



Awarded to organizations doing excellent work in the field of cooperatives | Chhattisgarh | 26 Apr 2022

Why In News?

- On April 25, 2022, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel awarded cooperatives for their outstanding work in the field of co-operatives at the National Cooperative Conference and National Award Distribution Ceremony held at Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Auditorium in the capital Raipur.

Key point

- The Chief Minister presented the first prize to Tamil Nadu State Apex Cooperative Bank, Chennai, second to Andhra Pradesh State Cooperative Bank Vijayawada and third to Telangana State Apex Cooperative Bank Hyderabad for overall performance in the State Cooperative Bank category.
 - On the occasion, he presented special awards to M. Jhansirani, President, Andhra Pradesh and Dr. Reddy, MD Apex Bank Andhra Pradesh. He also conferred a special award on Baijnath Chandrakar, Chairman, Chhattisgarh State Co-operative Bank for his outstanding contribution in the field of co-operatives.
 - Apart from this, the first prize of State Cooperative Bank over All Performance Award was given to Kerala State Cooperative Bank Thiruvananthapuram, second prize was given to Assam Co-operative Apex Bank Guwahati and third prize was given to Sikkim State Cooperative Bank Gangtok.
 - The first prize for best performance in the category of District Central Cooperative Bank was jointly awarded to Karimnagar District Cooperative Central Bank Telangana and Karnataka Central Cooperative Bank Dharwad, the second prize was jointly given to Ahmedabad District Cooperative Bank Gujarat and Rajkot District Central Cooperative Bank Gujarat and the third prize was given to Salem District Central Cooperative Bank Tamil Nadu.
 - The first award of Subhash Yadav Award in primary agriculture cooperative society area is M.M. 137 Alagyal Primary Agriculture Cooperative Credits were awarded to Society, Pudukotti, Tamil Nadu.
 - The second prize for outstanding work in the field of Nafscob Award Primary Agriculture Credit Society was jointly awarded to Sandhol Agri Service Cooperative Society Himachal Pradesh and Timiri Service Cooperative Bank Kerala and the third prize to Chopdandi Karimnagar Telangana.
 - The first prize for outstanding work in the agriculture cooperative training centre area was given to Himachal Pradesh, the second prize was given to Punjab and the third prize to Telangana.
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Union Health Ministry honours Chhattisgarh for reduction in malaria cases | Chhattisgarh | 26 Apr 2022

Why In News?

- On The World Malaria Day on April 25, 2022, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare Mansukh Mandaviya felicitated Chhattisgarh for the decline in malaria cases in New Delhi.

Key point

- Dr Priyanka Shukla, Director, National Health Mission and Department of Health and Family Welfare and Dr. Subhash Mishra, Director, Epidemic Control, received the honour on behalf of the State Government in New Delhi.
- With the impact of the Malaria-Free Chhattisgarh Campaign and the Malaria-Free Bastar Campaign, there has been a major decline in the API rate (**annual parasite incidence**, i.e., the number of malaria patients found annually per 1,000 population). In 2018, while the state's API was 2.63, it has come down to 0.92 in 2021.
- It may be recalled that the first phase of 'Malaria Free Bastar Campaign' was conducted by the Department of Health and Family Welfare and the National Health Mission, Chhattisgarh in January-February 2020 in all the seven aspirational districts of Bastar division.
- 14 lakh six thousand people were tested for malaria in the first phase, 23 lakh 75 thousand in the second phase, 15 lakh 70 thousand in the third phase, 19 lakh 98 thousand in the fourth phase and 14 lakh 36 thousand in the fifth phase. The API of Bastar division, which had 26.78 APIs in 2016, has come down to 7.07 in 2021.
- Considering the good impact of the campaign in Bastar division, under the 'Malaria Free Chhattisgarh Campaign', it has been extended to a total of 21 districts of the state. The malaria positivity rate in the first, second, third, fourth and fifth phases of the campaign has been recorded at 4.6 per cent, 1.27 per cent, 1.03 per cent, 0.56 and 0.79 per cent respectively. With the impact of the campaign, malaria cases are continuously decreasing.

Swadesh Darshan Scheme: Tribal Tourism Circuit First Phase Completed | Chhattisgarh | 26 Apr 2022

Why In News?

- On April 25, 2022, tourism department officials informed that the first phase of construction of '**tribal tourism circuit**' in **vananchal region** of the state under '**Swadesh Darshan Yojana**' has been completed. The cost is Rs.94.23 crore.

Key point

- Under the scheme, the first phase of construction of Jashpur-Kunkuri-Kamaleshpurpur-Mainpat-Maheshpur-Kurdar-Sarodha-Dadar-Gangrail-Nathianwagaon-Kondagaon-Jagdarpur-Chitrakot-Tirathgarh has been completed.
- Jashpur, marked for tribal tourism circuit under 'Swadesh Darshan Yojana', has been developed as an ethnic tourism village. At the same time, route facilitation centre at Kunkuri, eco-ethnic destination at Kamleshpur, eco-ethnic destination-tourism facilities at Manpat, marg facilitation centre at Maheshpur and eco-tourist destination at Kurdar have been developed.
- Similarly, the ethnic tourism village at Sarodha Dadar, Eco-Ethnic Tourist Destination at Gangrail, Route Facilitation Centre at Nathianwagaon, Ethnic Tourist Village at Kondagaon, Ethnic Tourist Destination at Jagdarpur (Lamani Park-Cafeteria Parking), Eco-Ethnic Tourist Destination at Chitrakoot and Eco-Ethnic Tourist Destination (Nature Trail, Stair Railing) at Tirathgarh have been developed.
- The action plan for eco-tourism circuit has been prepared under Swadesh Darshan Scheme Phase-II. The circuit covers the border areas of Chilfi Valley, Akalmar-Amarkantak Valley and Hasdeo Bangon Dam. The cost of the proposed scheme is Rs.81.26 crore.

