



Jhalmalko Laya-Lyor Gotul Racha Utsav | Chhattisgarh | 09 Apr 2022

Why in News?

On April 8, 2022, the Chief Minister of Chhattisgarh Bhupesh Baghel attended the 'Jhalmalko Laya-Lyor Gotul Racha Utsav' at village Amakra in Antagarh block of Kanker district.

Key Points

- This festival was organized to preserve the local culture, tradition, folk songs and folk dances.
- It is noteworthy that the basic objective of this program is to bring tribal youth and girls into the mainstream of development by connecting them with their culture, heritage.
- Cultural and social events like Gotul culture, Mandari, Rela, Hulki, Kolang are almost disappearing from the tribal society, which is known to be preserved.
- This program is being organized for the purpose of giving
- Jhalmalko is a surname given to young men and women. It is related to those tribal youth and girls, who are not only full of special qualities, as well as they have complete knowledge of their tribe, customs and culture and tradition.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced the establishment of District Co-operative Bank in Koylibeda along with giving full tehsil status to Koylibeda and Amabeda.
- Apart from this, for the protection of local culture, 10 gotuls and 10 devgudis were also announced in the Antagarh area.
- Like 'Badal' established in Bastar, the Chief Minister also organized and promoted dance, art and literature in Kanker district. It also gave approval to send 14 youth of Antagarh region on a study tour to Indonesia to study the innovations happening in the field of agriculture and forest produce.

State Level Manas Singing Competition Launched in Shivrinarayan | Chhattisgarh | 09 Apr 2022

Why in News?

The three-day state-level Manas Mandali competition organized from April 8 to 10, 2022, was inaugurated by Rajshri Mahant Dr. Ram Sundar Das, chairman of Chhattisgarh Gauseva Aayog, at the fair ground of Shivrinarayan, a famous pilgrimage site in Janjgir-Champa district.

Key Points

- In the state level Manas singing competition, about 350 artists from selected Manas circles of 25 districts will give their presentations in this state level competition.
- In this competition the winners will be given first prize of Rs.5 lakh, second prize of Rs.3 lakh and third prize of Rs.2 lakh.

Barnawapara Sanctuary | Chhattisgarh | 09 Apr 2022

Why in News?

On April 8, 2022, Chhattisgarh's most excellent and attractive sanctuary **Barnawapara** has been transformed into a new form.

Key Points

- This rejuvenation has been done with the amount approved in the **annual action plan 2021-22 of CAMPA** (Chhattisgarh Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) under wildlife habitat upgradation work.
- Under this annual action plan, intensive lantana eradication and eupatorium eradication work has been done in an area of 5 thousand 920 hectares, Out of which the work of eradication of lantanas in total area of 950 hectares in 19 chambers of Barnawapara Sanctuary and Eupatorium eradication work in total area of 4 thousand 970 hectares in 32 cells.
- Due to the wildlife habitat upgradation work done in Barnawapara Sanctuary, located under Balodabazar forest division, located at a distance of about 100 km from the capital Raipur, the grass species has started growing rapidly due to the moisture in the soil. Along with this, the wildlife in the sanctuary has now got good facilities for grazing grass, due to which they have started roaming freely after the eradication work of Lantana and Eupatorium. Due to this, the tourists have got an easy sight of the wildlife and the wildlife has also started appearing healthy..
- It is worth noting that the total area of Barnawapara Sanctuary is 244.86 sq km. In which there are mainly mixed forests, sal forests and teak plantations of the east. Mainly Karra, Bhirra, Senha are found in mixed forests in Barnawapara. Teak plantation is the naturally grown teak in the area and the Sal forest area is in less area.
- In addition to the above beehive species, herbaceous species, such as Eupatorium, Lantana, Charohta etc. are major weeds, due to which the herbivore wildlife found in the Barnawapara sanctuary area does not get grass, wildlife also has problems in movement and It becomes difficult to defend against carnivorous animals as well.
- It is noteworthy that in Barnawapara Sanctuary, wildlife like leopard, gaur, bear, sambar, chital, nilgai, kotari, chausingha, wild boar, wild dog, striped hyena, fox, wolf and mouse antelope are found in abundance and are also easily visible.