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Rajasthan Creates New History in Iron Ore Block Auction

Why In News?

On July 31, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary (Mines and Petroleum) Dr. Subodh Agrawal informed that the e-auction of iron ore mining block of Bagawas block of Jaipur has been done at 452 percent more than the reserve price, which is more than the mining blocks of the entire country. The highest in auction history.

Key Points

- Dr. Subodh Agarwal said that this is the highest ever premium amount in the entire country since the Mineral Auction Rules, 2015 came into effect. Earlier, Madhya Pradesh had received the highest bid of 320 percent in the auction of mineral rock phosphate blocks.
- Dr. Agarwal said that in the final auction process for allotment of 5.9266 hectares of iron ore block at Bagawas near Viratnagar in Jaipur district, the highest bid by the department was made by Shubh Lohia Prof. Bharat Coal Traders Bhatinda, Punjab put up 45.2 per cent.
- He informed that the auction of this mining block of Iron Ore of Bagawas is likely to fetch the state government a revenue of Rs 119.65 crore in the next 50 years, including royalty, premium, DMFT, NMET etc.
- The Additional Chief Secretary said that with the presence of abundant reserves of iron ore in Rajasthan, the department is preparing blocks for new exploration and auction.
- Jaipur, Sikar, Jhunjhunu, Karauli, Bhilwara and Alwar have abundant reserves of mineral iron ore. At present, a total of 16 mining leases of iron ore including 4 in Jaipur, 3 in Sikar, 6 in Jhunjhunu, 2 in Bhilwara and 1 in Alwar are functional in the state and according to an estimate, they are generating an annual revenue of more than Rs. 50 crore

Government of India Honored Rajasthan in Agri Infra Fund Scheme

Why In News?

The Government of India honored Rajasthan for its excellent work in the Agriculture Infrastructure Fund scheme at a function held in New Delhi on July 30, 2022.

- At the function, Minister of Agriculture, Government of India, Narendra Singh Tomar and Minister of State for Agriculture Kailash Chaudhary gave away the awards to Principal Secretary (Agriculture) of Rajasthan Dinesh Kumar and Registrar (Cooperation) Muktanand Agarwal.
- Rajasthan has received this award for securing the second position as the Rising State in the Agri Infra Fund Scheme.
- Registrar Muktanand Agarwal informed that the state ranks second in the country in terms of projects (amounting to Rs 747.17 crore) approved in the Agri Infra Fund Scheme. A total of 781 projects have been approved in the State. The state also ranks second in the country in terms of loan amount disbursed (Rs 559.50 crore) for the projects. So far, a total of 713 projects have been given loans in the state.
- Agriculture Infrastructure Fund scheme is a scheme for development of infrastructure in the agriculture sector. Under the scheme , an interest subvention of 3% is payable on this scheme by providing credit facility to primary agricultural cooperatives, marketing cooperative societies, farmers' produce organizations, self-help groups, startups, agricultural entrepreneurs, etc. The duration of the scheme for interest subvention benefit is from 2020-21 to 2032-33.
- The Registrar informed that the scheme will benefit units such as warehouse, silo, cold chain logistics facility, pack house, e-marketing platform, grading and sorting, primary processing centre, fruit cooking room etc.
- Units for production of organic inputs in community agriculture projects, infrastructure development for smart and precision farming, development of supply chain infrastructure in clusters, PPP based projects in these sectors etc.
- The Agri-Processing, Agri-Business and Agri-Export Promotion Policy 2019 of the Government of Rajasthan along with the said A. I. F. The scheme has been incorporated in which capital grant is being given upto a maximum of 50% and interest subvention of maximum 6%.
- The benefits of the said schemes are also being extended to the co-operative societies by incorporating the scheme of NABARD to convert PACKS and LAMPS into Multi-Service Centres. The Department of Cooperation in the State has been made the nodal department for implementation of the scheme.



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Funds up to Rs. 5 lakh each for 'Lumpy' virus affected districts in Rajasthan

Why In News?

On August 2, 2022, Chief Secretary Usha Sharma convened an emergency meeting in view of the 'lumpy' virus situation. The 'lumpy' virus has infected 11 districts of Rajasthan. More than 3,000 cows have died from the disease.

Key Points

- Chief Secretary Usha Sharma told the collectors of all the affected districts and the medical officers of the Animal Husbandry Department from the secretariat that branded medicines can also be purchased along with generics to deal with the disease.
- It has been agreed to provide a fund of Rs. 5 lakh each for the affected districts. As per the requirement, 2 to 12 lakh rupees will be released in different districts.
- Additional Director (Health) Dr. N. M. Singh said that the team from the Centre had visited Jodhpur, Nagaur. Now the team will also go to Ganganagar, Hanumangarh, Bikaner, Jalore, Barmer, Jaisalmer, Pali, Sirohi, Rajsamand.
- An alert has also been sounded in districts adjoining Dungarpur, Banswara, Udaipur, Rajsamand and Gujarat border. The Government of India has issued an advisory advising goats to administer the 'Got Pox' vaccine to the bovines, which protects them from 'mata'.

Synthetic Track at Srinathapuram Stadium

Why In News?

On July 31, 2022, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla and Rajasthan's Autonomous Government and Urban Development Minister Shanti Dhariwal laid the foundation stone of the synthetic athletics track at Srinathpuram Stadium.

Key Points

The 400-metre synthetic athletics track to be constructed at Srinathpuram Stadium will be of 8-laning. It will cost around Rs. 7 crore to build this synthetic track being built with the full PUR system. A time limit of 12 months has been fixed for its construction.

- With the creation of a synthetic track of 400 meters under Khelo India, the young players of Kota will get an opportunity to prepare according to international standards without any disruption in every season.
- Autonomous Government Minister Shanti Dhariwal said on the occasion that J.K. A sports complex is being built at the Pavilion Stadium at a cost of Rs 30 crore, in which indoor stadium facilities are being developed for various sports. Many sports grounds including hockey are also being developed in the multipurpose school.

Five-day 'Handloom Festival'

Why In News?

On August 3, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries Department of Rajasthan, Veenu Gupta launched the 'Handloom Festival'. The festival will continue till August 7.

Key points

- On the occasion, Vinu Gupta interacted with weavers of West Bengal, Barmer, Kota and Banaras and also witnessed live performances of Jamdani sarees, Pattu, Kota Doria and Banarasi sarees.
- He felicitated traditional handloom weavers at the event. Hasina Bano from Kathoon in Kota district, Meena Devi, Kaluram and Manohar Lal from Junia in Ajmer district and Moda Ram from Dhanau, Barmer were felicitated for their creativity on the occasion.
- On the occasion of 8th National Handloom Day, 2022, 'Handloom Festival' being celebrated by Rajasthan State Handloom Development Corporation in association with Design Resource Centre and Weavers Service Centre.
- Under the programme, various activities like Weavwalk, Weav-talk, Handloom Quiz, Panel Discussion for five days with the participation of Creative Design Departments of various educational institutions will be organized at the C-Scheme office premises of Rajasthan State Handloom Development Corporation.
- In this programme, the Corporation is also organizing an exhibition of the best handloom products of the weavers of the State with a special discount of 25% for sale to the public.
- It may be mentioned that the National Handloom Day is observed every year on 7th August with the objective of honouring the handloom weavers and



creating awareness about the importance of handloom industry in the social development of the nation and to promote handloom industry. Handloom is environment friendly and a viable way to earn a living.

Mining, Oil and Gas Conclave

Why In News?

On August 3, 2022, a one-day mining, oil and gas conclave was organized at Hotel Marriott in Jaipur district of Rajasthan.

Key points

- The conclave was inaugurated by Rajasthan Mines Minister Pramod Jain Bhaya. He said that in the last three-and-a-half years, the mining sector in the state has been worked out from Zee and a record has been created for achievements ranging from mineral exploration, development of plots of new principal and non-prime minerals to auction to revenue generation.
- In this conclave, the panel discussion in the session 'Hydrocarbon Scenario - Opportunities and Challenges', the hydrocarbon sector in India and Rajasthan and the contribution of Barmer Refinery in Rajasthan to the development of the state and the rapid development in the field of petrochemicals were brainstormed. In this session, the petroleum and natural gas scenario and prospects of the country and the state were discussed.
- In another session, trends and ideas in mines and mineral sector discussed the mineral wealth of India and Rajasthan and contribution to social and economic development. At the same time, the best outcome was churned out by sustainable mining in this field from technology and innovations.
- The Seamless Gas Distribution and Pipeline Network session of the Conclave deliberated upon efforts to develop a City Gas Distribution Network (CGD) as well as the process of laying underground gas pipelines, setting up of pressure regulating stations and CNG stations.
- The mines minister said that the new mineral policy of the state would be more forward-looking, promoting the mining sector faster and connecting all sections of the society with mining. In the new mineral policy, there will be reservation in the mining allocation process for SC, ST, women, specially abled, unemployed technocrat youth etc.

- Provisions are being made to connect the citizens with the mining sector in the State. For the first time, Rajasthan has been awarded the second prize and an incentive of Rs.3.80 crore for its outstanding work in the prime and non-prime mineral sector.
- Formation of RSMET to speed up mineral exploration work, implementation of M sand policy as an alternative to gravel, use of 25% M sand in government construction work, silicosis policy etc., works are being accelerated.
- Referring to the oil and gas sector in Rajasthan, he said that 11 abundant oil and gas leases are approved in 14 districts divided into four basins. One lakh 9 thousand barrels of mineral oil is being produced in the state.
- ACS Mines Dr. Subodh Agrawal said that Rajasthan has become a unique state in terms of mineral reserves. There are rich deposits of Lead, Zinc, Bolestine, Copper, Uranium, Potash, Limestone, Iron Ore, Manganese, Garnet, Gypsum, Marble, Sandstone etc. Rajasthan has come on the world stage with the discovery of uranium, abundant potash reserves have been found, iron ore's Bagawas block in Jaipur district has been auctioned at a premium of 452 percent in the country.
- Dr. Aggarwal told that due to oil and gas, revision has come in West Rajasthan. The per capita income of Barmer has become the highest in the state. The vastness of Rajasthan Refinery can be gauged from the fact that 5 times more concrete than Burj Khalifa and 40 times more steel than Eiffel Tower will be used. A roadmap has been prepared to provide domestic gas connections through 96 lakh pipelines in the next 8 years.

Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar'

Why In News?

On August 5, 2022, 26 schools of the state selected at the national level were honored at the national level in the 'Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar 2021-22' competition of the Government of India in the award ceremony held at Hotel Clark Amer.

- As many as 46,633 government and private schools of the state participated in the 'Swachh Vidyalaya Puraskar' competition held for the session 2021-22.
- The competition was held in two categories, with the first category being based on total marks, while the second category was based on 06 sub-categories (water, toilets, hand washing with soap, operation and maintenance, behaviour change and capacity building and prevention from COVID-19).



- The entire process was done through online mode. A total of 406 schools were identified from the district level by evaluating the registered schools by a committee constituted by the district collector.
- A total of 26 best schools were selected by the State level constituted team in collaboration with the district by conducting a final assessment of 406 schools, out of which 20 schools were selected in the entire marks based category and 6 schools were selected from the sub-category.
- The 26 schools selected will be represented on behalf of the State in this competition based on standards of sanitation with selected schools from other States at the national level. An amount of Rs.25,000/- per school was given to the selected schools as a mark of respect.

Rajasthan Second in the whole Country in Linking Aadhaar Number with voter ID

Why In News?

On August 5, 2022, Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta informed that Rajasthan is at the second position in the entire country by linking more than 12 lakh voter ID cards with aadhaar number in the ongoing campaign to link aadhaar number with voter ID card in the state.

Key Points

- Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta informed that a special campaign is being run from CEO to BLO to link Aadhaar number with voter ID card in the state. In this campaign that started from August 1, so far more than 12 lakh voter ID cards have been linked with Aadhaar number.
- Praveen Gupta informed that in an innovative initiative by the Election Department, under this campaign, all the District Election Officers, ERO, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) of the state have been appointed by government, non-government, private offices, institutions, colleges, In schools, hands-on information is being provided to link voter ID cards with Aadhaar number on its own through voter helpline app.
- It is noteworthy that under this campaign, which started on the instructions of the Election Commission of India from August 1, now every voter can link his

Aadhaar number with his voter ID card to establish his identity. For this a new Form 6B can be filled. Aadhaar number linking can be done through National Voter Service Portal (NVSP), Voter Helpline App, Garuda App or even through BLO of the area.

National Handloom Week Inaugurated in Jaipur

Why In News?

On August 7, 2022, Rajasthan Industries and Commerce Commissioner Mahendra Kumar Parakh launched the **National Handloom Week at the World Trade Park, jaipur's largest** and busiest mall, in a bid to connect weavers and handicraftsmen of Rajasthan with the market.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that NABARD is celebrating Handloom and Handicraft Week from August 7 to August 11 to showcase and sell the products of weavers and handicraftsmen of different districts of Rajasthan.
- Under the National Handloom Week, 10 stalls of products brought by weavers and craftsmen from different districts of the state have been set up.
- Various products are being sold in these stalls, embroidered products from Barmer, Salawas ki Dari from Jodhpur, Pottery products from Udaipur, Kota Doria sarees, suits, dress material etc., Kishangarh art style paintings and Gulkand products from Ajmer, leather Rajasthani shoe products from Sikar and Alwar, wooden paintings from Alwar and Bagru prints from Bagru in Jaipur etc.

Rajasthan First in the Whole Country in Linking Aadhaar Number with Voter ID

Why in News?

On August 10, 2022, Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta informed that Rajasthan ranks first in the entire country in the campaign to link voter ID with Aadhaar number. So far, voter ID card (Voter ID) has been linked with Aadhaar card by more than 55 lakh voters in the state.



Key Points

- Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta said that in the campaign that started from August 1, so far 2 crore 52 lakh voter ID cards have been linked with Aadhar card across the country. Out of which 55 lakh 86 thousand 710 voters have linked their Aadhar card with voter ID card in the state.
- He informed that a special campaign is being run for this in the state from CEO to BLO.
- Taking an innovative initiative by the Election Department hands on information is being given about linking voter ID card with Aadhaar number through Voter Helpline App in all the District Election Officers, EROs, Booth Level Officers (BLOs) of the state, in government, non-government, private offices, institutions, colleges, schools.
- It is noteworthy that under this campaign, which started on the instructions of the Election Commission of India from August 1, now every voter can link his Aadhaar number with his voter ID card to establish his identity. For this a new Form 6-B can be filled. Aadhaar number linking can be done through National Voter Service Portal (NVSP), Voter Helpline App, Garuda App or even through BLO of the area.

Inauguration of 'Shaurya Kala Pradarshani'

Why in News?

On August 9, 2022, Governor of Rajasthan Kalraj Mishra inaugurated the 'Shaurya Kala Pradarshani' at Jawahar Kala Kendra. This art exhibition will run till August 20, 2022.

Key Points

- This exhibition has been organized under the three-day 'Rang Swadhin' function of the West Zone Cultural Arts Center.
- In the series of programs under the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, in this exhibition, pictures of freedom fighters, their lives and important events related to the freedom struggle have been preserved in the form of attractive artefacts.
- It is worth mentioning that Shaurya Kala Shivir was organized by the West Zone Cultural Center during the Covid period, in which artefacts based on the freedom struggle and freedom fighters were created by artists from across the country.

- The Governor also released an album of Mandana artefacts prepared by the Center and 'Panchtantra Katha Manjari' on the occasion.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that the valor saga of the freedom fighters has been displayed here in a very beautiful way through pictures. The young generation will get inspiration from these pictures to know about the great personalities who made invaluable contribution for the country's independence.

North India's Famous Gogaji Mela Begins

Why in News?

On August 11, 2022, Devasthan, Industries and Commerce Minister Shakuntala Rawat duly inaugurated the famous Gogamedi fair of North India, a symbol of communal harmony, by hoisting the flag after offering prayers.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that every year a huge fair is held in Gogamedi (Hanumangarh) from Shravan Shukla Purnima to Bhadrapada Shukla Purnima in the memory of one of the five pirs of Rajasthan, the popular deity Gogaji.
- Veer Gogaji was the son of Raja Jewar Singh, a descendant of the Nagvanshi Chauhans. It is believed that he was born with the blessings of Guru Gorakhnath. He is worshiped as the god of snakes in Rajasthan.
- He was born in Vikram Samvat 1003 in Dadreva of Rajgarh tehsil of Churu district in Rajasthan. He is considered a contemporary of Mahmud Ghaznavi.
- Jaharveer Gogaji is a popular deity in North India. Apart from Rajasthan, Gogaji is also worshiped as a folk deity in Gujarat, Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh.

10 Million Children Set a World Record by Singing Patriotic Songs Together

Why in News?

On August 12, 2022, in the presence of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, 1 crore children of government and private schools of the state set a world record by singing patriotic songs collectively at Sawai Man Singh Stadium.



Key Points

- In this program organized by the Department of Education and Art and Culture at the state, district, block and school level under the Amrit Mahotsav being celebrated to commemorate the completion of 75 years of independence, 1 crore children from across the state performed a collective of patriotic songs. sang.
- Children sang the National Song 'Vande Mataram' and the National Anthem 'Jana Gana Mana' along with patriotic songs like 'Jhanki Hindustan ki and Hum Honge Kaamyaab'.
- On this occasion, Vice President of the World Book of Records, Pratham Bhalla honored Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot with a provisional certificate of world record, which the Chief Minister dedicated to the students and the people of the state.

President's Civil Defence Medals for two Officers of Civil Defence Department of Rajasthan

Why in News?

On the eve of Independence Day on August 14, 2022, two officers of the Civil Defense Department were announced to be awarded the President's Civil Defense Medal by the Government of India.

Key Points

- The two officers who have been announced to be awarded the President's Civil Defense Medal are Jitendra Kumar Soni, Collector and Controller Civil Defense, Alwar District, and Jagdish Prasad Rawat, Deputy Controller (Retd).
- Jitendra Kumar Soni has done excellent work in various disaster management and civil defense works as Collector of Jhalawar, Jalore and Nagaur districts. He has been awarded the President's 'Jeevan Rakshak Medal' by the Government of India in the past for rescuing 8 people trapped in the floods, regardless of his death as the Jalore Collector.
- Along with this, he has also been awarded the Best Controller Civil Defense Award in the year 2016 by

the Government of India at the National Civil Defense College, Nagpur. On the occasion of August 15, 2022, for his important contribution in disaster management and civil defense works, the President's Civil Defense Meritorious Service Medal has been announced.

Similarly, Jagdish Prasad Rawat has been announced to be awarded 'President's Civil Defense Distinguished Service Medal' on the occasion of August 15, 2022, for his meritorious and outstanding services in civil defense and disaster management.

Social Harmony Campaign

Why In news?

On August 17, 2022, Rajasthan Social Justice and Empowerment Department Minister Tikaram Juli held a meeting with high officials at the government secretariat. During this time, he directed the officers to conduct 'Social Harmony Campaign' across the state and prepare an action plan of the campaign.

- It is worth mentioning that recently a meeting was held with the higher officials in the government secretariat in connection with the incident of death after the beating of a child by a school teacher in Jalore.
- He said that under the campaign, awareness will be created among the general public about the provisions mentioned in the Constitution and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Prevention of Atrocities Act. People will be made aware about harmony, which binds all religions, ideas and society in the thread of unity.
- Along with this, Minister Tikaram Juli instructed to write a letter to the Home, Higher Education and School Education Department. He directed the Higher Education and School Education Department to write a letter to the Higher Education and School Education Department and to present challans at the earliest by examining the cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and Tribes Prevention of Atrocities Act.
- He also directed the officials to hold meetings of district and block level vigilance and monitoring committee constituted under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act from time to time.



Committees To Be Formed at Panchayat and Block Level For The Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics

Why in News?

On August 18, 2022, Naveen Jain, Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Rajasthan, issued instrutions to the Chief Executive Officers and Development Officers of all the districts for the formation of committees at the gram panchayat and block level regarding the preparations for organizing the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics-2022.

Key Points

- Gram Panchayat level competitions for Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics-2022 will be held from 29 August to 1 September. The winning teams at the gram panchayat level will participate in the competitions organized at the block level from September 12.
- Committee at the Gram Panchayat level The convenor of the committee will be the Sarpanch of the Gram Panchayat. The principal, village secretary, patwari and physical teacher of government schools will be the members of the committee.
- Committee at Block Level The Convenor of Block Level Committee will be the Sub-Divisional Officer of the Panchayat Samiti and the Block Development Officer will be the Member Secretary. In this, the head of the Block Panchayat Samiti, the Chief Block Education Officer, the representative of the Medical and Health Department and the District Sports Officer and the State Physical Teacher will be members.
- It is worth mentioning that for the first time Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games will be organized in the state. In this event starting from August 29, the sports talents of village-Dhani will get a state level platform and the state will get players for the future.
- 30 lakh villagers have registered for these games. Sports like Kabaddi, Kho-Kho, Tennisball Cricket, Volleyball, Hockey and Shooting will be played in this. After the districts, the state level games between the winning teams will be held at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur.

Chief Minister Digital Service Scheme

Why In News?

Recently, a senior official of the Rajasthan government said that three major telecom companies of the country have shown interest in the state's **'Chief Minister Digital Service Scheme'** Under this scheme, 1.35 crore women in the state are to be given smartphones.

Key Points

- Three of the four companies that submitted technical bids for the 'Chief Minister Digital Service Scheme' joined in, project in-charge Chhatrapal Singh said. Now a high-level committee will assess the tenders and decide further.
- The process is expected to be completed at the earliest so that this budgetary announcement of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot can be implemented before the assembly elections next year.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had announced the 'Chief Minister Digital Service Scheme' in this year's state budget. Under this, women heads of 1.35 crore 'Chiranjeevi families' in the state are to be given smart phones with three years of internet connectivity. The phone will have voice calls and SMS facility in addition to internet for three years.
- The project is worth about Rs.12,000 crore, including mobile phones, three years of internet and other items. The mobile to be given will be able to have two SIMs and the SIM will already be activated in its 'primary slot'. It cannot be changed.
 - This mobile will be used by the state government to give benefits of various government schemes to 'Chiranjeevi families'. Along with this, it will be able to publicize its public welfare schemes through this and it will also have data of those who have taken advantage of the schemes.

State's First Motor Market Inaugurated

Why In News?

On August 21, 2022, Rajasthan's Autonomous Government Minister Shanti Dhariwal inaugurated the state's first well-organized motor market in Kota and gave a big gift to motor businessmen.



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Key Points

- Apart from providing facilities to the citizens doing motor business in different places in the city, this motor market will also get rid of the problem of traffic jam in the city.
- The Autonomous Government Minister said that this is the first well-organized motor market of the state, in which the citizens doing motor business will get all the facilities at one place. Here those who buy old vehicles at one place will also get many options.
- He said that all the facilities have been constructed here by the Urban Development, the ownership of the shop has been provided by taking only the cost of shop construction from the businessmen doing motor business.
- The Minister said that Devnarayan Integrated Housing Scheme has been made for the convenience of cattle rearers in the city, in which all facilities have been included for cattle rearers. This has relieved the cattle rearers from the problems faced in daily life, while also getting rid of unauthorized cattle enclosures in the city.
- The state's first motor market, prepared by the City Development Trust, has been developed near Shivaji Park on DCM Road. At present, 247 shops are manufactured and 9 shops will be constructed. In this, construction of CC road for businessmen, modern toilets, road lights, electrification of all shops have been done. About 15 bighas of area is reserved for this.

Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Mitra Samvad App and Incubation Center in Kota, Bikaner and Churu

Why In News?

On August 20, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated world class incubation centres in Kota, Bikaner and Churu at the closing ceremony of Rajasthan Digifest held at Birla Auditorium.

Key Points

After Jaipur, Udaipur and Jodhpur, centres have been set up in these three districts to provide better facilities to startups. These centers will also get guidance from experts in the IT sector.

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot also gave away prizes to the e-governance award winners of the last three years. He also distributed an incentive of Rs 41.15 lakh to 74 students under school startup program and rural iStart program.
- He also launched three websites 'WebMyway', 'Sotto' and 'Rajsambal' and Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Mitra Samvad App, which proved useful to the common man.
- The Chief Minister said that during the Corona period, Rajasthan was at the forefront of corona management in the entire country due to the use of information technology. During this time more than 500 video conferences were held, in which members up to the gram panchayat level joined.
- IT also played an important role in the management of medicines and medical equipment, the survey of the working class who lost employment during the lockdown, the hawkers. During this period, the financial assistance amount was sent through DBT to the accounts of about 35 lakh people.
- Chief Minister Shri Gehlot said that under the Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship for Academic Excellence, 200 talented students are being sent for higher education in reputed educational institutions of the country and abroad at government expense.

Rajiv Gandhi Center of Advanced Technology

Why In News?

On August 20, 2022, former Prime Minister Late. On the occasion of Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the '**Rajiv Gandhi Centre of Advanced Technology' (R-CAT)** in Jaipur.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that this will provide an opportunity to the youth of the state to learn advanced and emerging technologies in areas like Artificial Intelligence, Cloud Computing, Cyber Security, Robotics, Machine Learning, Data Analytics.
- The youth will be trained by experts from big companies in these fields. World class IT In the finishing school, youth will get training in advanced technology. Tech graduates will get up to 6 months training in IT technology. This will provide excellent employment opportunities to the youth and they will be able to play an important role in the development of the state.



- The Chief Minister said that to strengthen the IT sector in Rajasthan, the construction of fintech university is going to start in Jodhpur at a cost of Rs 650 crore. Apart from this, institutes of IT education will soon be set up at divisional headquarters in the name of Rajiv Gandhi.
- In order to ensure availability of quality technical manpower as per the demand of the government and industry in the state, R-CAT has been awarded to the Department of Information Technology and Communication under the Rajasthan Societies Registration Act, 1958 in 2022 to conduct certificate courses on a partnership basis with leading it sector institutions by adopting a world-class certification program. established under the patronage of the Government of Rajasthan.
- Now this institute will be trained by partner institutes on Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI-ML), Blockchain, Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality (AR/ PR), Big Data Analytics, Robotics and Tum Computing etc. and successful candidates will also be given world-class certificates.
- R-CAT will act as a finishing school for the development of youth and working professionals, technical and soft skills to tailor them to industry-driven demand and support start-ups for industry update support, use of already established laboratories etc.
- Advanced and emerging IT-based technologies of one week to six months duration for professional graduates like BE, BTech, BCA, MCA MBA and MSc (IT) in collaboration with global tech giants like Oracle VMware SAS RedHat Sisco and Cadotafina, such as Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (AI-ML) Blockchain, Augmented Reality and Virtual Reality (Azar/Azar) Training programmes on VR, Big Data Analytics Robotics and Quantum Computing etc. will be conducted.

Rajasthan Digifest-2022

Why In News?

Rajasthan Digifest-2022 was organized by the state government on August 19-20, 2022 to promote youth in the field of technology and entrepreneurship. In this twoday Digifest-2022, the youth participated actively with their startups.

Key Points

- The multi-faceted event saw young startups, investors, corporates, and academicians coming together on one platform.
- In the two-day Digifest, 45 accredited iStart startups representing various universities and ATLs from across the state showcased their startup products and services. All these startups got the facility of their interaction in front of government officials for direct purchase of products and services.
- In the startup market, 30 startups from product-based urban and rural areas are being given the opportunity to showcase and sell their products.
- Digifest invited various industry, bodies and supporters of the startup ecosystem to participate in the discussion, which was attended by various stakeholders from the startup and youth ecosystem.
- Speakers invited from across the country at these conferences not only gave direct feedback to the government but also built relationships for startups and other key stakeholders in the ecosystem.
- More than 3000 students from more than 50 schools of Rajasthan participated in B-Quiz, Ad-MAD competition in Digifest. The objective of the event was to make young students of Rajasthan aware of the ecosystem.
- On this occasion, 51 students of division and district level were awarded under School Innovation Challenge under School Startup Program and 23 students under Rural iStart Program.
- It is worth mentioning that under the Rajasthan Startup Policy, 2015, funding has been evaluated and approved by the Evaluation Committee and The State Level Implementation Committee to 67 startups with a funding value of about Rs 441 crore.

Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games Mascot Unveiled

Why In News?

On August 22, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot unveiled the mascot '**Sheru'** of the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games to be held in villages and hamlets in the indoor hall of Sawai Mansingh Stadium and also released the theme song.



Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that a budget provision of Rs.
 40 crore has been made for the Rural Olympic Games starting from August 29 in the state.
- The main objective of the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics is to find and bring forward rural sportspersons, nurture their talent, encourage them and promote sportsmanship among the common man.
- The Chief Minister said that rural Olympics are for all age groups. About 30 lakh players are participating in these games and 2 lakh teams have been formed.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that the state government has increased the incentive amount given to the players who have won medals at the national and international level including Olympics, Commonwealth, Asiad. The gold medal winner is being given an increase of Rs 75 lakh to Rs 3 crore, the silver medal winner from Rs 50 lakh to Rs 2 crore and the bronze medal winner from Rs 30 lakh to Rs 1 crore.
- Apart from this, the prize money of Rs 30 lakh, Rs 20 lakh and Rs 10 lakh for winning gold, silver and bronze medals in Asian and Commonwealth Games has been increased to Rs 1 crore, Rs 60 lakh and Rs 30 lakh respectively.
- He said that 229 sportspersons who excelled have been given government jobs under the out of turn policy by the state government. Apart from this, pension scheme has also been implemented for trainers. A provision of 2 percent reservation in government jobs has been made for the players and they are being given jobs up to DSP level.
- The Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games are scheduled to be held from August 29 to September 1 at the gram panchayat level, September 12 to September 15 at the block level, September 22 to September 25 at the district level and October 2 to October 5 at the state level.
- The games are being organised in coordination with sports department, rural development and panchayati raj department, education department, health department and local administration.
- Kabaddi (Boys/Girls), Shooting Ball (Boys), Kho-Kho (Girls), Volleyball (Boys/Girls), Tennis ball Cricket (Boys/Girls) and Hockey 6 sports including (boys/girls category) will be included.

Five-day Exhibition on Women's Equality Day

Why In News?

On August 23, 2022, Chief Secretary Usha Sharma inaugurated a five-day exhibition of products of women self-help groups at Shilpgram of Jawahar Kala Kendra. The exhibition will be open till August 27.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that on the occasion of 'Women Equality Day', a series of five-day celebrations have been started under the joint aegis of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department and Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council.
- The exhibition showcased various handicrafts and handloom products by women of self-help groups from different districts of the state and from Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Jharkhand, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Bihar, Telangana, Haryana, Gujarat, Uttarakhand. About 150 stalls have been set up.
- On this occasion, the Chief Secretary gave several instructions to the officers like regular training of women of women groups, their help in selling their products on online platform and connecting these groups with Anganwadi. Along with this, he also instructed to look into the possibilities of promoting many products of SHGs as corporate gifts.
- Aparna Arora, Principal Secretary of the Department, and State Mission Director and Rural Development Secretary, Rajivika Manju Rajpal told the Chief Secretary that soon an MoU will be signed by Rajivika for the sale of products of women self-help groups through Amazon online platform.

Investors Meet and MoU Signing Ceremony

Why In News?

On August 24, 2022, MoUs worth Rs 69,789.93 crore were signed between the Government of Rajasthan and investors in the **'Investors' Meet and MoU Signing Ceremony'** held in New Delhi under **'Invest Rajasthan 2022'.** This will generate a total of 11846 direct employment opportunities in the state.



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Key Points

- The 'Investors Meet and MoU Signing Ceremony' was held in New Delhi as part of 'Invest Rajasthan 2022' to be held in Jaipur on October 7 and 8. So far, MoUs and LoIs worth about Rs 11 lakh crore have been signed, including this MoU.
- The MoU worth Rs 69,789.93 crore includes about Rs 40,000 crore on green hydrogen and ammonia project by Avadda Power, Rs 25,000 crore in renewable energy and solar energy sector by O2 Power SG Pte, Rs 1400 crore by Asahi India Glass Limited, Rs 1000 by St Gobain There are proposals to set up a float glass manufacturing unit with an investment of Rs 1 crore.
- Apart from this, Varun Beverages Limited will set up a manufacturing unit of carbonated soft-drinks, fruit-juice and packaging products worth Rs 636 crore. Wipro will invest Rs 200 crore in the hydraulic cylinder project in Jaipur.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that there is immense potential for the establishment of industrial zones in Rajasthan. Many schemes are being run by the state government for industrial development. This has made it easier for investors to invest in the state.
- At present, Rajasthan has become the leading state in the entire country as a state with huge investments in refineries, petrochemicals, solar energy, education, health, infrastructure development etc. Rajasthan has become the first choice with the favorable policy framework available to investors.
- The Chief Minister said that industrial zones are being set up in every block of Rajasthan by RIICO. Rajasthan has better connectivity than the country as 25 percent of NCR is in power. Rajasthan ranks first in the country in the field of solar energy. A large part of the Dedicated Freight Corridor and Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor also pass through Rajasthan. This will give a big benefit to the investors.
- The Chief Minister said that under RIPS, investors are being given packages as per their requirement. Under MSME-2019, all government approvals are being made available at one place from the one stop shop system with no government permission required for 3 years to the new enterprise units.
- The state government has formulated a policy for every sector including solar energy, wind energy, MSME and RIPS. Jodhpur district has the world's largest solar park spread over 14 thousand acres.

- Speaking on the occasion, Industries and Commerce Minister Shakuntala Rawat said 40 percent of the DFC corridor area and about 60 percent of the DMIC pass through the state. Due to the largest state and strategic situation, Rajasthan offers huge investment potential. Recently, several steps have been taken to promote investment like One Stop Shop, Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme 2019, Facilitation of Establishment and Operation Act.
- Rajasthan Small Industries Corporation Limited Chairman Rajiv Arora said that Rajasthan has become the best place for investment. Rajasthan is called the land of opportunities. Investors are getting various approvals on the same portal in Rajasthan. The state government is committed to work towards the development of Rajasthan with new cargo complex in Jaipur, new facility for export clearance and new cargo complex in Udaipur, ICD in Bikaner.

Permanent Bench of Rajasthan Civil Services Appellate Tribunal

Why In News?

On August 24, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the setting up of a permanent bench of the Rajasthan Civil Services Appellate Tribunal in Jodhpur. He also approved the proposal to hold a meeting of the Jodhpur Chala Bench on 8 effective days of every month till the formation of a permanent bench in Jodhpur.

- It may be mentioned that the Hon'ble High Court of Rajasthan, Jodhpur, has been appointed as a judge of D. B. This decision has been taken in compliance with the interim order dated 19.7.2022 of the Hon'ble Court in the Civil Writ Petition.
- With this, the process will start for the establishment of a permanent bench of the tribunal at Jodhpur in accordance with the provisions prescribed in the Rajasthan Civil Services Appellate Tribunal Act, 1976 and the Rajasthan Civil Services Appellate Tribunal Rules, 1976.
- Till the formation of the Permanent Bench, the meeting period of the Circuit Bench in Jodhpur will be 8 effective days in every month.



Special Judicial Magistrate Court

Why In News?

On August 24, 2022, the state government issued a notification declaring all the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Courts established at six district headquarters including Beawar (Ajmer district) as Special Judicial Magistrate Courts.

Key Points

- Principal Secretary, Law and Legal Affairs Department, Praveer Bhatnagar said that additional chief judicial magistrate courts have been declared as special judicial magistrate courts for speedy disposal of cases.
- Of these, all the Additional Chief Judicial Magistrate Courts established at Beawar (Ajmer district), Alwar, Chittorgarh, Pali, Rajsamand and Sikar headquarters have been declared as Special Judicial Magistrate Courts.
- The local jurisdiction of these courts shall be determined by the concerned District and Sessions Judge and Chief Judicial Magistrate under the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973.

National Teacher Award

Why In News?

On August 25, 2022, the Ministry of Education, Government of India released the final list of names of 46 teachers from different states of the country selected for the National Teacher Awards 2022. It also includes the names of two teachers from Rajasthan.

Key Points

- President Draupadi Murmu will present the National Awards for the year 2022 to selected teachers and teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day on September 5, 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and a silver medal.
- Two teachers from Rajasthan selected for the National Teacher Award given by the Ministry of Education, Government of India on Teachers' Day include Sunita, a science teacher from Government Higher Secondary School of the Deaf, Bikaner and Durgaram Muwal, a teacher of Government Upper Primary School, Pargiyapada, Udaipur.

- Teacher Sunita has encouraged these special children to participate in state level science competition and national level Inspire Award continuously since 2017 under the innovation of teaching science with deaf and deaf children. These children have also built a science lab in this special school. Apart from this, a girl student of the school has secured a place in Olympiad and has made the country proud by getting silver medal.
- Apart from teaching, teacher Durgaram is also active in preventing child labour and child trafficking. More than 400 children associated with child labour and child trafficking have been rescued and linked back to education. There are more than 250 girls. Apart from this, innovation in education, the weight of children's bags of primary classes has been reduced.
- Teacher Durgaram had helped make Panchayat Madi the first tribal panchayat with the most vaccinations across India by acting as a warrior during the corona vaccination. He himself bears the education expenses of the girl students studying in higher classes and spends one month salary every year on school development and school children. Apart from this, while working under environmental protection, he has done environmental protection work by planting more than 11000 saplings. Along with this, by becoming the parents of destitute children, they are also working to connect them with education.
- On the occasion of Teachers' Day, the Department of School Education and Literacy of the Ministry of Education organizes a national function every year on September 5, in which national awards are given to the best teachers of the country.
- The selection of teachers for the awards is done in a transparent manner through an online three-tier selection process.
- The objective of conferring the National Award to Teachers is to underline the unique contribution of the teachers of the country and to honor such teachers, who have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students with their commitment and hard work. has done.

Rajasthan 'Mahila Nidhi'

Why In News?

On August 26, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot established the first 'Mahila Nidhi' (Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi Cooperative Credit Federation) for the social



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and economic advancement of women in the state level Women's Equality Day celebration organized at Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Center (JECC), Sitapura.) was launched.

Key Points

- This fund will provide easy loans to women for business growth and entrepreneurship in addition to daily needs.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister provided an amount of Rs. 1 crore 42 lakh as loan from Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi to the members of 386 self-help groups of 6 districts. He also awarded 8 women of Rajivika Community cadre for their distinguished work at the community level.
- The Chief Minister said that in the budget 2022-23, it was announced to set up the Women Fund through the Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council. Rajasthan is the second state in the country after Telangana where women's fund has been established.
- Mahila Nidhi has been established to strengthen the women self-help groups, get loans from banks, increase the income of poor, propertyless and marginal women and social and economic progress of women by skill development.
- Under this scheme, loans up to Rs 40,000 will be deposited in 48 hours and loans above Rs 40,000 will be deposited in the bank account of the group of members applied within a time limit of 15 days.
- At present, 2 lakh 70 thousand self-help groups have been formed in 33 districts of the state, in which 30 lakh families are connected. In the financial year 2022-23, 50 thousand self-help groups are proposed to be formed, in which about 6 lakh families will be connected. A total of 36 lakh families in the state will get benefits from Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi in a phased manner based on their needs.
- In the program, an MoU was signed with Amazon for online sale of products. This will list products made by over 15,000 women entrepreneurs and self-help groups on the online marketplace and made available to millions of Amazon customers across the country.
- Through this, work will be done to empower the artisans and weaver community and encourage them to digital inclusion by making them Amazon sellers. Chief Minister's Work from Home Job Work Scheme and portal were also launched on the occasion.

- On this occasion, the scope of 'Indira Gandhi Matritva Poshan Yojna', which was earlier implemented in 5 districts of TSP area, was extended to all the districts. Under this scheme, a total of Rs 6000 is given in 5 installments on the birth of the second child. Now the benefit of this scheme will be available to the women of entire 33 districts from April 1, 2022.
- Apart from this, the second phase of 'UDAN Yojana' was also launched in the program, in which a provision of Rs 600 crore has been made for 1 crore 45 lakh adolescent girls and women. It is noteworthy that 29 lakh adolescent girls and women have been benefited from the first phase of this scheme.

Rajasthan Tops in Service Delivery through Digital Medium

Why In News?

On August 26, 2022, Information and Technology Commissioner, Rajasthan, Ashish Gupta said that Rajasthan has now become Sirmaur state in the country in the service delivery of schemes through digital medium. There are a total of one lakh e-mitras operating in the state.

Key Points

- A total of one lakh e-mitras are operating in the state including 85 thousand e-mitras and 15 thousand e-mitras plus, whereas in the country this figure is 3 lakh. In this way, one-third of the e-mitras of the entire country are operated in Rajasthan.
- Information and Technology Commissioner Ashish Gupta gave this information while addressing a state level workshop on 'Recent Initiatives to Simplify Aadhaar Usage' at Bhamashah Techno Hub, Jhalana Dungri.
- He said that earlier in the state, the common man had to visit government offices to take advantage of government schemes or for other works, but in this era of digital revolution, now all the schemes of the government are available on mobile phones and digital service delivery has increased transparency in the system.
- The most important role in service delivery is the authenticity of the data. In the state, this work is being done through Aadhar card or Jan Aadhar card. In the coming time, work is being done to make Aadhaar registration 100% in the state.



Rajasthan gets Award for Smart Water Supply Monitoring System

Why In News?

On August 25, 2022, In the 3rd Digitech Conclave-2022 held in New Delhi, Rajasthan was awarded for its remarkable work in installing IoT based Smart Water Supply Monitoring System.

Key Points

- Rajasthan's Public Health Engineering and Ground Water Minister Dr. Mahesh Joshi received this award.
- Dr. Joshi said that Rajasthan has installed IoT based smart water supply monitoring systems in most villages under a pilot project using digital technology.
- IoT (Internet of Things) based smart water supply monitoring systems have been installed for real-time monitoring of drinking water supply through taps in 15 villages of Jaipur district selected under a pilot project in Jal Jeevan Mission.
- In this system, sensors have been installed at the beginning of the drinking water supply line, branch node and tail node of the pipeline. These sensors have been connected to the Internet. Data collected by sensors is exchanged and monitored through the Internet.
- Through the sensors, it is also known that the water in the tank is pure and there is no contamination in it. Also, data on the water that the tail end consumer is getting, what is the pressure of the water, how the flow is, the pH value, TDS, chlorine and fluoride, the data is also received from the sensors.

4 New Facilities at Central Arid Zone Research Institute (KAJRI), Jodhpur

Why In News?

On August 28, 2022, Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Narendra Singh Tomar simultaneously inaugurated 4 new facilities at the Central Arid Region Research Institute (KAJRI), which has been providing excellent services for more than 60 years under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).

Key Points

- Union Minister Narendra Singh Tomar inaugurated a new auditorium, agri-business nurturing centre, eco-friendly waste water treatment plant and indoor sports hall at Kajri.
- He said that due to the research work done by Kajri, the income of farmers is increasing due to dune stabilization, sprinkler and drip irrigation system and due to reduced cost in agriculture due to new varieties of crops, grasses and fruits. Kajri's works like solar energy, reduction in cost of cultivation, livestock management will also be beneficial for the farmers of arid region.
- Due to the new technologies and research achievements being developed by Kajri from time to time, Kajri has received 8 awards out of 10 National Awards of Indian
 Council of Agricultural Research in the last six years.
- It is worth mentioning that the Desert Afforestation Center was established in Jodhpur in 1952 to reduce the process of rapid degradation and productivity reduction of land and to scientific and sustainable management of resources, which was later expanded into a Desert Afforestation and Soil Conservation Center in 1957. Finally, under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi, it was given the status of a full-fledged institute in 1959 as the Central Arid Zone Research Institute (KAJRI).
- There are 6 divisions in the headquarters located at Kajri Jodhpur. Its four regional research centers are located for on-site problem-based research in different agro-climatic conditions.

Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic- 2022 Inaugurated at State Level

Why In News?

On August 29, 2022, on National Sports Day, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics-2022, organized for the first time in the form of Mahakumbh of sports in Rajasthan, from village Pal of Luni Panchayat Samiti, Jodhpur.



Key Points

- On the occasion of the inauguration of Rajiv Gandhi Gramin Olympics-2022, the Chief Minister made an ambitious announcement to organize Rural Olympic Games by ensuring the participation of municipal bodies in urban areas on the lines of rural areas for the development of sports and encouraging sports talent in the state.
- Along with this, he also announced to organize the Rural Olympic Games every year, so that the interest in sports in rural areas remains and the practice period continues continuously.
- He said that in these games, about 29 lakh 80 thousand players have registered for six sports simultaneously in a total of 11 thousand 285 gram panchayats of the state. They have formed 2 lakh 21 thousand 55 teams, including 20 lakh 37 thousand men and 10 lakh women players. These range from children to the elderly.
- The Provisional Certificate of The Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics-2022 was given to the Chief Minister after the Book of World Records was recorded in London for the participation of such a large number of players.

Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme

Why In News?

On August 30, 2022, in order to provide employment opportunities to every person in the state, Chief Minister

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Ashok Gehlot announced to start 'Indira Gandhi Shahari Rozgar Guarantee Yojana' from September 9, 2022 at the foundation stone laying ceremony held at Shri Umaid Government Stadium, Jodhpur on August 30, 2022.

- The Chief Minister said that on the lines of 'Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme', innovative initiatives have been taken to implement 'Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme' in the state. So far, about 1.5 lakh people have registered under the scheme.
- In pursuance of the Chief Minister's budget announcement year 2022-23, 'Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme' is being implemented on the lines of MNREGA to provide financial support to the families living in the limits of urban bodies of urban areas of the state, especially economically weaker, helpless and unemployed families.
 - The objective of this scheme is to ensure the safety of the family living in the urban area by providing them 100 days of guaranteed employment in a year. This scheme will also help the families living in urban areas to earn a living.
- It is the largest urban employment guarantee scheme in the country. A provision of Rs 800 crore has been made annually for the scheme.
 - Under the scheme, members in the age group of 18 years to 60 years living in the local body area will be registered on the basis of Jan Aadhaar card. Employment will be provided to the ward or zone in which the applicant lives.



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