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Jharkhand will get the Gift of 3 New Airports

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on January 1, 2023, Jharkhand will get **airport facilities in Bokaro and Dumka in addition to Ranchi and Deoghar as gifts for three new airports in the new year.** In this way, there will be a total of five airports in the state.

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- The airport official said that the airport is almost ready for the residents of Bokaro in the state. Air services are expected to start from here by June. A high-level meeting on airport operations will be held around January 15, 2023, in which the remaining work will be completed.
- Under the UDAN scheme, the first flight from Bokaro airport will start for Kolkata. For this, Spice Airways has held talks with the airport management. After this, there is a plan to start a Patna-Bokaro flight. There is also a plan to start flights from here to Bengaluru and Delhi on the demand of passengers.
- The process of land acquisition for the link road to Dhalbhumgarh Airport in East Singhbhum has started. Recently, Jamshedpur MP Bidyut Baran Mahato met Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and requested him to complete the construction work of this airport soon. Under this, preparations have started for its construction.
- The third new airport in Jharkhand will come up in Dumka. With this airport, people here will be able to go to Ranchi and Kolkata. In this regard, MP Sunil Soren met Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and requested him to start air service in Dumka.
- It is known that earlier PM Modi had talked about giving Dumka Airport to the people of the state. Dumka is also the deputy capital of Jharkhand.
- Many new facilities are about to start in Deoghar Airport of the state. The installation of DVOR (Very High Frequency Omni Range Doppler Radar) at Deoghar Airport has been completed. The DVOR is likely to be operational by January. With this, the facility of night landing will start at Deoghar Airport
- Apart from this, there is a plan to start air services from Deoghar Airport to Ranchi, Patna, Bengaluru

and Mumbai. The Airports Authority of India is in talks with several airlines to start new flights.

- There is also a plan to start Deoghar Airport cargo air service in the new year, which will give industrial impetus to Bhagalpur, Banka and Jamui areas of Bihar including Santhal Pargana, Giridih.
- The Deoghar airport unit has also sent a proposal to the DGCA to start cargo service from Deoghar airport. There is a plan to develop Aerocity in the airport campus for the employees and officers working in the airport, which can be launched in the year 2023. Aerocity can also be given a commercial form.

Regional Driving Training Center will open in Koderma and Chatra

Why In News?

On January 2, 2023, DC Aditya Ranjan of Koderma, Jharkhand informed that Regional Driving Training Center will be opened by the Transport Department in two districts of the state, **Koderma and Chatra**, for the implementation of which approval has been given to prepare DPR.

Key Points

- Koderma DC Aditya Ranjan said that land has been identified at two places in Jayanagar in Koderma and Karanja in Chandwara for opening regional driving training centers. It is proposed to build a center on about five acres of land at the best of these two places, which will provide convenience to the people in the coming time.
- At present, only Dhanbad district of Jharkhand has a heavy vehicle motor driving training centre.
- The trial of those applying for heavy vehicle license is taken in Dhanbad itself. After this the license is issued. In such a situation, the need to open driving training centers in other districts was being felt for a long time. In view of this demand, Labor Planning, Training and Skill Development Minister Satyanand Bhokta has approved the implementation of the scheme under the PPR prepared by Wapic India Private Limited Morabadi, Ranchi.
- He said that there will be many arrangements adopting advanced technology in the Regional Driving Training Center.

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Approval will have to be Taken from the Civil Surgeon for Adopting a Child in Jharkhand

Why In News?

According to the information received from Jharkhand Children's Home and Adoption Organization Karuna NMO on January 1, 2023, as per rule-37 of the **State Adoption Rules-2022**, it has been made mandatory for the district hospital management to issue certificates, in which now **child's social organizations and people will have to take permission from the civil surgeon for adoption.**

Key Points

- As per the rule, if you get information about the child from an acquaintance, nursing home, hospital or any NGO, you cannot adopt the child on the basis of that. Under this, the medical board formed by the civil surgeon will first look at the child and conduct his physical verification (physical test) whether the child belongs to the general category or special.
- Karuna NMO, a children's home and adoption body in the state, has written a letter to the civil surgeon's office requesting it to issue the certificate as per the guidelines. In such a situation, if any family wants to adopt a child, then they will have to go through this process. The **Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA)** had issued clear guidelines in the matter on October 11, 2022.
- This organization mainly works for the adoption of orphaned, abandoned and surrendered children.
- There are about 31 million orphans in the country at present, but due to complicated legal process, only 16,353 children have been adopted in the last five years.

'National Clean Air Programme'

Why In News?

On January 3, 2023, Jamshedpur Special Officer of Jharkhand Sanjay Kumar said that Jamshedpur has also been included in the '**National Clean Air Programme**'

related to environment under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Apart from this, Ranchi and Dhanbad from the state are also included in it.

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- Jamshedpur Axis Special Officer Sanjay Kumar said that under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, the central government has made an advance allocation of about Rs 50 crore for the National Clean Air Program in Jamshedpur.
- For this, Jamshedpur Axis, Mango Municipal Corporation and Jugsalai Municipal Council will prepare a joint action plan. Jamshedpur will be the access nodal agency in this.
- Sanjay Kumar said that the pollution control Councilor and the civic body will together take this scheme forward. Pollution measuring instruments have been installed at Jugsalai and Mango Chowk. In this scheme MoU has been signed with BIT Mesra.
- He said that under this scheme, BIT Mesra will find out from which source the pollution is happening. Dust particles flying on the roads will be controlled. Pavers block is being installed where there are maximum dust particles.
- The broken roads will be repaired immediately and there is also a plan to widen the roads. Under this, greenery will be increased by planting trees and work is going on at a rapid pace on the plan to plant about three thousand new trees.

DVC will Set up 2200 MW Solar Power Plant

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on January 4, 2023, Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) in Jharkhand will install a **2200 MW capacity solar power plant** in its command area. These will be installed in different areas of the command area. Its DPR has also been prepared.

Key Points

- DVC sources said that a floating solar plant of 2,000 MW will be installed here. For this, the DPR of the two thousand MW power scheme has been prepared and sent to the central government .

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- Floating solar power plants of 600 MW capacity will be set up at Maithan, Tilaiya and Panchet Dam. Apart from this, a 200 MW capacity plant will be set up in Konar Dam. At the same time, a 200 MW solar plant will be installed in the field. It also includes a roof top.
- The study is being conducted in the command areas of Koderma, Maithan and DVC for 200 MW. The DPR will also be prepared soon. In the first phase, a site has been selected at Koderma for the 10 MW plant.
- According to the information, DVC is working on the solar plant as well as the hydel plant. A study has been conducted to set up a hydel plant in Luguburu, a holy place of Sarna devotees in Giridih. Here the plan for a pump storage hydel plant of 1500 MW capacity is underway. As soon as its DPR is prepared, it will be sent for the approval of the state and central government. After that, this scheme can be included in the next budget.
- It is noteworthy that this is the first dam and hydroelectric power station built by Tilaiya Dam DVC which has been built on the Barakar River. This dam is 1200 feet long and 99 feet high.
- Maithan Dam is located on the banks of the Barakar River. It is about 48 km from the coal town of Dhanbad district of Jharkhand. located far away. This dam with an underground power station is unique throughout South-East Asia.
- Panchet Dam is built on Damodar river in Panchet area of Dhanbad district in Jharkhand. It was inaugurated in the year 1959. Panchet Dam is the fourth of the 4 multi-purpose dams, which falls in the first phase of Damodar Valley Corporation.

Chamber of Farmers

Why In News?

On January 5, 2023, Jharkhand's Horticulture Director Nisha Oraon wrote a letter to all deputy commissioners informing them that a **'Chamber of Farmers' will be formed for the farmers of Dhanbad district of the state.**

Key Points

- Garden Director Nisha Oraon said that under the **'One District, One Product'** in Dhanbad, this year the focus will be on the production and marketing of coarse grains, for which a chamber of farmers will be formed.

- The state government has also issued a resolution regarding the Chamber of Farmers, for which Rs 210 lakh has been approved as a grant and all the DCs have been asked to form it through the District Horticulture Officer.
- The main objective of the formation of the Chamber of Farmers is to promote the possibility of market linkage between farmers and businessmen. For this, preparations are also underway to form a district level cooperation committee.
- Its entire committee will soon be formed for the process of formation of the Chamber of Farmers. In addition to some departmental officers, progressive farmers will be included in this.

Jamshedpur Police Adopts QR Code Based Beat System

Why In News?

On January 6, 2023, Prabhat Kumar, SSP of East Singhbhum district, launched smart policing through **QR code scanning system at Composite Control Room (CCR) at Sakchi, Jamshedpur.**

Key Points

- More than 1500 beat points spread across Jamshedpur city and rural areas have adopted the QR code-based e-beat system. Under the new system, patrolling teams of Jamshedpur Police will have scan-through QR codes across the district.
- The officers in charge of the respective police stations will have to maintain the data with scanning of QR codes as well as strict surveillance by senior officers so that patrolling teams do not evade their duty.
- Under the previous traditional logbook system, beat police had to manually record their movements through swiping machines installed with their beats. Police officials said there was scope for manipulation in the old system as there was no proper monitoring.
- With the new system, beat police will have to scan QR codes placed on their routes from their mobile phones. The app-based QR code uses facial recognition and allows police officers to download photos and write comments for better and faster response. The system can also be monitored on a real-time basis from the control room.

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- As soon as the beat policeman scans the code, the officer in charge will not only get confirmation, but his activity can also be tracked through GPS. Comments recorded in the app can be stored and analyzed for future policing and planning.
- During the launch of the new system, SSP Prabhat Kumar said that initially 27 QR codes have been installed in Sakchi and 30 QR codes in Bistupur.
- These QR codes have been installed in major jewellery shops, banks and hotels where patrolling parties have to keep a regular watch. The number of such QR codes will soon be increased to 1,500 across the district to protect businessmen, banks, schools and other educational institutions from innocent police patrolling.

Shri Sammed Shikharji Removed from Eco- tourism Zone and Tourism

Why In News?

On January 5, 2023, the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has imposed an immediate ban on the implementation of the provisions of **Section 3 of the notification** and all other tourism and eco-tourism activities to the environmentally sensitive area associated with **shri Sammed Shikharji mountain range located in Giridih** district of Jharkhand.

Key Points

- Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren had written a letter to Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupesh Yadav in this regard. The Chief Minister had said through the letter that Parasnath Sammed Shikhar has been a world famous holy and revered pilgrimage site of the Jain community since ancient times. According to the belief, out of the total 24 Tirthankaras of Jainism, 20 Tirthankaras have attained Nirvana at this place.
- It may be mentioned that the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has received several representations from various organization's representing the Jain community regarding some activities taking place in the Parasnath Wildlife Sanctuary in the last few days, which has adversely affected the sentiments of followers of Jainism.

- The complaints mention faulty implementation of the provisions of the notification of environment sensitive zone of Parasnath Wildlife Sanctuary by the Jharkhand government and said that such negligence of the state government has hurt their sentiments.
- In this regard, Union Minister Bhupender Yadav had invited various representatives of the Jain community to discuss the entire issue and a possible solution. Delegates came in large numbers and talked about the present status of Sammed Shikharji and the demands of the community to maintain the sanctity of the place.
- The representatives were apprised that the Parasnath WL Sanctuary was established by the then Bihar Government in 1984 under the provisions of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, while the Environment Sensitive Area (ESZ) was notified by the Government of India in consultation with the Government of Jharkhand in 2019 under the provisions of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986.
- Environmentally sensitive areas act as a kind of '**shock absorber**' for protected areas by restricting, controlling and promoting activities around protected areas.
- The ESZ notification is not intended to promote uncontrolled tourism, and certainly not to promote every kind of development activities within the limits of the sanctuary. The announcement of ESZ is actually meant to restrict activities around the sanctuary and, therefore, outside its limits.
- There are adequate provisions in the management plan of Parasnath WL Sanctuary which prohibit activities that adversely affect the sentiments of the Jain community, the Government of India may issue guidelines to the Monitoring Committee as a whole to address any problem, keeping in view the sentiments of the Jain community.
- Union Minister Bhupender Yadav specifically mentioned that the Ministry accepts the established fact that the Sammed Shikharji Mountain area is a sacred Jain religious place not only for the Jain community but for the entire country and the Ministry is committed to maintain its sanctity.
- It was decided in the meeting that the Government of Jharkhand should be directed to strictly implement the important provisions of the management plan of Parasnath Wildlife Sanctuary, which are especially harmful to flora or fauna, coming with pets, playing loud music or using loudspeakers, sites or places of

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religious and cultural importance. such as dirtying sacred monuments, lakes, rocks, caves and temples; and the sale of alcohol, drugs and other narcotics; Parasnath prohibits unauthorized camping and trekking etc. on the hill.

- The Jharkhand government has been directed to strictly comply with these provisions. The state government has been directed to strictly enforce the ban on sale and consumption of liquor and non-vegetarian food items on Parasnath Hill.
- Further, for effective monitoring of the provisions of the aforesaid Environmentally Sensitive Area Notification under sub-section (3) of Section 3 of the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986, the Central Government has constituted a Monitoring Committee under Section 5 of this Notification.
- The state government has been directed to keep two members from the Jain community and one member from the local tribal community as permanent invitees to this monitoring committee, so that proper participation and oversight can be done by important stakeholders.

President Gave Digital India Award to Koderma District Administration

Why In News?

On January 7, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu awarded the **Digital India Award to the Koderma district administration of Jharkhand** for the excellent work done in providing computer information to the common people, especially the youth, at a program held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The award was received by Koderma DC Aditya Ranjan.

Key Points

- Koderma is the only district in Jharkhand to receive this honour.
- According to the information, on the initiative of DC Aditya Ranjan, the district's first DEGS Computer Basic Training Center was started on September 5, 2021 in the Collectorate premises. After the good response received by this center, this center was started in Koderma, Jhumritilaiya, Satgawan, Domchanch, Chandwara and Jayanagar except Markacho block. Two other centres were launched on January 4.

- Koderma DC Aditya Ranjan said that the number of eight DEGS Computer Basic Training Centers currently running will be increased to 11 soon. Apart from this, every year about 20 thousand people will be trained through these centers towards making them digitally literate.
- The Ministry of Information and Technology, Government of India, had selected Koderma to give the Digital India Award in view of the work done under this concept. Koderma DC Aditya Ranjan had on December 8 placed before the jury the plan for a basic training centre in Delhi.
- It is noteworthy that the Ministry of Information and Technology, Government of India had invited applications for the Digital India Award in 2022 . Thousands of nominations were made for this.
- More than 100 projects were included in the first round short list for the awards given in seven different categories. After this, everyone gave their presentation before the nine-member jury.

Preparation for Imparting Education on the lines of CBSE is Complete in 80 Excellent Schools

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Jharkhand Public Relations Department on January 10, 2023, on the instructions of Chief Minister Hemant Soren, **80 excellent schools starting in the state will start teaching on the lines of CBSE from the academic session 2023-24.** For this, the Jharkhand Education Project Council has completed preparations.

Key Points

- Out of 80 excellent schools, construction of 48 schools has been completed. The remaining 32 schools are in the final stages of construction, which will be completed by March 2023. From the academic session starting from April, all 80 schools of excellence will be run with CBSE affiliation.
- The process of application for affiliation of 24 excellent schools of the state has been completed and affiliation has been granted by CBSE for the academic session 2023-24. The remaining 56 schools of excellence will

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also get affiliation from the academic session 2023-24 after completing all the necessary procedures required for affiliation.

- In January 2023, CBSE will train headmasters of all 80 excellent schools to run schools in line with CBSE.
- Harsh Johar program for 80 excellent schools and 325 block level Adarsh schools of the state has been prepared to educate children on the basis of happiness curriculum. For this, teachers have been trained and Harsh Happiness Curriculum has been prepared. It will start in schools from January 27.

DPS Bokaro the Only One from Jharkhand among the 6 Schools Selected from India got 7 Star Rating Award

Why In News?

During a special assembly held on January 11, 2023, Dr. A.S. Gangwar, Principal of Delhi Public School Bokaro informed that **Delhi Public School Bokaro has received the 7 Star Rating School Award 2022.**

Key Points

- This award has been given to DPS Bokaro for its responsibility towards environmental protection along with quality education and various unique initiatives. Delhi Public School got seven star rating and A-triple plus grade in the special category of Green School Initiative.
- It is noteworthy that during the 8th conference on skill education and sustainable development organized by the Center for Educational Development (CED) Foundation Trust in New Delhi, principal Dr. A.S. Gangwar was given this award by The Minister of State for Women Welfare, Child Development and Nutrition, Government of Uttar Pradesh, Pratibha Shukla, who was the chief guest of the conference.
- Out of a total of 1975 school applications from across the country, only six schools got a seven-star rating. Among them, DPS Bokaro from Jharkhand alone was included, while 69 schools got five-star rating.
- Principal DPS Bokaro has taken many unique and effective initiatives to keep children connected with nature and conserve energy and environment under its Go Green Initiative.

- Here, paper recycling unit, solar panel system powered by solar energy, Charak Vatika of medicinal plants, rain water harvesting, green brigade named after great men have been established to recycle and recycle waste paper.
- Apart from this, programs like vermiculture for agricultural work, organic agro-forestry and save soil to save soil, Phulwari to keep children connected with nature-nutrition, plantation and cleanliness campaign are also run on various occasions.
- Apart from this, the tradition of providing green eye cards for students, special green cards with fruits and vegetable seeds for guests on various occasions as well as green welcome of guests by presenting plants is also being followed for the past many years.

Tusu Festival

Why In News?

On January 11, 2023, Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerjee University (DSPMU), Ranchi organized **Tusu Festival.**

Key Points

- On this occasion, according to tradition, Tusu was duly established and worshiped by virgin students, after which Tusu Mata was immersed.
- Vice-Chancellor Dr. Tapan Kumar Shandilya said that Tusu festival is one of the major festivals of Jharkhand, which is the last festival of the year according to Jharkhandi civilization.
- From this day onwards, the sun is on the Tropic of Capricorn in order to return to the Tropic of Cancer, which is celebrated as the Agricultural New Year Akhain Jatra in Jharkhandi culture.
- On this day, symbolic agricultural work is started by weaving paddy and running ploughs. This Tusu festival is the most important festival of the Kudmi and tribals of Jharkhand.

International Conference will be held in Ramgarh Engineering College

Why In News?

In a press conference held at Ramgarh Engineering College in Jharkhand on January 11, 2023, **Vishnu**

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Chattopadhyay Deputy Director of Techno India Jharkhand Project, said that the International Conference on Advanced Optimization Techniques and Applications-2023 will be organized in this college of the state.

Key Points

- Vishnu Chattopadhyay, Deputy Director of Techno India Jharkhand Project informed that the event will be held in offline and online mode on January 21 and 22 in the college, this will be the first international conference on advanced customization techniques and applications.
- It is being organized by Ramgarh Engineering College in collaboration with Sultan Maule Sleiman University, Malaysia. This conference will be based on the topic of Optimization and Computing.
- Eminent speakers from the two countries and speakers from various renowned colleges in India will also participate in the conference. Also, Silli MLA Sudesh Kumar Mahto, Gopal Pathak from Sarala Birla University, Dr. Bui Thanh Hung from TDU Vietnam, Dr. Florentin Smarandache from UNM USA, Dr. Tanmay Kundu from IIT Jodhpur, Dr. Anita Khosla from MRIIS, Dr. Sushant Tripathi from KIIT University, India and Dr. Irfan Ali from AMU will join.
- Dr. Shravani Roy, Principal, Ramgarh Engineering College, said that the international conference is being organized to get good results, which will also inspire young researchers and help them get the best out of any work. This will prove to be helpful in creating links between colleges from different countries.

Ranchi Meteorological Center Declared Best Meteorological Center of India

Why In News?

Ranchi Weather Station has been adjudged the best weather station in India at the **148th Foundation Day celebrations of the India Meteorological Department (IMD)** at 'Vrishti Auditorium' of Mausam Bhawan in New Delhi on January 15, 2023.

Key points

- Abhishek Anand, head of the Ranchi-based weather station, received the award for the best weather station in the country.

- During the program organized by the India Meteorological Department, Doppler Weather Radars of Surkanda ji, Murari Devi, Jot and Banihal Top were also inaugurated. Apart from this, many publications were also released.

Jharkhand's First 'Bartan Bank'

Why In News?

On January 16, 2023, Jharkhand's Gumla District DC Sushant Gaurav and Gumla Municipal Council President Deep Narayan Oraon jointly inaugurated **Jharkhand's first 'Bartan bank in the city'**. Taking a step forward against single-use plastic, Gumla Municipal Council has taken this initiative.

Key points

- Gumla District DC Sushant Gaurav has described this initiative of the Municipal Council as innovative and exemplary, giving a better example of circular economy to 'Bartan Bank'.
- City Council President Deepnarayan Oraon said that most people use cheap means like thermocol Plate and plastic glasses to serve food and water in events like marriage, anniversary and birthday parties. Then after that event, these thermocol and plastic 'Bartan' play a big role in polluting the city by becoming polluted garbage.
- In order to beat plastic and thermocol Bartan and to protect the environment, the municipal council administration has opened this utensil bank to provide steel Bartan to the needy citizens of the city.
- Municipal Council Vice President Kaleem Akhtar said that the Municipal Council has purchased a large number of steel plates, glasses, spoons, bowls etc. at its own expense. On the demand of the people, they will be able to use this steel utensil set at the rate of just one rupee or even free of cost if they are very poor. But, people will also have a responsibility not to use thermocol and plastic glasses.
- Executive Officer Sanjay Kumar said that the responsibility of operating this utensil bank has been given to the Women Self Help Group, so that the income of the women group related to the amount coming from the symbolic rent of the Bartan can increase somewhat.

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- Sadar SDO Ravi Jain said that it is the responsibility of everyone to keep the city clean and protect the environment and this utensil bank will also play some role in fulfilling this responsibility.
- DC Sushant Gaurav said that a book bank can also be built in Gumla on the lines of toy bank and 'Bartan bank'.

Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2022

Why In News?

According to the **Annual Status of Education Report (ASER) 2022** released on 18 January 2023, enrolment of children in government schools in rural areas of Jharkhand is increasing.

Key points

- the total children enrolled in schools up to class 8 in rural areas, 83.3 percent study in government schools. According to the 2022 report, only 14.6 percent of children study in private schools in rural areas.
- According to this report, in the year 2018, the number of children enrolled in government schools in the state was 78 percent. During this period, the number of children enrolled in government schools has increased by 5 percent.
- This survey has been done among the children of rural areas of the state. The number of children studying tuition in rural areas of the state is also increasing.
- According to this report, in the year 2018, 36.9 percent of the children of classes 1 to 8 were studying tuition, this year their number has increased to 45.3 percent. During this period, the number of children studying tuition has increased by eight percent, while at the national level, the number of children studying tuition has increased by 4 percent during this period.
- The number of children studying tuition also increases as the class increases in the state. The survey was conducted in 720 villages in 24 districts of the state. These included 28196 children from three years to 16 years.
- According to this report, children of class 3 have become weaker in studies than before. According to the report, in the year 2018, 18.7 percent of class 3 children could read class 2 level text, but in the year 2022 this number came down to 14.3 percent.

- According to this report, 16.4 percent of class three children do not recognize letters.
- Only 18.2 percent of class 5 students can read class 1 level text. According to the report, 30.7 percent of children studying in class 5 recognize marks from 11 to 99, while 78 percent of children are unable to participate in subtraction and 76 percent of the children are unable to participate.
- 25.3 percent of class 6 children are able to reduce and 30.7 percent of children are able to participate. 25.4 percent of class 7 children are able to reduce and 41.1 percent of children are able to participate. In class 8, 25.8 percent of the students are able to make a subtraction and 45.3 percent of the children are able to participate.
- According to this report, children are weak in English studies in Jharkhand. 49.1 percent of class 1 students do not recognize capital letters. 30 percent of class II, 18.2 percent of class III, 12.2 percent of class IV and 7.8 percent of class 5 students do not recognize English capital letters.
- 6.8 percent of class III children can read sentences in English, while 33.5 percent of children in class 8 can read sentences. In such a situation, about 77 percent of the children of class eight are not able to read simple sentences of English.
- Highlights of this report: 82.1% schools have drinking water facility but 11.3% schools do not have drinking water, 21.1% schools in the state do not have toilets, 27.1% schools are not using library books, 92.1 % schools did not have electricity on electricity connection. 91.5 percent of schools do not have computers for children to use, there are 89.6 percent schools in the state where children of classes 1 and 2 sit together.
- It is worth mentioning that a non-governmental organization 'Pratham' releases this report.

Arvind Varnwal hoisted the Tricolor on the 12050 Feet High Peak of Kedarkantha Mountain

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on January 18, 2023, Arvind Varnwal of Jamtara, Jharkhand

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has made the country proud by hoisting the tricolor before the Republic Day at a height of 12050 feet of Kedarkantha mountain of the Himalayan Mountain range.

Key points

- Arvind Varnwal said that 30 people from eight states from all over India were involved in the journey of hoisting the tricolor on the Himalayan mountain range before Republic Day, including trekkers from Jharkhand, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, West Bengal, Delhi, Uttar Pradesh, Bihar.
- He said that under the leadership of Uttarakhand trekker Trilok Rai, the yatra was started from Sankari village to hoist the tricolor at an altitude of 12050 feet on the Kedarkantha mountain peak of the Himalayan range located in Uttarkashi district of Uttarakhand. 12 km from Sankari village. But there was Kedarkantha Mountain.
- Two base camps were built while conquering this mountain. The first base camp was at the foothills of the mountains, while the second base camp was at an altitude of 10,000 feet.
- It is known that Arvind Varnwal has already visited Amarnath and Kedarnath.
- Arvind Varnwal said that he started the journey from Dehradun on 15 January. From there to Mussoorie, Navaon, Purola, Muri, Netvad Kotgaon (Sankari) 220 km. The journey reached in about ten hours.
- On the second day on January 16, we reached the first base camp located at 9100 feet of Kedarkantha mountain from Kotgaon (Sankari) and on the third day on January 17, the second base camp Shepherd Camp located at 11250 feet reached the camp after about five hours of trekking. After about four hours of climbing, on January 18, at 7 am, he reached the highest peak of Kedarkantha and hoisted the tricolor.

Code-a-Thon Olympiad

Why In News?

On January 19, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel informed that the Chhattisgarh government is organizing coding Olympiad in association with Hindustan Times to encourage students of government schools of the state towards coding.

Key points

- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel said that considering the importance of technology and its mandatory need in the future, students have been attracted to and mastered coding from small classes. Coding is also called the language of the future.
- He said that this Olympiad is considered to be one of the largest coding Olympiads of India. The Coding Olympiad, on the theme of Getting Future Ready, is teaching coding to 5000 students of government schools with the mantra of learn, participate and win (win).
- The last date for registration for students appearing in this coding Olympiad is February 5, 2023. To participate in the Olympiad, students can register themselves on www.htcodeathon.com website.
- The students' qualifier round will be held on February 23 and the finale of the students will be held on February 23.

The Chief Minister Gave Approval for the Formation of a Committee to Study the Cases Related to Promotion.

Why In News?

On January 20, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a proposal to set up a committee to study the matters related to promotion of employees in the state.

Key points

- The committee will be formed under the chairmanship of retired IAS Khemraj Chaudhary to study the matters related to promotion of employees. The member of the committee will be secretary, joint government secretary, personnel (A-2) department and administrative department of the committee will be personnel department.
- According to the proposal, a separate committee will be constituted by the Department of Personnel to study and recommend the cases to guide the departmental promotion committee meetings of cadres in various departments due to various reasons and to ensure compliance of the notification regarding reservation in promotions.

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- It is noteworthy that earlier the Employees Pay Discrepancy Examination Committee was constituted by the Chief Minister, whose report was submitted to the State Government on 30.12.2022.

MoU Signing Ceremony

Why In News?

According to information received from the Rajasthan Information and Public Relations Department on January 20, 2023, under the Investment Rajasthan Campaign, the state government will organize a MoU signing ceremony in Jaipur on January 23 under the chairmanship of State Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot for an investment of about Rs 1.36 lakh crore.

Key points

- In the MoU signing ceremony, MoUs will be signed for 26 projects in the renewable energy and tourism sector, which will create about 13,000 direct and indirect jobs.
- Industries and Commerce Minister Shakuntala Rawat said that for the development of the state, the state government is committed to forge sustainable partnerships with investors. The Invest Rajasthan campaign is helping to collaborate with stakeholders and fulfill the promises made.
- Additional Chief Secretary of Industries and Commerce Department Veenu Gupta said that the industry has shown an encouraging trend towards the Investment Summit. This MoU signing ceremony will prove to be an effective step towards taking forward the commitments of the state government.
- It is noteworthy that the state government has taken one stop shop policy and sector specific policies such as NRR Policy 2022, Handicraft Policy 2022, MSME Policy 2022, Rajasthan Start-up Policy 2022, Rajasthan Film Tourism Promotion Policy 2022, Rajasthan Tourism Policy 2022, Rajasthan Tourism Policy with the aim of simplifying the process of setting up industries over the years. 2020, Rajasthan Agribusiness Policy 2019 etc. have been launched.

Water Conservation Plan

Why In News?

On January 21, 2023, Jharkhand Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekh launched the 'Water Conservation

Scheme' with an outlay of Rs 467.32 crore to benefit the drought-hit farmers of the state.

Key points

- Under the 'Water Conservation Scheme', 2,133 ponds will be renovated and 2,795 percolation tanks will be constructed in all blocks of 24 districts of the state, an official release said.
- Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekh also laid the foundation stone for renovation work of 71 ponds and 184 percolation tanks on the occasion.
- It is known that a percolation tank is an artificially created surface water body to recharge groundwater storage.
- The agriculture minister said the state government has received 31.33 lakh applications from drought-hit farmers and 8.5 lakh of them have been given financial assistance so far.
- He said the state government's effort is to provide Rs 1,200 crore as relief to 30 lakh drought-hit farmers soon.
- It may be noted that the JMM-led government had on October 29 last year declared 226 of the state's 260 blocks as drought-affected areas and decided to provide a cash relief of Rs 3,500 to each farmer family affected by the rain deficit.

Jharkhand's Dr Janum Singh Soy Selected for Padma Shri

Why In News?

On January 25, 2023, the President announced the country's highest civilian awards 'Padma Awards' for the year 2023 on the eve of Republic Day. Among them, Dr. Janum Singh Soy of Jharkhand has been selected for the Padma Shri award.

Key points

- For the year 2023, the President has approved the conferment of 106 Padma Awards, including three dual cases (in a dual case, the award is counted as one).
- The list includes 6 Padma Vibhushan, 9 Padma Bhushan and 91 Padma Shri awardees. The list of awardees includes 19 women and 2 persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI and 7 posthumous awardees.
- Retired Prof from Kolhan University, Jharkhand. Dr. Janum Singh Soy has been selected for Padma Shri

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for his remarkable contribution in the preservation and promotion of 'Ho' language. Dr. Soy has been involved in the preservation and promotion of the 'Ho' language for the last four decades. He has also written six books on the culture and lifestyle of the 'Ho' tribe.

- Significantly, Padma award is included in the highest civilian awards of the country. The Padma awards are given in three categories - Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri. The awards are announced on Republic Day every year.
- The awards, social work public affairs science and engineering are given in the fields of various disciplines trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service etc/activities such as art.
- 'Padma Vibhushan' is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service, 'Padma Bhushan' for distinguished service of high order and 'Padma Shri' for distinguished service in any field.
- These awards are presented by the President of India in ceremonial ceremonies which are usually held at Rashtrapati Bhavan around March/April every year.

Coarse Grain Cultivation will get a Boost in Jharkhand

Why In News?

On January 26, 2023, the Jharkhand Agriculture Department has decided to promote millets as well in the light of the order of the Government of India. For this, the unit committee of the department has now planned of Rs 10 crore.

Key points

- In this scheme, a plan has been prepared to promote the production of coarse grains in different districts of Jharkhand in the coming years. There are full possibilities to promote the production of coarse cereals in the state. Earlier, many types of coarse grains were produced here.
- It is worth mentioning that for the last two years, the Agriculture Department serves only coarse grain products to the guests in its big programmes. Madua ki roti, Madua ka pitha, Chhilka roti etc. are served in the workshop of Agriculture Department.

- The Agriculture Department will organize seminars from state to block level on the utility and potential of coarse grains.
- It is known that the Government of India is celebrating the year 2023 as Millet's Year. In view of this, the state government has also prepared a plan. In this, the opinion of experts working on coarse grains will also be taken.
- There is good potential for ragi production in Jharkhand. According to the APEDA report, Jharkhand produces close to 15,000 tonnes of ragi. In the financial year 2017-18, there was a production of close to 18 thousand tonnes. Jowar is also producing about one thousand tonnes. This is happening when it was not on the priority list of the government.
- Unit committee director Ajay Kumar said that coarse grains were cultivated in the state for years. The tribal communities here cultivated plenty of coarse grains. Due to lack of market, it could not be promoted.
- He said that now there is no problem in the market for coarse grains. It is also selling very expensive in the market. Its biggest advantage is that it is a completely organic crop. It does not require pesticides and is prepared in less water.
- It is known that Jharkhand gets drought from time to time. In view of this, the cultivation of coarse grains will prove to be very effective for Jharkhand.

Chief Minister Honored the Dependents of Freedom Fighters

Why In News?

On January 26, 2023, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren honored dependent wives of three freedom fighters at a function organized in the state's sub-capital Dumka on 74th Republic Day.

Key points

- Chief Minister Hemant Soren freedom fighter self. Chandravati Devi, wife of Dhaneshwar Mandal (Village- Bandari, Block- Saraiyahat, District- Dumka), Late. Patru Rai's wife Parvatia Devi (Village- Parasdah, Block- Saraiyahat, District- Dumka) and self. Dasaratha Rai's wife Sarotiya Devi (Village- Delipathar, Block- Ramgarh, District- Dumka) was honoured.

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- On this occasion, the Chief Minister gave the first prize to the SSB 35 Battalion and information and public relations department tableau participating in the Republic Day parade. Apart from this, officers and personnel who have done better work were also honored.
- The award-winning parade contingent:
 - **First Prize** - SSB 35 Battalion
 - **2nd Prize** - IRB- 1 Jamtara
 - **3rd Prize** - NCC, Dumka
- The tableaux of these departments received awards:
 - **First Prize** - District Information and Public Relations Department, Dumka
 - **2nd Prize** - District Industries Department
 - **3rd Prize** – District Rural Development Agency and Forest Department
- **Officers and workers who were honored for their good work** - Block Development Officer of Shikaripada Santosh Kumar Chaudhary, Savita Kumari (ANM), Lakshmi Devi (Servant), Rajeev Ranjan (Driver), Vikas Kumar Agarwal (Painting).

The Governor Returned 'The Jharkhand Definition of Local Persons and for Extending the Consequential Social, Cultural and Other Benefits to Such Local Persons Bill, 2022'

Why In News?

On January 29, 2023, on behalf of the Hemant Soren Government of Jharkhand, on the 'The Jharkhand Definition of Local Persons and for Extending the Consequential Social, Cultural and Other Benefits to Such Local Persons Bill, 2022', related to the Khatian based local policy of 1932. Governor Ramesh Bais has returned it for review.

Key points

- Governor has asked the state While returning the bill, the government to seriously review the legality of this bill so that it is in accordance with the Constitution and in accordance with the orders and instructions of the Supreme Court.

- It is worth mentioning that the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha, Congress and Rashtriya Janata Dal (JMM-Congress-RJD) Mahagathbandhan government headed by Hemant Soren has extended 'The Jharkhand Definition of Local Persons and for Extending the Consequential Social, Cultural and Other Benefits to Such Local Persons Bill, 2022', was passed by voice vote on November 11, 2022, and sent to the Governor for approval.
- The Bill had stated that local persons in Jharkhand shall be called those who are citizens of India and reside within the territorial and geographical boundaries of Jharkhand. The names of his ancestors 1932 are recorded in the Survey/khatian of or earlier.
- The Bill also states that only local persons identified under the Act will be entitled to class III and IV government jobs in the state.
- The review of the Bill found that article 16 of the Constitution guarantees equal rights to all citizens in terms of employment. According to Article 16(3) of the Constitution, only Parliament has the right to impose any kind of condition in the matter of employment under Section 35(A) under a special provision. The State Legislature does not have this power.
- It is noteworthy that in AVS Narasimha Rao and others v. Andhra Pradesh and others (AIR 1970 SC 422) it has also been clearly explained that the right to impose any kind of condition in the matter of employment is vested only in the Indian Parliament. Thus, this bill is against the provision of the constitution and the order of the Supreme Court.
- Jharkhand is a scheduled area under the State, which falls under the Fifth Schedule. Clear guidelines have been issued by the Constitutional Bench of the Supreme Court about giving reservation in employment to 100 percent local persons in the said areas. In this order also, the Supreme Court had declared the powers vested in the Governor to impose conditions of appointments in scheduled areas contrary to Article 16 of the Constitution.
- In Satyajit Kumar vs State of Jharkhand, the Supreme Court had declared 100 per cent reservation given by the state in scheduled areas as unconstitutional. The Law Department had clarified that the provisions of the Bill in question were contrary to the Constitution and the orders of the Supreme Court. It has also been said that such provisions are not in accordance with the orders passed by the Supreme Court and The Jharkhand High Court.

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- The Law Department also said that such a provision clearly of Part III Articles 14, 15, 16(2) appears to be inconsistent and adversely affected by the fundamental right guaranteed in of the Indian Constitution, of the Indian Constitution Article 13 which would also be affected by and would give rise to unnecessary debates.

DAV Bokaro's Ana Sinha and Ishaan Kumar Jha Selected for INSPIRE Award

Why In News?

Recently, Ana Sinha of class 9 and Ishan Kumar Jha of class 6 of DAV Public School Sector-06 have been selected for the INSPIRE Award by the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India. Both the participants will represent the society, state and nation with the help of science and technology.

Key points

- Ana Sinha has completed her search on the topic portable and folding table. The portable and folding table made by them is useful in the reading and reading of the students. Using this table, students work in the right posture. You can easily open or bend it. You can also keep the necessary documents and goods in it. It is a table made of wood.
- At the same time, Ishan Kumar Jha has created hands bag with sensor. Through this, when the bag is stolen, it is immediately detected through the sensor. If it is also used in other places, then its information is immediately available while opening or keeping it through the sensor. In view of the incident of theft of bags happening every day, Ishaan has worked to find a solution to this problem.
- It is noteworthy that in order to increase the interest of students towards science and technology, the Central Government has started INSPIRE awards standard scheme. This scheme is for the students of 6th to 10th class of all recognized government and private schools across the country.
- Students selected for the INSPIRE Awards Standard Scheme of the Central Government are given 10-10 thousand rupees. This amount is transferred to their account.

- Under the INSPIRE Awards Standard Scheme, 10 thousand students at the state level district level and 1 thousand students are selected at the, while from all over the country 1 lakh students are selected.
- Under this scheme, students must prepare a model. The model selected at the national level is displayed in the Enforcement Festival held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. The selected students are given the award by the President.
- Under this scheme, the student who is selected at the science national level is given a cash prize money. At the same time, selected students get the opportunity to travel abroad.
- The main objective of this scheme is to increase awareness of science among students through this competition.

Dhaneshwar of Dhanbad won the Strong Man Open Power Lifting Award

Why In News?

On January 29, 2023, the fourth Open Koyla Anchal Classic Women's and Men's Power Lifting and Body Building Championship held at GCET St. Xavier's International School in Dhanbad, Bihar concluded, in which Dhaneshwar of Dhanbad won the Strong Man Open Power Lifting Award.

Key points

- It is notable that the fourth Open Koyal Anchal Classic Women and Men Power Lifting and Body Building Championship was inaugurated on 27 January.
- Strong Man Open Powerlifting to Dhaneshwar Kumar Rai of Dhanbad in the competition, Mo. Rustom Aalam, Sub-Junior Best Lifter (Bench Press), Deepak Gope, Sub-Junior Best Lifter (Dead Lift), Nitesh Rana, Junior Best Lifter (Bench Press), Ishtiaq Ansari, Senior Best Lifter (Bench Press), Aditya Kumar, Jr. Best Lifter (Dead Lift), Dhaneshwar Rai received the Senior Best Lifter (Dead Lift) award.
- Women's winners in open powerlifting are Shikha, Sona Rawal, Sinni Kumari (52kg). Jyoti Kumari (57kg) Manisha Lakra (72kg) They are Namita Nayak (63kg) and Giridih's Khushi Lal (84kg).

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