Well Promotion Mission in convergence of MGNREGA and State Plan. Under this scheme, irrigation wells will be constructed on the personal land of 1 lakh farmers.
  - Panchayat Secretariat Strengthening Scheme is being launched by the government to provide all the facilities to the common people at the panchayat level under one roof. In addition to the Panchayat Office in all panchayat secretariats, all types of related certificates, online facilities, facilities related to banking correspondents, light work will be provided on the scheduled day through Pragya Center.
  - Incentive amount to encourage widow remarriage, distribution of free sanitary napkins for the spread of cleanliness among women, providing nutritious

food to pregnant women before delivery and distribution of maternity care kit after delivery 'Women and Kishori Kalyan' It is proposed to start the scheme.

- The 'Anganwadi Chalo Abhiyan' scheme will be started for pre-school education to the children coming to the Anganwadi centre. Under this scheme, a budget of Rs 190 crore is proposed in the year 2023-24 for providing clothes and workbooks and furniture etc. to the children in all the centres.
- In the year 2023-24, a target has been set to make all the panchayats of the state zero dropout panchayats.
- Residential schools will be constructed on the lines of Netarhat schools in Chaibasa, Dumka and Bokaro.
- Psychiatry centers will be established in Palamu, Chaibasa and Dumka. Alcohol De addiction Center will be opened in Ranchi on PPP mode.
- In the year 2023-24, the target is to expand the Chief Minister's Employment Generation Scheme and benefit two lakh youth.
- In the year 2023-24, it is proposed to set up a model library in the hostels for the smooth functioning of teaching and learning.
- In view of the importance of judicial, administrative and financial work roles of Manki, Munda, Dakua etc. under the Manki-Munda governance system, it is proposed to make two-wheelers accessible to them in the year 2023-24.
- These road projects are proposed to be started in the year 2023-24- 1) Upgradation of Sahebganj-Barhait-Jamtara-Dumka-Govindpur ADB road to four lanes, 2) Koderma-Jamua-Giridih Tundi-Govindpur (SH-13) road Upgradation in four lanes, 3) Upgradation of Satsang-Bhirkhiabad road to four lanes, it is proposed to connect all health sub-centres, bazaar haat, panchayat office, middle/high school, post office/banks with metalled road in the coming financial years.
- In the year 2023-24, it is proposed to start flights from the airports at Dumka and Bokaro.
- Under AMRUT 2.0 scheme, Ramgarh urban water supply scheme and Simdega urban water supply scheme and renovation work of 45 ponds is proposed to be done.
- RTI portal will be developed by the state government in the year 2023-24.

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## Chief Minister Special Scholarship Scheme

### Why In News?

Recently, Director of Jharkhand Education Project Council, Kiran Kumari Pasi told that general category students studying in government schools of Jharkhand from class 1st to 12th will be given the benefit of 'Chief Minister's Special Scholarship' scheme.

### Key points

- State Project Director Kiran Kumari Passi said that 1,47,928 students of the state have been selected for the 'Chief Minister's Special Scholarship' scheme. They will be paid the scholarship amount in March itself.
- Under the scheme, Rs 500 will be given to those studying in class 1st to 4th, Rs 1000 to those studying in class 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>, Rs 1500 to students of class 7-10 and Rs 2300 to intermediate students.
- Kiran Kumari Passi said that this facility will be made available to the general category students studying in class 1st to 12th, who are not getting the benefit of any other scholarship.
- From the financial year 2022-23, efforts are being made by the state government to provide scholarship amount to the students through online app. Funds will be made available for scholarship to the students through PFMS-DBT.

## Jamshedpur Towards becoming a Solar City

### Why In News?

On March 10, 2023, Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA) officials informed that Jamshedpur city is moving towards solar energy. At present, a 37 MW solar power plant is proposed there, out of which 2.2 MW solar power plant has been commissioned at Sonari Airport.

### Key points

- JREDA officials said that solar power plants are being installed by Tata Steel and Tata Power in Jamshedpur city and other places.
- It is known that a 9.8 MW floating solar power plant is being set up in reservoirs located at Tata Steel.

- 9.8 MW plant at Tata Steel campus, 15 MW solar plant at Domjuri by Tata Power, 3 MW rooftop plant at Tata Motors, 5 MW rooftop plant at Tata Steel itself, 1.2 MW rooftop plant at Tata BlueScope, 2.2 MW at the airport MW plant is being set up.
- East Singhbhum district of the state consumes 250 MW of electricity. With the production of 37 MW of solar power, Tata Steel can provide electricity to its colony. This will reduce dependence on conventional power sources to a great extent.
- There is a possibility of solar power plants being set up by JREDA, whether it is in the form of a rooftop or a floating plant.

## Bhartiya Bhasha Parishad will Give Youth Award to Shekhar Mallick

### Why In News?

On March 13, 2023, according to media information received on, the prestigious Youth Award of The Bhartiya Bhasha Parishad, Kolkata will be given to young storyteller Shekhar Mallick from Jharkhand. In this regard, the writer Shekhar Mallick has been informed by the council through email.

### Key points

- Shekhar Mallick said that the decision to give this award to him in the year 2020 was made, but due to the Corona pandemic, it could not be announced at that time.
- It is known that Shekhar Mallick is a resident of Ghatshila in East Singhbhum district of Jharkhand.
- The award is given to young litterateurs of Hindi and other Indian languages for their outstanding contribution to literature. He has been selected for Hindi language.
- The award by the Bhartiya Bhasha Parishad will be presented to Shekhar Mallick on 8 April in Kolkata. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 41,000, a memento, a citation and a shawl.
- Shekhar Mallick, Deputy General Secretary of Jharkhand Progressive Writers Association, is a well-known contemporary young writer whose first story was nominated for the first Premchand Kahani Award 2004 in the prestigious magazine Hans.

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- He has published three collections of stories, Accept and other stories, Tales of Town Women and Midnight Tales and a novel Kalchiti. Shekhar Mallick is also a cultural activist associated with IPTA.
- Shekhar Mallick said that two of his novels are yet to be published. Dramatization of his story works, translation into other languages and research work has also been done on them.
- His works have been published in prestigious literary magazines of the country, including Hans, Udghosh, Anya, Parikatha, Pakhi, Vagarth and Pragatisheel Vasudha.



## 10th National Race Walk Championship Concludes

### *Why In News?*

The 10<sup>th</sup> National Race Walk Championship was organized at Ranchi on 14-15 February 2023.

### *Key points*

- A total of six national records were made in this two-day event, in which Akshdeep Singh, Suraj Panwar and Priyanka Goswami made records on the first day; On the second day, Rambabu, Junaid and Manju created a national record.
- In this championship, Rambabu of Uttar Pradesh won gold, Junaid of Haryana won silver and Chandan Singh of Uttarakhand won bronze in 35 km men's category.
- In the 35 km women's category, Manju of Punjab won gold, Payal of Uttarakhand won silver and Vandana Patel of Uttar Pradesh won bronze.

## DVC Receives IAC Corporate Award 2023

### *Why In News?*

On February 17, 2023, Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) was presented with the IAC Corporate Award 2023 by the Industry Academia Conference in the category of Public Sector Units.

### *Key points*

- DVC has been awarded as the winner in 'Pioneering Work in Building Future Ready Inclusive Organization'.
- On behalf of the company, the Member Secretary received this award in New Delhi.

## Ranchi to Host Two International Events

### *Why in discussion*

On February 18, 2023, Jharkhand Sports Director Sarojini Lakra informed that the State Capital Ranchi will host two international competitions in the coming months. One will be of Athletics and the other of Hockey.

### *Key Points*

- Sports Director Sarojini Lakra said that considering the international level infrastructure in Ranchi, the international federation is giving an opportunity to host it. Both these events will be held in Ranchi in October or November.
- This includes the South Asian Athletics (SAFF) Championship and the International Event of Hockey. Preparations for organizing SAFF Athletics are being done by the Directorate of Sports.
- Sarojini Lakra said that the South Asian Athletics Championships will be held in Ranchi for the first time. More than 400 international level players from seven countries will participate in these events in Ranchi.
- The event will be held at the Birsa Munda Athletics Stadium in mega sports complex. Preparations for international level competition are going on by the department. It may be organized by the end of this year.
- Secretary General of Hockey India and Chairman of Hockey Jharkhand Mr. Bholanath Singh said that the International Level Competition will be organized

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by the end of this year at astroturf Hockey Stadium in Morhabadi. This will be the first time since the formation of Jharkhand state that an International Hockey Competition will be held in Ranchi.

## **Jharkhand Gets 32 Medals Including 21 Gold in National Powerlifting Championship**

### **Why In News?**

According to information received from the media on February 22, 2023, players from Jharkhand won a total of 32 medals including 21 gold, seven silver and four bronze in the National Powerlifting Championship held in Bhilai, Chhattisgarh.

### **Key points**

- Jharkhand's Ashrita Tirkey won the Senior Strongwoman of India, Akhlaq Khan the Junior Strongman of India and Aftab Alam the Best Lifter in the National Powerlifting Championship held at Bhilai, Chhattisgarh from February 17-22.
- Harsh Anand, Manjit Toppo, Anand Karmakar, Monu Kumar, Aftab Khan, Akshay Shukla, Aseem Khalkho, Bhaskar Dubey, Akhlaq Khan, Mohammad Usman, Wasim Ansari, Ashrita Tirkey, Anjali Kumari, Kanwaljit Kaur, Isha Shreya won gold from Jharkhand. Kujur is included.
- In this championship, Rajan Pandey, Rohit Biruli, Harsh Anand, Monu Kumar, Ayush Kumar, Anand Karmakar, Sneha Kumari Khushbu Soy won silver, while Neel Amrit, Yashraj, Krishna Nayak, Akash Minj won bronze.
- It is known that Jharkhand Powerlifting Association Secretary Ashok Kumar Gupta was in the role of National Referee.

## **Flute Player Pandit Chetan Joshi honored with Sangeet Natya Akademi Award**

### **Why In News?**

On February 23, 2023, the country's President Draupadi Murmu honored Pandit Chetan Joshi, a famous flute player from Bokaro district of Jharkhand, with the Sangeet Natya Akademi Award-2019 in New Delhi.

### **Key points**

- Pandit Chetan Joshi is counted among the well-known flute players of Indian classical music. Bokaro has been his workplace for 25 years. He has received this award for his contribution to the music world.
- Pandit Chetan Joshi's career as a flute player started in 1987 as a music teacher at Shri Guru Gobind Singh Vidyalaya in Sector 5. In 1988, he came to Delhi Public School, Sector-4, for music teaching work. He served in various capacities at DPS Bokaro till January 2012 he, after which 2012 and has been living in Greater Noida since has been engaged in the promotion of Indian classical music and flute.
- Pandit Joshi developed a unique style of playing flute and this became his identity. The method of playing three and a half weeks in the same flute developed by him has been published in many research papers so far.
- Pandit Chetan Joshi has also received the state's highest art honor State Cultural Award-2006 from the Government of Jharkhand. He has also received Surmani Bismillah Samman, Saraswathi Samman, Maharaj Swathi Thirunal Award, Swara Samaj Sewa Award, Kala Ratna Samman, Sangeet Gaurav Award, Sangeet Bharati Award, Tejaswi Samman.

## **2 Women Footballers from Simdega Selected for National Camp of Indian Women's Football Team**

### **Why In News?**

According to the information received from the media on February 26, 2023, two women footballers (Vikas Bada and Soulina Dang) of Simdega have been selected for the national camp of the Indian women's football team for the Under-17 SAFF Women's Football Championship 2023.

### **Key points**

- It is noteworthy that the Under-17 SAFF Women's Football Championship 2023 will be organized in Bangladesh from March 20 to 29.
- It is known that for this championship, more than 100 women football players of India were tried by the

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All-India Football Federation from 20 to 22 February in Indore, Madhya Pradesh, in which 35 players were selected for the national camp, in which Two players from Simdega, Vikas Bada and Soulina Dang, are also included.

- Both the players are training under the tutelage of football coach Bina at Sant Patrik Residential Girls Football Training Centre Gumla.
- Vikas Bada is a resident of Rasiya's Dokatoli in Kolebira block of Simdega, while Saulina is a resident of Helgarha in Banki panchayat of Dang Bano block.
- It is known that Manoj Konbegi, president of Hockey Simdega, had helped these two female football players of Simdega by providing them financially and nutritious food during the Corona period.
- Significantly, Vikas Bada, a resident of Rasiya, belongs to an economically weak family and Soulina Dang is also a resident of militancy affected area. Apart from farming, the family is maintained by doing wages.

## **Koderma's Arkosa and Kanjhatand Villages Selected for President's Award**

### **Why In News?**

According to the information received from the media on February 26, 2023, under Jal Shakti Abhiyan conducted in Koderma district of Jharkhand, selection of Kanjhatand, Jarga Panchayat of Koderma for 'Catch the Rain' and Arkosa rehabilitation village of Markacho for single-use

plastic-free village. Has been done for the President's Award.

### **Key points**

- Both the villages will receive the country's prestigious award at the hands of the country's President Draupadi Murmu during a program organized in New Delhi on March 3 and 4.
- It is noteworthy that under the leadership of Deputy Commissioner Aditya Ranjan of Koderma district, the district administration has achieved a significant achievement in implementing the ambitious schemes of the Central and State Government.
- In the district, Nilambar Pitambar Jal Samridhhi Yojana, Birsa Mango Horticulture Scheme, many remarkable works have been done in various schemes run by the Agriculture Department. Apart from this, schemes of Ministry of Jal Shakti, Drinking Water and Sanitation Department and Water Resources Department are also being implemented in a better way.
- For the Swachhta Sujal Shakti Samman organized on International Women's Day on March 8, to honor the women's representative Swachh Grahni Natural Leader who has done better work in the schemes of cleanliness, liquid waste management, ODF, plastic waste management, catch the rain etc. The online application was invited in Feb. In this, 4 participants were nominated from the district.
- Out of these participants, Kanjhatand and Arkosa have been selected for the President's Award for Catch the Rain and Single Use Plastic Free Village under Jal Shakti Abhiyan.



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