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## Jharkhand Showcases Tasar Silk Production in R-Day Parade | Jharkhand | 30 Jan 2024

### Why in News?

Jharkhand's tableau in the [Republic Day parade](#) on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024, showcased the skill of [tribal women in the production of Tasar silk](#).

### Key Points

- The tableau depicted the **Tasar moth rearing, cocoon production, weaving and the modern journey of Tasar garments** from design to global distribution.
- The performance exuded the vibrant spirit of Jharkhand through the "**jhumar**" folk dance and indigenous music.
- **Tasar Silk:**
  - It is a type of [wild silk](#), which is made from **silkworms that feed on plants like Asan and Arjun**.
  - In different parts of India it is known as **tusaar, tusser, tushar, tusa, tassore, and tasar etc.**
  - The silk can also be found in shades of **brown, cream, and orange**.
  - The threads of tasar silk are often thicker than those of other silks, and they are **woven in a way that creates a 'checkerboard' pattern**.
  - It is **lightweight yet strong**, with a **luxuriously soft feel** often compared to that of cashmere or velvet.
  - It **does not retain moisture**, and can be worn in warmer climates of the world.
- **India is the second-largest producer of tussar silk** and the **exclusive producer of Indian tussar** (also known as tropical tussar), which is largely tended to by tribals.
- In India, it is primarily produced in **Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, and Chhattisgarh**. Currently, **Jharkhand is one of the largest producers**.
  - China, Sri Lanka, and Bangladesh are global producers of tasar silk.

### Status of India's Silk Industry

- India stands as the **world's second-largest producer of raw silk** after China.
  - India boasts a diverse range of silk types, including **Mulberry, Tasar, Muga, and Eri**. The variations arise from the distinct feeding habits of the silkworms.
  - The silk industry stands as one of India's largest **foreign exchange** earners, contributing significantly to the country's economic landscape.
  - **The major silk-producing states in the country are** Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Chhattisgarh, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal.
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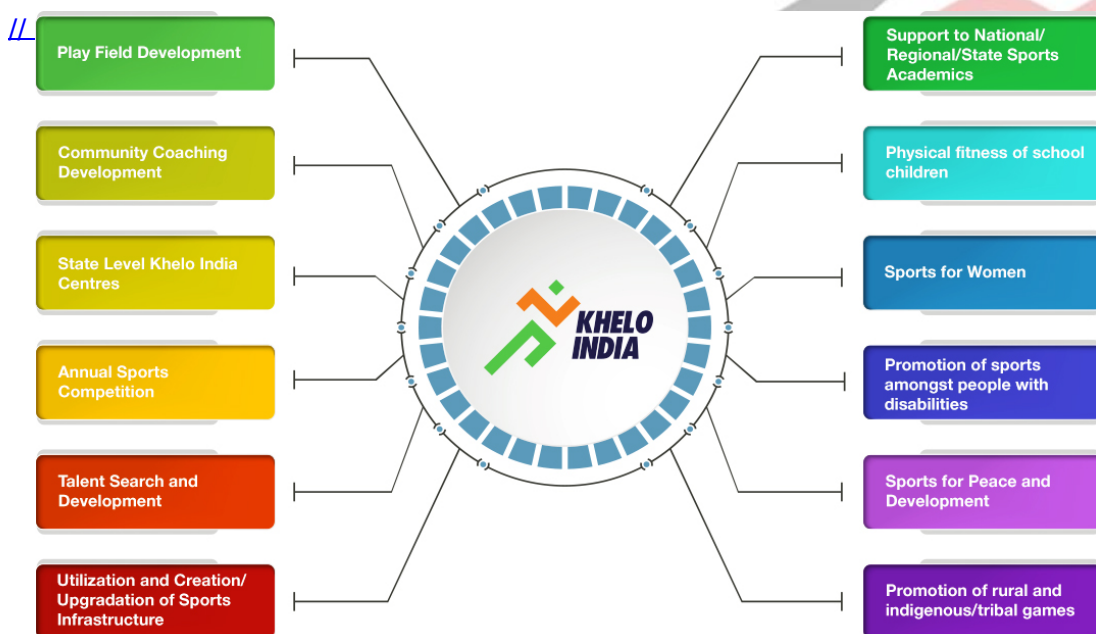
# Khelo India Youth Games | Haryana | 30 Jan 2024

## Why in News?

Recently, **Haryana bagged the boys and girls hockey titles in the 6th Khelo India Youth** along with Orissa.

## Key Points

- The **Khelo India Youth Games was started in 2018** under the name Khelo India School Games.
  - The aim of these games is to **find and groom sports talents at the local level** and train them for national and international sports events.
  - The Khelo India Scheme is the flagship **Central Sector Scheme of the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports**.
- Under this, the **Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG)**, the **Khelo India University Games (KIUG)** and the **Khelo India Winter Games** were set up as annual national sports competitions where youngsters, representing their states and universities, respectively, showcased their skills and competed for medals.
- **Results of Hockey Finals:**
  - Boys: Odisha won the final against Madhya Pradesh with 4 goals.
  - Girls: Haryana won the final against Madhya Pradesh with 1 goal.



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# Haryana Tableau Depicts 'Mera Parivar-Meri Pehchan' in R-Day Parade | Haryana | 30 Jan 2024

## Why in News?

Haryana tableau in the **Republic Day** parade on **26<sup>th</sup> January 2024**, depicted the theme of '**Mera Parivar-Meri Pehchan**' which is an ambitious programme of the Haryana Government which is playing a meaningful role in realizing the dream of '**Viksit Bharat**' (Developed India).

## Key Points

- The main objective of this program is to provide the **benefits of government schemes to eligible families** by connecting with technology through the data of every family collected and updated by the government.
- The government is delivering the schemes to every eligible person through the [Parivar Pehchan Patra](#).
- The Patra has been crafted as a **traditional symbol of empowerment for women**.
  - Woman holding a digital device symbolizes a **developed digital India, enabling people across every corner of Haryana to access and redeem government schemes** with just one click from the comfort of their homes through the Parivar Pehchan Patra.
  - Significant **benefits were also highlighted of the "Parivar Pehchan Patra" such as** the seamless procurement of ration, agricultural subsidies for farmer families, scholarships for young students, and pensions for the elderly.

## Parivar Pehchan Patra

- The Parivar Pehchan Patra Scheme was **started by the Haryana Government in the year 2020**.
- Under Parivar Pehchan Card, considering **each family as a unit, an eight digit unique family ID is being provided**.
- Its objective is to **prepare authentic, verified and reliable data of all the families in Haryana**, so that the benefits of government schemes can be provided to every beneficiary in a hassle-free manner.

## Note

- **'Rashtrapati Ke Angrakshak'**- 2024 Republic Day (75th) is special for the elite Regiment as the 'Angrakshak' has **completed 250 years of service** since its raising in 1773.
- President of India and President of France, Emmanuel Macron, who is the chief guest at 75th Republic Day celebration arrived at Kartavya Path in the **'Traditional Buggy', a practice which made a comeback after a gap of 40 years**.

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## MP Lokayukta Probes Scam in State Board | Madhya Pradesh | 30 Jan 2024

### Why in News?

The Madhya Pradesh secondary education board is under scanner of the [state Lokayukta organisation](#) in connection with allegations of **irregularities in purchase of computers amounting to nearly Rs 100 crore**.

### Key Points

- A complaint has been filed with the Lokayukta organization, citing major discrepancies in the purchase of **computer desktops, photocopiers, and UPS**.
  - The cost of each computer desktop was reported to be Rs 1,39,350, resulting in a total expenditure of approximately Rs 96.70 crore.
  - The department procured hardware for 4,519 cooperative societies, encompassing five devices per pack - desktop, multi-function device (photocopy, scan, print), UPS, VPN, and

biometric. The total expenditure for this purchase amounted to about Rs 55 crore.

- It asserts that there is an evident financial irregularity of around Rs 45 crore in the hardware purchase.
- It highlights the inflated rates of the secondary education board's desktops, which were Rs 82,000 more per unit compared to the cooperative department's purchase.

## Lokayukta Organisation

- The Lokayukta is the **Indian Parliamentary Ombudsman**, executed into power, through and for, each of the State Governments of India.
- It is an **anti-corruption authority**. The objective of the Lokayukta system in a state is to investigate grievances, allegations against public servants.
- The origin of the Lokayukta can be drawn to the **Ombudsman in Scandinavian countries**.
- In India, **the Administrative Reforms Commission, (1966-70)**, had recommended the creation of the Lokpal at the Centre and Lokayukta in the states.
  - Maharashtra was first in this respect with its **Lokayukta body established in 1971**.

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## Merger of Public Health and Medical Education Departments | Madhya Pradesh | 30 Jan 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, the Madhya Pradesh cabinet approved the **proposal of merger of the Medical Education department and the Public Health department**.

- Currently, hospitals come under the purview of the Public Health department while medical colleges and associated facilities fall in the domain of the Medical Education department.

### Key Points

- With the merger, **medical colleges will be able to focus on critical and specialised treatments and medical education** instead of routine medical services and it **will become easier to affiliate district hospitals with medical colleges**.
- The **cabinet also approved** the following:
  - The **proposal to Parliament seeking amendments to the [Water \(Prevention and Control of Pollution\) Act, 1974](#)**. The proposed amendments include the removal of minor violations related to water pollution from the category of crime.
  - Amendments to **Madhya Pradesh Ayurvigyan Vishwavidyalaya Adhiniyam, 2011**.
  - A proposal to set up **Pradhan Mantri College of Excellence in all 55 districts** under the **[National Education Policy](#)**.
  - Creation of **1845 academic and 387 non-academic posts** at these institutes.

## The Water (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act, 1974

- This Act was enacted for the **prevention and control of water pollution and maintaining or restoring of wholesomeness of water**. The Central and State Pollution Control Boards have been **constituted under section 3 and 4 of the Act** respectively.
- The Act was **amended in 1978 and 1988** to clarify certain ambiguities and to vest more **powers in the Pollution Control Board**.

## National Education Policy (NEP) 2020

- The **NEP 2020** aims at making “India a **global knowledge superpower**”.
- It is only **the 3rd major revamp** of the framework of education in India since independence.
  - The **two earlier** education policies were brought in **1968 and 1986**.

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## Rajasthan Tableau for R-Day Parade | Rajasthan | 30 Jan 2024

### Why in News?

Rajasthan's tableau in the [Republic Day parade](#) on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024, depicted the desert state's mesmerising **cultural traditions, striking handicrafts and world-famous [tourism](#) destinations**.

### Key Points

- With the theme "**Viksit Bharat Mein - Padharo Mhare Desh - Rajasthan**", the tableau sought to promote the state's tourism potential.
- The tableau was a demonstration of the development of **women's handicraft industries**, nurtured along with the **festive culture of Rajasthan**, giving a beautiful **glimpse of the cultural and architectural legacy**.
- A beautiful **statue of Meera Bai**, a **symbol of devotion and power**, was displayed in the rear end of the tableau.
- The rich [handicraft traditions](#) of the state, including **bandhej, bagru print and applique work**, skilfully **crafted by women**, depicted the **entrepreneurship of the "Women of Rajasthan"**.
- The tableau had models of two camels adorned with Gorbans, depicting the legacy of the **Camel Utsav** held every year in Rajasthan.
  - The [United Nations](#) has also **declared the year 2024** as the **International Year of Camelids**.

### Meera Bai

- She was a **prominent saint, poetess, and devotee of Lord Krishna** in the Bhakti movement of India.
- She became a prominent figure in the **Bhakti movement, a spiritual and devotional movement** that emphasized a personal connection with the divine and advocated **love and devotion as a means of attaining salvation**.



## International Year of Camelids 2024

- The UN has designated **2024 as the International Year of Camelids.**
- The Year is meant to **raise the public's and policymakers' awareness** of the significant **role of camelids** in protecting ecosystems, conserving biodiversity, assuring **food security** and adapting to **climate change.**

## Uttarakhand CM Holds Roadshow in Rudraprayag | Uttarakhand | 30 Jan 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami held a roadshow from **Prachin Dewal to Sports Ground Agastyamuni in Rudraprayag and announced schemes worth ₹467 crores.**

### Key Points

- In the event, **welfare schemes worth more than ₹467 crores were inaugurated.**
- On this occasion, the CM also took information from the women about the changes in their livelihood after joining the **Mahaprasad scheme** of the government.
  - Various **women's groups associated with the Kedarnath Yatra** had done business worth more than **₹70 lakh during the 2023 Yatra.**
  - Apart from this, women have earned **₹5 lakh from local herbal incense, churma, belpatri, honey, jute, silk bags, etc.**
  - More than **500 women belonging to various women's groups** also got employment from it.
- The district administration of Rudraprayag has set a **target of selling prasad worth ₹2 crore in**

**the next yatra.**

- The CM also **honoured all women police personnel** included in **the Guard of Honor** giving them **cash awards**.

## **PRASHAD Scheme**

- The **'National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Augmentation Drive'** (PRASAD) was launched by the **Ministry of Tourism** in the year **2014-15** with the objective of holistic development of identified pilgrimage destinations.
- The name of the scheme was changed from PRASAD to **"National Mission on Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual Heritage Augmentation Drive (PRASHAD)"** in **October 2017**.
- Under the PRASHAD Scheme, several religious cities/sites in have been identified for development such as **Amaravati and Srisailem (Andhra Pradesh), Kamakhya (Assam), Parasuram Kund (Lohit District, Arunachal Pradesh), Patna and Gaya (Bihar), etc.**

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