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Plan to Make Giridih District Solar City

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Why in News

On September 14, 2021, 17 proposals were approved by the Jharkhand cabinet, in which important proposals like **levying toll tax on-road vehicles in mining areas** in addition to building a **solar city in Giridih** were approved.

Key Points

- **Giridih district** holds an important place in Jharkhand due to being a tourist destination of **Parasnath**.
- Jharkhand's **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy** has approved **Rs. 80.75 crore**, selecting Giridih as a solar city.
- The share of the Center and the states in this project will be **40 and 60 percent** respectively.
- A grant of **Rs 3.75 crore** has been sanctioned to the state's **Ministry of New and Renewable Energy**.
- Under this, there is a provision to give **100% subsidy to the families having annual income up to Rs. 3 lakh**.
- **Ranchi, Jamshedpur, Dhanbad, Bokaro and Deoghar** have been selected to be developed as solar cities in the **second phase**.