

Purohit Welfare Board and Integrated Temple Information System | Uttar Pradesh | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

• On July 6, 2022, chief minister Yogi Adityanath directed the concerned departments regarding the formation of Purohit Welfare Board and introduction of an Integrated Temple Information System.

Key Points

- According to the announcement of Lok Kalyan Sankalp Patra-2022, Purohit Welfare Board will be constituted for the welfare of elderly saints and priests.
- Under this board, including the clerics, the identification and verification of saints and priests of all religions will be done soon.
- In order to promote religious tourism, an integrated temple information system will be introduced, in which detailed information will be provided about the shrines belonging to religious sects like Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, Sikh etc.
- Similarly, a dedicated portal will also be created about mosques, which will later be linked to the Integrated Temple Information System.

State Ranking Index for NFSA | Uttar Pradesh | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

• In the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Uttar Pradesh is ranked second in the entire country. Odisha is at the first position in this index.

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce & Industry Piyush Goyal released the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among the general category states, Odisha topped the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.836, while Uttar Pradesh is second with a score of 0.797 and Andhra Pradesh is third with a score of 0.794.
- Tripura ranks first among special category states/UTs with a score of 0.788. It is followed by Himachal Pradesh with a score of 0.758 and Sikkim at the third position with a score of 0.710.
- Also, among the three union territories, where Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is cash driven, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu topped the list with a score of 0.802.
- The index seeks to document the status and progress of the implementation of NFSA across the country and various reform initiatives after consultation with the states.
- It highlights the reforms undertaken by the States and Union Territories and creates a cross-

- learning environment and scale-up reform measures by all the States and Union Territories.
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Mega Skill Center in Bihar | Bihar | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

 Recently, the Labor Resource Department of Bihar has prepared a proposal for the establishment of Mega Skill Center in all the districts to connect the youth with employment, to give them employment related training.

Key Points

- Under the Mega Skill Centre, not only will the youth be trained under one roof, but also make them self-reliant by giving them skill development and training. In the skill centre, the youth will be given training in 90 types of trades.
- In the first phase of Mega Skill Center, centres will be opened in Patna, Nalanda and Darbhanga. Every year 2000-2500 children will be trained at these centres.
- This centre will help the unemployed to get employment to a great extent. Through various types of technical training in the skill centre, the youth will be made skilled for earning.
- The Department of Labor is running the following programmes for the youth:
 - Large scale planning fairs and planning camps are being organized in all the districts.
 - In domain skills, youth are given vocational training in trade specific and employment support is provided.
 - Under the Skill Youth Programme, basic computer training, language skills, behavioral skills training are given to the youth.
 - Training for orientation of employment is imparted under the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Yuva Karyakram.
 - A high level Centre of Excellence is being set up to enhance the quality of training in ITI institutes.
- Skill centres for 90 types of trade training in the state, Aerospace & Aviation, Agriculture, Textiles, Automotive, Capital Goods, Construction, Electronics & Hardware, Food Processing, Green Jobs, Handicrafts, Health Care, Iron & Steel, Mining, Power, Rubber and Talcum related Courses will be available for employment.
- Under the short-term course, students will be given training for a minimum of 300 hours and a maximum of 1500 hours. These centres will be operated by private companies.

Bihar Ranked 7th in 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' | Bihar | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

• In the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Bihar is ranked seventh in the entire country. Odisha is at the first position in this index.

Key Points

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal released the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among the general category states, Odisha topped the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.836, while Uttar Pradesh is second with a score of 0.797 and Andhra Pradesh is third with a score of 0.794.
- Among the general category states, Bihar is at the seventh position in the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.783.
- Among special category states/UTs, Tripura is at the first position with a score of 0.788, followed by Himachal Pradesh with a score of 0.758 and Sikkim third with a score of 0.710.
- Also in the three Union Territories, where Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is cash-driven, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu are at the top spot with a score of 0.802.
- The index seeks to document the status and progress of the implementation of NFSA across the country and various reform initiatives after consultation with the states.
- It highlights the reforms undertaken by the States and Union Territories and creates a cross-learning environment and scale-up reform measures by all the States and Union Territories.
- The current index is largely focused on NFSA distribution and will include future buyouts, PMGKAY distributions.
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Rajasthan Ranked 15th in 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' | Rajasthan | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

■ In the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Rajasthan is ranked fifteenth in the entire country. Odisha is at the first position in this index.

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal released the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among the general category states, Odisha topped the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.836, while Uttar Pradesh is second with a score of 0.797 and Andhra Pradesh is third with a score of 0.794.
- Rajasthan is at the 15th position with a score of 0.694 in the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' among general category states.
- Among special category states/UTs, Tripura is at the first position with a score of 0.788 followed by Himachal Pradesh with a score of 0.758 and Sikkim third with a score of 0.710.
- Moreover, among the three union territories, where Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is cash driven,
 Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu topped the list with a score of 0.802.
- The index seeks to document the status and progress of implementation of NFSA and various

- reform initiatives across the country after consultation with the States.
- It highlights the reforms undertaken by the States and Union Territories and creates a cross-learning environment and scale-up reform measures by all the States and Union Territories.
- The current index is largely focused on NFSA distribution and will include future buyouts, PMGKAY distributions.
- The index for ranking of States and UTs is built on three key pillars, which cover end-to-end implementation of NFSA through TPDS. These pillars are- i) NFSA- coverage, targeting and provisions of the Act, ii) delivery platforms, and iii) nutrition initiatives.

Madhya Pradesh Ranked 6th in 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' | Madhya Pradesh | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

• In the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Madhya Pradesh has been ranked at the sixth position in the entire country. Odisha ranks first in this index.

Key Points

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal released the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among the general category states, Odisha topped the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.836, while Uttar Pradesh is second with a score of 0.797 and Andhra Pradesh is third with a score of 0.794.
- Madhya Pradesh is at the 6th position with a score of 0.786 in the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' among the general category states.
- Among special category states/UTs, Tripura is at the first position with a score of 0.788, followed by Himachal Pradesh with a score of 0.758 and Sikkim third with a score of 0.710.
- Further, among the three Union Territories, where direct benefit transfer (DBT) is cash-driven, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu are at the top spot with a score of 0.802.
- The index seeks to document the status and progress of implementation of NFSA and various reform initiatives across the country after consultation with the States.
- It highlights the reforms undertaken by the States and Union Territories and creates a cross-learning environment and scale-up reform measures by all the States and Union Territories.
- The current index is largely focused on nfsa distribution and will include future purchases, PMGKAY distribution.
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Self-reliant Textile Policy, 2022-25 | Haryana | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

 On July 5, 2022, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that the state government will soon implement the 'Haryana Self-Reliant Textile Policy, 2022-25' in the state. This will give a boost to the textile industry in the state, as well as give a boost to MSMEs.

Key Points

- Dushyant Chautala said that while the state has secured the third position at the national level in the MSME sector, Haryana has got a place in the top achievers category in the fifth edition of 'State Ease of Doing Business' released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also honoured Haryana for its outstanding work done in the field of MSMEs.
- He said that it is because of the commitment of the Haryana government to provide a conducive ecosystem to the industries that Haryana has got excellent ranking in 'Ease of Doing Business', 'Ease of Logistics' and 'Export Readiness'.
- In addition, the State has got the first position in the Export Preparedness Index (Landlocked Category), 2021 and second in the 'Logistics ease Of Across The Different Status Survey, 2021'.
- Dushyant Chautala informed that the state government's Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy, 2020, MSME Policy, 2019, Haryana Agri-Business and Food Processing Policy, 2018 etc. are some of the policies which have greatly benefited the MSMEs of the state and increased the employment opportunities for the youth.

Haryana Ranked 17th in 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' | Haryana | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

• In the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Haryana is ranked seventeenth in the entire country. Odisha is at the first position in this index.

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal released the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among the general category states, Odisha topped the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.836, while Uttar Pradesh is second with a score of 0.797 and Andhra Pradesh is third with a score of 0.794.
- Among the general category states, Haryana is ranked seventeenth with a score of 0.661 in the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among special category states/UTs, Tripura is at the first position with a score of 0.788, followed by Himachal Pradesh with a score of 0.758 and Sikkim third with a score of 0.710.
- Further, among the three union territories, where Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is cash driven, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu topped the list with a score of 0.802.
- This index attempts to document the status and progress of implementation of NFSA and various reform initiatives across the country in consultation with the states.
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Chief Minister Laid the Foundation Stone of 251 Schemes | Jharkhand | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

• On July 6, 2022, Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren inaugurated the important schemes of the State Government at Godda College, Godda, laying the foundation stone and distribution of assets among the beneficiaries.

Key Points

- At the function, the Chief Minister inaugurated the new crematorium built at a cost of Rs 3835.00 lakh and laid the foundation stone of Godda Police Line to be built at a cost of Rs 5801.90 lakh.
- A total of 17 schemes were inaugurated by the Chief Minister, with a total cost of Rs 5168.80 lakh, while he laid the foundation stone of 251 schemes, at a total cost of Rs 15397.84 lakh.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister also distributed assets worth Rs 1316.28 lac under various public welfare schemes of the government among the 1345 beneficiaries.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that model schools will also be set up in blocks and panchayats of the state, which will have all the facilities like private schools.

Jharkhand Ranked 10th in 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' | Jharkhand | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

• In the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Jharkhand ranks tenth in the entire country. Odisha is at the first position in this index.

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal released the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among the general category states, Odisha topped the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.836, while Uttar Pradesh is second with a score of 0.797 and Andhra Pradesh is third with a score of 0.794.
- Among the general category states, Jharkhand is ranked tenth in the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.754.
- Among special category states/UTs, Tripura is at the first position with a score of 0.788, followed by Himachal Pradesh with a score of 0.758 and Sikkim third with a score of 0.710.
- Also in the three Union Territories, where Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is cash-driven, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu are at the top spot with a score of 0.802.
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Godhan Nyay and Mitan Yojana Got Praise | Chhattisgarh | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

• On July 6, 2022, Chhattisgarh's ambitious 'Godhan Nyaya Yojana' and 'Mitan Yojana' have received appreciation at the Digital India Week held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.

Key Points

- It may be recalled that the Digital India Week is being organized from July 4 to 9, 2022 at Gandhinagar Mahatma Mandir in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- Participating in the conference on behalf of Chhattisgarh, Special Secretary, Electronics and Information Technology Department and Chief Executive Officer of Chhattisgarh Infotech Promotion Society Samir Vishnoi gave detailed information about the ambitious Mitan Yojana of the state.
- Vishnoi informed that the main objective of the 'Mitan Yojana' launched by the state government is to provide the benefit of home access service to the citizens while improving the government service delivery system. Apart from this, information about Godhan Nyaya Yojana was also provided.
- Rajendra Kumar, Secretary, Union Ministry of Information Technology has praised the schemes run by the state government using innovation and the innovative aspects of Chhattisgarh.
- Dr.Dinesh Tyagi, Chief Executive Officer, CSC while praising the MITAN scheme said that it is a real use of IT for citizen empowerment. Such initiatives have started in many countries.

Irrigation Schemes of Chhattisgarh | Chhattisgarh | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

• On July 6, 2022, Chhattisgarh government has sanctioned Rs.15 crore 94 lac 20 thousand for six irrigation projects in the state.

Key Points

• 2 crore 11 lakC 78 thousand rupees have been approved for the construction of a pucca channel in the canal of 'Sedam Vyapvartan Yojna' of development block-Batauli of Surguja district. With the

- completion of the scheme, irrigation facility will be available in 202 hectare area.
- 1 crore 99 lakh 87 thousand rupees have been approved for earth work, concrete structures and concrete channel construction work in the canal of 'Saliadih Reservoir' of development block Batauli. With the completion of the scheme, irrigation facility will be available in 202 hectare area.
- 5 crore 92 lac 42 thousand rupees have been approved for the restoration work of 'Tamta Reservoir Scheme' of Pathalgaon Development Block of Jashpur district. With the completion of the scheme, irrigation facility will be available in 1160 hectare area.
- 2 crore 24 lakh 62 thousand rupees have been sanctioned for the construction of 'Kododhara Reservoir Scheme' of Vikaskhand Garden. With the completion of the scheme, 195 hectares of kharif area will be irrigated.
- CC in the main canal of 'Udnapur Reservoir Scheme' under Khadganwa development block of Korea district. 2 crore 61 lakh 32 thousand rupees have been approved for the work of drain construction, cleaning of canal beds and raising the height of the bank. With the completion of the scheme, irrigation facility will be available in 403 hectare area.
- Similarly, Rs.1 crore 4 lac 19 thousand has been approved for the restoration work of 'Chandarpur Reservoir' of Bhaiyathan in Surajpur district. With the completion of the scheme, irrigation facility will be available in 214 hectare area.

Chhattisgarh Ranked 19th in 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' | Chhattisgarh | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

• In the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Chhattisgarh ranks 19th in the entire country. Odisha is at the first position in this index.

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal released the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among the general category states, Odisha topped the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.836, while Uttar Pradesh is second with a score of 0.797 and Andhra Pradesh is third with a score of 0.794.
- Among the general category states, Chhattisgarh is ranked 19th with a score of 0.654 in the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among special category states/UTs, Tripura is at the first position with a score of 0.788, followed by Himachal Pradesh with a score of 0.758 and Sikkim third with a score of 0.710.
- Also in the three Union Territories, where Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is cash-driven, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu are at the top spot with a score of 0.802.
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Sports Development Fund | Uttarakhand | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

• On July 6, 2022, Sports and Youth Welfare Minister of Uttarakhand Rekha Arya, in a review meeting with the officials of the department, instructed to set up a 'Sports Development Fund'.

Key Points

- She asked the officials to study the policies of Kerala, Haryana and Odisha so that the sports department is financially strong and necessary resources can be made available to the players.
- Under the scheme, funds will be made available from Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) and other resources.
- She said chief minister Pushkar Singh Dhami will formally launch the 'Sports Scholarship Scheme' on August 29 (Sports Day).
- Under the 'Mukhyamantri Emerging Khiladi Protsahan Yojana', 150 youth (8-14 years age group) of each district will be given a scholarship of Rs 1500 per month. It will help in developing sportsmanship as well as help in nurturing future sportspersons.

Uttarakhand Ranked 24th in 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' | Uttarakhand | 07 Jul 2022

Why in News?

• In the first edition of 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Uttarakhand has been ranked 24th in the entire country. Odisha ranks first and Uttar Pradesh second in this index.

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal released the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among the general category states, Odisha topped the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.836, while Uttar Pradesh is second with a score of 0.797 and Andhra Pradesh is third with a score of 0.794.
- Among special category states/UTs, Tripura is at the first position with a score of 0.788, followed by Himachal Pradesh with a score of 0.758 and Sikkim third with a score of 0.710.
- Also in the three Union Territories, where direct benefit transfer (DBT) is cash-driven, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu are at the top spot with a score of 0.802.
- The performance of Uttarakhand in terms of implementation of NFSA not only at the national level, but also in the 14 states of North-East and Himalayas, has lagged far behind. In this list, Tripura is ranked first, Himachal Pradesh second and Sikkim third, while Uttarakhand is at fifth place with a score of 0.637.
- The index seeks to document the status and progress of implementation of NFSA and various reform initiatives across the country after consultation with the States.
- It highlights the reforms undertaken by the States and UTs and creates a cross-learning environment and scale-up reform measures by all the States and UTs.

- The current index is largely focused on NFSA distribution and will include future purchases, PMGKAY distribution.
- The index for ranking of states and UTs is built on three key pillars, covering the end-to-end implementation of nfsa through TPDS. These pillars are- i) NFSA- coverage, targeting and provisions of the Act, ii) delivery platform, and iii) nutritional initiatives.

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