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Foundation Stone for New Medical Colleges

Why in News

- On 30 September 2021, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of **4 new medical colleges to be set up in Sirohi, Banswara, Hanumangarh and Dausa districts of Rajasthan.**

Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot urged the Prime Minister to give early approval to Government Medical Colleges in the remaining Jalore, Rajsamand and Pratapgarh districts as well.
- He said that medical colleges are either operational or in the process of construction in 30 out of 33 districts of the state and will be in operational stage by the year 2023.
- Under the **Centrally Sponsored Scheme**, 16 medical colleges are currently under process in Rajasthan. 40 percent of the total cost of these colleges being built at a cost of more than Rs. 5 thousand crore (about Rs. 2000 crore) is being borne by the state government.
- Apart from Sirohi, Banswara, Hanumangarh and Dausa, these colleges are also coming up in Alwar, Bundi, Tonk, Jhunjhunu, Nagaur, Sri Ganganagar, Jaisalmer, Chittorgarh, Baran, Sawai Madhopur, Karauli and Dholpur.
- At present there are 2830 MBBS seats in the state medical colleges in the state. The number of MBBS seats is likely to increase to more than 4 thousand after the commencement of all the state medical colleges under construction.

Janta Clinic

Why in News

- On October 3, 2021, Minister of Medical and Health, Medical Education, Ayurveda Dr. Raghu Sharma launched **Janata Clinic** for Jalore through virtual medium.

Key Points

- So far 12 Janta Clinics have been opened in Jaipur and 4 in Jodhpur in Rajasthan.

- Dr. Sharma dedicated the Janta Clinic in the industrial area of Jalore from his official residence to the general public through an online medium.
- He informed that with the help of Granite Association, arrangements have been made for the public clinic, land, building, ambulance, necessary furniture and equipment.
- With the start of Janta Clinic, **all types of medical facilities** will be available for 20 to 25 thousand residents of the industrial area and surrounding areas.
- Around 325 types of medicines including first aid facilities and counseling, ANC services, vaccination services, family welfare services, NCD screening services, free tests (primary level), free medicine (primary level) etc. and 8 types of tests can be done free of cost through Janta Clinic.
- According to the budget announcement of the Chief Minister for the year 2019-20, **Janta Clinic was to be operated in areas deprived of state health services in the urban slum areas, dense settlements of the state**, but due to the epidemic like Covid, this work could not go ahead. He said that with the reduction of corona infection, now Janata clinics will be opened in the state in a phased manner.

RHB AWAS App

Why in News

- On October 2, 2021, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched **RHB AWAS, the mobile app of Rajasthan Housing Board** on the occasion of launch of **Prashasan Gaon ke Sang Abhiyan 2021.**

Key Points

- Under the **Prashasan Gaon ke Sang Abhiyan 2021 demand survey will be conducted by the Rajasthan Housing Board** in all the municipal areas of the state to know the need of different categories of housing. On ascertaining the need of housing, the Housing Board will be able to develop plans there by buying or allotting land from the municipal bodies.
- This survey will be conducted by the board through the mobile app **RHB AWAS.**
- In this survey, information will be asked from the user about which category of accommodation he/

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she wants, such as 1BHK, 2BHK, 3BHK or independent housing. After this, he will have to fill the cost in the app within what price range he wants a house like from 8 to 10 lakh rupees, 12 to 15 lakh rupees, 20 lakh to 25 lakh rupees or 30 to 40 lakh rupees. After that he will enter his city and finally complete the survey by pressing the submit button.

- From this three things will be known that the people of which city, what size and for what price housing will be needed.

'Prashasan Gaon ke Sang' and 'Prashasan Shahron ke Sang' Campaign

Why in News

- On October 2, 2021, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched '**Prashasan Gaon Ke Sang**' and '**Prashasan Shahron Ke Sang**' campaign on the auspicious occasion of **Gandhi Jayanti**.

Key Points

- Ashok Gehlot also laid the foundation stone of **Gandhi Darshan Museum** and inaugurated **Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Governance and Social Sciences**.
- Gandhi Darshan Museum will be built in Central Park, while Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Governance and Social Sciences, built at a cost of Rs 1.07 crore in Kanak Bhawan, will have research work related to Gandhiji.
- This institute has been established on the lines of prestigious institutions like **Tata Institute of Social Sciences**, Mumbai and **Institute of Technology and School of Governance**, Pune, with an aim to **prepare youth to play their role in administration and social work** while imbibing the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot also released the guideline of 'Prashasan Gaon Ke Sang' and 'Shahar Ke Sang' campaign, e-booklet related to Sarvodaya Vichar Pariksha and Building Regulations Compendium. Also, launched a mobile app of Rajasthan Housing Board and distributed cards to Pankaj Sharma, the beneficiary of Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme.

'Wildlife Management and Desert Ecosystem Training Institute'

Why in News

- On October 1, 2021, **Rajasthan's Minister of State for Forests and Environment Sukhram Bishnoi** started '**WildLife Management and Desert Ecosystem Training Institute**' at Tal Chhapar.
 - Its aim is to **impart knowledge and training to the frontline personnel** of the forest department in forestry, wildlife conservation as well as related to it.

Key Points

- This will not only provide practical training to the personnel, but it will also help in conservation and promotion of wildlife and forests.
- Wildlife Management and Desert Ecosystem Training Institute has been started at Tal Chhapar in **compliance with the budget announcement for the year 2021-22** made by the Chief Minister. From its beginning, the staff will be given **training in conservation and promotion of other wildlife including black buck**. Along with this, study and training will also be done in relation to the grassland, desert ecosystem and its surrounding areas.
- This is the **fourth training institute in Rajasthan**, in which various trainings will be conducted for the capacity building and knowledge enhancement of the forest department staff.
- Principal Secretary of Forest Department Shreya Guha said that Tal Chhapar is famous for the protection of blackbuck all over the world. With the start of the training institute, this campaign will go further, so that the conservation and promotion of wildlife can be done in a proper way.

SC & OBC Development Fund

Why in News

- On October 4, 2021, the Rajasthan government approved the formation of **Scheduled Castes Development Fund and Other Backward Classes Development Fund**.

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Key Points

- Works like modernization and strengthening of residential schools and hostels for Scheduled Castes and Other Backward Classes students, development of facilities, providing sports materials and computers and providing assistance of 5 thousand rupees to the youth of these classes to buy tools for employment purposes will be done.
- Along with this, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved the expenditure of Rs.5 crore 57 lakh from the **Valmiki Fund** constituted with a view to **provide proper opportunities to the children and youth of Valmiki Samaj**.
- It is noteworthy that with this, **modernization and strengthening of hostels of Valmiki Samaj**, additional financial assistance of Rs. 5000 on merit basis to the children of those engaged in the profession of cleaning, Rs. 5000 per person assistance for purchase of tools for employment purposes will be done.

NABL Accreditation

Why in News

- On October 5, 2021, the **State Water Resources Minister Dr. B.D. Kalla** informed that district level drinking water quality testing laboratories in 30 districts of the state have got **NABL accreditation (National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories)**, while three districts are yet to get accreditation.

Key Points

- In these **30 districts**- Ajmer, Alwar, Banswara, Baran, Barmer, Bharatpur, Bhilwara, Bikaner, Bundi, Churu, Dausa, Dholpur, Dungarpur, Sri Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Jaipur, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Jhalawar, Jhunjhunu, Jodhpur, Karauli, Kota, Nagaur, Pali Rajsamand, Sikar, Sirohi, Tonk and Udaipur are included. On the other hand, laboratories of Chittorgarh, Sawai Madhopur and Pratapgarh are yet to get accreditation.
- The Minister of Water Resources said that under the Jal Jeevan Mission, **'Field Testing Kit'** has been made available for all Gram Panchayats of the state for monitoring clean and quality drinking water supply through **'Har Ghar Nal Connection'** in the approved projects of rural areas.

- He informed that a provision of Rs.67 crore has been made in the annual plan for the year 2020-21 under **Water Quality Monitoring and Surveillance (WQMS)** in the state. Under this, the process of setting up block level drinking water quality testing laboratories in 102 out of 353 panchayat samiti headquarters in the state is underway in the current financial year.
- The **Mobile Testing Laboratory** is operated by the State Government in Jaipur, whose NABL 'Recognition' process is going on. Along with this, the process of NABL 'recognition' of mobile laboratories operated for drinking water quality testing through outsourcing in 20 other districts of Jaipur, Kota, Ajmer and Udaipur divisions is also in progress.
- The Minister of Water Resources informed that a new building of State Level Laboratory in Jaipur would be constructed at Panipecth under **Public Health Engineering Department (PHED)**.
- It may be mentioned that **NABL is an independent national level organization** for certification of testing laboratories in the country. It gives NABL certification to testing laboratories under ISO/IEC 17025. This organization is **established under the 'Quality Council of India'** in the Government of India, which **certifies the laboratories for 'NABL Accreditation'** after 'Performance Audit'.

State Human Rights Commission's Quarterly Magazine Released

Why in News

- On October 6, 2021, Chairman of the Rajasthan State Human Rights Commission Justice Gopal Krishna Vyas released the **'Rajasthan State Human Rights Commission's quarterly magazine'** in the Commission's office located in the Government Secretariat.

Key Points

- In this magazine, information related to human rights will be told in relation to the issuance of necessary orders and important instructions.
- State Human Rights Commission member **Mahesh Goyal launched the website of Human Rights Commission** during the release of the magazine.
- **Commission Chairman Gopal Krishna Vyas** said in relation to this website that poor people living in far-

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flung areas of the state will be able to get information about their case sitting at home and the complainants will not need to come to the Jaipur Headquarters to get information about the status in their case.

- Goyal said that keeping in mind the problems of the common man, the Rajasthan State Human Rights Commission is starting an online facility (**case/complaint search**) on the commission's website (**rshrc.rajasthan.gov.in**) from October 12 using which Details and status information related to various complaints filed with the Commission can be found.
- The order related to the disposed (rejected) cases will also be able to be downloaded by the complainant/applicant sitting at his home.

Invest Rajasthan-2022

Why in News

- On October 6, 2021 official sources in the state government said that in order to make Rajasthan a hub of investment and to invite new investors the State Government will organize the State Investor Summit '**Invest Rajasthan 2022**' on January 20 and 21, 2022 at **Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Center (JECC)** in Sitapura, Jaipur.

Key Points

- According to sources, investment related work will be done on the spot during this summit.
- Before the summit, a delegation led by the Chief Minister, Industries Minister and ministers of other departments will contact investors from outside the country and then invite them to become partners in the development of Rajasthan.
- Programs like virtual webinars, **national and international road shows** and discussions with diplomats from different countries will be organized from October 21, 2021 to connect with investors. Through these, Rajasthan will be presented as an **investment destination**.
- Along with the **Dubai Expo** to be held in Dubai from 12 to 18 November by the state government for the successful conduct of the summit International road shows in the US, Germany, Singapore, South Korea, France and the UK and road shows in Ahmedabad, Mumbai, Kolkata, Chennai, Delhi, Bangalore and Hyderabad are also being planned.

- In the last two and a half years, important work has been done in the direction of **Ease of Doing Business** by taking policy decisions like **RIPS-2019, Solar Energy Policy, Wind and Hybrid Energy Policy, One Stop Shop System, MSME Act** for the convenience of investors in Rajasthan.
- Sources said that the Board of Investment, constituted under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, has given approval to give customized incentives to investment proposals worth more than Rs 1 lakh 67 thousand crores. With the implementation of these proposals, about **40 thousand new jobs** will be created in the state. Out of these 90 percent employment will be found in the field of **renewable energy in the desert areas like Jalore, Jaisalmer and Barmer of the state**.
- **Adani Green Energy, Renew Power, Greenko Energies and JSW Solar** are investing about Rs. 1,64,540 crore in the state. This will create 37,000 jobs in the renewable energy sector.
- Significantly, according to the recently released report by the Ministry of Renewable Energy, Government of India, **Rajasthan has become the number one state in the country in installed solar power generation capacity**. In the last eight months, **2348.47 MW** of new solar power capacity has been installed in Rajasthan. During this period, a record investment of Rs. 10 thousand crores has been made in this sector. An ambitious target of producing 30 GW of solar power by 2024-25 has been set in the state.
- The industrial infrastructure available here plays an important role in attracting investors in the state. At present there are 350 industrial areas in the state. 84 thousand acres of industrial land is available here. 150 more industrial parks will be set up in the coming time. There are 40 thousand operational units installed in the RIICO area.
- The **Dedicated Freight Corridor** will pass through about 563 km. of the state. There will be a gas grid project in an area of 1730 km. There are **3 Special Economic Zones (SEZs)** established in the state.

Sambhar Lake Management Agency

Why in News

- Recently, the state government has approved the formation of a dedicated '**Sambhar Lake Management Agency**' for efficient management of **Sambhar Lake**.

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- In order to strengthen and focus on the management of **Sambhar Lake**, the Chief Minister allowed the formation of 'Sambhar Lake Management Agency' for the protection, conservation and all-round development of Sambhar Lake.
- It is noteworthy that **Sambhar Lake**, spread in Jaipur, Ajmer and Nagaur districts, is an internationally renowned **Ramsar site**. The lake is the **second largest brackish water lake in India** and the **largest in the state** and the **largest inland salt production center in Asia**.
- This management agency will be formed **under the chairmanship of the State Forest and Environment Minister and the Chief Secretary**. The Management Agency will work for the protection, conservation and development of the Sambhar Lake area.
- The agency includes Mines, Groundwater and Engineering Department, Forest and Environment, Revenue, Energy Department, Autonomous Government Department, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry Department, Industry Department, Finance Department, Panchayati Raj Department, Water Resources Department, Agriculture Department, Tourism Department, Medical And in-charge of the Health Department and Urban Development Department will be the Secretary.
- Chief Conservator of Forests, Chief Wildlife Warden, Director of RAJUVAS, Salt Commissioner Director, Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited, Jaipur Ajmer Nagaur District Collector will be the Member Secretary.
- Similarly, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, State Biodiversity Board and Chief Manager of Sambhar Salt Limited will be the members.
- Presently there are two Ramsar sites marked as Sambhar and Bharatpur in Rajasthan. This is also a big achievement for Rajasthan because after Chilka, E.K.W. and Loktak this will be **the fourth such lake management agency in the country**.

New National Highway Approved from Sriganganagar to Raisinghnagar

Why in News

- Recently, the Central Government has approved a **National Highway from Sri Ganganagar to Rais-**

inghnagar. 102 km long NH-911 from Sadhuwali near Sri Ganganagar to Bhompura in Raisinghnagar has been approved under the ambitious **Bharatmala project** (to develop national highways in the country).

Key Points

- According to the National Highway officials, the **National Highway Authority of India (NHAI)** will be its executive agency.
- According to officials, **the construction of the highway will be completed in two years**. This national highway will be 10 meters wide. On this, trucks and other heavy goods vehicles will be able to run at a speed of more than 100 km per hour. On this highway, only the existing road will be widened up to 70 km, the remaining 32 km of new road will be built.
- It should be noted that **there was no national highway in this border area**. The National Highway from Sriganganagar to Rajiyasar in the district only connects the big cities. **NH-911 will improve road connectivity in the border area**. The movement of heavy goods vehicles will increase as well as there will be a possibility of new industries to flourish in the towns of the border area.

Rajasthan Social Security Special Persons Pension Scheme

Why in News

- On October 13, 2021, an order was issued by the Social Justice and Empowerment Department of Rajasthan to give the **benefits of pension scheme to all the special persons with 21 types of disabilities** under the '**Rajasthan Social Security Special Persons Pension Scheme**' in the state.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that this step has been taken by amending the **Social Security Special Persons Pension Rules, 2013**, considering all **21 types of disability categories of the state as special persons** in the state.
- Secretary, Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Dr. Samit Sharma informed that earlier, the benefit of social security pension scheme was given only to the special persons having dwarfism of 3 feet 6 inches in height, including 7 types of categories of

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special persons mentioned under the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995.

- He said that due to the effect of **Right of Persons with Disabilities Act-2016**, considering 21 types of disability category as special persons in the state, all the differently abled persons with **21 types of disabilities** would be able to get the benefits of pension scheme.

Pratapgarh District Tops in Covid Vaccination

Why in News

- Recently, in the latest report released at the state level, Pratapgarh district has topped in Covid Vaccination. **Pratapgarh** has left behind all the districts in terms of vaccination in 33 districts.

Key Points

- According to the report, 91.2% people of Pratapgarh district have got the first dose and 48.6% people have got the second dose. On the other hand, Sikar is at second place and Hanumangarh district is at third place.
- It is noteworthy that for the last 10 days, Pratapgarh district was running at the eighth position at the state level, but the district has come first in the five-day vaccination campaign.
- Analyzing the data from the Covid-19 app, it was found that the medical department team administered 687 doses every hour. In the five-day campaign, the teams applied more than 85 thousand doses.

Amendment in Rajasthan Electricity (Fee) Rules, 1970

Why in News

- On October 13, 2021, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the amendment in the **Rajasthan Electricity (Fee) Rules, 1970**.

Key Points

- After this decision of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, the Finance Department has also issued a notification in this regard, which will be **effective from October 31**.
- It is noteworthy that in the budget for the year 2021-22, the Chief Minister had announced to simplify

the important processes in the revenue earning departments and make them online.

- In this sequence, an online facility has been given by simplifying the procedures related to electricity duty. Under this, every person, who generates energy from captive power plants for his own use, consumption or free supply to others, will be able to take advantage of the facility of registration through the departmental website, so that the dealer would not need to be present in the departmental office. Registration certificate will be issued within three days of submission of application.
- Along with this, a facility has also been provided to submit quarterly returns electronically through the website of the department within 30 days from the end of the quarter.

M-Passport App

Why in News

- Recently, the **Chief Secretary of the State Niranjan Arya** launched the **M-Passport App** under the joint aegis of the **Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the State Home Department**. Mapping has been done by **connecting all the police stations of the state with the app**.

Key Points

- Principal Secretary Home Abhay Kumar told about the M-Passport app that, in this app, most of the **questions for police verification are recorded in 'yes' or 'no'**.
- This process is more transparent and convenient. With its introduction, the period of police verification for passports will be reduced from two weeks to one week. He said that after 'pilot run' at some places in the state, it is now being implemented in the entire state.
- Prabhat Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs said that the use of the M-Passport app in the police verification process will not only make it easier for Indian citizens to obtain passports, but also this will be useful in getting 'Police Clearance Certificates' for Indians living abroad and people of Indian origin.
- **Director General of Police Intelligence Umesh Mishra** said that to **reduce the time taken in police verification**, capacity building of policemen is being done (up to the constable level). This facility will improve the service quality of the police in the passport issuance process.

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Connecting Mount Abu, Pushkar, Nathdwara and Piloni in RUIDP

Why in News

- Recently, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal sent by the Department of Autonomous Government to connect **Mount Abu, Pushkar, Nathdwara and Piloni** in Tranche-2 of Phase-4 of **RUIDP under Rajasthan Secondary Towns Development Sector Project (RSTDSP)**.

Key Points

- Various development and beautification works will be done in these four cities linked in RUIDP Phase-4-Trench-2 **funded by Asian Development Bank**. These development works will strengthen the infrastructure in these areas and tourism will also get a boost.
- Under the proposal, works of drinking water supply, road strengthening and renovation of two ponds of the Nathdwara city will be done at a cost of Rs 80 crore. Besides, tourism development, urban beautification and other development works will be done in Mount Abu, Pushkar and Piloni cities at a cost of Rs. 25 crores.
- It is worth mentioning that in Phase-4 of **RUIDP**, works related to sanitation, drainage, drinking water supply and beautification of tourist places are already underway in 14 cities.
- After linking the four new cities, the **DPR** of the proposed works regarding infrastructure development and beautification of these cities **will be prepared by the respective urban bodies**.

National Amrita Haat Inaugurated

Why in News

- On October 15, 2021, Minister of State for Women and Child Development Mamta Bhupesh inaugurated '**National Amrita Haat**' at Shilpgram, Jawahar Kala Kendra in Jaipur **to provide a marketplace for the sale of handmade products by women of Self Help Groups**. Apart from this, awareness chariots prepared by the **United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)** were also flagged off.

Key Points

- The Minister of State for Women and Child Development said on the occasion that **Amrita Haat would encourage the hard work and skills of these women and would help in making them self-reliant**.
- He said that during the festive season, household necessities and handmade decorative and artistic and quality items can be purchased from here.
- At Amrita Haat, embroidery, lac bangles, paper-made products, salwar-suits, terracotta, Kashmiri wool shawls, artificial jewellery, chicken and jewellery work, glass and patchwork, Murabba, spices and other attractive handmade products are available to the customers at reasonable prices.
- National Amrita Haat is being organized in Shilpgram from October 15 to 24, 2021 for the purpose of exhibition and sale of handmade products of different places at one place for the residents of Jaipur.
- Around 140 stalls from different regions of the state have been set up in this Haat. The entry of visitors to the fair is free. Many delicious dishes are also available for sale in the fair premises for the visitors.

Revenue Day

Why in News

- **Revenue Day was celebrated on October 15, 2021, by the Rajasthan Revenue Department** under the chairmanship of Revenue Minister Harish Chaudhary.

Key Points

- In the program organized on Revenue Day, the personnel of Jaipur district of Revenue Department, Kishangarh Renwal Tehsildar Suman Chaudhary, Sanganer Naib Tehsildar Niru Singh, Land Records Inspector Gopal Singh and Patwari Rajendra Singh Gurjar were honoured.
- Revenue Minister Harish Choudhary had announced to observe 15 October as Revenue Day in the state during his speech on the Budget Demands for Grants of the Revenue Department on February 28, 2020, in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.
- **The Rajasthan Tenancy Act came into force on October 15, 1955**, which made Khatedari rights possible for the tenants.

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Rang Bhare Gubbare

Why in News

- From October 16 to 18, 2021, a painting exhibition 'Rang Bhare Gubbare' by Shuchi Sharma, a former Indian Administrative Service officer, was exhibited at the Surekh Art Gallery of Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur.

Key Points

- The exhibition was inaugurated by Gayatri Rathod, Principal Secretary, Art, Literature and Culture Department, and Pawan Arora, Commissioner, Rajasthan Housing Board.
- In this photo exhibition, portraits, landscapes, still life and other life-influenced paintings of Shuchi Sharma were displayed.
- Shuchi Sharma said that in the last one year she has made more than 120 paintings, which have been displayed here. The proceeds from the paintings displayed in this exhibition will be used to help children who have been orphaned due to the Covid epidemic.

Global Youth Tobacco Survey- State Fact Sheet Workshop

Why in News

- On October 18, 2021, Rajasthan's Medical Minister Dr. Raghu Sharma informed that according to the **Global Youth Tobacco Survey conducted by the Union Health Ministry and International Institute for Population Sciences**, the percentage of tobacco consumption among children in the age group of 13 to 15 years is 4.1 percent. This is better than the national average of 8.5 percent.

Key Points

- During this, the Medical Minister said through virtual medium that as per the commitment made in the public announcement of the State Government, the result of effective implementation of tobacco control activities in the State is that the State is among the leading States in the State Fact Sheet.
- Dr. Sharma said that the state government has banned the sale, distribution, storage and advertisement of electronic cigarettes in the state with effect from 30th May, 2019 to prevent drug addiction among the youth.

After this, electronic cigarettes were also banned by the Government of India.

- He said that a complete ban on hookah bar operation has also been imposed in the state. A fine of Rs 1 to 3 lakh and imprisonment of 6 months to 1 year has been made for violation of the rules of hookah bar operation ban.
- The Medical Minister said that under the '**Nirogi Rajasthan**' campaign, one woman and one male health friend, who do not use any kind of intoxicants, had been selected in each revenue village by the state government. A total of 94 thousand health friends were selected and the work of publicity of health activities was started at the village level, in which de-addiction and tobacco control were also included prominently.
- In the workshop, Professor Muraleedharan of International Institute for Population Sciences, Mumbai told that 2 thousand 735 children of 34 schools of the state were asked various questions in the survey. According to the survey, 90 percent of the children admitted that the habit of using tobacco was first formed from school itself. Tobacco use was more common among children in rural areas than in cities. He said that the percentage of tobacco consumption among girls in this age group is similar.

Pre-Primary Classes in English Medium

Why in News

- On October 23, 2021, State Education Minister Govind Singh Dotasara directed to conduct pre-primary classes in Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools in the state.

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- The Education Minister said that in compliance with the budget announcement of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, in the first phase, primary classes would be started in Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools operating at 33 district headquarters before this session. Soon it will be expanded at the block level also.
- The duration of the pre-primary education program will be of 3 years, in which children of 3 years of age or above will be admitted. The number of students in each section will be 25.

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- Dotasara said that a specially designed **curriculum by RSCERT** will be implemented in pre-primary classes. These classes will be conducted for 4 hours a day and five days a week.
- With the implementation of this order of the Education Department, **Rajasthan has become the only state in the country to conduct pre-primary classes in English medium government schools at present.**

100% Vaccination

Why in News

- On October 23, 2021, Medical Minister Dr. Raghu Sharma informed that **Pratapgarh has become such a district in the state where the first dose of corona vaccine has been administered to 100% people.**

Key Points

- For the first time on January 16, 2021, the work of vaccinating health workers/frontline workers started in the state. After this, from March 1, 2021, vaccines began to be given to people above 60 years of age. Vaccination of people above 45 years of age started on 1st April, 2021 and mass vaccination of people above 18 years of age was started on 10th May, 2021.
- RCHO Dr Deepak Meena said that for the campaign, the teams of the medical department reached the inaccessible areas amidst the dangers and launched a vaccination campaign. Vaccination personnel reached the people through rain and boats in the river and vaccinated.

Ghar-Ghar Aushdhi Yojna

Why in News

- On October 25, 2021, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests Munish Kumar Garg informed that **Udaipur division has topped in the first year plant distribution work of important Ghar-Ghar Aushdhi Yojna of the State Government and Forest Department.** It achieved this achievement by meeting the 100 percent target.

Key Points

- Munish Kumar Garg informed that more than 100 percent achievement has been registered in all the districts of Udaipur division in the distribution of saplings under the **Ghar-Ghar Aushdhi Yojna.**

- Banswara, Chittorgarh, Dungarpur, Pratapgarh, Rajsamand, Udaipur and Udaipur North have distributed medicines as per the allotted target.
- **Ghar Ghar Aushadhi Yojana was announced in the Rajasthan Budget 2021-22.** Under this scheme, the distribution of plants started from July 5, 2021. This scheme is being **operated by the Rajasthan Forest Department.**

Panchayat Election, 2021

Why in News

- On October 26, 2021, 65.23 percent voters exercised their franchise in the third and final phase of polling for Panchayat Samiti member and Zilla Parishad member in Alwar and Dholpur districts of Rajasthan.

Key Points

- State Election Commissioner PS Mehra informed that in the third and final phase, polling was held for 167 wards of 7 Panchayat Samitis and their respective Zilla Parishad constituencies of Alwar and Dholpur districts of the state.
- In this phase, maximum voting took place in Kishangarh Bas Panchayat Samiti of Alwar district, where 69.98 percent voters cast their votes.
- There are 606 candidates in the fray for Panchayat Samiti members. The two districts together had a total of 7 lakh 76 thousand 284 voters, out of which 5 lakh 6 thousand 350 voters exercised their franchise.
- On October 20, 2021, 64.24 percent of the voters had voted in the first phase and on October 23, 2021, 57.46 percent of the voters had voted in the second phase.
- Counting of the above three phases will be done on October 29, 2021 at both the district headquarters. At the same time, the election of the head and head of the panchayats will be held on October 30, 2021 and the election of the up-pramukh and vice-pradhan will be held on October 31, 2021.

3704 Villages Declared Deprived

Why in News

- On October 26, 2021, the Rajasthan State Government

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declared 3704 villages in 7 districts of the state as lacking due to water logging and floods, etc. For this, a notification has been issued by the Department of Disaster Management Assistance and Civil Defense.

Key Points

- According to the notification, on the basis of special girdawari done in various districts for Kharif crop

2021, these villages have been declared as deprivation under the **Rajasthan Affected Areas (Suspension of Proceedings) Act, 1952.**

- In this notification, a maximum 1236 villages have been declared in Baran district, 1177 in Jhalawar, 485 in Kota, 469 in Bundi and 224 in Tonk district. In Dholpur and Sawai Madhopur districts also 72 and 41 villages have been declared as deprived.



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