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## Bastar : 'The Most Promising New Destination' | Chhattisgarh | 13 Sep 2021

### Why in News

- On September 12, 2021, **Bastar** was honored with '**The Most Promising New Destination**' award at the country's **largest tourism trade fair** held in **Kolkata**.

### Key Points

- **Bastar**, which is developing into a world-class tourism center, remained the center of special attraction in the **TTF fair held at Netaji Subhash Chandra Stadium in Kolkata** from 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> September.
  - The award was received by a tourism delegation led by **Assistant Collector of Bastar Ms. Suruchi Singh** at the Tourism Fair.
  - The **tourism, culture and artefacts of Bastar** have been displayed in the stalls put up in this fair.
  - Presentation on '**The Most Promising New Destination**' was also given to tour planners and travel agents who reached Calcutta from the country and the world in the fair.
  - In this fair, **a fourteen member team from Amcho Bastar Tourism Committee** participated from Bastar district administration to showcase Amcho Bastar tourism and local art culture.
  - These members were selected from major tourist destinations like **Chitrakote, Tirtha, Bijakasa, Kosartera, Madarkonta, Mahendraghumar, Tamra Ghoomar, Michnar, Tirathgarh, Toppar, Manjhipal** and other tourist places.
  - It is noteworthy that on the initiative of **Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel**, a **special action plan** has been prepared to attract tourists from all over the country and abroad and to **highlight the art culture of Bastar on the tourism map**.
  - **Beautification of many tourist places** including tourism employment training, tourist trekking, rappelling, paramotor, camping, availability of Bastariya cuisine, tourist guide facility, STF camp, Kosartenda dam, eco resort is being done in **Bastar**.
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## Medicinal Processing Centre at Koteswar Dham | Chhattisgarh | 13 Sep 2021

### Why in News

- On September 11, 2021, **Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel** announced the opening of a **medicinal processing and training center at Koteswar Dham** in **Dhamtari** district.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister made this announcement while **addressing the Vaidyaraj (Traditional Healers) convention at Koteshwar Dham** in the district.
- Along with this, he also announced the construction of **a rest house for 'Vaidyas'** at **Koteshwar Dham** and a paddy procurement centre, a stop dam and community forest rights lease in 4 hectare areas.
- The Chief Minister said the government had started work to document the **traditional knowledge of the vaidyas**. The Vaidyaraj can grow medicinal plants in their backyards for which the government will provide him assistance.
- He said that at **Satdhara a stop dam** will be **built** and **Koteshwar** will get **solar powered electricity supply and drinking water**.

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