

## Chief Minister Honored 61 Journalists with Shramveer Samman

## Why In News?

 On August 16, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel performed a record 109 hours of live coverage during the rescue operation of Rahul Sahu in village Pihrid of Janjgir-Champa district in the Shramveer Samman 2022-23 ceremony held at the Conclave Hall of New Circuit House, capital Raipur. Journalists were honored with Shramveer Samman.

## **Key Points**

- This program was organized by the Chhattisgarh unit of Bharti Shramjeevi Patrakar Sangh (National Organization of Print, Electronic and Web Media).
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the state government would soon take an
  initiative to provide benefits of health insurance to journalists. After studying this demand of
  journalists, appropriate decision will be taken soon.
- The Chief Minister said that the Journalist Protection Act will be brought in the upcoming winter session or budget session of the Assembly.
- At present, various schemes are being run by the state government to provide assistance for the treatment of patients.
- The Chief Minister said that all the people (journalists, businessmen, social workers) along with the government-administration at the time of incident of child Rahul Sahu falling into the borewell in Pihrid village of Janjgir-Champa, helped him in whatever way he could. Rahul's return safely after a 109-hour long rescue operation is the only example in the country.
- During this long rescue operation, journalists faced many difficulties and challenges and gave positive reports of the moment and conveyed information to the entire state, country and the world.

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