



10 Policemen From Uttar Pradesh Selected for Union Home Minister's Medal | Uttar Pradesh | 13 Aug 2022

Why in News?

- 10 policemen from Uttar Pradesh are also included in the list of 151 policemen selected for the prestigious Union Home Minister Medal 2022 issued by the Union Home Ministry on August 12, 2022.

Key Points

- Significantly, 28 women policemen are also included in the list of 151 policemen announced for the Union Home Minister's Medal 2022.
- The list includes 15 personnel from CBI, 5 from NIA, 11 from Maharashtra Police, 10 each from Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh Police, 8 each from Kerala, Rajasthan and West Bengal Police and the rest from other states.
- Policemen who have been awarded this prestigious medal include Deputy Superintendent of Police of Uttar Pradesh Police Sansar Singh Rathi, Deputy Superintendent of Police Saviratna Gautam, SHO Kamlesh Singh, Inspector Ram Govind Mishra, Inspector Santosh Kumar Sharma, Inspector Yogendra Kumar, Inspector Shailesh Kumar Rai, Inspector Bhaiya Shivprasad Singh, Sub-Inspector Neeraj Kumar Pal and Sub-Inspector Suraj Kumar Tiwari.
- It is worth mentioning that the medal was instituted in 2018 by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs with the objective of promoting high professional standards in crime investigation and recognition of such excellence in investigation by investigating officers.
- Under this, this medal is given to the policemen who have displayed honesty, devotion and extraordinary courage in work by setting high standards in the investigation of any crime.
- In 2018, the then Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh had started five Police Medals to encourage policemen. These include Special Operations Medal, Police Internal Security Service Medal, Extraordinary Efficiency Medal, Utkrisht and Ati Utkrisht Seva Medal and Medal of Excellence in Investigation.

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10 Million Children Set a World Record by Singing Patriotic Songs Together | Rajasthan | 13 Aug 2022

Why in News?

- On August 12, 2022, in the presence of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, 1 crore children of government and private schools of the state set a world record by singing patriotic songs collectively at Sawai Man Singh Stadium.

Key Points

- In this program organized by the Department of Education and Art and Culture at the state, district, block and school level under the Amrit Mahotsav being celebrated to commemorate the completion of 75 years of independence, 1 crore children from across the state performed a collective of patriotic songs.
 - Children sang the National Song 'Vande Mataram' and the National Anthem 'Jana Gana Mana' along with patriotic songs like 'Jhanki Hindustan ki and Hum Honge Kaamyaab'.
 - On this occasion, Vice President of the World Book of Records, Pratham Bhalla honored Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot with a provisional certificate of world record, which the Chief Minister dedicated to the students and the people of the state.
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10 Policemen from Madhya Pradesh selected for Union Home Minister's Medal | Madhya Pradesh | 13 Aug 2022

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- Policemen who have been awarded this prestigious medal include Superintendent of Police of Madhya Pradesh Police Lokesh Kumar Sinha, Officiating Inspector Awadhesh Singh Tomar, Inspector Ravindra Kumar Chawaria, Inspector Amrit Kumar Tigga, Inspector Sakturam Maravi, Lady Inspector Shashi Vishwakarma, Inspector Santosh Kumar Pandre, Sub -Inspector Umashankar Mukti, female sub-inspector Sonam Raghuvanshi and sub-inspector Sapna Rathore.
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Four officers of Haryana Police Selected for Union Home Minister's Medal | Haryana | 13 Aug 2022

Why in News?

- While giving information on 12th August, 2022, Haryana Police Spokesperson said that four personnel of Haryana Police were awarded 'Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation' in the year 2022 for maintaining high professional standards in investigation of crime related cases.

Key Points

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 - The spokesperson said that the 151 policemen from across the country who have been awarded this prestigious medal include Haryana Police Inspector Basant Kumar, Lady Sub-Inspector Suman Devi, Sub-Inspector Yogesh Kumar and Head Constable Gopal Chand.
 - Haryana Director General of Police Prashant Kumar Agrawal, while congratulating the four Haryana Police personnel selected for excellence in investigation by the Union Home Ministry, said that the police officers who were decorated with prestigious medals made excellent contribution in the field of investigation through scientific investigation.
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World Economic Forum Appreciated the Work Being Done for the Conservation of Forest of Chhattisgarh | Chhattisgarh | 13 Aug 2022

Why in News?

- On August 12, 2022, Nicole Sewad, head of One Trillion Trees on behalf of the World Economic Forum, appreciated the work being done by the Chhattisgarh government in the field of environmental protection, increasing tree cover and forest cover.

Key Points

- Significantly, the World Economic Forum is working on the One Trillion Tree Plan globally. Under this scheme, the World Economic Forum is working in the field of environmental protection.
- Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel along with Nikol Sewad, head of One Trillion Tree program, joined the discussion through video conferencing regarding how environmental protection is being further improved in Chhattisgarh. In this discussion Ritvika Bhattacharya and Bhairavi Jani, the directors of One Trillion Tree Program in India, informed the Chief Minister about the program.
- Nikol Sewad said that linking the forests of Chhattisgarh with the economy is an important step, which can promote economic activities along with environmental protection.
- In the discussion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that in Chhattisgarh, work is being done to conserve forests and recharge groundwater sources in a scientific way, due to which the drains of Chhattisgarh have been recharged from 10 to 30 cm.
- The Chief Minister said that better work is being done in the field of minor forest produce in Chhattisgarh, if small industries are set up for them, then people living in rural areas will be greatly benefited and people will also be aware in the field of environmental protection.
- In Chhattisgarh, 42 per cent of the area is covered by forests and 31 per cent of the state's population is made up of tribals, who are mainly dependent on forests. To make them more prosperous, the Chhattisgarh government is distributing individual and community forest rights pattas.
- Suggesting to the World Economic Forum, the Chief Minister said that if we plant trees according to the season, then there will be more possibilities for the development of forests and this will happen only if they get enough water. The Chief Minister said that the Chhattisgarh government has done the same thing under the Narva scheme. Due to this, water has been recharged in the drains and due to sufficient quantity of water, the area of the forest is increasing.

The Friendly Bacteria of The River Ganges are being Extinct | Uttarakhand | 13 Aug 2022

Why in News?

- Recently, research by scientists of the Wildlife Institute of India has revealed that the friendly bacteria (micro invertebrates) that make the water of the Alaknanda and Bhagirathi (the tributaries of the Ganges) healthful are rapidly becoming extinct due to pollution.

Key Points

- Under the supervision of senior scientist Dr. VP Uniyal, Dr. Nikhil Singh and others examined the friendly bacteria (micro invertebrates) at different places in both the rivers. Under the 'National Mission for Clean Ganga (NMCG)', the scientists conducted studies in the Alaknanda river from Mana (Badrinath) to Devprayag and in the Bhagirathi river from Gomukh to Devprayag.
- Research by scientists has shown that in Bhagirathi river from Gomukh to Devprayag, either friendly bacteria are completely missing or their number is very less. The same situation has been found in the Alaknanda river from Mana to Devprayag. The low occurrence of micro invertebrates in both the rivers indicates that the water quality is not good here.

- The friendly bacteria in both the rivers were studied on the parameters of Ephemeroptera, Plecoptera, Trichoptera (EPT). If the EPT index is found to be 20 percent in the water of a river, then it proves that the water quality is fine. If the EPT index is more than 30%, it means that the water quality is very good. However, at many places in both the rivers, the index of EPT has been found to be less than 15 per cent, which is a worrying aspect.
 - In the research done by hydrologists in the past, it has come to the fore that a bacteria called Batriaphos is found in the Ganges water, which keeps on eating the undesirable substances produced by chemical reactions inside the Ganges water. This maintains the purity of Gangajal.
 - According to scientists, due to the presence of a lot of sulfur in Gangajal, its purity remains and Gangajal does not get spoiled for a long time.
 - Scientific research has also revealed that other rivers of the country are able to clean themselves after a flow of fifteen to twenty km and the dirt found in the rivers gets deposited in the foothills of the rivers, but the Ganges cleans itself in the flow of only one km.
 - Along with the all-weather road, the debris of the massive development works being carried out on the banks of the rivers is being dumped directly into the rivers. The dirty water coming out of the houses of the cities situated on the banks of the rivers is being discharged into the rivers without treatment.
 - According to scientists, Ganga water has a very high capacity to absorb oxygen from the atmosphere as compared to the water of other rivers. Compared to other rivers, the capacity of digesting dirt in the Ganges is found to be 20 times more.
 - It is noteworthy that 140 species of fish including dolphins, 35 species of reptiles and 42 species of mammals are found in the Ganges River. The Bhagirathi, Alaknanda, Mahakali, Karnali, Kosi, Gandak, Sarayu, Yamuna, Son and Mahananda are the main tributaries of the Ganges.
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In Devidhura, Bagwal Full of Adventures Played with Fruits and Flowers | Uttarakhand | 13 Aug 2022

Why in News?

- On August 12, 2022, in Champawat district of Uttarakhand, the world famous Bagwal fair with fruits and flowers was organized at Kholikhand Dubachaud ground of Devidhura, Dham of Mother Varahi. The warriors of Charkham (Chamyal, Gahadwal, Lamgadiya, Walig) and seven Thok joined the Bagwal.

Key Points

- The famous Bagwal fair, which is held on the day of Rakshabandhan, is also called 'Pathar Maar' fair at 'Maa Varahi Temple' in the famous Devidhura of Champawat district. Lakhs of devotees from all over the country and abroad reach Devidhura to see this fair.
- It is believed that this game of Bagwal in Devidhura has been going on since mythological times. Some consider it to be a traditional festival from the Katyur regime, while others associate it with Kali Kumaon.
- According to popular beliefs, in the mythological period, there was a custom of offering male sacrifices by the people of Char Kham to celebrate their Aaradhya Varahi Devi. To please Mother Varahi, a male sacrifice was performed every year from the people of the four Khams. It is said that one year it was the turn of the male sacrifice of the family of an old lady of Chamiyal Kham. Only the old lady and her grandson were alive in the family. The woman praised Mother Varahi for protecting her grandson. Mother Varahi gave darshan to the old lady and gave instructions to play bagwal between the four holes in the temple premises, since then the practice of bagging started.
- Bagwal fair is held every year on the day of Ashadhi Kauthik (Rakshabandhan) in Kholikhand Dubachaud of Maa Varahi Dham temple in Devidhura of Pati block of Champawat district. Starting

from stone, this Bagwal fair is being played with flowers and flowers for the past few years. In addition to the four Khams (Chamyal, Gaharwal, Lamgadiya and Walig) warriors of seven thoks take part in the Bagwal fair, which is held in the presence of lakhs of people.

- Bagwal Varahi is played in the courtyard of the temple, Kholikhand. It is played by young men and elders of all four circles. Lamgadia and Walig Kham's Ranbankures stand on one side, while Gahadwal and Chamyal Kham's Ranbankures stand on the other side.
- It is noteworthy that on July 11, 2022, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami had declared the famous Devidhura 'Maa Varahi Bagwal Fair' of Champawat as a state fair.



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