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## 'Nayab Hunar Haat'

### *Why in News*

- On February 28, 2022, Rajasthan's Industries and Commerce Minister Shakuntala Rawat inaugurated the 'Nayab Hunar Haat' exhibition at Urban Haat (in front of Jal Mahal) in Jaipur. The exhibition will be held till March 14.

### *Key Points*

- This exhibition is being organized under the joint aegis of Enterprise Promotion Institute and Rajasthan Minorities Finance and Development Corporation Limited.
- About 100 more artisans and weavers are participating in the 'Nayab Hunar Haat' exhibition. The stalls have been set up by the artisans, which mainly includes lac bangles, kundan meenakari, painting, artificial jewellery, blue pottery, marble and metal handicraft, wooden handicraft, terracotta, hand block printing etc.
- Apart from this, stalls of various institutions- Weavers' Union, Rajasthan Handloom Development Corporation, Khadi Board and Craft Council of Weavers and Autosmen etc. have also been set up.
- Arrangements have also been made for live demos on blue pottery, weaving cloth on looms, making utensils with chalk, lac bangles etc. at the exhibition venue. Various cultural programs will be organized during the program at the venue.
- The handcrafted art of Rajasthan is world famous, there is some art present in every region. Such events provide market support to the artisans to sell the products.
  - There is a lot of potential for the development of artisans, handlooms and various arts in Rajasthan, the state government is also going to create a Directorate of Handloom Handicrafts. Many efforts are being made for the upliftment of arts and craftsmen, that is why the export of handicrafts from Rajasthan has also increased.

## Rajasthan Gaurav Alankaran

### *Why in News*

- On March 1, 2022, Rajasthan Gaurav Alankaran Ceremony-2022 was organized by Sanskriti Yuva Sanstha of Rajasthan at Hotel Uniara.

### *Key Points*

- In the beginning of the program, Governor Kalraj Mishra got the objective and fundamental duties of the constitution read.
- The Governor honored senior Indian Police Service officer Prasanna Kumar Khmesra, Indian Administrative Service officer Rajan Vishal, Vaibhav Galaria, Lakshyaraj Singh Mewar of the former royal family of Udaipur, Sahitya Akademi awardee poet and litterateur Dr Rajesh Kumar Vyas, educationist Professor AK Gehlot and other dignitaries who made remarkable contribution in various fields.
- Sanskriti Yuva Sanstha has been working for the last 27 years to honor the talents of Rajasthan and the country related to various fields including literature, music, art, business, administration, journalism.
- HC Ganeshia, the patron of the organization, said that the Jaipur Marathon is being organized by the organization on March 13.

## Two New Solar Parks in Jaisalmer and Bikaner

### *Why in News*

- Two new solar parks of 1800 MW capacity will be developed in Jaisalmer and Bikaner of the state.

### *Key Points*

- In the first phase, 800 MW capacity solar park in Jaisalmer will be developed through Rajasthan Vidyut Utpadan Nigam and 1000 MW capacity solar park in Bikaner will be developed through Rajasthan Solar Park Development, a subsidiary of Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation.
- Both the parks will be developed under Mode 8 of the central government scheme. For this, approval has been received from the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy of the Central Government.
- Rajasthan is continuously developing in the field of renewable energy. It has become a leading state in the country in the field of green energy. Even during Invest Rajasthan, MoU LUI has been signed for investment of about 8 lakh crore rupees in the solar energy sector in the state.

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- At present, the world's largest solar park of 2245 MW capacity has also been developed at Bhadla in Jodhpur district of Rajasthan. Similarly, a solar park of 925 MW capacity is being developed by Renewable Energy Corporation at Nokh in Jaisalmer district.
- So far 10,560 MW solar power capacity has been developed in the state. In this way, Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to develop 10 GW of solar power.
- With the establishment of new parks, renewable energy based infrastructure will develop in the state as well as new investment and employment opportunities will develop. With this, the production of low cost and green energy will increase in the state.

## 'Parinda Bandho Campaign'

### *Why in News*

- On the occasion of World Wildlife Day on March 3, 2022, Dr. Samit Sharma, Government Secretary, Social Justice and Empowerment Department of Rajasthan, started the campaign 'Parinda Bandho Abhiyan' to tie Parinda and Chugga pots for the protection of birds.

### *Key Points*

- Secretary Dr. Samit Sharma said that the department is running a campaign for tying birds and arranging chugga pots for birds in departmental offices, residential schools, hostels, homes and other institutions.
- He said that the launch of this campaign on World Wildlife Day has a special significance. This day makes us aware of our environmental concern and responsibility.
- In order to conduct the campaign in the departmental offices at the state level, everyone has been directed that in summer, the arrangement of water in birds' birds and food grains in chugga pots should be done with mutual cooperation.

## Mand and Bhajan Singer of Rajasthan Honored with Nari Shakti Puraskar

### *Why in News*

- On the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, 2022, President Ram Nath Kovind awarded

Nari Shakti Puraskar to 29 women who have done exceptional work towards women empowerment. It also includes Batul Begum, a Mand and Bhajan folk song singer from Rajasthan.

### *Key Points*

- The President presented the Nari Shakti Puraskar to 29 women at a special function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan. For the years 2020 and 2021, 14-14 awards were given and one award was given jointly to two women.
- These awards are given to women who have done remarkable work in the field of entrepreneurship, agriculture, innovation, social work, art, handicrafts, wildlife conservation, linguistics, merchant navy, education, literature, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and rights of persons with disabilities.
- For recognition of Indian folk music at the international level, Rajasthan's Mand and Bhajan folk singer Batul Begum was honored with the Nari Shakti Puraskar.
- It is noteworthy that women who have done exceptional and outstanding work towards the empowerment of weak and marginalized women are honored with Nari Shakti Puraskar every year. The Nari Shakti Puraskar ceremony of 2020 could not be held due to the Corona epidemic.
- On the other hand, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya honored women health workers of Rajasthan, Kaushalya ANM Sanganer, Jaipur and Sunita Mahiya ANM CHC Makrana, Nagaur, by presenting them a citation and a memento for their outstanding contribution in the work of Kovid vaccination.
- It is noteworthy that health worker Kaushalya got more than 76 thousand people vaccinated, while ANM Sunita Mahiya got more than 74 thousand people vaccinated against Kovid, which is a record achievement in the country.

## Food Safety Laboratory In Every District

### *Why in News*

- On March 9, 2022, Rajasthan's Medical and Health Minister Parsadi Lal Meena informed the Legislative

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Assembly that food laboratories would be set up in every district during this financial year to check adulteration.

### Key Points

- The process of setting up laboratories in all the districts except Churu and Jalore districts is under process.
- Proposals for labs at Churu and Jalore have been sent to the Government of India under the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006. Lab operations can be started in these two districts only after getting approval.
- The Medical Minister informed that as per the provision of Section 29(1) of the Food Safety and Standards Act, 2006, the State Level Rajasthan Food Safety Authority has been constituted vide government order dated June 22, 2020, for effective implementation of the Act.
- It is noteworthy that in order to ensure that people get pure food items, in this budget announcement, the Chief Minister has announced the formation of Food Safety Authority in every district.
- Food laboratories are operating in 11 districts of the state- Jaipur, Jodhpur, Alwar, Banswara, Bikaner, Udaipur, Ajmer, Kota, Bharatpur, Churu and Jalore to check adulteration. Apart from this, 9 mobile food laboratories are also operating in the state at the divisional level.
- Approval has been issued to make provision in the budget for setting up of food laboratories in Sikar, Baran, Bhilwara, Barmer, Dholpur, Nagaur and Ganganagar districts in the cradle of the budget announcement.

## National Safety Award (Mining)

### Why in News

- Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited (RSMML) and its Barmer Lignite Mining Company Limited were awarded the 'National Safety Award' (Mining) on March 8, 2022.

### Key Points

- These prestigious awards were presented to the representatives of the winning mines in a program organized by the Union Minister of Labor and Employment at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

- Tulsi Ram Agrawal, Executive Director, Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited said that these national level awards have been given in view of the excellent safety performance of the mines during the last four years.
- RSMML has been awarded the 'National Security Award' for the year 2019 and 2020 and Barmer Lignite Mining Company Limited for the year 2017 and 2018.
- Group General Manager (Limestone) PR Prajapat, Group General Manager (Projects) Om Patel and Blasters Ashish Gilbert received these awards for the year 2019 and 2020 on behalf of RSMML at the function.
- It is noteworthy that this national level award is given annually to coal, metal and oil mines in two categories to develop health competition among the safety parameters of mines by the Union Ministry of Labor and Employment.
- Under these awards, stringent safety parameters such as zero accident rate for three consecutive years, complete safety of the workers working in the mine and regular health check-up are kept in view.

## Siddharth Joshi Got Second Place in the Third National Youth Parliament

### Why in News

- On March 11, 2022, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla presented awards to the winners of the third edition of the National Youth Parliament Festival (NYPF). Siddharth Joshi of Dungarpur, Rajasthan got the second position in this session of NYPF.

### Key Points

- Addressing the participants, the Speaker said that the National Youth Parliament is an innovative program to acquaint the youth with parliamentary procedures and democratic processes.
- In the National Youth Parliament Festival- 2022 competition, Raageshwari Anjana of Bhopal got first, Siddharth Joshi of Vagad village of Dungarpur, Rajasthan got second and Amarpreet Kaur of Bathinda got third place.

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- This festival is organized to elicit the views of the youth who will be involved in various careers including public services in the coming years.
- The first edition of NYPF was conducted from January 12 to February 27, 2019 and the second edition from December 23, 2020 to January 12, 2022.
- The third edition of NYPF was launched on 14th February, 2022 through virtual medium at the district level. From 23rd to 27th February, 2022, more than 2.44 lakh youth from across the country participated in the State Youth Parliaments followed by the District Youth Parliaments through virtual medium.
- Certificates and prizes (Rs. 2,00,000, Rs. 150,000 and Rs. 100,000 respectively) were given to the top three national winners and consolation prizes of Rs. 50,000 were given to the 2 participants.

## Low Cost Sensor Network and Mobile App Launched in Jaipur

### Why in News

- On March 14, 2022, Chairman of Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board Vinu Gupta launched the Low Cost Sensor Network and its mobile app in Jaipur city.

### Key Points

- Under the joint aegis of Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board and IIT Kanpur, low cost sensors have been installed at 40 different places in Jaipur city.
- These sensors will not only get to know about the pollution hot spots in the city, but the causes of pollution at that particular place can also be monitored.
- Through these sensors, comprehensive information will be given about the air quality of the city, on the basis of which better plans can be made to reduce air pollution after investigation.
- The data received from these sensors will also be available to the general public through web portal and mobile app. This data will also be sent regularly to the concerned departments, so that appropriate decisions can be taken for pollution control in the city with the coordination of all and the goal of sustainable development can be met.

- Display boards with sensors will also be installed at 5 places in Jaipur – Yaadgar, State Pollution Control Board Regional Office VKI, Secretariat, Sanganer Airport and Pollution Control Board Office Complex Jhalana. Dust particles, fine dust particles and air quality index will be displayed on these boards for the public.
- These sensors are of low cost as well as small in size and easy to install. Their monitoring is also easy, whereas manual stations apart from being larger in size are more costly and require more care in their operation and maintenance.
- It is noteworthy that the Large Scale Multi City Dens Urban IoT Real Time Air Quality Monitoring Network in India project is being run by IIT Kanpur in collaboration with Ericsson India. Under this, apart from Jaipur, low cost sensors have been installed in Kanyakumari, Chennai and Guwahati.

## Industrial Area in Each Subdivision of the State

### Why in the news?

- On March 14, 2022, Rajasthan's Industries Minister Shakuntala Rawat told the Legislative Assembly that **for the first time in the country, it has been decided to open industrial areas in each sub-division by doing innovative experiments in Rajasthan.**

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- Shakuntala Rawat said that **RIICO** has identified land in 129 subdivisions out of 153 subdivisions deprived of industrial areas and administrative and financial approval of more than Rs 2100 crore has been issued for setting up industrial areas in 45 subdivisions.
- He informed that 2138 industrial plots were allotted by the previous government during the entire tenure, whereas in 3 years about 4000 plots have been allotted by the present government.
- **Rajasthan Industrial Development Policy-2019** has been issued in compliance with the Public Manifesto. This includes inclusive and sustainable industrial development, industrial infrastructure, competitive financial incentives, etc.

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- At the same time, commendable work is being done by RIICO in industrial sector development. Till now 370 industrial areas have been established. Out of these 41600 units are under production.

## 'Locust Control in Rajasthan'

### *Why in News*

- On March 16, 2022, Rajasthan Agriculture Minister Lalchand Kataria released the book 'Locust Control in Rajasthan' at Pant Krishi Bhawan.

### *Key Points*

- In this book, information has been given about the steps and innovations taken by the Agriculture Department for control during the locust attack on crops in the year 2019 and 2020 in Rajasthan.
- Along with this, detailed technical information related to locusts and measures to be taken for control have been told in the book.
- It is noteworthy that swarms of immature pink locusts and adult yellow locusts are active in Jaisalmer, Barmer, Bikaner, Jodhpur, Nagaur, Dausa and Bharatpur districts of Rajasthan state and Jhansi and Mahoba districts of Uttar Pradesh.
- Locust control campaign was carried out in Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Haryana as per the guidelines of the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare. This campaign was started from Rajasthan on 11th April, 2020.
- Locust control campaign was carried out by Local Circle Offices (LCOs) in July, 2020 at 25 places in 6 districts of Rajasthan – Jaisalmer, Barmer, Bikaner, Jodhpur, Nagaur and Dausa and two places in Jhansi district of Uttar Pradesh.
- In addition, control operations were carried out by the state agriculture departments at 4 places in Jhansi and Mahoba districts of Uttar Pradesh and at 2 places in Bharatpur in Rajasthan to eliminate small groups of locusts.
- The Government of India's Locust Warning Organization (LWO) and ten Locust Circle Offices (LCOs) are located in Rajasthan (Jaisalmer, Bikaner, Phalodi, Barmer, Jalore, Churu, Nagaur, Suratgarh) and Gujarat (Palanpur

and Bhuj), mainly in Rajasthan. and 2 lakh sq km of Gujarat. Locust survey and control in the scheduled desert area.

## Padma Awards to Five Personalities of Rajasthan

### *Why in News?*

- On March 21, 2022, President Ram Nath Kovind presented Padma Bhushan to Rajasthan's Para-athlete Javelin Thrower Devendra Jhajharia and former Civil Servant Rajiv Mehrishi, and Para Sports Shooter Avani Lakhera, Film Producer and Director Chandraprakash Dwivedi and Awarded Padma Shri to Ram Dayal Sharma, a renowned personality of music and nautanki art.

### *Key Points*

- The President honored 54 personalities including the country's first Chief of Defense Staff (CDS) General Bipin Rawat, former Gita Press chairman Radheshyam Khemka and senior Congress leader Ghulam Nabi Azad for the year 2022 at the Civil Endowment Ceremony-I held at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- Civil Endowment Ceremony-II will be organized on March 28, in which the remaining personalities will be awarded.
- Rajasthan's javelin thrower Devendra Jhajharia, who won three medals in Paralympic Games, is the first para sports person in the country to receive the Padma Bhushan award for his remarkable achievements in the field of sports. Devendra Jhajharia won the silver medal in the Tokyo Paralympic Games- 2020.
- Rajiv Mehrishi, a 1978 batch retired IAS officer of the Indian Administrative Service and the 13th Controller and Auditor General of India, was awarded the Padma Bhushan for his remarkable services as an outstanding civil servant.
- Avani Lakhera set a record by winning the first gold medal for the country in the Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing event at the Tokyo Paralympic Games-2020. In the Tokyo Paralympics itself, Lakhera also won the bronze medal as the second medal and became the first Indian woman player to win two Paralympic medals.

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- Born in Dodua, Sirohi district of Rajasthan, film producer, director, screenplay writer Chandraprakash Dwivedi has done outstanding work in the field of art and cinema including the direction of television serial 'Chanakya' as well as the best of Bollywood films, such as Pinjar, Mohalla Assi, Z Plus, Prithviraj, Upanishad Ganga and Television series 'Mrityunjay.
- Famous nautanki artist of Bharatpur, known as 'Braj Kokila' and 'Braj Papiha' in Rajasthan, Ram Dayal Sharma belongs to the Ras-dhari Gharana (Samai Kheda). Sharma has also received the National Award from the Sangeet Natak Akademi earlier. Ramdayal Sharma holds an important place in the field of art related to Nautanki, Swang, Bhagat, Rasleela and Rasiya.
- Rajasthan at Fourth Position in the Country in Organizing the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

### Why in News?

- Rajasthan has secured the fourth place among various states of the country in terms of uploading the programs being organized under Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav on the portal of Ministry of Culture, Government of India.

### Key Points

- Programs being organized in different states of India on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of India's independence being celebrated across the country are uploaded regularly on the portal of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India.
- On March 12 (the anniversary of the Dandi March) the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav was started in Rajasthan by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. Since then, the programs organized by the department have been uploaded on the portal created for this purpose by the Government of India.
- About 15 days ago, Rajasthan was at 20th place in the country. By 22 March, Rajasthan had reached the fourth position among various states of India by uploading 431 programs.
- The Department of Art, Literature, Culture and Archeology is the nodal department for organizing the Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav and with the coordination and cooperation of various departments and districts in the entire state, it is constantly trying to make the said event historic in Rajasthan.

## The Rajasthan Municipalities (Amendment) Bill, 2022

### Why in News?

- On 23 March 2022, the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly passed the Rajasthan Municipal (Amendment) Bill, 2022 by voice vote.

### Key Points

- Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Kumar Dhariwal introduced this bill in the House for discussion. During the discussion in the House on the Bill, the objectives and reasons for the Bill were explained.
- The Parliamentary Affairs Minister said that Rajasthan Public Service Commission will now conduct an examination to make appointments to the posts of direct recruitment of Municipal (Administrative and Technical) Services.
- He said that at present, the selection of candidates for the posts of direct recruitment of Municipal (Administrative and Technical) service is done by the State Level Commission constituted under the provisions of the respective service rules.

## Mahatma Gandhi English Medium School

### Why in News

- On March 24, 2022, in compliance with Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's budget speech 2022-23, an approval was issued by the Education Department of Rajasthan to convert 179 government schools into Mahatma Gandhi English medium schools.

### Key Points

- Education Minister Dr. B. D. Kalla said that with this decision taken by the department, students from all over the state and especially those coming from deprived sections would be able to get quality education in English medium free of cost.
- Dr. Kalla informed that all the approved Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools will start from the academic session 2022-23.

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- Pawan Kumar Goel, Additional Chief Secretary, Education Department said that with this decision of the state government, parents who are unable to bear the heavy fees of private schools will be able to provide good education to their children.

## Inauguration of Rajasthan Festival in New Delhi

### Why in News

- On March 24, 2022, the **Rajasthan Utsav**, organised on the occasion of **Rajasthan Foundation Day (30 March)**, was duly inaugurated at Bikaner House Complex, New Delhi. The festival will continue till March 31, 2022.

### Key Points

- In New Delhi, Principal Residential Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan, Shubhra Singh, Rajasthan Foundation Commissioner Dheeraj Srivastava and Executive Council member of Bikaner House Management Committee Mamta Singhania inaugurated the Rajasthan festival by lighting the lamp and cutting the ribbon.
- Along with this, the calendar of complete programs related to Rajasthani cultural arts, handicrafts fair organised by Rajasthan Tourism, Rajasthan Foundation, Bikaner House Management Committee and RUDA during the Rajasthan festival was also released.
- In this festival, items of Rajasthani art, culture and Rajasthani handicrafts will be available in the same premises.
- In this fair, more than 50 stalls of Rajasthani artisans have been set up by **Rural Non-farm Development Agency (RUDA)**, in which art and handicraft items of artisans representing Rajasthani art and culture will be available for sale.
- In this week-long festival, a Vintage Car Rally will be organised on 27th March in association with Heritage Motoring Club of India and Rajasthan Foundation, in which the car of the then Bikaner Maharaja will be at the fore, which will be later displayed by the audience at the Bikaner House premises during the festival and will be displayed for the visitors to see.
- Handicraft products made by selected artisans of Rajasthan like Blue Pottery, Rajasthani Woollen Shawl,

Rajasthani Jewellery, Marble, Brass Metal Work, Clay Face, Rajasthani Jootis, Barmeri Embroidery, Sangneri Print, Rajasthani Sarees-Suits, Terracotta, Gota Various types of Rajasthani handicrafts will be available for sale including Patti, Tarkashi work, Rajasthani painting, Kota Doria, Ajrak print, Pokaran pottery, Kavad cast art, Rajasthani bangles.

## Tourism and Hospitality Sector Will Get Electricity at Industrial Rate

### Why in News?

- On March 25, 2022, the Energy Department of Rajasthan issued orders to the tourism and hospitality sector to provide electricity at industrial rate instead of commercial category.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had announced to give industry status to this sector in the budget this year, fulfilling the long-standing demand of the tourism and hospitality sector. These orders have been issued in pursuance of this announcement.
- This will give a big relief to lakhs of entrepreneurs associated with this sector in the state and further expansion of tourism activities will be possible in the state.
- It is worth mentioning that since 1989 till now, several announcements were made to give industry status to tourism, but it could not be implemented properly.
- Rajasthan has an important place in the world from the point of view of tourism and there is immense potential for expansion of tourism activities. Also, it can create huge employment opportunities directly and indirectly.

## Thar Mahotsav

### Why in News?

- With the aim of promoting folk art, culture, history, tourism and handicrafts, 'Thar Mahotsav' was organized in Barmer district of western Rajasthan from March 28 to 30, 2022.

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**Key Points**

- It is noteworthy that the 'Thar Mahotsav', a symbol of art and folk culture of Barmer district of western Rajasthan, was resumed after 10 years.
- Earlier, Thar Mahotsav was organized in 2012 in Barmer. It was organized continuously from 1986 to 2012.
- The district administration started the Thar Festival in the year 1986 with the aim of introducing the world to the folk art, culture, tradition, folk music, folk life, lifestyle, history of Western Rajasthan.
- Tilwara cattle fair in Barmer district, Mahabar's sand dunes, Nakoda's religious tourism, Munabao's border, Kiradu's temple, Bisu's temple, Pachparda's salt pyramid, Siwana fort, Haldeshwar hills, Gair dance and animal prosperity along with desert gardens are also the center of tourist attraction.

**The Economic Bulletin****Why in News?**

- On March 29, 2022, Chairman of State Finance Commission Pradyuman Singh released the quarterly magazine 'The Economic Bulletin' of Rajasthan University.

**Key Points**

- The first edition of the Bulletin 'State Finances of Rajasthan' presents an analysis of the state's revenue and capital receipts, expenditure budget allocation, debt and deficit position.
- In this, the impact of Covid-19 on the financial condition of the state and the GST compensation to the state has been highlighted.
- 'The Economic Bulletin' magazine will be useful for researchers, academicians and policy-makers.

**Sariska Tiger Reserve****Why in News?**

- Recently, about 10 sq km of forest area has been severely destroyed due to forest fires in Sariska Tiger Reserve of Rajasthan.

**Key Points**

- There was a fire in the forests of Sariska on 27 March which was extinguished. The fire broke out again on March 28 and spread in an area of about 10 sq.km.
- Although the cause of the fire is not clear, it is a matter of concern that despite the 'fire alert', about 10 sq. km of forest area has been destroyed.
- It is noteworthy that the alert regarding the fire was sent by the Forest Survey of India (FSI), the credit of this goes to the collaboration of NASA-ISRO-FSI on satellite data.
- Sariska Tiger Reserve is located in Alwar district of Rajasthan, where wildlife like tiger, Indian leopard, chital, sambar etc. are found.
- It is an important biodiversity area belonging to the North Aravalli Leopard and Wildlife Corridor.

**Third National Water Award: Rajasthan Second Best State****Why in News?**

- On March 29, 2022, President Ram Nath Kovind presented the second prize to Rajasthan in the 'Best State' category for its best performance towards water conservation at the 3rd National Water Awards distribution ceremony at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

**Key Points**

- President Ram Nath Kovind also launched the Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain Campaign 2022, along with felicitating the third National Water Award winners.
- On this occasion the First Information Brochure of the 7th edition of India's International Water Resources Program 'India Water Week-2022' (IWW- 2022) was released. It will be organized from November 1-5, 2022 at India Expo Centre, Greater Noida.
- The Department of Water Resources, River Development and Ganga Rejuvenation, under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, presented 57 awards in 11 different categories to states, organizations, individuals etc.
- These categories include- Best State, Best District, Best Village Panchayat, Best Urban Local Body, Best Media (Print & Electronic), Best School, Best

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Institution/RWA/Religious Organization for Campus Use, Best Industry, Best NGO, Best Water User in these categories Consortium and best industries for CSR activity.

- Some of these categories also have sub-categories for different regions of the country. The award winners in various categories were given citations, trophies and cash prizes.
- In the category of 'Best State', Uttar Pradesh got the first prize, while Tamil Nadu got the third prize.
- It is worth mentioning that the first National Water Award was started in 2018 by the Ministry of Jal Shakti. Jal Shakti Abhiyan and Jal Jeevan Mission were launched in 2019 to convert the water movement into a mass movement, in which many recharge structures were built and crores of people participated in it.
- Jal Shakti Abhiyan-II: 'Catch the Rain, Where it Falls, When it Falls' was launched by the Prime Minister on March 22, 2021 on the occasion of World Water Day, which was launched in all the districts (rural as well as urban areas) of the country during the pre-monsoon and monsoon period, i.e. from March 2021 to November 30, 2021.
- Some new features have been added in Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain 2022, such as spring shed development, protection of catchment areas, gender mainstreaming in water sector. Gender mainstreaming in the water sector is expected to boost the role of women in water conservation and management.

## Seventh Session of the Fifteenth Assembly Adjourned Indefinitely

### Why in News?

- On March 28, 2022, the Speaker of the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly, Dr. CP Joshi, adjourned the seventh session of the 15th Legislative Assembly indefinitely. This session started from February 9, 2022.

### Key Points

- Speaker of the Vidhan Sabha Dr. CP Joshi presented the details of the important works done in the House in the seventh session of the Vidhan Sabha.

- A total of 25 sittings were held in this session. The assembly proceedings lasted for about 171 hours and 19 minutes till the end of the session.
- A total of 8336 questions were received from the members, out of which starred questions were 3785 and unstarred questions were 4547. A total of 460 starred questions were listed out of which 333 questions were asked orally and answered. Similarly 498 unstarred questions were listed.
- A total of 351 adjournment motions were received from the members under Rule 50 of the Procedure. Out of these 55 adjournment motions were given an opportunity to speak in the House.
- 288 Special Mention proposals were received from the members under Rule 295 of the Procedure. Out of these, 229 Special Mention notices were read/deemed to have been read in the House and 59 Special Mention notices lapsed due to absence of members in the House.
- Under Rule-131 of the Procedure, notices of 1076 proposals were received, out of which 15 calling attention motions were rejected. 1061 proposals were sent to the state government for factual information.
- Maximum 7 calling attention motions were listed on the last day of the session. Statements were made by the concerned ministers on 3 subjects of public importance.
- Notices of 3 proposals were received under Rule 119 of Procedure. Notices of 8 proposals were received under Rule 127 of the Procedure.
- The Governor addressed the House on February 9, 2022, his address was discussed in the House for 4 days, in which 21 members participated. The debate on the Address was answered by the Chief Minister on behalf of the State Government on February 15, 2022.
- Discussions were held in the House on the demands of 12 grants related to the departments. Information about 2960 cut motions was received on Demands for Grants, out of which 2644 cut motions were presented in the House and 316 cut motions were disallowed.
- In the current session, 14 Bills were passed in the House by introducing 15 Bills and 1 Bill was withdrawn by the State Government. A total of 279 amendment proposals were received from the members on the bills, out of which 17 amendment proposals were unacceptable and 262 amendments were accepted at the secretariat level.

Note:

- A total of 17 private resolutions were received in the current session, out of which 16 were accepted, 5 private resolutions were listed by Shalaka and 1 was disallowed.
- All the listed 5 non-official resolutions were presented in the House. Out of the above resolution, a private resolution presented by members Ashok Lahoti, Rajendra Rathod and Biharilal was discussed in the House on March 25, in which 12 members participated.
- Babulal (Jhadol) and Manju Devi were unanimously selected as the best MLAs for the year 2021 in the current session by the committee constituted for the selection of the best MLA.

## **All India Inter Zonal Hockey (Women) Championship**

### **Why in News?**

- All India Inter Zonal Hockey (Women) Championship was organized at Astroturf Courts and hosted by

Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur, Rajasthan from 21st to 27th March, 2022.

### **Key Points**

- This championship was organized at Hockey Astroturf located at Maharana Pratap Khel village, Chitrakootnagar.
- In the final match of this championship, Jiwaji University, Gwalior of Madhya Pradesh won the title by defeating ITM University, Gwalior.
- Kalraj Mishra, Governor of Rajasthan and Chancellor of Mohanlal Sukhadia University, presented the trophy and gold medal to the winning team and silver medal to the runner-up team.
- The team of Panjab University, Patiala and Savitri Bai Phule University, Pune stood third and fourth respectively. Bronze medal was awarded to the team of Panjab University, Patiala.
- The Governor also presented a prize of Rs 1 lakh to the winning team and Rs 75,000 to the runner-up.



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