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Jharkhand Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2021

Why in News

- On July 27, 2021, the Jharkhand cabinet approved the **Jharkhand Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules, 2021**, doubling the application fee, license fee and permit fee.

Key Points

- Learning license verification fee, driving license, renewal license fee has been increased.
- Permit fees for passenger vehicles, passenger buses and motor cabs have also been increased.
- The amount has been increased to ₹1500 by increasing the fee for tourist vehicles.

Innovative Product Ideas Award

Why in News

- Recently, **organic turmeric from Seraikela Kharsawan** district of Jharkhand has been selected for the **"Award for Innovative Product Ideas"**.

Key Points

- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Arjun Munda will facilitate Turmeric of Kharsawan in New Delhi.
- Apart from this, products from Bengal, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Nagaland, Karnataka, Odisha, Maharashtra have also been selected for the award.
- Kharsawan turmeric powder was tested by the State Food Testing Laboratory and found to have **7.01 percent curcumin, as compared to 2 percent present in normal turmeric**. Curcumin is a measure of the special properties present in turmeric.
- It is used in the manufacture of skin related products and it is useful to protect the body cells from destruction as well as to treat cancer and heart-related diseases.

School of Excellence

Why in News

- On July 31, 2021, **Chief Minister Hemant Soren** took a concrete measure towards providing quality

education to the students of Jharkhand by **converting government schools into 'Schools of Excellence'**.

Key Points

- As per the vision of the Chief Minister, almost 5,000 government-run schools will be transformed into modern education facilities. It is aimed that by the start of the 2022-23 academic session, 80 district-level schools of excellence would be ready to cater to almost 2,00,000 students from across the state.
- The government aims to make 80 district level schools of excellence before the session 2022-23, 329 block schools before the 2023-24 session and over 4,000 panchayat level schools before the 2024-25 session as schools of excellence.
- In the first phase, the proposed 80 schools across all the districts of the State are being **transformed into 'School of Excellence'**.
- The government has planned to make all the 'Schools of Excellence' of the world-class education system. The school will have other facilities like an uninterrupted power supply, a clean environment and a smartboard. These schools are being developed on the model of private schools.
- Earlier, due to lack of sanitation and lavatory facilities at schools, the drop-out rate of girls from schools was high. To address this issue the government has planned to equip all the school premises with separate lavatory facilities for both girls and boys.
- A **dedicated language lab** will be set up in these model schools to improve learning outcomes and it will also be used as a review mechanism tool.
- With the help of premier institutes of the country, teachers deputed at 'School of Excellence' will be provided with focused training as per the National & International Standards.
- School of Excellence will cater to students from pre-primary level till the 12th standard. The scheme will benefit approximately 15 lakh children from across the state.

Birsa Agricultural University

Why in News

- Recently eleven high yielding, early maturing and disease-pest resistant crop varieties developed by

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the scientists of **Birsa Agricultural University (BAU)** were released by the Jharkhand State Government.

Key Points

- These varieties were released by the State Variety Release Committee (SVRC) under the chairmanship of Agriculture Secretary, Abubakar Siddiqui after intensive discussion and compliance of queries.
- These varieties include one each of black gram, tur, soybean, mustard, baby corn, ragi and two varieties of brinjal and three varieties of linseed. The yield gain of these varieties is 15 to 20 percent as compared to the existing conventional varieties.
- BAU Vice-Chancellor, Dr. Onkar Nath Singh and Director Research, Dr. A. Wadood said these varieties would go a long way in increasing area, production and productivity pulses, oilseeds and vegetables because quality seed plays a major role in augmenting productivity.
- BAU crop breeders, directorate of seed and farms, Regional/Zonal Research Stations, Krishi Vigyan Kendras and seed villages of the state will cooperate in seed production of these crops for extending its availability to farmers.

Ophthalmologists of the State as 'Covid Warriors'

Why in News

- On August 11, 2021, Jharkhand Health Minister Banna Gupta felicitated 45 ophthalmologists of the state as 'COVID Warriors'.
 - This felicitation has been done for their tireless efforts to help COVID patients and their families during the pandemic.

Key Points

- Addressing the felicitation function organized by Jharkhand Ophthalmological Society in Ranchi, the Health Minister presented this honor to the ophthalmologists.
- These ophthalmologists had ensured all necessary support to the people to fight the second wave of COVID-19, leaving their comfort zones, crossing

professional boundaries, without caring for their lives.

- In the award ceremony, Dr. Vibhuti Kashyap was honored with '**Dr. VS Gupta Best Free Paper**' and Dr. Rahul Prasad was awarded **Gold Medal for 'Manjul Pant Best Video Session'**. Dr. Lalit Jain was honored for his extramural oration.
- The Health Minister also presented shawls and mementos to the families of doctors who died in the line of duty in the pandemic. The families of eminent doctors of the state, Dr. Krishna Murari Sahu, Dr. Sujit Kumar Paul and Dr. Chandrika Kishore Thakur, who were victims of the corona epidemic, were also felicitated.

"BC Sakhi" initiative

Why in News

- On August 12, 2021, Jharkhand State Livelihood Promotion Society (JSLPS) along with the Small Industries Development Bank of India (SIDBI) launched the '**BC Sakhi Initiative**' online to promote **digital banking through a banking correspondent**.

Key Point

- The online launch programme was attended by Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development, Government of India as the Chief Guest, NN Sinha.
- At present, 4620 women of Sakhi Mandal are providing doorstep banking services to about 3137 Panchayats as BC Sakhis. Praising the BC Sakhi, he said that during the time of lockdown, these BC Sakhis of the Country did about Rs 6000 crore transactions and made banking services accessible in rural areas.
- The initiative of digital banking through BC Sakhis by SIDBI would get a new dimension and soon the Didi Banking Sakhi of Sakhi Mandal would be able to provide facilities at the doorstep in every Panchayat as Correspondent.
- The initiative of JSLPS under Rural Development Department to provide banking service to the sisters of Sakhi Mandal in the form of BC Sakhi will be provided technical support through SIDBI.
- SIDBI will provide its services in digital training material, MIS dashboard and capacity building for the BC Sakhi initiative.

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Oxygen Express Train to Bangladesh

Why in News

- Recently, South Eastern Railway sent the 7th Oxygen Express train from Rourkela in Chakradharpur Division of South Eastern Railway to Benapole in Bangladesh.

Key Points

- The train left Rourkela for Bangladesh carrying 186 tonnes of Liquid Medical Oxygen (LMO) in 10 containers.
- On the request of the Bangladesh government, a consignment of liquid medical oxygen is being sent for the treatment of Covid affected patients. The first Oxygen Express train for Benapole in Bangladesh was dispatched from Tatanagar on 24 July.
- So far, seven Oxygen Express trains have been sent to Bangladesh from Tatanagar and Rourkela under Chakradharpur division. 200 tonnes of **Liquid Medical Oxygen** (LMO) from Tatanagar has been sent to Bangladesh.
- It is worth mentioning that to meet the increasing demand of oxygen for the treatment of COVID affected patients, South Eastern Railway is running Oxygen Express trains from 23rd April this year to supply the necessary liquid oxygen for the treatment of patients suffering from COVID-19. To ensure speedy transportation and smooth supply.

Launch of Several Schemes

Why in News

- On August 18, 2021, **Chief Minister Hemant Soren** inaugurated/laid the foundation stone of 60 schemes of different departments and some of the beneficiaries selected by different departments were given certificates symbolically related to Pradhan Patta, appointment letters and other welfare schemes during a programme organized at Teshobathan village in Sundarpahari block of Godda district.

Key Point

- In the programme, the CM inaugurated 37 schemes worth Rs 7,050.83 lakh and laid the foundation stone of 23 schemes worth Rs 2,230.42 lakh.

- Under the housing scheme, he handed over the keys of the house to six beneficiaries, while four were given Pradhan Patta.
- Apart from this, some of the beneficiaries selected by the District Establishment Branch, MGNREGA, Education Department, Health Department, Cooperative Department, Welfare Department, Social Welfare Department, Supply Department etc were given a symbolic appointment letter, community forest rights lease, ration card, and pension, grant acceptance letter etc.
- The CM presented a cheque of Rs 4 lakh each to the dependents of those who died due to the lightning.

Tatanagar Railway Station

Why in News

- Recently, **Tatanagar railway station** officials said that Garden Reach, the headquarters of South Eastern Railway (SER), has given a green signal for the proposal of a third-foot overbridge at the Kharagpur end of the railway station.

Key Points

- The station management has undertaken several infrastructure projects which include the over-bridge.
- The engineering wing of Tatanagar railway has come up with a final blueprint of the Rs 2 crore project. The blueprint was also approved by South Eastern Railway.
- As per the plans, the third foot overbridge would come up next to the first foot overbridge at the Kharagpur end of the railway station. It will connect platform no 1 with the other four platforms. Work for the project is expected to start from September.
- The station management informed us that they identified the place for putting up pillars on the platforms. Work for the project was supposed to begin earlier this year but couldn't due to the second wave of Covid-19.
- Currently, the A1 category station has two foot overbridges. The second one costing Rs 1.90 crore was inaugurated in October 2019.

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Distribution of Appointment Letters, and Certificates

Why in News

- On August 19, 2021, **Chief Minister Hemant Soren** distributed certificates and acceptance letters to the selected beneficiaries for the schemes run by various departments in Dharampur village of Patna block of Sahibganj district. At the same time, appointment letters were given to three people on compassionate grounds.

Key Points

- Among the schemes for which the beneficiaries have been selected, five were under **MGNREGA**, 7 for **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana** - Rural, 3 for Bhimrao Ambedkar Awas, 16 for Mukhyamantri Sukanya Yojana, 9 for Kanyadan Yojana, 2 for distribution of Divyang Yantra, 17 for pension acceptance letter and 6 for green ration card.
- The Chief Minister presented cheques to various Sakhi Mandals on the occasion. In this, a cheque of Rs 7.80 lakh under circular fund, Rs 19 lakh under community investment fund and Rs 28 lakh under cash credit linkage was given to Sakhi Mandals.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister planted saplings and gave the message of environmental protection and listened to the problems of the local people on the spot and directed the concerned officials to solve them.

Filariasis Eradication Campaign

Why in News

- On August 23, 2021, Jharkhand Health Minister Banna Gupta launched the **Filaria Eradication Campaign** in 12 filarial affected districts of the state. This program will run from August 23 to August 27, 2021 in the filarial affected areas.

Key Points

- This campaign is being run under the **National Filariasis Eradication Program** of the Health Department of Jharkhand.
- During the campaign two medicines – DEC and Albendazole will be given to the beneficiaries in 11 districts

of the state – Giridih, Chatra, Dumka, East Singhbhum, West Singhbhum, Garhwa, Godda, Hazaribagh, Khunti, Lohardaga and Ranchi, while in Simdega three medicines will be given to the beneficiaries. - DEC, albendazole and ivermectin will be given.

- In this campaign, anti-filaria medicines will be given free of cost to the beneficiaries at booths and door to door visits. The distribution of medicines will be done in compliance with the COVID-19 protocol.
- Out of the above 12 districts, about 1 crore, 78 lakh targeted beneficiaries will be given anti-filaria drugs.
- Under this programme, anti-filarial medicine will not be given to children below 1 year of age, pregnant women and critically ill persons and children 1-2 years of age will be given Albendazole only.
- The State Health Department had earlier also conducted Filariasis Eradication Campaign during 22-27 February, 2021 in four districts- Sahibganj, Bokaro, Dhanbad and Ramgarh, in which more than 70 lakh beneficiaries were given anti-filaria drugs.
- Filariasis is a **tropical parasitic disease** that is transmitted by mosquitoes and affects the lymph nodes and lymphatic vessels. Filariasis is one of the leading causes of disability. The abnormal swelling of the feet due to filariasis is commonly called elephantiasis.

Airports to be Powered by Solar Power

Why in News

- Recently, **Jharkhand Renewable Energy Development Agency (JREDA)** director K.K. Verma informed that the **Birsa Munda airport in Ranchi** and **four other upcoming airports** in the state will be powered by solar energy under the **Green Initiative** of the government.

Key Points

- Apart from Ranchi, the airports of **Dumka, Deoghar, Bokaro and Giridih will be covered** under the green initiative. The state government has allocated Rs 20 crore for this project and has set a target to complete it in six months.
- After completion of the project each of the five airports equipped with solar panels will generate **600 kW of electricity per day**. This initiative will not only make airports self-sufficient in terms of energy

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generation, but will also illuminate some residential areas with solar energy.

- **Birsa Munda Airport** is currently the **only fully-operated airport in Jharkhand**, remaining four airports are likely to start operations within a year.
- It is worth mentioning that the state government has approved the expansion plan of Ranchi airport and **signed an MoU with AAI for expansion of the airport** in more than 300 acres.
- It is noteworthy that **Puducherry airport in Tamil Nadu became the first fully solar powered airport in the country in 2020** under the Airports Authority of India (AAI). In addition, it is claimed that the **Cochin International Airport (Kerala)**, is the **world's first solar powered airport** to run in a **public-private partnership** mode.

DVC to Install Four 50MW Floating Solar Projects

Why in News

- On August 28, 2021, **Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC)** Chairman RN Singh informed that Floating solar projects would be installed in all dams belonging to DVC, including Tilaya, Konar, Maithon, and Panchet (Bengal-Jharkhand) in Jharkhand with capacities of 50MW each.

Key Points

- RN Singh said that keeping in view the **Paris Agreement**, it has been decided to set up solar power projects and floating solar projects on all DVC dams.
- Singh informed that Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) intends to increase its renewable energy generation capacity through floating solar and pumped storage projects. DVC plans to increase its power generation capacity to 10,000 MW by the end of 2030.
- He said that Solar units will also be installed on the surplus land in the thermal units as well as on the closed thermal units.
- He also informed that a 1500 MW (6x250) Pumped Storage Plant has also been proposed at Lugu Hills. Apart from this, a solar power unit will soon be installed at B Plant Unit of Bokaro Thermal Plant.

Medha Krishi Utsav

Why in News

- On the occasion of Janmashtami, the **Medha Krishi Utsav** was organised by the **Jharkhand State Cooperative Milk Federation at Fisheries Training Center, Dhurwa, Ranchi**.
 - In this event, Agriculture Minister Badal Patralekh launched the scheme of providing **Rs 1 subsidy per litre to milk producers** who supply milk to **Jharkhand State Cooperative Milk Federation**.

Key Points

- Addressing the milk producers in the programme, Badal said that Jharkhand has a bright future in the milk business and this is a golden opportunity for our milk producers, **this will provide a source of income to the people of the state** in their own state.
- **Jharkhand State Milk Federation** which is **popularly known as Medha** brand is following the lessons of continuous progress in efficient management of **National Dairy Development Board** since last six years. Presently about **40,000 milk producing families from 18 districts of the state are associated with the Milk Federation** and are supplying about **1.30 lakh litres of milk per day**.
- At present four dairy plants under Milk Federation (**Hotwar, Koderma, Latehar and Deoghar**) are being operated with a processing capacity of 1.40 lakh litres while additional three new plants namely **Sarath-Deoghar, Sahiganj, Palamu** are in the final stages of construction and production.
- Apart from this, a **Cattle Feed Plant, Mineral Mixer Plant, Bypass Feed and Cold Breeding Plant** are also being established and operated by the federation in Medha Dairy premises located at Hotwar with the aim of reducing the production cost of milk producers and increasing the quality of milk.
- On this occasion, a **telemedicine program** was started by the **Agriculture Minister** for proper and accessible advice related to the health of animals.
 - Under this programme, animal owners will be given advice regarding the health of their animals by specialist veterinarians.



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