



Chhattisgarh State Haj Committee Constituted | Chhattisgarh | 21 Jan 2022

Why in News

- On January 20, 2022, a notification for the formation of Chhattisgarh State Haj Committee was issued by the Tribal and Scheduled Caste Development Department of the State Government. According to the notification, the tenure of the members other than the ex-officio members of the committee will be three years from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

Key Points

- According to the notification issued, Forest and Climate Change, Housing and Environment Minister Mohammad Akbar has been nominated as a member of Chhattisgarh State Haj Committee.
 - Similarly, Maulana Qari Syed Ashfaq Ahmed of Raipur, Maulana Dr. Qari Imran Ashrafi, Maulana Asghar Mehndi have been made members of the State Haj Committee as Muslim religious knowledge and Muslim law expert.
 - Imtiaz Ahmed (Surajpur), Dr Rubina Alvi (Rajnandgaon), Shamim Akhtar (Raipur) having experience in the educational, cultural and social field of Muslim community have been appointed as members.
 - Along with this, the Chairman of the State Waqf Board and the Executive Officer-Secretary of the State Haj Committee have been nominated as ex-officio members.
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Road Safety and Traffic Awareness Campaign of Raipur Police Registered in Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records | Chhattisgarh | 21 Jan 2022

Why in News

- Recently the Asia Book of Records and India Book of Records recorded as a record 1,02,468 citizens taking pledge for road safety in a single day in a week-wide campaign on road safety and traffic awareness by Raipur Police.

Key Points

- These citizens of Raipur, during this innovative campaign organized by Raipur Police on the theme '**Suno Raipur**' for a week from December 26, 2021-1 January, 2022, signed the road safety resolution letter on January 1, signing road safety in the new year.
- In this campaign run by Raipur Police with the help of active volunteers, many children came forward to support Raipur Police by giving a message to their elders to follow the safety rules.
- 'Suno Raipur' was launched by SSP Raipur Prashant Agarwal as an awareness program on 26th

December at Magneto Mall Raipur. He appealed to the citizens to follow road safety rules while driving and not to put their lives and others' lives at risk by reckless driving or bypassing basic safety rules.

- He requested people to think about their family and friends while attempting any kind of bike stunts or speed driving. There should be no need to have traffic policemen at intersections to ensure people obey traffic signals.
 - During the 'Suno Raipur' campaign, teams of Raipur Police and 300 active volunteers sensitized people about traffic rules in various public places, market areas, main squares, schools, educational institutions and commercial areas.
 - Pamphlets, placards, handouts, video screens with interesting and educational messages were used during the campaign. Social media platforms of Raipur Police were also extensively used to create awareness among the people during this awareness campaign.
 - It is worth noting that every year around 1.5 lakh people die in road accidents in India. About 450 people die every year in Raipur district alone.
 - The main reasons behind these deaths are speeding, not wearing seat belt and not wearing helmets. Accidental deaths can be reduced by following basic road safety rules.
 - The campaign is supported by Raipur Auto Dealers Association, Young Indians, Surakshit Bhava Foundation, Sikh Care India, Abha Foundation, Awaaz Foundation, Sparsh Ek Prayas, Helping Hand Foundation, Kopal Vani, Mission Sambhav, Vaakak Manch and Saubhagya Foundation, Maruti Suzuki Driving School, Supported and supported by volunteers of many NGOs and associations like Pranjali Seva Samiti.
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Anganwadi Worker Amita Climbs Snowy UT Kangri Peak | Chhattisgarh | 21 Jan 2022

Why in News

- On January 19, 2022, Anganwadi worker **Amita Srivas, a mountaineer from Janjgir-Champa district of Chhattisgarh, climbed the 6070 meters high snowy UT Kangri peak in the Ladakh range** of the ancient Himalayas. She started climbing on 14 January and reached the summit of UT Kangri on 19 January.

Key Points

- This was Amita's fourth major climb to the top of the mountain. After taking training in rock climbing from Vivekananda Mountaineering Institute Mount Abu in the year 2018, he first conquered the big peaks of North Sikkim and West Sikkim in 2019.
- After this, on the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, 2021, she set a record for climbing Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest peak of the continent of Africa, taking the mission of women empowerment. After reaching the 5895 meter high peak of Kilimanjaro in Tanzania, he also gave the message of 'Garhbo Nava Chhattisgarh'.
- Amita told that the success at UT Kangri is a step in the initial preparation for her Everest mission. He had 11 members from the states of Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka including Delhi in this mission. Two of these people have already climbed Everest.
- He told that his base camp, situated at an altitude of 4700 meters, had a temperature of minus 20 degrees Celsius. At the time of the last ascent it was reduced to minus 31.4 degrees. During the ascent to the summit, there was a sudden avalanche (fall of a large piece of ice) 50 steps earlier.
- Seeing the achievements of Amita Shrivastava, 80 thousand rupees were provided by the district administration for mountaineering in UT Kangri. Earlier, to encourage their mountaineering, Rs 2 lakh 70 thousand was provided for mountaineering from CSR head.

Governor Signs Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya Act (Amendment) Bill | Chhattisgarh | 21 Jan 2022

Why in News

- On January 20, 2022, the Governor of Chhattisgarh, Anusuiya Uikey, signed the bill introduced to amend the **Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya Act, 1965** (No. 19 of 1956).

Key Points

- Section 12 of this Act has been amended that in the proviso to sub-section (2) of section 12-A of the Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya Act 1956 (No. 19 of 1956), for the figure '65', the figure '70' be replaced. That is, the age limit of the Vice-Chancellor of Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya will be 70 years instead of 65 years.
 - This Act will be called the Indira Kala Sangeet Vishwavidyalaya (Amendment) Act, 2021. It will extend to the entire state of Chhattisgarh. It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.