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Krishi Panchang 2023

Why In News?

On January 1, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel released the '**Krishi Panchang 2023**' published by Indira Gandhi Agricultural University Raipur at his residence office.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Mr. Baghel while releasing the Krishi Panchang 2023 said that in this publication, information about the new technology developed by the university and welfare schemes being run by the Agriculture and related departments of the Chhattisgarh Government has been included. This will provide better information to the farmers regarding farming.
- He said that the publication of Krishi Panchang is a powerful medium by Indira Gandhi Agricultural University in an effort to connect the latest information and research work directly to the farmers through various agricultural action schemes.
- He said that the state government has taken several decisions in the interest of farmers in the last four years in the state, as a result of which their social status and economic self-reliance have increased.
- In Krishi Panchang 2023, better information has been given about women empowerment, advanced row sowing techniques of paddy and vegetable production from grafted plants by scientific techniques, including the latest technology in farming.
- Similarly, profitable agriculture with the use of drones, profitable SCI (SCI) technology of gram production, new variety of heat tolerant wheat: C.G. 1029 (Kanishka), advanced techniques of mahua collection and economic prosperity from banana fiber etc. have been attractively displayed.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister released the calendar of the year-2023 prepared by Satpura Wildlife Foundation and Dainik Vishwa Parivar newspaper during the New Year meeting at Raipur Press Club. The 12 pages of the calendar published by the Satpura Wildlife Foundation have attractive pictures of different wild animals. The calendar conveys the message of conservation of wild animals and their natural habitat.

Chhattisgarhia Olympics: State Level Competition From 8 to 10 January

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on January 3, 2023, the state level event of Chhattisgarhia Olympics 2022-23 will now be held from January 8 to January 10, 2023 at various sports grounds as well as indoor stadiums in the capital Raipur.

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- The inaugural ceremony of the state-level Chhattisgarhia Olympics will be held on January 8 at The Sardar Balbir Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium. The closing ceremony will be held at Swami Vivekananda Stadium Kota-Raipur on January 10.
- Competitions in all 14 sports disciplines of Chhattisgarhia Olympics will be held at Sardar Balbir Singh Juneja Stadium, Outdoor Stadium Budhapara, Pandit Ravi Shankar Shukla University Sports Complex and Swami Vivekananda Stadium Kota.
- Earlier, the date for the state-level sports competition was fixed from January 7 to January 9, which has been changed from January 8 to 10.

CM Launches Chhattisgarh Edition of South India's Leading Digital News Network 'Hashtag You'

Why In News?

On January 4, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched the Chhattisgarh edition of South India's leading digital news network '**Hashtag You**' in his office room located in the assembly premises of Raipur.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that '**Hashtag You Chhattisgarh**' will be in Hindi and important news and reports related to Chhattisgarh will be published in it.

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- Dinesh Akula, CEO of “Hashtag You’ said, “**Hashtag You’** was launched in Telugu a year ago. It is one of the leading website and YouTube channel in Telugu media. This network is going to be launched in 6 other languages in addition to the entertainment website in the near future.
- He said that this digital network covers news with in-depth analysis and nuances as well as attempts to communicate news to the readers at a fast pace.

Website of Bilaspur District Administration of Chhattisgarh got National Award

Why In News?

On January 7, 2022, President Draupadi Murmu awarded the National Platinum Award for Innovation to the **website of Bilaspur District Administration of Chhattisgarh** at a function held at Vigyan Bhawan. Bilaspur District Collector Saurabh Kumar received the award.

Key Points

- The website of the District Administration was selected for the National Platinum Award by the Department of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India.
- It is worth mentioning that this prestigious award is given to the government websites that are ranked first in different categories. Bilaspur district administration’s website has been given this award under the category of Best Web and Mobile Initiative Compatibility with GIGW and Scability Guidelines.
- Bilaspur district website has innovated in the implementation of the central government’s flagship scheme Digital India. Along with uploading information about central and state government schemes in the website prepared by NIC (National Informatics Center), special facilities have also been provided for the disabled.
- Visually impaired can also listen to the information given in this website through the software. Wherever the mouse cursor goes, the information written there will turn into a voice.
- However, this feature is currently in English only. In the coming days, this facility will also be provided in

Hindi. For this, technical experts of NIC have started working.

- Significantly, a special type of software has also been uploaded in the website for the visually impaired. It can be used for free. For this, additional amount will not have to be paid.

Chhattisgarhia Olympics will be held Every Year

Why In News?

On January 8, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel while addressing the inaugural ceremony of Chhattisgarhia Olympics at Balbir Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium in Raipur announced that **Chhattisgarhia Olympics will be organized in September-October every year to revive traditional sports** in Chhattisgarh.

Key Points

- Apart from this, the Chief Minister also announced cash prizes for the participants who secured first, second and third positions in cluster, block, district, mandal and state level competitions.
- Addressing the players, the Chief Minister said that traditional sports have a special place in the culture of the state. Chhattisgarhia Olympics has been started to bring back the era of traditional sports and create an atmosphere for these sports to flourish.
- Addressing the function, Additional Chief Secretary, Sports and Youth Welfare Department, Renu G Pillai said that around 1,900 participants participated in the event. The final will be held in Raipur till January 10.
- People of all age groups, from children to adults, women and youth, participated in these games with great enthusiasm. Over 25 lakh people from rural areas and over 1.30 lakh from urban areas participated in the Olympics.

State level Chhattisgarhia Olympics Ends

Why In News?

On January 10, 2023, the three-day state-level **Chhattisgarhia Olympic Games in the capital Raipur concluded** at the Balvir Singh Juneja Stadium.

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- On this occasion, the participants who came first, second and third in the state level events of Chhattisgarhia Olympics were encouraged by giving them certificates.
- It is worth mentioning that Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the state-level Chhattisgarhia Olympics on January 8. On this occasion, he had said that Chhattisgarhia Olympics has been started to preserve and advance Chhattisgarhia sports. During this time, the Chief Minister had also announced to organize Chhattisgarhia Olympics in the month of September-October every year.
- There was unprecedented enthusiasm among the people all over the state regarding the Chhattisgarhia Olympics. From children to elderly, women and youth participated in these games with full enthusiasm. A positive atmosphere has been created towards sports in every village. Women also took part in it.
- Additional Chief Secretary of Sports and Youth Welfare Department Renu G Pillai said that 1711 participants from all districts participated in the state level Chhattisgarhia Olympic Games. More than 25 lakh people from rural areas and more than one lakh 30 thousand people from urban areas participated in Chhattisgarhia Olympics.
- He informed that Chhattisgarhia Olympics was started on October 6, 2022. In the Chhattisgarhia Olympics, the youngest 6-year-old girl participated in the state-level competition in Fugdi and 79-year-old elderly woman Sukaro Dai participated in the gendi race.
- Balbir Singh Juneja Indoor Stadium in Fugdi, Billas, Bhanwara, Bati and Kabaddi, Sankhali in Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Outdoor Stadium, Tug of War, Langdi, Pitthul, Gendi Race, Kho-Kho and Gilli Danda in Madhav Rao Sapre Higher Secondary School and Long jump and 100 in Swami Vivekananda Stadium Kota Competitions of the meter race games were held.
- It is worth mentioning that Chhattisgarhia Olympics was organized with the aim of promoting traditional sports in Chhattisgarh. Domestic women, children and the elderly also participated enthusiastically in this Olympics. 14 sports were included in the Chhattisgarhia Olympics. Under this, the team sports included Gilli Danda, Pitthul, Sankhali, Langdi Race, Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, tug of war, Bati (Kancha) and singles games like Billas, Fugdi, Gedi Race, Bhanwara, 100 m race and long jump.

GIS Based District Water Conservation Plan

Why In News?

On January 12, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel reviewed the plans and development works by taking a meeting of district level officials at the rest house located in Sihawa Assembly of Dhamtari district under the meet program. At the end of the meeting, the Chief Minister launched the GIS based District Water Conservation Scheme.

Key Points

- District Science and Information Officer said that this scheme has been prepared by the district administration under the Jal Shakti Abhiyan for conservation, promotion and renovation of traditional water sources of the district with the aim of preserving water resources and promoting agricultural activities.
- He informed that under the scheme, 878 rainwater harvesting works, 733 works of restoration of traditional water sources, 145 works of renovation and recharge structure, 728 works of watershed development were done in the year 2021-22 and 1.58 lakh saplings were planted under intensive plantation.
- Apart from this, the calculation of water sources and their geo-tagging work has been done. Information about water sources has been uploaded 100 percent in the portal.

Chhattisgarh's Contingent got 'A Grade' in 4 Events in National Jamboree

Why In News?

On January 10, 2023, The Chhattisgarh contingent made an impressive presence in the 18th National Jamboree of **Bharat Scouts and Guides held at Rohat (Pali), Rajasthan and secured 'A Grade'** in four competitions.

Key Points

- President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the National Jamboree held from January 4 to 10 at Rohat, Pali in Rajasthan. The exhibition of Chhattisgarh remained

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the center of attraction in the whole Jamboree. People also showed a lot of interest in the science project related to the safety of girls of Chhattisgarh.

- Chhattisgarh Contingent won 'A Grade' in two joint competitions State Exhibition and Ethnic Show. In both these competitions, the art culture of Chhattisgarh was displayed. Similarly, scout wing received 'A grade' in marchpast and guide wing received 'A grade' in physical display.
- Along with this, 'B grade' was received in global development village, color party, pageant show, food plaza, folk dance in joint competitions. 'B grade' was also achieved in scout wing competition camp fire and physical display and guide wing competition state gate and rangoli competition.
- It is noteworthy that a team of 381 from Chhattisgarh participated in the National Jamboree under the guidance of School Education Minister and President of Bharat Scouts and Guides Dr. Prem Sai Singh Tekam and Parliamentary Secretary Vinod Sevan Lal Chandrakar and under the leadership of State Secretary Kailash Soni. It included about three hundred Scouts, Leaders including Guides, State Headquarters Staff, Service Rovers, Rangers from 24 districts.
- Apart from competitions, scouts, guides actively participated in activities like adventure, fun games, night hike etc. The contingent leader of the scout wing was C.L. Chandrakar and the guide wing's contingent leader was Seema Sahu. Shailendra Mishra served as a national staff. The 18th National Jamboree saw participation of 37,000 scouts, guides, rovers, rangers from all the scouting states of India and seven other countries.

Two MoU's Signed with Private Companies for Setting up Nutritional Supplements, Fortified Rice and Ethanol and Power Plants

Why In News?

On January 13, 2023, Chhattisgarh Industry Department signed two MoU's with private companies for setting up nutritional supplements, fortified rice and ethanol and power plants at Udyog Bhawan Raipur in the presence of Chhattisgarh Industries Minister Kawasi Lakhma.

Key points

- Chhattisgarh Industries Department and Suruchi Foods Private Limited, New Delhi signed an agreement for supplementary nutrition and fortified rice, in which the company will invest Rs 111.7 crore. This industry will provide employment to 800 people.
- Chhattisgarh Industries Department and Unity Industries Private Limited signed an agreement for ethanol extraction from table based corn starch and damaged rice and power plant, in which the company will invest Rs 183 crore. About 120 people will get employment from this industry. Thus, MoU's worth Rs 294.7 crore were signed.
- The MoU was signed by Bhupesh Yadav, Secretary, Chhattisgarh Industries Department, and Himanshu Gupta, Director, Suruchi Foods Pvt Ltd, for food supplements and fortified rice, while for ethanol extraction from table-based corn starch and damaged rice and power plant, Chhattisgarh Industries Department Secretary Bhuvnesh Yadav and Unity Industries Pvt Ltd Director Basant Kumar Agarwal signed the MoU.
- With the signing of these agreements, grains like rice, wheat, barley, maize and jowar can now be used in the making of ethanol.
- Fortified rice is nutritious and healthy. It is rich in iron, folic acid, vitamin B-12. Nutrients like iron, folic acid, vitamin B-12 present in it do not allow blood loss in adults and children and help in blood formation and proper functioning of the nervous system.
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, had approved the plan to set up grain-based furnaces for ethanol production and expand existing grain-based furnaces. About 175 lakh metric tonnes of grains (rice, wheat, barley, maize and jowar) will be used when ethanol is produced from the grain, a release issued about the meeting said.
- Ethanol is a type of alcohol that can be mixed with petrol and used as fuel in vehicles. Ethanol is mainly produced from sugarcane crop but can also be prepared from many other sugary crops. This benefits both agriculture and the environment.
- Apart from this, ethanol is used to make varnish, polish, medicine solutions and their extraction, ether, chloroform, artificial colors, transparent soaps,

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perfume and fruit fragrance extracts and other chemical compounds. It is used as various drinks for drinking, as a bactericide in washing wounds and as a solution in the laboratory. It is added to drinking medicines and is also used to preserve dead organisms.

- Ethanol is prepared by two methods. The first is the synthesis method and the second is the fermentation method. Synthesis method: By absorbing ethylene gas into concentrated sulfuric acid, ethyl hydrogen sulfate is formed, which when boiled with water, hydrolyzes and gives ethyl alcohol. The prevalence of this method is not high yet.
- On the other hand, through fermentation method, alcohol is made in commercial quantity from any sugary substance (cane sugar, glucose, saltpetre, mahua flower etc.) or starchy substance (potato, rice, barley, corn etc.).

Kanker District Got Eighth Place in the Country in the Index of Aspirational District

Why In News?

On January 13, 2023, Kanker District Collector Dr. Priyanka Shukla said that Kanker district has **performed better and secured the eighth position in the entire country** in the indices of aspirational district released by NITI Aayog.

Key points

- It is noteworthy that 112 districts of the country have been declared as aspirational districts. Various schemes and programs conducted in these districts such as health, nutrition, education, agriculture, infrastructure, financial inclusion and skill upgradation are reviewed by NITI Aayog and ranked on achievements, in which Kanker district has secured the eighth position.
- With this, Kanker district has secured the sixth rank in the indices of health and nutrition.
- Kanker District Collector Priyanka Shukla has directed all the officers of the district to benefit the people of the district by better implementing all the public welfare schemes run by the government.

Cosmo Expo-2023 Trade & Build Fair

Why In News?

Raipur: Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on Saturday inaugurated the 'Cosmo Expo-2023 Trade and Build Fair' in Raipur.

Key points

- The 'Cosmo Expo-2023 Trade and Build Fair' was inaugurated on January 13, 2023 by Rotary Club of Raipur Cosmopolitan at Shri Ram Business Park on Vidhan Sabha Road. Around 350 stalls have been set up at the event, which runs till January 16.
- Significantly, The Cosmo Expo Trade and Build Fair has now become the largest trade fair in Central India. About 350 stalls of government and private sector are included in this expo.
- The stalls set up at Cosmo Expo include almost all sectors related to industry and trade, mainly real estate, building construction, automobiles, electronics design, technology innovation, manufacturing service, bank and finance, travels and tourism, education, health care, lifestyle and general stalls. There are stalls of government departments and private groups.
- An exhibition based on the flagship schemes of the state government has also been set up at the venue by the Public Relations Department. Important schemes like Suraji Gaon Yojana, Justice 'Rajiv Gandhi Rural Landless Agricultural Labourer Justice Scheme, Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, Rajiv Yuva Mitan Club, purchase of forest produce, and Godhan Nyay Yojana have been presented in an attractive manner.
- Information about these schemes is also being given through LED screens and pamphlets and brochures related to the schemes are also being distributed to the people coming here. Programs based on Chhattisgarhi traditional songs and music are also being presented in the stall.
- The food court stall has been operated this time by Raipur Foody Lovers, for whom there is a separate large dome where 45 stalls have been set up. Here people will get an opportunity to enjoy Chhattisgarhi cuisine along with the dishes of different states of the country.

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Jio True 5G Launched in Raipur, Durg and Bilai

Why In News?

On January 14, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel launched Jio true 5G service at a function at his residence office. With this launch, Jio True 5G services started in 3 cities of Chhattisgarh, capital Raipur, Durg and Bilai.

Key points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that with the launch of Jio True 5G service in Chhattisgarh, sectors like e-governance, agriculture, energy, education, manufacturing, logistics, health, people-based tourism, empowerment of self-help groups, IT and SME business new opportunities for development will open.
- The Chief Minister said that the use of mobile sector 5G will help patients a lot in the golden period. 5G will be very useful in agriculture, health, education and various sectors.

The Chief Minister Inaugurated the Three-Day Tatapani Festival

Why In News?

On January 14, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the historic three-day **Tatapani Festival of Balrampur district** on the occasion of Makar Sankranti.

Key points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone and inaugurated development works worth Rs 976.47 crore. These include the foundation stone of 284 development works and dedication of 446 development works in Ramanujan assembly constituency, foundation stone of 777 development works in Samri assembly constituency and dedication of 16 development works and foundation stone of 46 development works and dedication of 138 development works in Pratappur assembly constituency.

- Along with this, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of 20 announcements and 03 instructions made during the meeting program and inaugurated two works of the Electricity Department in Samri Assembly constituency.
- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel attended the marriage ceremony of 501 couples under the Mass Girl Marriage Scheme and blessed the newly married couples.
- Known as a religious belief and underground hot water source, Tatapani has a huge fair on Makar Sankranti festival like every year. The three-day Tatapani Festival is organized every year by the district administration to honor the faith and faith of the people.
- It is noteworthy that Tatapani is located 12 km from district headquarters Balrampur on the Ambikapur-Ramanujan National Highway. There are 8 to 10 hot pools of natural water here. Apart from this, there is a huge statue of Shiva here. It has been built by the district administration.
- In the local language, Tata means warm. That is why this place was named Tatapani. The water coming out of the hot water tank located here is so hot that even rice, eggs and potatoes can be boiled.
- Scientists believe that the amount of sulfur in this area is high. For this reason, the water coming out of here is hot. It is believed that bathing in these water pools cures many skin diseases.
- The fair has been organized on the occasion of Makar Sankranti every year for more than 50 years on the occasion of Makar Sankranti in Tatapani.
- After Balrampur district came into existence, the administration has given Tatapani mela the form of a festival. A several feet high shiva statue has been installed while retaining the original form of the years-old Tatapani. Just below this, the form of 12 Jyotirlingas is displayed.

Chief Minister Inaugurated the State's First Martyr's Park in Balrampur

Why In News?

On January 15, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the **state's first Shaheed Park in Balrampur**.

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- The state's first Shaheed Park in Balrampur has been constructed at a cost of about 40 lakh rupees. The municipality was made the nodal agency for its construction.
- Martyr head constable Lazarus Minj, Martyr constable Mahesh Ram Pankra, martyr constable Anil Khalko, martyr sub-inspector Nabor Kujur, Martyr head constable Manajrul Haque, Martyr sub-inspector Masih Bhushan Lakda, Martyr head constable Ramsay Ram were included in this park established at Shaheed Chowk in Balrampur. Statues have been installed.
- Bio-data of immortal martyrs has also been engraved under their statues, so that everyone can know about their incredible contribution.

Many Important Decisions were Taken in the Meeting of Chhattisgarh Tribal Advisory Council

Why In News?

Several important decisions were taken in the meeting of Chhattisgarh Tribal Advisory Council held in Raipur under the **chairmanship of Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel** on January 16, 2023.

Key points

- The meeting recommended the approval of the Reservation (Amendment) Bill for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes Bill-2022 and The Chhattisgarh Educational Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Bill-2022 passed in the Chhattisgarh Assembly.
- Significantly, in the said reservation bill, there is a provision of 32 percent reservation for scheduled tribes category. If it is not approved, various sections as well as scheduled tribe are facing difficulties in recruitment in jobs and admission in educational institutions. In view of this, its approval was recommended in the important meeting organized by the Chhattisgarh Tribal Advisory Council.
- It was also decided in the meeting to send a proposal to the Central Government not to privatize Nagarnar Steel Plant.

- The Chief Minister informed the meeting that prompt action will be taken against those who disturb community harmony in scheduled areas.

Chief Minister Announced to Make Gaurav Gaur-Lata a Tourist Destination

Why In News?

On January 16, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced the development of **Gaur-Lata, the highest peak located at the northern end of Balrampur** district of the state, as a tourist destination.

Key points

- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel said that Gaur-Lata is an incredible place in terms of tourism. Continuous efforts were being made by the district administration to promote tourism at the local level.
- It is known that 1225 meters high Gaur-Lata is the highest peak of Chhattisgarh and according to the geographical structure, it belongs to Pat Pradesh. This peak shows the amazing beauty of the large forest area located on the border of Chhattisgarh and Jharkhand.
- There are also many caves and natural water bodies on this hill. At present, this place is the first choice for tourism of the local people, but now with the declaration of tourist destination area, this area will emerge better.
- The hill of Gaur-Lata, the highest peak of Chhattisgarh, is currently also famous for trekking for local mountaineers. Here, often administrative teams and local groups climb Gaur-Lata with the message of developing the area. However, due to difficult routes, tourists still stay away from here. Efforts have already been made by Balrampur district administration and local public representatives to ease this difficulty.
- After the announcement of the Chief Minister, Gaur-Lata will now be able to develop as the pride of Balrampur, which will provide new employment opportunities to the local people as well as tourists will also get the love of nature.

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Announcement to Name Ranjana Village as 'Rajiv Gandhi Ranjana'

Why In News?

On January 17, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced to rename Ranjana village of Katghora Assembly in Korba district of the state as 'Rajiv Gandhi Ranjana' after former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna late Rajiv Gandhi.

Key points

- It is known that former Prime Minister late Rajiv Gandhi visited village Ranjana on July 13, 1985. To make his memories lasting, the Chief Minister has announced to name the village after him.
- Apart from this, Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel announced the opening of a branch of District Cooperative Central Bank in village Ranjana, swami Atmanand English medium school in Municipality Deepaka and Banki Mongra, sub-tehsil in Bhilai Bazar, pharmacy college in Katghora.
- Similarly, he also announced the construction of building of Government College Banki Mongra, construction of Farmer Training Center building at Krishi Vigyan Kendra Lakhanpur, upgradation of Government High School Birda to Higher Secondary School, renaming government college Deepka after Shaheed Moolchand Kanwar, installation of statue of Dada Hira Singh Markam in village Tiwarta.

Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur District Tops in Custom Milling Rice Procurement

Why In News?

According to information received from Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on January 18, 2023, **Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur district ranks first in the state** in terms of rice procurement of custom milling.

Key points

- Against the target of procuring 4,60,300 quintals of rice in the district this year, 2,96,870 quintals of rice

has been procured so far, which is 64.49 percent of the total target.

- Along with paddy procurement in the district, the work of lifting and custom milling of procured paddy is being done at a rapid pace. Being a border district, intensive checking of freighters is going on continuously at all the check posts.
- the total 16,022 farmers registered at 23 procurement centres in Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur district, 6,56,681 quintals of paddy has been procured from 13,066 farmers till January 18.
- Out of the procured paddy, 5,27,263 quintals of paddy has been transported by rice millers, which is 80 percent of the total procurement. The total estimate of paddy procurement in the district is 7,95,200 quintals.

The Animal Husbandry Department will Run a Special Campaign from February 1 to Make the Management of Gothans Tight.

Why In News?

On January 18, 2023, Agriculture Production Commissioner of Chhattisgarh, Dr. Kamalpreet Singh, in a review meeting of Animal Husbandry Department held at Mantralaya Mahanadi Bhavan, directed the departmental officers to purchase cow urine from Gauthans set up in villages and strengthen other facilities including multiutility centers. With this objective, instructions were given to run a special campaign from February 1.

Key points

- Agricultural Production Age Kamalpreet Singh said that the officials of the Animal Husbandry Department will visit all the villages and see the arrangements of day-care for animals in the Gouthan's, arrangement of fodder for animals and the operating system of the Gouthan's.
- He said that it should be seen by the field staff that fodder is available in sufficient quantity for the animals

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coming to the Gouthan's. They should motivate the farmers to donate and ensure that the donated para reaches the cows through the Gauthan Management Committee.

- Dr. Kamalpreet told the officers that increasing the productivity of animals is possible only by improving the breed of indigenous cows, so expected progress should be made in the animal breed improvement work. He said that the state should approve dairy units on the milk route in the cluster under the Dairy Entrepreneurship Development Scheme.
- Dr. Singh asked the veterinary department officials to complete the physical and financial targets of the schemes under the department by February. Implementation of the schemes should be done by creating a cluster and full achievement should be ensured by setting quarterly targets in the future.
- In the meeting, the works of the departmental staff for the prevention of infection of Lumpy Disease in animals and the vaccination work done for the prevention of Galgotu, Ektangia, Khura Paka were also appreciated.

Rock Painting Found in the Hill of Dharamjaygarh Area at a Height of 200 Feet

Why In News?

Recently Prof. D.S. Maliya, famous for cave exploration and rock painting discovery in Chhattisgarh, has found prehistoric rock paintings in a rock shelter located at an altitude of 200 feet at Dharamjaigarh in Raigarh district.

Key points

- These rock paintings were found in the intensive cave search campaign launched by Prof. D.S. Maliya. Prof. Malia said that the cave exploration campaign is still going on, the detailed information will be shared after the completion of the campaign.
- It is worth noting that in Raigad district till now rock paintings have been received from Kabra Pahad, Singhanpur, Ongana and Ushakothi, Bansajhar, Botalda and some other places which are identified by the State Culture and Archeology Department.
- Cave exploration campaign is being carried out by Prof. D.S. Maliya since 1994 and prehistoric rock paintings

have been discovered at 16 other sites, in which the Vandankhoh cave rock paintings found in 2003 from the Panchbhaya hill range of Shokhamuda are the most important, which was discovered by the then Deputy Director of the State Culture Department. Dr. G. L. Badam had termed it as a new discovery.

- According to officials of the State Government's Directorate of Archaeology, the state has shelters ranging from the mid-western period to the historical period, which have become nationally and internationally famous in the maps of history and archaeology.
- The first painted rock shelters in the state were discovered in 1910 by English researcher Anderson. After this, in the year 1918, rock paintings of the hills of Singhanpur in Raigad district were published in India Paintings and in the thirteenth issue of Encyclopedia Britannica.
- Indian historian Amarnath Dutt, between 1923 and 1927, did a comprehensive survey in Raigad district and found many more rock paintings. After him, Dr. N Ghosh, D.H. Garden and Pandit Lochan Prasad Pandey also did important work of study and research in this direction.
- Shail Chitra of Singhanpur in Raigad district is about 20 km west of the district headquarters Raigad. Built on a high hill. They are counted among the oldest rock paintings in the world. These rock paintings are now almost blurred. They also depict hunting scenes, including stair-like males, fish-girls and animal figures.
- Apart from Singhanpur, the district headquarters is only 8 km from Raigad. The paintings made on the Tomb Mountain located in the east are of Garrick color. Among them, geometric ornamentation with wild buffalo, turtle and male figures is particularly notable.
- Raigad district is very rich in terms of rock paintings of early humans. At about 17 km to the south-west from the rock shelters of Singhanpur, in the hills of Basnajhar Village (Tehsil Kharsia), more than three hundred paintings have been marked by the primitive humans. In which scenes of elephant, rhinoceros, wild buffalo, group dance and hunting etc. are marked.
- Only 8 km from Tehsil headquarter Kharsia. Singh cave is located at a height of about two thousand feet in the hills near village Botalda, whose animal hunting scenes and geometrical ornaments on the walls indicate the hustle and bustle of human life thousands of years ago.

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- 12 km from Tehsil headquarter Kharsia. But in the hills near Patrapali village near Sooti Ghat, there is a famous rock shelter named Bhanwarkhol, on whose walls fish-girl, wild buffalo, bear, human palm and 'Swastika' symbol of Indian culture are also marked. More than one hundred rock paintings of this type can be seen on the Ongana mountain near Dharamjaigarh in the north direction about 72 km from the district headquarter. This includes groups of bulls and even a human figure with ten heads.
- Not only this but thirty km from the district headquarter itself. But in the hills of Karmagarh, more than three hundred and fifty paintings were done thousands of years ago. In these, many other shape-type pictures including geometric shapes are noteworthy.
- The rock paintings in the shape of animals and birds in Khairpur hill near Tipa Khol Reservoir, twelve km from Raigad itself, are also the center of curiosity for the visitors. 2 km from Kharsia. But Amar cave in the hill of village Sonbarsa, 32 km from district headquarter Raigarh. But village Bhainsgarhi, Sooti Ghat on Bilaspur-Raigarh road and the rock shelters and rock paintings made in the hills of villages Gatadih and Sirauli Dangri, near Sarangarh, the tehsil headquarters of the district, have also become the subject of research for archaeologists.
- He said that this year a new record of paddy procurement is also being set in the state. So far, 103 lakh metric tonnes of paddy had been procured. He expressed hope that the estimated figure of 110 lakh metric tonnes will also be crossed by the scheduled deadline of January 31.
- According to the report released by the Government of India on January 15, Chhattisgarh had contributed 92 lakh metric tonnes of paddy to the central bridge. It has become the second state to collect the most paddy this season.
- The Chief Minister said that due to the farmer-friendly policies of the state government, there has been a pleasant change in agriculture and the lives of farmers. In order to promote crop productivity and crop diversification in the state, apart from the 'Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana' run by the Chhattisgarh government, 'Godhan Nyay Yojana', 'Suraji Gaon Yojana', farmers' loan waiver, irrigation tax waiver have given a new strength to the farmers of the state. Due to which the number of farmers and agricultural area in the state is constantly increasing.
- He said that due to the farmer friendly schemes of Chhattisgarh Government, the number of registration of farmers has increased continuously in these four years. This year, 24.96 lakh farmers have registered, of which 2.30 lakh are new farmers. To facilitate the sale of paddy to the farmers, 135 new procurement centers were started in the state this year, due to which the total number of procurement centers has increased to 2617.

Chhattisgarh Became the Second Largest State to Give Maximum Paddy in Central Bridge

Why In News?

On January 20, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel informed that Chhattisgarh has become the second largest state in the country to deposit the highest amount of paddy in the central pool in the current Kharif marketing season.

Key points

- Chief Minister Mr. Bhupesh Baghel described it as a big achievement and said that for four consecutive years, Chhattisgarh is constantly creating new records in the agriculture sector. This is the result of the hard work of the farmers and their trust in farming.

Agriculture Minister Inaugurated 'Millet Cafe' at Indira Gandhi Agricultural University

Why In News?

On January 20, 2023, Chhattisgarh Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey inaugurated the newly built 'Millet Cafe' at the Indira Gandhi Agricultural University campus in Raipur.

Key points

- Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey told that in this 'Millet Cafe' various dishes made from Kodo,

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Kutki, Ragi and other Small Grain Crops - Idli, Dosa, Doha, Upma, Bhajiya, Kheer, Halwa, Malt, Cookies are made from these. Traditional dishes of Chhattisgarh, Thethri, Khurmi, Arsa, Chakoli, Sevai, Pidhiya etc. will be available to the general public. Apart from this, other products made from small grain crops will also be available for sale.

- He informed that 'Millet Cafe' has been started to create awareness among the general public about small grain crops and to promote their use. This will be the first millet cafe to be run by a university in the country.
- This 'Millet Cafe' will be operated by Krishi Vigyan Kendra Raipur and small grain dishes made by various women self-help groups will be sold here.
- It is noteworthy that keeping in view the nutritional and healthy values of small grain crops, the United Nations has declared the year 2023 as the 'Millet Year' to promote its use.

All India Inter University Soft Tennis Tournament

Why in News?

On January 20, 2023, in the All India Inter University Soft Tennis Tournament organized by Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh. Women's team Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University defeated the team of Panjab University, Chandigarh in the final and won the title of winner.

Key Points

- In doubles, Urvashi and Nidhi players of Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University defeated Riya and Radhika of Chandigarh 5-1 to give the team the title of final winner. In third place was Anna University Chennai, which defeated MDU Rohtak 2-0.
- In the men's section, Gujarat University defeated Panjab University Chandigarh 2-0 to win the title. Anna University Chennai was third, beating Gujarat Tech University 2-1 to take the spot.
- Chhattisgarh Yoga Commission Chairman Gyanesh Sharma gave away prizes to the winners.
- The All India Inter University Soft Tennis Tournament was organized by Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh, from January 17 to 20.

Chief Minister Inaugurated Gadh Kalewa in Balodabazar

Why In News?

On January 23, 2023, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the Gadh Kalewa built in 3 thousand square feet at Balodabazar district headquarters.

Key points

- During this time, the Chief Minister visited Gadh Kalewa and interacted with the women of the self-help group and inquired about the arrangements in Gadh Kalewa.
- The members of Archana Women Self Help Group informed the Chief Minister that Chhattisgarhi cuisine Cheela, Fara, Thethari, Khurmi, Aisa, Chausela, Tasmai, Curry Laddu, Sohari and other different types of dishes would be available in Gadh Kalewa.
- He said that buyers can also buy curd and ghee from milk and canned dry items, sesame laddu, namkeen, curry laddu, saloni, murku, khaja, balushahi, khurmi, bijouri from milk in Gadh Kalewa.
- Outdoor and indoor seating arrangements have been made for the customers coming to Gadh Kalewa, where customers can relish their favorite dishes.
- It is noteworthy that a separate Kuria has been constructed in Gadh Kalewa to experience the rural environment. Where it has been wrapped with cow dung to enjoy Chhattisgarhi cuisine sitting on the ground. Gadh Kalewa will have WiFi facility including attractive selfie points.

Chhattisgarh Student Master Aditya Pratap Singh Honored with 'National Bal Shakti Puraskar'

Why In News?

On January 23, 2023, President Mrs. Draupadi Murmu presented the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar, 2023 to 11 children, including Chhattisgarh student Master Aditya Pratap Singh Chauhan, at an award ceremony held in New Delhi.

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Key points

- Aditya Pratap Singh Chauhan, a resident of capital Raipur, has been given this award for innovation. Aditya has designed a device called Microma, which can detect and filter bacteria, micro caustics from water.
- It is notable that the Government of India confers the Prime Minister's National Child Award to children in the age group of 5 to 18 years for their extraordinary achievements in six categories of innovation, social service, academic, sports, art and culture and bravery.
- Each awardee is given a medallion, a cash prize of one lakh rupees and a certificate.
- This year, the awards were presented in the categories of art and culture, bravery, innovation, social service and sports.
- Eleven children from across the country were selected for PMRBP-2023 under different categories of Bal Shakti Puraskar. The awardees include 6 boys and 5 girls from 11 states and union territories.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel Inaugurated the Country's First Rural Industrial Park

Why In News?

On January 26, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the country's first Rural Industrial Park (RIPA) at Turenar in Bastar district on Republic Day.

Key points

- The Chief Minister the 'RIPA' campus and kisan mela that said in the inauguration program organized in 300 such rural industrial parks are being built across the state. To increase employment opportunities, two 'RIPA' are being prepared in every development block.
- For the self-employment of the villagers, 20 working sheds have been built in five acres here. Along with the working sheds, a training center and residential complex for trainees for residential training have also been built here.
- that people do not have to go out for work The Chief Minister said that the government is increasing employment opportunities at the local level so. The Rural Industrial Park will provide necessary resources

for self-employment in villages. 'RIPA' will make villages self-reliant; villagers will be economically empowered, and women will also be self-reliant.

- Mushroom spawn lab and Oyster Mushroom production, Button Mushroom and Oyster Mushroom production, Cashew Processing, Kodo, Kutki, Ragi, Masala, Tikhur processing and Pickle making, Scented rice and Pulses production in Turinar 'RIPA' by various groups with the help of the state government., Tamarind Candy and Chapati Manufacturing, Chironji Processing, Silk Threading, Poultry Farming, Egg Production, Oil Pressing, Non-Woven Bag, Paper Bag, Dona, Pattal, Natural Cow Dung Paint, Cotton Textile, Fish Feed and Chicken Feed Manufacturing as well as Bakery The unit is being operated.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel Gave a Big Gift to the People of the State on Republic Day

Why In News?

On January 26, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has given many important gifts to the people of the state on Republic Day.

Key points

- **Announcement of Adivasi Parv Samman Nidhi in the state-** From the coming financial year, the government will provide Rs 10,000 per year to each gram panchayat for the best organization of festivals of tribal society in Bastar division, Surguja division and scheduled areas of the state.
- **Youth will get unemployment allowance-** Unemployment allowance will be given every month to the unemployed from the next financial year.
- **A new scheme will be launched to encourage women entrepreneurship -** Women groups, women entrepreneurs, women businessmen and women start-ups will be launched to set up business industries.
- After preserving and preserving the culture and heritage of Chhattisgarh, Chhattisgarh State Innovation Commission will be formed in the state to take Chhattisgarh forward on the path of progress.

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- **Aero city will be developed near Swami Vivekananda Airport** to promote passenger amenities in Raipur Airport, commercial development of the airport area and employment generation.
- **Rural Industry Policy will be formulated** in Chhattisgarh to strengthen the rural economy based on cottage industry, increase employment and income of the people.
- **Industrial units will be exempted from property tax**- Units located in industrial areas developed by the Industries Department will be exempted from the burden of property tax.
- **River front will be built on Jeevadayini Kharun river** – The lifeline and center of public faith of Raipur and Durg district, Kharun river is also an important center of trade and entertainment. Excellent river front will be developed on Kharun river.
- **Modern online redressal system will be made for redressal of electricity complaints**- State-of-the-art online complaint and redressal system will be developed for the convenience of electricity consumers.
- Mukhyamantri Nirman Shramik Awas Sahayta Yojana will be started for construction workers – Chhattisgarh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board will introduce a scheme to provide grant of Rs. 50 thousand
- every year in the state National Ramayana/Manas Mahotsav to be held
- Maa Kaushalya Mahotsav to be held annually in Chandkharai

Participants of Chhattisgarh won the National Voter Awareness Competition-2022

Why In News?

On 25 January 2023, the Election Commission of India announced the winners of the National Voter Awareness Competition-2022 on National Voters Day 2023. In this, 4 participants from Chhattisgarh have been selected as winners.

Key points

- Harshita Patel of Dhamtari, Arvind Kumar Yadav of Durg in video, Abhay Sanvedkar and Ashish Sawant of Bastar have won in the category of song education.

- Chief Electoral Officer, Chhattisgarh Reena Babasaheb Kangale congratulated all the winners for this achievement who have brought laurels to the state in the whole country.
- It is noteworthy that the Election Commission of India had organized the National Voter Awareness Competition-2022 on January 25, 2022, the 12th National Voters Day, to emphasize the importance of each vote through artistic expression.
- The competition was held in five genres which included songs, videos, posters, slogans and quizzes. Participants of all My vote is my future ages participated with the theme ' : the power of a vote'.

Three Celebrities of Chhattisgarh 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 these, three personalities from Chhattisgarh have been selected for the Padma Shri award.

Key points

- The President has approved the conferment of 106 Padma Awards including three dual cases (in a dual case, the award is counted as one) for the year 2023.
- 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.
- Sushri Usha Barle, Domar Singh Kunwar and Ajay Kumar Mandavi are among the three celebrities from Chhattisgarh selected for the Padma Shri award.
- Ms. Usha Barle of Durg district will be honored with Padma Shri award in the field of Pandavani singing. She has taken Pandavani training from renowned Pandavani singer Padma Vibhushan Teejanbai. Barle has performed Pandavani not only in India but also in cities like London and New York.
- Domar Singh Kunwar, a dancer and renowned artist, a resident of Village Lata Bod of Balod district, has been selected for Padma Shri to bring fame to the extinct

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dance art of Chhattisgarh from the country to abroad. He has staged this art more than 5 thousand times.

- Ajay Kumar Mandavi, a resident of Govindpur village in Kanker district, has introduced Gond tribal art in wood crafts. He has brought about a change in the lives of more than 350 people of the naxal area by connecting the affected and misguided people of the Naxal area with wood craftsmanship as well as connecting the youth with the wonderful art of wood. Mandavi will be honoured with the Padma Shri award for his work in motivating the youth to get rid of guns from their hands and pick up the chisel.
- 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.

Chief Minister Inaugurated the State Level Youth Festival 2022-23

Why In News?

On 28 January 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the State Level Youth Festival 2022-23 at Science College ground in capital Raipur.

Key points

- The three-day state-level festival is being organised by the Sports and Youth Welfare Department. It will conclude on January 30.
- Chhattisgarhi sports like fugdi, bumble bee and cart race will be held in the state level youth festival. Along

with this, attractive presentation of Chhattisgarhi folk song and folk-dance Karma, Raut Nacha, Panthi, Sarhul, Suva, Bastaria dance will also be seen in the state level youth festival.

- In the festival, a food festival of painting related to Chhattisgarhi culture, traditional costumes and cuisine of Chhattisgarh will be organized.
- On the first day of the festival, competitions in folk songs, extempore speech, classical music, Hindustani and Carnatic music, tabla and guitar playing were held at the Science College Ground and Pt. Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium in the capital Raipur. Along with this, competitions of essay, painting, kho-kho for women and men, kabaddi for women and men and wrestling for women and men were held.
- In the folk-dance competition organized on the first day under the State Level Youth Festival-2023, in the age group of 15 to 40 years, the first place in Raipur division's Dhamtari district, the second place in Bilaspur division's Janjgir-Champa district and the third place in Durg division's Khairagarh-Chhuikhadan-Gandai district. The team achieved.
- In the above 40 district of Bilaspur division got the first Gaurela-Pendra-Marwahi years age group, place, Rajnandgaon district of Durg division and Lok nritya dal of Mahasamund district of Raipur division got the third place.
- Raigarh stood first, Kanker second and Surajpur third in Karma dance in the age group of 15 to 40 years in the state level youth festival. Khairagarh stood first, Mahasamund second and Jaspur third in the age group above 40 years.
- In the sua dance competition held on the second day of the youth festival 15 to of 40 years was won by the participants of the first place in the age group Khairagarh-Chuikhadan-Gandai, second place by Balodabazar and third place by the participants of Surajpur district.
- In the quiz competition organized on the second day of the youth festival, in the age group of 15 to 40 years, Vinay Kumar Gupta from Surguja division got first, Suraj Kumar Soni from Bilaspur got second and Monesh Kumar Sahu from Raipur got third place. Similarly, in the age group above 40 years, Vinod Kumar Netam and Purushottam Jain of Bastar division got the first position. Rupesh Chauhan of Bilaspur got second and Bhubaneswar Verma of Raipur got third position.



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