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## Chhattisgarh Climate Change Conclave 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister launched a 2-day **Climate Change Conclave**, calling for more measures and efforts to save nature due to the major threat posed by **climate change**.

- The conclave was **organised by the Chhattisgarh State Center for Climate Change and the Forest and Climate Change Department** with technical support from the **Foundation for Ecological Security**.

### Key Points

- During the event, the chief minister underscored the severity of climate change, citing **irregular rainfall, prolonged droughts, cyclonic rains, and seasonal variations** as tangible manifestations affecting both the nation and the world.
  - The CM stressed the importance of formulating **strategies to address these challenges**, highlighting the significance of preserving nature, greenery, and natural resources.
- During the conclave, the chief minister also launched the '**Chhattisgarh State Action Plan on Climate Change**' and unveiled a **book on traditional health practices titled 'Ancient Wisdom'** at Bastar.
- He hailed the **2015 Paris Agreement** as a crucial milestone in global efforts to combat climate change and urged for continued collaboration on a global scale.
- This conclave aimed to facilitate knowledge exchange and discussions among experts, environmentalists, policymakers, and tribal communities.

#### Foundation for Ecological Security (FES)

- It is a registered **non-profit organisation** based in Anand, Gujarat.
- **Formed in 2001**, it is the foundation of sustainable and equitable development.
- It is committed to strengthening, reviving, or restoring, where necessary, the process of ecological succession and the conservation of land, forest and water resources in the country.

#### Paris Agreement on Climate Change

- It is a **legally binding global agreement** under the **United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)** that was adopted in 2015. It was adopted in **UNFCCC COP21**.

- It aims to combat climate change and limit global warming to well below 2 degree Celsius, above pre-industrial levels, with an ambition to limit warming to 1.5 degree Celsius.
- It replaced the **Kyoto Protocol** which was an earlier agreement to deal with climate change.
- The Paris Agreement sets out a framework for countries to work together to **reduce greenhouse gas emissions, adapt to the impacts of climate change, and provide support to developing countries** in their efforts to address climate change.
- Under the Paris Agreement, each country is required to submit and update their **Nationally Determined Contribution (NDCs) every 5 years**, outlining their plans for reducing greenhouse gas emissions and adapting to climate change.
  - NDCs are pledges made by countries to reduce their greenhouse gas emissions and to adapt to the impacts of climate change.

## New Nodal Agency to Probe Naxal Cases in Chhattisgarh

### Why in News?

The Chhattisgarh government has announced that it will constitute **State Investigation Agency (SIA)** as a **new nodal agency to probe cases of terrorism, naxalism and left extremism** in the State.

### Key Points

- This agency will act as the nodal agency of the state for coordination with the **National Investigation Agency (NIA)**.
  - For this, a total of 74 new posts including one Superintendent of Police have been created.
- In another major decision, the Cabinet also decided that it will provide farmers grants at the rate of ₹19,257 per acre under **Krishak Unnati Yojana**, based on the quantity of paddy procured in Kharif year 2023.
- Also started the restoration of pension scheme for those jailed under **the Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA), 1971** during the **Emergency period from 1975 to 1977**.
  - Those detained for less than One month will be given Rs 8,000 per month, the ones detained for

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one to five months will be given Rs 15,000 per month and people detained for five months and more will be given Rs 25,000 per month.

- The Cabinet also announced the formation of a **Department of Good Governance and Convergence** for “effective implementation of public welfare policies, to facilitate best possible use of available resources and to ensure quick resolution of public problems”.

#### National Investigation Agency (NIA)

- The NIA is a **federal agency of the Indian government** responsible for investigating and prosecuting crimes related to **Terrorism, Insurgency, and other national security matters**.
  - Federal agencies in a country typically have jurisdiction over matters that affect the country as a whole, rather than just individual states or provinces.
- It was **established in 2009 following the Mumbai terrorist attacks in 2008**, under the **National Investigation Agency (NIA) Act, 2008**, operates under the Ministry of Home Affairs.
  - The National Investigation Agency (Amendment) Act, 2019 was passed in July 2019, amending the NIA Act, 2008.
- The NIA has the power to take over investigations of terrorism-related cases from state police forces and other agencies. It also has the authority to investigate cases across **state boundaries without obtaining prior permission from state governments**.

#### Krishonnati Yojana

- The government of India introduced the green revolution Krishonnati Yojana in **2005 to boost the agriculture sector**.
- Government through the scheme plans to develop the agriculture and allied sector in a holistic & scientific manner to increase the income of farmers.
- The scheme looks to enhance agricultural production, productivity and better returns on produce.
- **It comprises of 11 schemes and mission under a single umbrella scheme:**
  - **Mission for Integrated Development of Horticulture (MIDH)**
  - **National Food Security Mission (NFSM)**
  - **National Mission for Sustainable Agriculture (NMSA)**
  - **Submission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE)**
  - Sub-Mission on Seeds and Planting Material (SMSP)

- Sub-Mission on Agricultural Mechanization (SMAM)
- Sub-Mission on Plant Protection and Plant Quarantine (SMPPQ)
- Integrated Scheme on Agriculture Census, Economics and Statistics (ISACES)
- Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Cooperation (ISAC)
- **Integrated Scheme on Agricultural Marketing (ISAM)**
- **National e-Governance Plan in Agriculture (NeGP-A)**

#### Maintenance of Internal Security Act, 1971

- The **Maintenance of Internal Security Act (MISA)** was a controversial law passed by the **Indian parliament in 1971** giving very broad powers – indefinite preventive **detention of individuals, search and seizure of property without warrants, and wiretapping** – in the quelling of civil and political disorder in India, as well as countering foreign-inspired sabotage, terrorism, subterfuge and threats to national security.
- The law was amended several times during the subsequently declared **national emergency (1975–1977)** and used for quelling political dissent.

## PM Launches Mahtari Vandan Scheme In Chhattisgarh

### Why in News?

Recently, The Prime Minister inaugurated the ‘**Mahtari Vandan**’ scheme in Chhattisgarh to provide **monetary assistance to women**.

### Key Points

- Under the scheme, the state government will provide **financial assistance of Rs 1000 per month** to eligible married women of the state as monthly **Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)**.
  - The first installment of ₹ 655 crore was deposited into the bank accounts of beneficiaries (married women).
- The scheme has been envisioned to ensure economic empowerment of women, provide them **financial security**, promote **gender equality** and strengthen the **decisive role of women in the family**.

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- The scheme will provide benefits to **all eligible married women of the state who are above 21 years of age as of January 1, 2024.**
- **Widows, divorced, and deserted women** will also be eligible for this scheme. Around **70 lakh women will benefit from the scheme.**

#### Direct Benefit Transfer Scheme

- It has been visioned as an aid for simpler/faster flow of information and funds to the beneficiaries and to reduce the fraud in the delivery system.
- It is a mission or an initiative by the government of India started on 1st January 2013 as a way to reform the government delivery system.
  - Central Plan Scheme Monitoring System (CPSMS), the earlier version of the **Public Financial Management System (PFMS)**, of the Office of Controller General of Accounts, was chosen to act as the common platform for routing of the Direct Benefit Transfer.
- **Components of DBT:** Primary components in the implementation of DBT schemes include Beneficiary Account Validation System, a robust payment and reconciliation platform integrated with **Reserve Bank of India (RBI), National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), Public & Private Sector Banks, Regional Rural Banks and Cooperative Banks** (core banking solutions of banks, settlement systems of RBI, Aadhaar Payment Bridge of NPCI) etc.
- There are **310 Schemes** from 53 Ministries under DBT. Some important schemes are:
  - Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, National Food Security Mission, Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchai Yojana, PM KISAN, Swachh Bharat Mission Gramin, Atal Pension Yojana, National AYUSH Mission.
- Aadhaar is **not mandatory** in DBT schemes. Since Aadhaar provides unique identity and is useful in targeting the intended beneficiaries, Aadhaar is preferred and beneficiaries are encouraged to have Aadhaar.

## Chhattisgarh Government Transfers Funds Under 'Krishak Unnati' Scheme

### Why in News?

Recently, Chhattisgarh Government launched the '**Krishak Unnati Yojna**' to provide input assistance to farmers, mainly paddy cultivators and released **₹13,320 crore to 2.472 million farmers** under the scheme.

### Key Points

- The paddy procurement for the **2023-24 kharif season** was held between November 1 and February 4, and around **145 lakh Metric Tonnes (MT) of paddy** was

procured from over 2.4 million farmers at **Minimum Support Price (MSP)**.

- The MSP for common grade paddy was ₹2183 per quintal and ₹2203 for Grade A paddy.
- The difference amount over the MPS was given to farmers as input assistance at the rate of ₹917 per quintal.
- The state government also gave an outstanding paddy bonus for two years (2014-15 and 2015-16) worth ₹3,716 crore to the farmers on the occasion of former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee's birthday in December 2023.

**Note:** Rice varieties are **classified as 'Grade A' and 'Common'** based on shape length:breadth (L:B ratio) for fixing the procurement price of paddy and for trading of milled rice.

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## MINIMUM SUPPORT PRICE (MSP)

The rate at which the govt. purchases crops from farmers; based on a calculation of at least 1.5x the cost of production incurred by the farmers

### RECOMMENDED BY

Commission for Agricultural Costs & Prices (CACP) (recommends MSPs for 22 mandated crops and Fair and Remunerative Price for Sugarcane)

### 22 MANDATED CROPS

(14 Kharif, 6 Rabi and 2 Other Commercial crops)

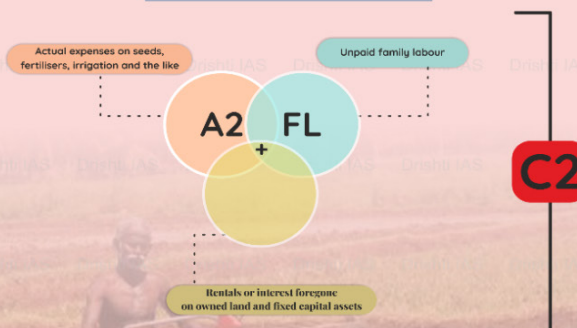
7	<b>CEREALS</b>	Paddy, Wheat, Barley, Jowar, Bajra, Maize And Ragi
5	<b>PULSES</b>	Gram, Arhar/tur, Moong, Urad And Lentil
7	<b>OILSEEDS</b>	Groundnut, Rapeseed/mustard, Soyabean, Sunflower, Sesamum, Safflower And Niger Seed
	<b>RAW COTTON</b>	
	<b>RAW JUTE</b>	
	<b>COPRA</b>	

MSP is the price at which the govt. is supposed to procure the mandated crops from farmers if the market price falls below it

### FACTORS FOR RECOMMENDING MSP

- ▷ Cost of cultivation
- ▷ Demand-Supply situation for the crop
- ▷ Market price trends
- ▷ Inter-crop price parity
- ▷ Implications for consumers (inflation)
- ▷ Environment (soil and water use)
- ▷ Terms of trade b/w agri and non-agri sectors (ratio of farm inputs and outputs)

Considers both A2+FL and C2 costs



MSP has no statutory backing — a farmer cannot demand MSP as a matter of right

## BPCL to Launch CBG Plants in Chhattisgarh

### Why in News?

Recently, **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** has partnered with the **Chhattisgarh Biofuel Development Authority** and Municipal Corporations of Raipur and Bhilai to establish **Compressed BioGas (CBG) plants** in the state.

### Key Points

- An investment of ₹100 crore each is earmarked for setting up state-of-the-art facilities in **Raipur and Bhilai**, aiming to convert municipal solid waste into **biofuel**.
  - The planned CBG plants, boasting a processing capacity of 100-150 tonnes per day, will utilize approximately 200-250 metric tonnes of municipal solid waste daily.
- This effort is not only aimed at fostering a **circular economy** but is also expected to generate about 60,000 man-days of employment annually, thereby contributing to the **region's economic development**.
  - A circular economy is **an industrial system** that is **restorative or regenerative** by intention and design.
- The initiative will produce organic fertilizer as a byproduct, supporting the state's push towards **organic farming** and **agricultural sustainability**.

### Compressed BioGas (CBG)

- Waste/Biomass sources like agricultural residue, cattle dung, sugarcane press mud, municipal solid waste, sewage treatment plant waste, etc. **produce Biogas** through the process of **anaerobic decomposition**.
- The Bio-Gas is purified to remove **hydrogen sulphide (H<sub>2</sub>S)**, **carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>)**, water vapour and compressed as **Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG)**, which has **methane (CH<sub>4</sub>)** content of more than 90%.
- CBG has **calorific value** and other properties similar to CNG and hence can be utilized as **green renewable automotive fuel**.
- Thus it **can replace CNG** in automotive, industrial and commercial areas, given the abundance of biomass availability within the country.

### Biofuels

- Any hydrocarbon fuel that is **produced from an organic matter** (living or once living material) in a short period of time (days, weeks, or even months) is considered a biofuel.

- Biofuels may be solid, liquid or gaseous in nature.
  - **Solid:** Wood, dried plant material, and manure
  - **Liquid:** Bioethanol and Biodiesel
  - **Gaseous:** Biogas
- These **can be used to replace or can be used in addition** to diesel, petrol or other fossil fuels for transport, stationary, portable and other applications. Also, they can be **used to generate heat and electricity**.
- Some of the main reasons for shifting to biofuels are the rising prices of oil, emission of **greenhouse gases** from fossil fuels and the interest in obtaining fuel from agricultural crops for the benefit of farmers.

## Chhattisgarh HC Rules Against Exemption of Economic Offenses Bureau

### Why in News?

Recently, in a significant judgment, the Chhattisgarh high court has ruled that the notification dated **7th November, 2006**, exempting the **Chhattisgarh State Economic Offenses Investigation Bureau** from the provisions of the **Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005** contradicts the first proviso to **Section 24(4)** of the said Act.

### Key Points

- According to the judgment, the impugned notification issued by the **General Administration Department of the Government of Chhattisgarh** cannot allow the government to withhold information pertaining to allegations of corruption involving the Bureau, except for information relating to sensitive and confidential activities undertaken by the said Bureau.
- In light of this ruling, the court directed the state government to issue a clarificatory notification within three weeks.
- On 15 November, 2016, the RTI activist and the petitioner had filed an application seeking information from the Economic Offenses Investigation Bureau.
  - In response, the Economic Offenses refused to provide information, stating that the state government had exempted the agency from

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providing information under the Right to Information Act through the notification issued on 7th November, 2006.

- Challenging this notification, the RTI activist filed a petition before the division bench of the Chhattisgarh High Court, stating that **Section 24(4) of the Right to Information Act, 2005 mentions that no institution can be exempted from providing information** related to corruption and violations of human rights.

#### Right to Information (RTI) Act, 2005

- It is a legislative framework that empowers Indian citizens to **access information held by public authorities**. Enacted in 2005, the act aims to promote **transparency, accountability, and participation in government processes**.
- It replaced the **Freedom of Information Act 2002**.
- According to Section 22 of RTI Act, the provisions of this Act will be **effective regardless of any contradictions with the Official Secrets Act of 1923**, existing laws, or any agreements established through laws other than this Act

## CCI Approves 100% Acquisition of Lanco Amarkantak Power Limited

### Why in News?

Recently, the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** has approved 100% acquisition of **Lanco Amarkantak Power Limited** by Adani Power Limited.

### Key Points

- The **Adani Power Limited** (Acquirer), a part of the Adani Group, is a company incorporated under the laws of India.
  - It is engaged in the business of **thermal power generation** in India.
  - It operates its thermal power plants across multiple states in India, including **Gujarat, Maharashtra,**

**Karnataka, Rajasthan, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand and Madhya Pradesh.**

- Adani group is a global integrated infrastructure player with businesses in key industry verticals - **resources, logistics and energy.**
- The **Lanco Amarkantak Power Limited** (Target), a part of the Lanco Group, is engaged in the business of thermal power generation in India.
  - It is currently undergoing **Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP)** under the **Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016 (IBC).**
  - The proposed combination relates to the acquisition of 100% equity share capital of the Target by the Acquirer.

#### Competition Commission of India (CCI)

- It is a **statutory body** of the Government of India responsible for enforcing the **Competition Act, 2002**, it was duly constituted in March 2009.
- The **Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, 1969 (MRTP Act)** was repealed and replaced by the Competition Act, 2002, on the recommendations of the **Raghavan committee**.

#### Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code, 2016

- It is considered as one of the biggest insolvency reforms in the economic history of India.
- This was enacted for reorganization and insolvency resolution of corporate persons, partnership firms and individuals in a time bound manner for maximization of the value of assets of such persons.

#### Corporate Insolvency Resolution Process (CIRP)

- The CIRP in India, **governed by IBC**, is a time-bound process aimed at resolving the financial distress of a corporate debtor while maximizing the value of its assets.
- The primary objective of the procedure is to **ensure the revival of a financially distressed company**.
- And in cases where the revival of the company is not possible it ensures an **orderly liquidation of the assets** of the distressed company that has been declared as a corporate debtor.



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