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## **Agriculture Minister Launched Statewide 'Meri Policy Mere Haath' Program | Chhattisgarh | 02 Sep 2022**

### **Why In News?**

On September 1, 2022, Chhattisgarh Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey launched the statewide 'Meri Policy Mere Haath' distribution program by providing 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' policy to farmers at a program organized at his residence office in Raipur.

### **Key Points**

- Agriculture Minister Ravindra Choubey also distributed policy documents to 35 farmers on the occasion. Under the 'Meri Policy Mere Haath' program, the policy will be distributed to all the insured farmers of the state in the month of September.
- It is worth mentioning that in the Kharif season 2022, about 13 lakh 95 thousand 369 farmers of the state have got their crops insured under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana. In this, Rs 161.89 crore as farmer's share, Rs 535.17 crore as state share and Rs 535.17 crore as central share, thus making a total premium amount of Rs 1232.23 crore.
- It is noteworthy that in the year 2021-22, a total of 16 lakh 9 thousand 646 farmers from Chhattisgarh had been insured under the scheme for Kharif and Rabi crops, out of which 6 lakh 89 thousand 324 farmers were paid insurance claim of Rs 1340.48 crore as sum insured.
- Similarly, in the year 2020-21, 17 lakh 3 thousand 992 farmers were insured under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana for Kharif and Rabi crops, out of which a claim of Rs 853.81 crore was paid to them on the claims of 6 lakh 18 thousand 640 farmers.
- At the same time, 18 lakh 52 thousand 853 farmers of Chhattisgarh had insured under the scheme for Kharif and Rabi crops in 2019-20, out of which insurance claim of Rs 1264.34 crore has been paid to 6 lakh 57 thousand 907 farmers.

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## **Chhattisgarh Continues to be among less Unemployed States | Chhattisgarh | 02 Sep 2022**

### **Why In News?**

According to the new data released by CMIE recently, the unemployment rate of Chhattisgarh is 0.4 percent in August 2022, while the unemployment rate in the country is 8.3 percent.

### **Key Points**

- Chhattisgarh has been ranked high among the states with the lowest unemployment rate for the past several months. In Chhattisgarh, there is an impact of schemes to balance the urban-rural economy and create new employment opportunities in three and a half years.

- Chhattisgarh's unemployment rate stood at 0.8 percent in July. Chhattisgarh recorded the lowest unemployment rate of 0.7 percent in May and 0.6 percent in March-April.
- According to the new data released by CMIE, the unemployment rate in August was 12.8 percent in Bihar, 13.7 percent in Goa, 2.6 percent in Gujarat, 37.3 percent in Haryana, 7.3 percent in Himachal Pradesh, 32.8 percent in Jammu and Kashmir. Karnataka has recorded 3.5 percent and Madhya Pradesh 2.6 percent.
- The Chhattisgarh government emphasized and implemented such schemes, which would create new employment opportunities. With the formation of the government, schemes like loan waiver and increase in support price were started.
- Chhattisgarh government has implemented Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana, Godhan Nyay Yojana, Suraji Gaon Yojana, Narva-Garwa-Ghurwa-Bari program, Rajiv Gandhi Rural Landless Farmer Nyay Yojana, formulation of new industrial policy, better arrangement for collection of forest and agricultural produce, Processing and value addition at the local level of produce, establishment of rural industrial parks, increase in the collection rate of minor forest produce and purchase of 65 types of minor forest produce at support price, increase in the remuneration rate of tendu leaf collection, fish farming and lac production as a part of agriculture. Several steps were taken like status, promotion of traditional craftsmen, weavers and entrepreneurs, establishment of C-Mart in every district.
- Expanding the Godhan Nyay scheme, purchase of cow urine has been started. Fertilizers and pesticides are also being made from the purchased cow urine, which is creating new employment opportunities.
- Village-built Gothans are also being upgraded into Rural Industrial Parks, where processing units like oil mill, pulse mill, mini rice mill are being set up. Various products are also being manufactured in Gothans.