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Caste Certificate | Chhattisgarh | 06 Aug 2021

Why in News

Recently, the process of issuing a caste certificate (social status certificate) has been simplified by the Chhattisgarh government to the people belonging to **Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes**.

Key Points

- According to the order issued by state government, if no documentary evidence is available to certify the caste under the provisions of the Chhattisgarh Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Regulation of Authentication of Social Status) Rules, 2013 then the caste certificate will be issued by the Gram Sabha, recognizing the resolution presented by applicant.
- Similarly, now the announcement made by Nagar Panchayat or Municipal Council or General Assembly has been recognized as evidence in relation to caste and native place. Under this, the caste certificate will be issued by the competent authority as per the rules.
- After this order of the state government, now it has become easy for the people belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes of the state to get the caste certificate (social status certificate).

Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) | Chhattisgarh | 06 Aug 2021

Why in News

On August 5, 2021, the Deputy Director General, Central e-Transport and National Informatics Centre, New Delhi appreciated the progress of the ongoing **project iRAD (Integrated Road Accident Database)** in Chhattisgarh and urged other states to follow this model.

Key Points

- The **Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways** has launched iRAD (Integrated Road Accident Database) mobile app and a web application **in collaboration with National Informatics Center (NIC) and IIT Madras.**
- **Its mission** is to take necessary corrective measures and control accidents by analyzing the real causes of increasing road accidents across the country.
- In **Chhattisgarh** it was **started in May 2021**. The state team has set an example for other states by implementing the project ahead of time.
- The reasons for road accidents (due to lack of road safety, road structure, traffic, weather reasons or any other reasons) is sent directly through this app to Central Transport Headquarters including District /State Headquarters and further to IIT, Madras for analysis/review.
- Proper use of iRAD (Integrated Road Accident Database) will enable the concerned departments to get correct information. By integrating/interfacing the existing services of the concerned departments, the application user will get the complete information related to the vehicle as soon as the vehicle number is written.
- The data uploaded on this will be very useful for future action plans of road safety through the concerned departments. The reduction in accidents is possible by taking necessary corrective measures by knowing the exact causes of accidents on various roads of the state.