



Rural Self-Employment Training Centers | Chhattisgarh | 27 Sep 2021

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On September 25, 2021, **Chhattisgarh Panchayat and Rural Development Minister TS Singhdeo** released the Annual Activity Report, 2020-21 of **Rural Self-Employment Training Centers (RSETI)** operating in the state.

Key Points

- This report has been prepared by the independent agency **National Academy of RUDSETI (NAR), Bangalore** as per the guidelines of **the Ministry of Skill Development, Government of India**.
- While releasing the report, **Singhdeo** said that under **Chhattisgarh State Rural Livelihood Mission**, rural self-employment training centers operating in **18 districts** of the state are being made self-supporting by providing free residential training to **the youth for various employment-oriented activities**.
- In the **financial year 2020-21, 302 training sessions** were organized in the state. In which **7003 youth** have been provided **self-employment based training** as per their interest in Bank Mitras, General Entrepreneurship Development, Mushroom Production, Papad Manufacturing, Pickle Manufacturing, Spices Manufacturing, Agarbatti Manufacturing, Candle Manufacturing, Vermicompost Manufacturing, Sewing, Dairy Farming etc.
- **95 percent of the people trained in these centers are women**. On the basis of social inclusion, 36 percent of the Scheduled Tribes, 15 percent of the Scheduled Castes, 46 percent of the Other Backward Classes and four percent of the general category beneficiaries have been trained through these centers.
- **Singhdeo** directed the **Assistant Controller of Assessment and Certification Branch, Arun Kumar Soni**, who was present during the release of the report, to organize training programs for the needy **rural youth in the streams of their interest, while ensuring the quality of training**.

Inauguration of Sports Academies in the State | Chhattisgarh | 27 Sep 2021

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On September 25, 2021, **Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel** made the **historic start of seven sports academies for the players of the state**. Out of these, **4 sports academies** were duly started in **Bilaspur** and **3 in Raipur**.

Key Points

- In a virtual program organized at his residence office, **Chief Minister inaugurated new sports facilities in Bilaspur and Raipur** costing about 42 crores 14 lakh rupees and performed Bhoomi Pujan. These mainly include academies of **football, kabaddi, archery and athletics, two sports hostels, an archery training sub-centre and synthetic track** and field for athletics.
- The Chief Minister inaugurated **Hockey, Archery, Athletics and Kabaddi Academy in Bilaspur** and **Archery, Girls Football and Boys-Girls Athletics Academy in Raipur**.
- Boarding and Kabaddi (Girls) Academy of Hockey, Archery, Athletics in Bilaspur and Day Boarding Academy of Archery, Football (Girls) and Athletics (Boys-Girls) in Raipur has 370 seats, in which 180 boarding seats and 190 days.
- Along with this, the **Chief Minister also inaugurated the late B.R. Yadav State Sports Complex**, which now has a 400-meter synthetic athletics track and field, constructed at the cost of Rs. 9.20 crore, 50 seater sports hostel for boys constructed for Rs 2.82 crore, 100 seater sports hostel for girls constructed for Rs 4.75 crore and 4.47 crore.
- He laid the foundation stone for installation of **flood lights in Bilaspur** including **Kabaddi Indoor Hall** to be constructed at a cost of Rs.4 crore 94 lakh, gallery and pavilion of Astroturf Hockey Stadium at a cost of Rs.15 crore 96 lakh.
- The Chief Minister also inaugurated **Late Koduram Verma Smriti Archery Training Academy** at the **Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Hockey Stadium, Raipur, Football Academy** for girls in **Swami Vivekananda Stadium Complex Kota** and Athletics Academy for boys and girls.

Sal International Tribal Festival | Chhattisgarh | 27 Sep 2021

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In a high-level meeting held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel on September 25, 2021, it was decided to name the International Tribal Festival to be held this year as 'Sal International Tribal Festival'.

This decision has been taken after the state tree of Chhattisgarh and the deity Sal tree in tribal culture.

Key Points

- In the meeting, the outline of the Rajyotsava was decided, along with the Tribal Festival. A five-day event of '**Sal International Tribal Festival and Rajyotsava**' will be jointly organized by the state government from **October 28 to November 1** at the Science College ground in Raipur.
- The Chief Minister said that **Sal is the state tree of Chhattisgarh**. In tribal culture, **the Sal tree is worshiped as a god**. Sal tree is worshiped in the Sarhul festival celebrated with pomp in the tribal area. That is why the name of the Tribal Festival has been named 'Sal International Tribal Festival'.
- In the state decoration ceremony on November 1, eminent people and institutions who have made remarkable contributions in various fields including art, culture, development of Chhattisgarh will be honored with the state decoration.
- During the **Saal International Tribal Festival and Rajyotsava**, many programs will be organized including interaction with eminent people in various fields, exhibition, live display of tribal art and culture, tribal craft fair, skill upgradation. Artists of the country and abroad will present their programs during this time.

New Species of Turmeric and Coriander | Chhattisgarh | 27 Sep 2021

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On September 26, 2021, In the annual meeting of the **All India Spices Research Project** held at the **Agricultural College and Research Center Raigarh** new species of **coriander and turmeric developed** from the research of scientists of Raigad were identified for national release.

Key Points

- After presenting these species before the Central Release Committee, both the species will be brought in the seed production chain.
- One entry of coriander will be included in the name of **Chhattisgarh state Dhaniya-3** and will be released for **10 states of the country**. On the other hand, turmeric will be included in the name of **Chhattisgarh State Haldi-3** and will be **released for 7 states of the country**. After release, the seeds of these species can also be produced in different classes.
- **Dr. Shrikant Sanwargaokar**, the chief breeder of these species said that both these varieties of **coriander and turmeric** are **very important and beneficial** for the **farmers, which are in line with the farmers' market**. Farmers can get **maximum profit from their production**. The production of these species is high and the quality is good. Their cropping period is slightly less than the prevalent species.

- **Dr. AK Singh**, principal investigator of the project and Dean of the College of Agriculture, said that **not only the farmers of Chhattisgarh**, but also the **farmers of other states would benefit from these two species**. These species have high resistance to diseases and pests. Farmers will get more profit due to **lower cost of production and higher production of these species**.