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## **National Conclave on Social Enterprises for Garbage Free Cities | Chhattisgarh | 04 Mar 2022**

### **Why in News**

On March 3, 2022, a National Conclave on Social Enterprises for Garbage Free City was organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs, Government of India in Raipur, the capital of Chhattisgarh, in which representatives of 20 states of the country participated.

### **Key Points**

- On this occasion, Chhattisgarh's Urban Administration Minister Dr. Shivkumar Dahria informed that cleanliness has been linked with employment in Chhattisgarh. The key to the success of the Chhattisgarh model of cleanliness has been to link waste processing with livelihood. This has succeeded in making the cities of Chhattisgarh clean.
  - For this, the state government linked cleanliness with 'Narwa Garva Ghurva Bari', emphasized on single-use plastic ban and worked on the basis of 6R policy - Rethink, Reuse, Recycle, Repair, Reduce, Refuse that create new waste.
  - Community and public toilets were built in the settlements, in which people gave their full cooperation. Build sludge treatment plants for human sewage management, where sewer water is treated.
  - More than 10 thousand cleanliness didis encouraged every citizen of the state for cleanliness. To make people aware, these didis went door-to-door and gave training to segregate wet and dry waste and have played their part with great dedication in making cleanliness a habit among the people.
  - Toll free number 1100 has been provided for disposal of cleanliness related complaints of common citizens within 24 hours. All public and community toilets have been linked to Google, so that people can search their nearby toilets on the phone itself.
  - Innovative work has been done in the direction of making a garbage free city by processing 100% waste in the processing plants in all the cities of the state by collecting dry and wet waste from house to house. Along with this, gardens and greenery have been developed by eliminating the open dump sites of more than 150 wastes.
  - All the urban bodies in the state treat septic tank water. Due to this, Chhattisgarh has become the cleanest state in the country as well as the first ODF plus state.
  - The cleanliness model of Chhattisgarh, which works in the traditional way of Narva, Garwa, Ghurva, Bari, has now become the most famous model of the country. Chhattisgarh has become the cleanest state in the country for three consecutive times.
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## **Inauguration of 7th Postal Division of the State | Chhattisgarh | 04 Mar 2022**

## Why in News

On March 3, 2022, Union Minister of State for Tribal Affairs Renuka Singh and Panchayat and Rural Development Minister T.S. Singhdeo inaugurated the Surguja postal division as the 7th postal division of the state.

## Key Points

- Surguja, Surajpur, Koriya and Balrampur-Ramanujanj districts are included under Surguja postal division. One Head Post Office, 35 Sub Post Offices and 305 Branch Post Offices will operate under the division.
  - Earlier, being Raigad postal division, people had to travel long distances to Raigad, which consumed both time and money. With the formation of the Surguja postal division, the officers-employees of the division and the general public will get convenience.
  - Soon the air service will also start from Maa Mahamaya airport.
  - Mayor Dr. Ajay Tirkey said that now people will get more facilities and better implementation of the schemes of the government will be done.
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## Area of Maize Increased 10 times in Three Years | Chhattisgarh | 04 Mar 2022

### Why in News

According to the recently released figures, the area under maize in Chhattisgarh has increased from 13 thousand hectares to one lakh 46 thousand hectares in the last three-four years, which is more than 10 times.

### Key Points

- In the last three-four years, the interest of the farmers towards the cultivation of maize has increased very rapidly. Procurement of maize at the rate of Rs 1870 per quintal on support price in the state and the establishment of a processing center in Kondagaon has enabled the farmers to get better prices, due to which the area under maize has increased rapidly.
- After getting permission from the center, preparations are on to set up a plant for the production of ethanol in place of starch from maize at Kondagaon Maize Processing Center.
- In the last Rabi season 2020-21, farmers had cultivated maize in 93 thousand 200 hectares in the state, this area has increased to one lakh 46 thousand 130 hectares in the current Rabi season. There has been a record increase of about 53,000 hectares in the target of maize acreage during one year.
- In the Rabi season 2017-18, only 13 thousand 440 hectares and in the year 2016-17 (in Rabi season) farmers had cultivated maize in only 12 thousand hectares.
- Three to four years ago, there were a dozen districts in the state where maize cultivation was almost negligible. In today's situation maize is being cultivated in all the districts except Korea district, due to which the area under maize cultivation has increased by more than 10 times.
- In comparison to the year 2017-18, the area under maize cultivation in Bilaspur division of the state has increased by 327 times this year. Earlier, maize was cultivated in only 60 hectares in the division, whose area has increased to 19 thousand 662 hectares today.
- In Kondagaon district of the state, maize is cultivated in a maximum 45 thousand 880 hectares. Here earlier maize was sown in 4260 hectares. Similarly, in three-four years, the area of maize in Kanker district has increased from 4,000 hectares to more than 28,000 hectares.

- The area under maize has increased from about 1470 hectares to 21 thousand hectares in the districts of Raipur division, increased from 1470 hectares to 8780 hectares in Durg division, increased from 290 hectares to 10690 hectares in Surguja division, and maize area increased from 10,000 hectares to 85,800 hectares in Bastar division. hectare has been reached.

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