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## **Uttar Pradesh's Aarti Rana and Neerja Madhav Honored with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' | Uttar Pradesh | 09 Mar 2022**

### **Why in News**

- On the occasion of International Women's Day President Ram Nath Kovind honored Aarti Rana and Neerja Madhav of Uttar Pradesh with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' for their extraordinary work towards women empowerment.

### **Key Points**

- The President presented the Nari Shakti Puraskar to 29 women at a special function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. For the years 2020 and 2021, 14-14 awards were given and one award was given jointly to two women.
- These awards are given to women who have done remarkable work in the field of entrepreneurship, agriculture, innovation, social work, art, handicrafts, wildlife conservation, linguistics, merchant navy, education, literature, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and rights of persons with disabilities.
- Aarti Rana of Uttar Pradesh was awarded with Nari Shakti Puraskar for the year 2020 and Neerja Madhav for the year 2021.
- Aarti Rana is a handloom weaver and teacher from Kheri, Uttar Pradesh, has trained over 800 Tharu women in the craft and founded 150 women's self-help groups.
- Hindi writer Neerja Madhav was given the Nari Shakti Award in recognition of her work for the marginalized people through Hindi literature. She has promoted world peace, rights and reservations for eunuchs and Tibetan refugees.
- It is noteworthy that women who have done exceptional and outstanding work towards the empowerment of weak and marginalized women are honored with Nari Shakti Puraskar every year. The Nari Shakti Puraskar ceremony of 2020 could not be held due to the Corona epidemic.

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## **Anita Gupta of Bihar honored with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' | Bihar | 09 Mar 2022**

### **Why in News**

- On the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, 2022, President Ram Nath Kovind honored Anita Gupta of Bihar with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' for her extraordinary work towards women empowerment.

### **Key Points**

- The President presented the Nari Shakti Puraskar to 29 women at a special function held at

Rashtrapati Bhavan. For the years 2020 and 2021, 14-14 awards were given and one award was given jointly to two women.

- These awards are given to women who have done remarkable work in the field of entrepreneurship, agriculture, innovation, social work, art, handicrafts, wildlife conservation, linguistics, merchant navy, education, literature, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and rights of persons with disabilities.
- Anita Gupta, a social entrepreneur from Bhojpur, Bihar, was honored with the Nari Shakti Puraskar for the year 2020. She has trained more than 50 thousand underprivileged rural women in various skills.
- It is noteworthy that women who have done exceptional and outstanding work towards the empowerment of weak and marginalized women are honored with Nari Shakti Puraskar every year. The Nari Shakti Puraskar ceremony of 2020 could not be held due to the Corona epidemic.

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## **Mand and Bhajan Singer of Rajasthan Honored with Nari Shakti Puraskar | Rajasthan | 09 Mar 2022**

### **Why in News**

- On the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, 2022, President Ram Nath Kovind awarded Nari Shakti Puraskar to 29 women who have done exceptional work towards women empowerment. It also includes Batul Begum, a Mand and Bhajan folk song singer from Rajasthan.

### **Key Points**

- The President presented the Nari Shakti Puraskar to 29 women at a special function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. For the years 2020 and 2021, 14-14 awards were given and one award was given jointly to two women.
  - These awards are given to women who have done remarkable work in the field of entrepreneurship, agriculture, innovation, social work, art, handicrafts, wildlife conservation, linguistics, merchant navy, education, literature, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and rights of persons with disabilities.
  - For recognition of Indian folk music at the international level, Rajasthan's Mand and Bhajan folk singer Batul Begum was honored with the Nari Shakti Puraskar.
  - It is noteworthy that women who have done exceptional and outstanding work towards the empowerment of weak and marginalized women are honored with Nari Shakti Puraskar every year. The Nari Shakti Puraskar ceremony of 2020 could not be held due to the Corona epidemic.
  - On the other hand, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya honored women health workers of Rajasthan, Kaushalya ANM Sanganer, Jaipur and Sunita Mahiya ANM CHC Makrana, Nagaur, by presenting them a citation and a memento for their outstanding contribution in the work of Kovid vaccination.
  - It is noteworthy that health worker Kaushalya got more than 76 thousand people vaccinated, while ANM Sunita Mahiya got more than 74 thousand people vaccinated against Kovid, which is a record achievement in the country.
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# Times Passion Tribal Trail and Taj Tribal Food Festival | Madhya Pradesh | 09 Mar 2022

## Why in News

- On March 8, 2022, Governor Mangubhai Patel inaugurated the Times Passion Tribal Trail and Taj Tribal Food Festival organized by Madhya Pradesh Tourism, Times of India and Taj Group.

## Key Points

- On this occasion, Tribal Affairs and Scheduled Castes Welfare Minister Meena Singh said that this event is a worthwhile initiative in the direction of making efforts for proper marketing of crafts, arts and food items of the tribal society.
  - Kanika Hasrat, General Manager, Taj Group, said that the organization of this food festival is the result of intensive study, research and training arrangements of the living and food habits of the tribal society.
  - On this occasion, Pandwani singer Dr. Teejan Bai of Chhattisgarh, who was awarded by folk artist Padma Vibhushan, presented the incident of Dushasan slaughter of Mahabharata through her special velocity and communication.
  - In the function, Anuppur District Magistrate Sonia Meena presented the first copy of the book 'Anuppur Food Culture and Tourism' to Governor Mangubhai Patel.
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# Tripartite MoU Between Skill Development, Siemens India and GIZ India | Madhya Pradesh | 09 Mar 2022

## Why in News

- On March 8, 2022, a tripartite MoU was signed between Madhya Pradesh Skill Development, Siemens India and GIZ India for the Indo-German Initiative for Technical Education Program (IGNITE) in the Skill Strengthening Scheme (STRIVE) for Industrial Value Addition.

## Key Points

- The MoU was signed by Jitendra Singh Raje, Director, Skill Development, Madhya Pradesh, Dharamvir Singh of Siemens India and Usha Ganesh of GIZ India.
  - Director Jitendra Singh informed that the objective of Indo-German Initiative for Technical Education Program (IGNITE) is to create a framework for high quality training in India based on the German dual vocational education and training model.
  - He informed that four industry clusters of Madhya Pradesh and 34 government ITIs concerned have been selected for the IGNITE program. In this, 7 government ITIs have been selected in Gwalior-Shivpuri Industry Cluster and 9-9 government ITIs in Jabalpur-Katni Cluster, Sagar-Damoh Cluster and Rewa-Satna Industry Cluster.
  - Under this MoU, Siemens India and GIZ. (GIZ) by the experts of ITI Principal, Institution Head, Training and Placement Officer, Training Officers of the trades and capacity building of ITI's 5 trades Electrician, Fitter, Turner, Machinist and Electronics Mechanic in the Industry Cluster 'In Plant Training' and 'Green Skills'.
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## **Announcements on the Occasion of International Women's Day | Madhya Pradesh | 09 Mar 2022**

### **Why in News**

- On March 8, 2022, on the occasion of International Women's Day, various programs were started by the Women and Child Development Department of Madhya Pradesh for the economic, physical and mental upliftment of the women of the state.

### **Key Points**

- Keeping in view the procedural difficulties faced by women from banks, the Department of Women and Child Development has launched a special scheme to provide loans in collaboration with Punjab National Bank and Central Bank of India to overcome the paucity of funds. Under this, a loan of Rs 180 crore was made available to about 7136 women groups of the state.
  - Aparajita martial arts training program was also started by the department for teenage girls. In this, 150 teenage girls of each district will be given 10 days training in Boxing, Judo, Karate, Taekwondo and Wrestling in collaboration with the Sports and Youth Welfare Department.
  - A health test camp has also been started for the testing and treatment of the health and nutritional level of the women field staff of the Women and Child Development Department.
  - Additional Chief Secretary Ashok Shah distributed symbolic keys of 8 autos and one e-rickshaw in collaboration with the bank to the beneficiaries of self-help groups on International Women's Day.
  - Director Women and Child Development Dr. Ram Rao Bhosale informed that so far more than 41 lakh children in the state have got the benefit of Ladli Laxmi Yojana and this process is going on continuously. He said that the Panchayat which will celebrate the birth of daughters will be declared as 'Ladli Friendly'.
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## **GPS tagging of Vultures in Panna Tiger Reserve | Madhya Pradesh | 09 Mar 2022**

### **Why in News**

- On March 8, 2022, Uttam Kumar Sharma, Area Director of Panna Tiger Reserve informed that for the first time in the country a unique initiative has been taken in collecting authentic information about the behavior and habitat of vultures in Panna Tiger Reserve in the state. Here GPS tagging is being done by catching the vultures.

### **Key Points**

- The work of GPS tagging on vultures in Panna Tiger Reserve was carried out by a team of researchers from Panna Tiger Reserve and Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun during winters in 2020-21 and 2021-22.
- The 25 vultures available in the Panna Tiger Reserve have been tagged with solar powered GPS devices. It includes 3D acceleration sensors. The GPS tag data is being tracked via satellite.
- This is a major achievement of the Vulture Telemetry Project. Vulture tagging is a well-planned initiative to prevent and conserve India's Old World vultures from extinction.
- With this unique initiative, 14 vulture species have been tagged and studied in 24 countries so far.

None of this is from India. There are 9 species of vultures in India. The state has got good results in the conservation of vulture species. The number of vultures has increased to 9446 in the year 2021.

- Out of 9 species of vultures available in India, 3 species are endangered. Out of these 7 species are available in Panna Tiger Reserve. These include migratory species such as the Himalayan griffon/vulture, the Eurasian griffon and the sinerus, and migratory species such as the Indian long-billed vulture, the white-backed king vulture, and the Egyptian vulture.
- The number of vultures has decreased drastically in the last few decades. Efforts to conserve vultures started around 10-12 years ago across the country and the telemetry based project is a meaningful step in this direction.
- Through GPS tagging, important information about the movement of vultures, information about the route of migration and habitat etc. is available. This will ensure scientific management of vultures.
- In this system, blood samples have been taken in the health test of vultures along with GPS tagging. This will help to know the health status of the vultures. This information of vultures will prove to be important in making vulture management policies in future.

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## **4 Important Decisions for Women Empowerment | Madhya Pradesh | 09 Mar 2022**

### **Why in News**

- On March 8, 2022, on the occasion of International Women's Day, Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan made 4 important announcements for women empowerment in the women empowerment-credit linkage program organized in Dewas.

### **Key Points**

- The Chief Minister said that Women Finance Development Corporation would be strengthened in the state, Mukhyamantri Nari Samman Kosh would be established at a cost of Rs 100 crore, Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyam Shakti Yojana would be started and industrial parks would be set up in Indore and Bhopal to encourage women's enterprise.
- Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyam Shakti Yojana will help women to start their own enterprise and they will be able to become self-reliant.
- In order to encourage women's enterprise, industrial parks for women only will be built in Indore and Bhopal.
- Chief Minister Chouhan and BJP's National President JP Nadda handed over the keys to the Nutrition Food Plant to women self-help groups and distributed a loan of Rs 300 crore to them.
- Along with this, toolkits were provided to women to work in the Jal Jeevan Mission. Women's cluster level organizations were rewarded and a booklet of success stories of self-help groups was also released.

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## **Jodhaiya Bai Baiga of Madhya Pradesh Honored with 'Nari Shakti**

## Puraskar' | Madhya Pradesh | 09 Mar 2022

### Why in News

- On the occasion of International Women's Day President Ram Nath Kovind honored Jodhaiya Bai Baiga of Madhya Pradesh with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' for her extraordinary work towards women empowerment.

### Key Points

- The President presented the Nari Shakti Puraskar to 29 women at a special function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. For the years 2020 and 2021, 14-14 awards were given and one award was given jointly to two women.
  - These awards are given to women who have done remarkable work in the field of entrepreneurship, agriculture, innovation, social work, art, handicrafts, wildlife conservation, linguistics, merchant navy, education, literature, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and rights of persons with disabilities.
  - Jodhaiya Bai Baiga of Madhya Pradesh was honored with Nari Shakti Puraskar for promoting tribal Baiga art at the global level. The work of Jodhaiya Bai Baiga, which depicts tribal culture on canvas, has been exhibited internationally in Italy and France.
  - It is noteworthy that women who have done exceptional and outstanding work towards the empowerment of weak and marginalized women are honored with Nari Shakti Puraskar every year. The Nari Shakti Puraskar ceremony of 2020 could not be held due to the Corona epidemic.
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## Best Performing Districts Rewarded For Improving Sex Ratio | Haryana | 09 Mar 2022

### Why in News

- Haryana Minister of State for Women and Child Development Kamlesh Dhanda honored Rohtak, Charkhi Dadri and Jind districts for their better performance in improving the sex ratio in a program organized in Panchkula on the occasion of International Women's Day.

### Key Points

- Minister Kamlesh Dhanda honored district Rohtak for the first, Charkhi Dadri second and Jind for the third prize by giving Rs 5 lakh, Rs 3 lakh and Rs 2 lakh respectively and a citation.
  - Apart from this, he also honored the winners of Poshan Puraskar, 2021-22. District Mewat was awarded Rs. 2 lakh for securing first position, Rs. 1 lakh to Faridabad for securing second position and Rs. 50 thousand to district Palwal for securing third position and citation.
  - Suman of Yamunanagar was honored by giving 'Behen Shanno Devi Panchayati Raj Award' of Rs 1 lakh.
  - Apart from this, 46 talents were honored in sports, social sector, worker working in Anganwadi center, women entrepreneur category and government employee category.
  - Earlier, Kamlesh Dhanda launched a poster based on nutrition on behalf of the Department of Women and Child Development.
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## Natural Agriculture Board | Haryana | 09 Mar 2022

### Why in News

- On March 8, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal said in Kurukshetra that the State Government has decided to constitute a **Natural Agriculture Board** with the objective of promoting natural farming and providing facilities to the farmers for this farming.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that natural farming would be promoted to rid the people of the state from poisonous products and to save the health of the land.
  - A provision of Rs 32 crore has been made in the budget by the State Government for the formation of Natural Agriculture Board.
  - The Chief Minister said that work has also been done to give a concrete shape to the 3-year production-based plan for natural farming. Under this scheme **100 clusters will be formed and 25 acres of land in each cluster will also be linked with natural farming.**
  - After this, the work of certification, branding and then packaging will be done. Along with this, if the farmers suffer losses due to natural farming, then the amount of compensation will be provided by the government.
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## Vocational Skills Training Center in Dhanbad | Jharkhand | 09 Mar 2022

### Why in News

- On March 8, 2022, Chief Minister Hemant Soren inaugurated the **Vocational Skills Training Center online in Dhanbad** under the '**Tejaswini Project**' on the occasion of International Women's Day.

### Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister felicitated Anganwadi worker Nutan Devi of Dumka and Rita Shri Parya of West Singhbhum, and Amola Baski and Jaya Biruli, who did commendable work during the Covid transition period, by giving them certificates and citations.
  - Minister of Women, Child Development and Social Security, Joba Manjhi said that Tejaswini Project is being implemented in 17 districts. 10.89 lakh girls are associated with the 12,800 club.
  - Chief Minister Hemant Soren and Minister Joba Manjhi released the '**Setu Education Curriculum**' on the occasion. The Setu Education course is starting in 17 districts of the state. Its objective is to connect girls of 14 to 20 years of education from 8th to 10th away from school.
  - The Chief Minister also provided Aadhar kits to rural women to take advantage of the schemes. Keeping in view the essentiality of Aadhar card in the schemes, kits were given to the women so that the Aadhar card of the beneficiaries could be made and they could be given the benefits of the schemes.
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## Union Home Minister Trophy to State Police Academy and Police Training School | Chhattisgarh | 09 Mar 2022

### Why in News

- On March 8, 2022, the officers and employees of the Police Department, including the State Police Academy (Chandkhuri), Police Training School (Rajnandgaon) and a police station, were awarded various awards, medals and trophies and medals by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs.

### Key Points

- This award has been given to the officers and employees of the concerned institutions and police departments for their outstanding work and services in different years.
  - Union Home Minister Trophy was given by the Ministry of Home Affairs to **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose State Police Academy, Chandkhuri** for the year 2019-20 for training of gazetted officers and to Police Training School, Rajnandgaon for the training of new constables for the years 2019-20 and 2020-21. **Gayatri Singh, Najmus Saqib and Chitrasen Singh Kharsan** have been awarded '**Asadharan-Aasuchana-Kushalata-Padak**' for the year 2019 and Ram **Shringar Yadav and Kesari Nandan for the year 2021.**
  - **Thana Jhilmili** (District- Surajpur) has been awarded '**Utkrisht Thana Samman, 2020**', which stood fourth in the whole country.
  - Along with this, 6 officers-employees of Chhattisgarh Police have been awarded the Union Home Minister Medal for the year 2019-20 and 8 officers-employees for 2020-21.
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## Chhattisgarh Economic Survey Year 2021-22 | Chhattisgarh | 09 Mar 2022

### Why in News

- The Economic Survey of Chhattisgarh for the year 2021-22 was presented on the table in the Vidhan Sabha budget session on March 8, 2022.

### Key Points

- Key Points of Chhattisgarh Economic Survey Year 2021-22 are as follows -
  - The Gross State Domestic Product at market prices at constant prices in the year 2021-22 is estimated to increase to Rs 2,78,496 crore from Rs 2,49,683 crore in the previous year 2020-21, which is an increase of 11.54 percent.
  - In this, 3.88 percent growth is expected in agriculture and allied sectors (agriculture, animal husbandry, fisheries and forests), 15.44 percent growth in industry sector (construction, manufacturing, mining and quarrying, power, gas and water supply) and 8.54 percent growth in service sector. .
  - In the year 2021-22, the contribution of agriculture and allied sector, industry sector and service sector in the Gross State Domestic Product at constant prices is 16.73, 50.61 and



- 32.66 percent respectively.
- In the Advance Estimates for the year 2021-22, the Gross State Domestic Product (Market Price) at prevailing prices is likely to increase from Rs 3,52,161 crore in the previous year 2020-21 to Rs 4,00,061 crore, which shows an increase of 13.60 percent. .
  - In this, agriculture and allied sector increased from Rs 74,652 crore in the year 2020-21 to Rs 81,317 crore in the year 2021-22, from Rs 1,35,985 crore to Rs 1,59,473 crore in the industry sector and from Rs 1,18,538 crore in the service sector. 1,31,920 crore, which shows a percentage increase of 8.93, 17.27 and 11.29 respectively over the previous year.
  - According to the State's Gross Domestic Product Market Price Quick Estimate Constant Prices (Base Year 2011-12), there has been a decrease of -1.37 percent in the year 2020-21 as compared to the previous year 2019-20. In this, there has been a decrease of 5.48 percent in the agriculture and allied sector, -3.89 percent in the industry sector and -0.16 percent in the service sector, mainly due to the Covid-19 epidemic and lockdown.
  - Per Capita Income (Net State Domestic Product) at current prices is estimated to increase from Rs 1,05,778 to Rs 1,18,401 in 2021-22 as per Quick Estimates for the year 2020-21, showing an increase of 11.93 percent over the previous year.