

3 Inspectors of Chhattisgarh will get Union Home Minister Medal | Chhattisgarh | 14 Aug 2023

Why is News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on August 12, 2023, three police officers of the state have been announced to be given the Union Home Minister's Medal for the year 2023 for excellence in investigation.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel said that police personnel are getting better facilities in Chhattisgarh. Police personnel in the state are being trained to prevent cyber crimes along with modern training.
- Along with the new police station, women's cell, accommodation and other facilities are being
 provided to the policemen in these police stations, due to which the police personnel are getting
 ease in discharging their duties.
- Policemen selected for the Union Home Minister Medal include Sub-Inspector Ms. Neeta Rajput, Sub-Inspector Ashirwad Rahatgaonkar, Inspector Naveen Borkar.

Deepak Sharma & Gajyatra Team honoured with 'Gaj Gaurav' National Award | Chhattisgarh | 14 Aug 2023

Why is News?

On August 12, 2023, on the occasion of World Elephant Day, Forest Guard Deepak Sharma posted in General Forest Division Mahasamund and the team of Gajyatra were honored with the Gaj Gaurav Award at a nationwide function organized in Bhubaneswar, Odisha.

Key Points:

- Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India Bhupendra Yadav, Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Ashwini Kumar Choubey and Forest, Environment and Climate Change Minister of Odisha Pradeep Kumar Amat, forest guard Deepak Sharma and the team of Gaijatra Honored with Gaurav Award.
- Divisional Officer Pankaj Rajput said that according to the intention of the Forest Minister to stop the human-elephant conflict, the Gaijatra was started on October 8, 2021, on the instructions of the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests.
- Villagers are being made aware through Gaijatra every day in 3 phases by telling them the measures to stay safe from elephants, so far about 70 thousand people have been made aware through Gaijatra.

- In the elephant-affected areas of the district, Sirpur and elephant movement areas, Mohandi, Arand, Bagbahra, Koma, Kona, Bakma, Khatti, Tumgaon, the arrival of elephants has decreased. Earlier, the village used to become deserted as soon as the elephant knocked in the area. People used different measures to drive away the elephant.
- Elephants were driven away by burning fireworks, chillies, torches and risked their lives. This made the elephants aggressive, due to which the villagers, the elephants were becoming victims of violence. Seeing all this, the Gaijatra program was started.
- Forest guard Deepak along with the team went from village to village setting up chaupals, showing the film in the projector and discussing with the people, explaining the behavior and safety measures of elephants to the villagers.
- A successful attempt has been made by the Gaijatra team to sensitize the villagers towards elephants through songs and stories in their normal language and style and the details of the compensation provided by the government were explained to the villagers in detail and the elephant-human conflict was described as amicable. Due to which violence has decreased and incidents of people getting injured and causing loss of people have become zero.
- Deepak Sharma and team have been awarded the Gaj Gaurav Award at the national level by the Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India for the commendable work of Gaj Yatra and Mahasamund Forest Division alone has been honored for the All India Gaj Gaurav Award.



5 Years of Garhbo Nava Chhattisgarh: Good Plans, Better Index | Chhattisgarh | 14 Aug 2023

Why is News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations Department of Chhattisgarh on August 12, 2023, in the last five years, due to the public welfare schemes of the state government and their better implementation, the health and social situation in Chhattisgarh has improved on a large scale.

Key Points:

- According to the National Family Health Survey 5, the neonatal mortality rate has decreased from 42.1 percent to 32.4 percent during this period.
- There has also been a significant reduction in the infant mortality rate. It has come down from 54.0 percent to 44.3 percent. There has also been a decrease in the number of deaths of children under the age of five. It has come down from 64.3 percent to 50.4 percent.
- The Health and Family Welfare Department made a special strategy for all high-risk pregnant women in the state, so that every mother and both remain healthy in the state. The result of these efforts is that there has been a significant increase in institutional deliveries in the state.
- Massive work is being done to minimize infant mortality in the state. Sick Newborn Care Units have been set up in 14 medical colleges, 26 district hospitals of the state, which are regularly monitored by the experts of AIIMS Raipur itself. The number of families covered under the health insurance scheme has increased from 68.5 percent to 71.4 percent.
- The state government has done better work to provide clean drinking water to the homes, due to which people are also getting pure drinking water. As a result, the availability of drinking water has increased from 96.3 percent to 98.8 percent.
- There has been an increase in the population of households using improved sanitation facilities, which has increased from 34.8 percent to 76.8 percent. The number of households using healthy fuel for cooking has increased from 22.8 percent to 33.0 percent.
- The women of Chhattisgarh have also started using modern technology. In today's present environment, everyone has started using the internet, mobile, laptop, computer etc. other means of communication. Women are leading the way in terms of internet access. Now 26.7 percent of women have started using the Internet, while 56.3 percent of men use the Internet.
- In the modern environment, all women want to be self-reliant. Women want to get married only
 after seeking employment after pursuing higher education, due to which now women are getting
 married above 24 years of age.

CM inaugurates Rajak Gudi, Urban Industrial Park at Narayya Talab | Chhattisgarh | 14 Aug 2023

Why is News?

On August 12, 2023, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel inaugurated the newly constructed Rajak Gudi (Urban Industrial Park) near Narayya Talab located in Tikrapara, capital Raipur.

Key Points:

- Modern facilities will be available to the Rajak community, traditionally engaged in washing and pressing of clothes, in the hi-tech Rajak Gudi, built in about 3500 square feet by Raipur Smart City Limited at a cost of Rs 69 lakh.
- Manual as well as automatic electrical washing machine has been installed in Rajak Gudi, in which 25-25 kg. K2 Cloth Extractor Machine, 60kg 1 washer of capacity and 50 kg. 1 dryer machine of capacity has been installed.

- Water tanks have also been made for washing clothes and there is also a separate arrangement for ironing clothes.
- Along with the traditional business of the families of Dhobi community, arrangements have been made for their employment generation in this park, under which training will also be given to these families to make soap and detergent for washing clothes.
- About 100 families of Dhobi community, who are doing traditional business by joining this pond, will get the benefit of this employment-oriented scheme.



The State Planning Commission to make a Decentralized Annual District Plan | Chhattisgarh | 14 Aug 2023

Why is News?

According to the information given by the Chhattisgarh Public Relations Department on August 11, 2023, the State Planning Commission will prepare a decentralized district plan 2024-25 to make the state's socioeconomic development overall inclusive and to speed up the expected progress.

Key Points:

- According to the information, the State Planning Commission has been given the responsibility of giving appropriate suggestions for the purpose of taking the plans prepared by the local citizens to the government on the basis of local needs.
- The Planning Commission has been entrusted with the responsibility of ranking local needs, planning, reviewing and prioritizing resource distribution at the district level.
- For this, the district progress report prepared by the State Planning Commission has been made the basis. Along with this, provision has also been made at the government level to make these schemes ambitious.
- To make socio-economic development of the state effectively inclusive, information about the progress made in the state in the field of agricultural technology, information technology, digitalization, weather information technology, biotechnology and new technology related to the public will be included.
- Similarly, in order to take the benefits of the state's progress to the remote areas in an inclusive and effective manner, there was a need to activate the concerned implementing institutions and departments of the districts and new guidelines for effective utilization of resources.
- For this, detailed guidelines have been issued by the Chhattisgarh State Planning Commission under the guidance of Ajay Singh, Deputy Chairman of the State Planning Commission, in coordination with the Urban Administration Development Department and Panchayat and Rural Development Department.



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