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Augustine George Masih became the 41st Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court

Why In News?

On May 30, 2023, Governor Kalraj Mishra administered the oath of office to Justice Augustine George Masih as the Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court at the Raj Bhavan. Justice Augustin George Masih was sworn in as the 41st Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court.

key points

- Justice Augustin George Masih, former judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, took the oath in the English language.
- At the beginning of the function, Rajasthan Chief Secretary Usha Sharma read out the appointment notification and warrant issued by President Draupadi Murmu for the appointment of Chief Justice.
- It is known that Justice Masih was born on March 12, 1963 in Ropar, Punjab. She did her early schooling at St. Mary's Convent School, Kasauli (HP) and then completed her schooling from Saifuddin Tahir High School, Aligarh.
- Justice Augustine George Masih has also practiced in the Supreme Court, Punjab and High Courts of many states including Haryana, Delhi, Himachal Pradesh. He also held the posts of Assistant Advocate General, Deputy Advocate General and Additional Advocate General.
- Justice Masih was appointed as an Additional Judge of the Punjab and Haryana High Court on July 10, 2008. He was sworn in as a permanent judge on January 14, 2011.



Note:

Equipment Worth Rs 16.97 Crore will be Purchased to Improve Nutrition Indices

Why in News?

On May 29, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a financial proposal of Rs 16.97 crore for providing various nutrition growth monitoring equipment in the Anganwadi centres of the state.

Key Points

- With this decision of the Chief Minister, equipment like an infant meter, stadiometer, weighing machine, etc. will be made available in Anganwadi centres.
- With this accurate information about various nutritional indices including weight and length of babies and mothers will be available and desired nutrition can be given to them.
- It is noteworthy that the announcement in this regard was made by the Chief Minister in the budget for the year 2023-24.

23 lakh farmers of the State will Get Seed Minikits of Major Crops

Why in News?

On 29 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved a financial proposal of Rs 128.57 crore to distribute free Minikits of certified varieties of major crops to 23 lakh small & marginal farmers of the state.

Key Points:

- Each farmer of the state will be given 5 kg of hybrid maize, 2 kg of mustard, 4 kg each of moong & moth and 1 kg of sesame seeds in the seed minikit. Seeds of certified varieties will be made available free of cost.
- The seed minikit will be procured from the Rajasthan State Seed Corporation/National Seed Corporation by the Tribal Area Development Department for tribal farmers and by the Agriculture Department for non-tribal farmers.
- These mini-kits will be distributed by the Agriculture Department through the Raj Kisan Saathi portal.



- It is worth mentioning that the 'Rajasthan Seed Production & Distribution Mission' is being run to increase seed production in the state and to provide free seeds to small & marginal farmers. This decision has been taken in view of the excellent results of this mission.
- It is known that an announcement in this regard was made by the Chief Minister in the budget for the year 2023-24.

Foundation Stone of Government Law College in Dungarpur

Why In News?

On 28 May, 2023, Dr. Shankar Yadav, Chairman of Rajasthan Scheduled Castes Finance Development Corporation Commission, laid the foundation stone of Government Law College in Dungarpur, a tribal-dominated area of the state.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, Minister of State Dr. Shankar Yadav said that in a year, the building of Law College in Gumanpura Dadodia of Dungarpur will be ready. With this, the students of the area will get an opportunity to make a career in the legal field, they will not have to go outside to study law.
- The construction of the Government Law College at Gumanpura Dadodia will cost about Rs.4.5+ crore. The college building will be built in about 2500 square meters (about the area of a large mansion).
- 12 bighas of land has been allotted for the college. It will have eight classrooms, a conference hall, common room for students, and the principal's chamber in the office block along with other modern facilities. 60 students will get admission in the first session
- With the opening of Government Law College, the youth here will become aware, and evils will end. they Will get the strength to raise voice against exploitation. This Government Law College will prove to be a milestone in the development of the region.
- MLA Ganesh Ghogra said that the work of Agriculture College in Palvada will also start soon. The children of Dungarpur will get more opportunities for studies. It has also been announced to open the Agriculture College, Archery Academy, Law College in Dungarpur.



Approval of Rs 50 crore for Grassland and Wetland Development

Why In News?

On May 26, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot gave financial approval of Rs 50 crore for various works of grassland and wetland development in the state.

Key Points:

- Out of the above sanctioned amount, provision of Rs. 40 crore for pasture development and plantation works in 7800 hectare area in 22 forest divisions of the state, Rs. 9 crore for development and management of Sambhar lake and Rs. 1 crore for canvas range (quota) Has been done
- This amount will be made available from the Environment Management Fund.
- It is notable that the Chief Minister had made an announcement in this regard in the budget for the year 2023-24.

R-CAT Centers will be opened in 5 Divisions of the state

Why in News?

On 25 May, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a financial provision of Rs 25.90 crore for opening Rajiv Gandhi Center of Advanced Technology (R-CAT) centers in 5 divisions of the state.

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Key Points:

- Rajiv Gandhi Center of Advanced Technology (R-CAT) will be opened in Ajmer, Kota, Bharatpur, Bikaner and Udaipur divisions of the Union Territory.
- The new R-CAT centers are located at Kota's Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Bhawan (Rajasthan Technical University), Udaipur's Vigyan Bhawan (Mohanlal Sukhadia University), Bharatpur's Department of Artificial Intelligence (Government College of Engineering), Ajmer's Government Engineering College and Bikaner's School Innovation Hub (Maharaja Ganga Singh University).
- With this decision of the Chief Minister, youth will get information about advanced techniques of block chain, artificial intelligence, machine learning, robotics and virtual reality etc. Also, certificate courses and multi-disciplinary research will be able to be done in these centres.
- It is worth mentioning that R-CAT has also been set up in Jaipur in the past by the state government. Also, under the aegis of Rajiv Gandhi Fintech Digital University cum Institute, Jodhpur, R-CAT courses have also been started in its temporary campus.
- An announcement in this regard was made by the Chief Minister in the budget for the year 2023-24.

The Chief Minister Inaugurated the State-of-the-Art Bus Terminal

Why in News?

On May 25, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the newly constructed state-of-the-art bus terminal at the central bus stand of Sindhi Camp in the state capital Jaipur to provide better basic facilities to the common man.

Key Points:

- The newly constructed terminal will make it easier for the common people to travel. The newly constructed bus terminal at Sindhi Camp Bus Stand will have passenger shed, booking window, best room for office use, modern toilet, air-conditioned passenger waiting room, food court and premises for commercial use for the convenience of passengers.

- Apart from this, the said complex will be equipped with CCTV cameras, WiFi, public announcement system, lift, escalator, fire fighting system and water harvesting system and 15 kilowatt solar plant.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced a 50 percent concession in the fare of all categories of roadways buses for women passengers. With the increase in the scope of concessional travel, women will be able to take advantage of 50 percent discount in the fare of all categories of buses including express, deluxe, along with ordinary roadways buses.
- Satellite and new bus stands are being built in the state. State-of-the-art bus stand is also being prepared in Jodhpur. Fare concession is also being given to the devotees going to Lakhi fairs. In Haridwar, provision has been made for free travel for the people going to immerse the ashes of their deceased relatives.
- Free travel facility is also being given to the candidates going to take the examination in the state in roadways buses. Arrangements for their stay and food were also made by the state government. The old pension scheme and RGHS have been implemented by the state government for roadways workers.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister gave RFID smart cards to senior citizens and specially abled people for free travel in roadways buses.
- It is worth mentioning that a provision of Rs 125 crore has been made by the state government for the upgradation of bus stands. 875 new roadways buses have been purchased and work is on to buy 500 new buses.



Three Times Increase in Incentive Amount for Girl Students Studying in Agriculture faculty

Why in News?

On 24 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched the 'Rajasthan Young Farmer Skill and

Note:

Capacity Enhancement Mission' in the budget announcement 2023-24 for the agriculture sector while innovating in 'Incentive scheme for girl students studying agriculture' to ensure empowerment and effective participation of women. Under which the incentive amount given to girl students has been increased up to three times.

Key Points:

- The aim of the state government is that the girls should study the latest trends in the field of agriculture and get formal education-training, which would not only increase the income of the family but also contribute to the prosperity of the state and the country.
- Through this mission, the state government has increased the incentive amount to increase the trend of girl students towards agriculture education and to encourage girl education.
- Agriculture Commissioner Kanaram said that under the mission, the girl students of class 11th and 12th studying agriculture subject in the state will be given an incentive of Rs 15,000 from Rs 5,000 per year.
- Girl students studying in Bachelor of Agriculture Science subjects like Horticulture, Dairy, Agricultural Engineering, Food Processing as well as Post Graduate (M.Sc. Agriculture) will be given an incentive from Rs 12,000 to Rs 25,000 per annum.
- Similarly, a provision has been made to increase the incentive amount from Rs 15,000 to Rs 40,000 per year (maximum of 3 years) to girl students pursuing Ph.D. in agriculture.
- Under this mission, in the last 4 years (from 17 December 2018 to March 2023), 84 thousand 583 girl students studying have been given a total incentive of Rs 55 crore 17 lakh 87 thousand, in which, 11 thousand 605 girl students have been given financial support of Rs 7 crore 87 lakh 69 thousand in the year 2018-19.
- Similarly, 15,780 girl students have been benefited with the incentive of Rs 9 crore 30 lakh 6 thousand in the year 2019-20, Rs 10 crore 75 lakh 23 thousand to 14,647 girl students in the year 2020-21 and Rs 12 crore 84 lakh 56 thousand to 20,867 girl students in the year 2021-22.
- Similarly, in the year 2022-23, 21,684 girl students have been encouraged to take agriculture faculty by giving financial support of Rs 14 crore 40 lakh 33 thousand.
- Increasing figures show that this campaign of the state government is proving beneficial for girl students to

choose agriculture faculty. With this, not only are the girl students innovating in the field of agriculture, but they are also ensuring their participation in the country.

- To apply in the mission, it is necessary for the girl student to be a native of Rajasthan and to be studying in the Faculty of Agriculture in any school, college or university recognized by the state and state government.
- Girl students studying in agriculture have to upload necessary documents like Jan Aadhaar card, last year's marksheet and original residence certificate online while applying in Rajasthan Young Farmer Skill and Capacity Enhancement Mission.



Social Justice & Empowerment Minister inaugurates Divyang Special Residential School

Why in News?

On 25 May, 2023, Rajasthan's Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Tikaram Julie inaugurated the Parmarth Divyang and Jankalyan Intellectual Divyang Special Residential School in Alwar district of the state.

Key Points:

- This residential school will prove to be a milestone for the Disabled of Alwar district.
- It is known that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has also given a gift like Baba Amte University for the disabled in the state.
- The state government is taking policy decisions to connect every needy and backward class of people with the mainstream of the society. For the purpose of providing financial assistance to the disabled, the government has not only increased their pension, but has also distributed thousands of scooties so that they do not face any inconvenience in commuting.

Note:

- The state government is constantly working for the welfare of the disabled. Various schemes have been implemented for the benefit of the Divyangjan, from which work is being done to benefit them.



70 Sub-Health Centers will be Opened in the State

Why in News?

On 24 May 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to open 70 new sub-health centers to strengthen the health infrastructure in the state.

Key Points:

- Among them 11 in Sikar, 9 in Nagaur, 6-6 in Alwar & Karauli, 5 in Sawai Madhopur, four each in Bhilwara & Tonk, 3 each in Jaipur, Churu & Rajsamand, Chittorgarh, Dausa, Jalore, Jhunjhunu, Kota and Two sub-health centers each will be opened in Udaipur & 1 each in Ajmer, Baran, Bharatpur and Pali.
- For their operation, a post of a female health worker will be created in each sub-health center.
- It is worth mentioning that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had announced in the budget to open sub-health centers in a phased manner.

Rajasthan Housing Board received 'The Golden Globe Tiger Awards' in 2 categories on foreign soil

Why in News?

On 23 May 2023, Rajasthan Housing Board Commissioner Pawan Arora was presented with a trophy

and citation by officials who received 2 international awards 'The Golden Globe Tiger Awards' from Malaysia.

Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that on May 16, the Rajasthan Housing Board in Malaysia was awarded 'The Golden Globe Awards for Excellence & Leadership' for 'Best Environment-Friendly Projects' and 'Best Innovative Project of the Year' by the jury of the World HRD Council.
- Due to administrative busyness, the Housing Commissioner himself could not go therefore sent the engineers to Malaysia to receive the award.
- It is worth mentioning that in the last four years under the leadership of Housing Commissioner Pawan Arora, the board has received a total of 17 awards. These include prestigious awards like the World Book of Records in House Sales, Skoch Award-2021, Award of Excellence, Honor by National Real Estate Development Council, National Housing Award, IBC and 'Star of Governance-Gold Award' and Real Estate Conclave by NAREDCO.



MoU between the Department of Medical Education and the University of Manchester

Why in News?

On 23 May 2023, an MoU was signed between the Medical Education Department of Rajasthan and the University of Manchester (UK) with the aim of promoting research in the field of science and humanities & health.

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Key Points:

- The MoU was signed in the presence of T. Ravikant, Principal Secretary Medical Education and Professor Keith Brennan, International Vice-Dean, University of Manchester.
- T. Ravikant told that this MoU has been signed with the aim of developing research partnership under the direction of Medical Minister Parsadi Lal Meena. This will encourage academic activities & research and establish new dimensions in the field of medical education.
- Due to sharing of mutual experience, doctors & nursing staff working in medical colleges will get global recognition and capacity building will take place.
- He said that Rajasthan is the first state, where medical college and nursing college are being opened in each district. With this, Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to give the right to health to its citizens.



Story Collection by senior litterateur Dr. Vinod Somani Hans gets released

Why in News?

On 23 May 2023, Ajmer District Collector Dr. Bharti Dixit released the newly published story-collection 'Chaurahe Ke Teen Raaste' by renowned veteran litterateur of Hindi & Rajasthani language Dr. Vinod Somani Hans.

Key Points:

- This is the 34th work of Dr. Vinod Somani Hans. This work is dedicated as a tribute to his life partner Vidya Somani. Vidya Somani herself was a writer, publisher & social worker throughout her life.

- The writings of Dr. Vinod Somani Hans have been filled with hope, faith, sense of direction and spirituality. The book 'Chaurahe Ke Teen Raaste' is a collection of his 23 stories. Each story underlines the events, characters from the general to the special person's life.
- Psychoanalytical and reality emerge clearly in the stories where the reader feels the story as his own. The book has been reviewed by Dr. Sushma Sharma, Secretary, Rajasthani Writers' Literature Institute, Jaipur.
- Storyteller's writing, language style, script is such that the reader feels real while reading the story. The reel of the story starts playing in his mind. The title of the book 'The Three Ways of Crossroads' leaves an indelible mark on the mind.
- Dr. Vinod Somani Hans has been ornamented with many prestigious awards of the country. The presentation of the book is attractive. The book is readable for all classes.



Chief Minister Inaugurated 'Jungle Safari'

Why in News?

On 22 May 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the 'Jungle Safari' at Jaisamand Wildlife Sanctuary through video conference in Udaipur district of the state on International Biodiversity Day.

Key points:

- With the introduction of 'Jungle Safari' in Jaisamand Sanctuary, tourism will be promoted in Udaipur district, a major ecotourism site will be developed in the state and employment opportunities will also be available in the area.

Note:

- It is known that due to the efforts made under Project Leopard in Jaisamand Sanctuary, the number of leopards has increased to 19 at present.
- It is worth mentioning that in the year 1972, former Prime Minister Mrs. Indira Gandhi understood the importance of forest and wildlife conservation and laid the foundation of 'Project Tiger'. As a result, India today has 70 percent of the world's tigers.
- It is known that there are three tiger safaris in Rajasthan. Recently, Ramgarh Vishdhari has been developed as the fourth tiger project of the state. A committee has also been formed for the Kumbhalgarh Tiger Project.
- The state government is constantly making efforts to protect the forest and wildlife. To maintain biodiversity, the notification of Rajasthan Biological Diversity Rules was issued in the year 2010.
- There are 3 national parks, 27 wildlife sanctuaries, 16 conservation reserves and 4 tiger projects in the state. Work is being done with more sensitivity for the protection and promotion of all these.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that several historic decisions have been taken by the state government for forest and environment conservation. In this sequence, wildlife, forest area and ecotourism are being continuously developed in the state.
- The Eco-Tourism Policy-2021 was implemented by the present state government. Also, a special tiger conservation force has been set up by deploying border home guards in Sariska and Mukandra Hills Tiger Reserves, which is a unique initiative.
- For eco-tourism, two eco-tourism Luv-Kush gardens are being developed near forest areas in each district.
- A wildlife management training centre has been set up at Talchapar Sanctuary in Churu and infrastructure facilities are being developed in Chambal Gharial Sanctuary from tourism point of view.
- An agreement was signed between the Central Government, Wildlife Institute of India and the State Government for the conservation of the state bird Godawan and the State Government with the help of an artificial breeding center of Godawan in Jaisalmer.
- Forestry parks are also being developed in Jodhpur, Bikaner, Kota, Udaipur, Bharatpur and Ajmer on the lines of World Forestry Park at Jhalana Dungi in Jaipur.



Now 2 Luv- Kush Vatika in every district

Why in News?

On 20 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved Rs 66 crore for developing two Luv-Kush Vatikas in all the districts of the state. This will give a boost to Eco-Tourism in the state.

Key Points:

- With the decision of the Chief Minister, models related to forests and wildlife will be established in these gardens, through which children will be able to learn about environment & wildlife conservation. There will be space for the construction of eco-trail paths and exhibitions.
- These gardens aim to educate and educate the common people about environmental protection.
- It is worth mentioning that in the budget for the year 2023-24, the Chief Minister had announced the development of one additional garden in each district.

Jodhpur, Udaipur, Kota & Ajmer cities will be 3D cities

Why in News?

On 20 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved a financial proposal of Rs 106.46 crore for the implementation of GIS-based 3D City and Rajdhara Satellite Imagery Repository projects in 4 cities of the state, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Kota and Ajmer.

Note:

Key Points:

- Geographic Information System (GIS) based 3D city models of Jodhpur, Udaipur, Kota & Ajmer cities will be developed by the state government for better planning and management of urban development.
- With this, land use is proposed in the master plan of the cities, new roads, flyovers, construction & expansion of new colonies, drainage plan including various works on the ground, large-scale infrastructure development, transport planning, land planning, town planning etc. will be easier to make effective assessment, simulation and planning.
- A virtual tour of the city can also be done through Augmented Reality/Virtual Reality (AR/VR) of the developed 3D model.
- Apart from this, a repository of satellite imagery of different time periods of Rajasthan will also be established on the Rajdhara platform. This will facilitate the analysis of land use, land cover, changes in reservoirs/water sources & forest areas, crop yield estimation, growth & spread of cities, etc. as per the requirements of various departments.

Rajasthan Sahitya Academy Award 2022-23

Why in News?

On 19 May 2023, Art Literature and Culture Minister of Rajasthan B. D. Kalla honoured litterateurs for their invaluable contribution to the field of music, art and literature at Rajasthan Sahitya Academy's annual award ceremony 2022-23.

Key Points:

- Rajasthan Sahitya Academy's annual award-honouring ceremony was held at Bhagwat Singh Mehta Auditorium of Harishchandra Mathur Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration (OTS).
- Meera Award, Rangeya Raghav Award, Sudhindra Award, Devlal Samar Award, Devraj Upadhyay Award, Kanhaiyalal Sahal Award, Shambhu Dayal Saxena Award, Sumnesh Joshi Award, Pardeshi Award, Chandradev Sharma Award and Sudha Gupta Award were distributed in the ceremony.
- On this occasion, many eminent litterateurs of the state were also honoured with the special litterateur honour.

- Farooq Afridi, a special officer of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, was also honoured with the Distinguished Writer Award for his significant contribution to the field of literature.

These writers were awarded-

- Under the annual awards for 2022-23, the Rangeya Raghav Award given in the fiction and the novel genre was given to Banswara resident Bharat Chandra Sharma for his novel 'Pir Parbat-Si'.
- The Sudhindra Award for poetry was given to poet Mayamrig of Jaipur for his collection of poems 'Mujhme Meetha Tu Hain' and the Devi Lal Samar Award for one-act play was given to Jaipur resident Ajay Anuragi for his play 'Wrong Number'.
- The prestigious Devraj Upadhyay Award in the field of criticism was given to Rajaram Bhadu of Bharatpur origin for his work of criticism 'Kavita ke Ayaam' and the Kanhaiyalal Sahal Award for various genres was given to Jaipur's satirist Yash Goyal for his work 'Namumkin Neta'.
- Shambhu Dayal Saxena Award in the field of children's literature was given to Kusum Agarwal of Kankroli for her book 'Hum Sab Ek Hain'.
- The prestigious Meera Award was presented to Rati Saxena for her work 'Hasee Ek Prarthana Ke Liye'.
- All these awards are worth Rs. 31,000.
- The first published work amounting to Rs. 21,000, Sumnesh Joshi Award was given to Udaipur resident story writer Tarana Parveen for her story collection 'Ek Sau Aath'.

Emerging litterateurs were also honoured by the Academy**School Level Pardeshi Award**

- For poetry - Pracha Sharma of Maharani Gayatri Devi Girls' School, Jaipur for 'Sagar Moti and other poems,
- For the story- Divya Sanap of Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya, Pallu-Hanumangarh for the story 'Khushi ke Aansoo',
- For Essay - Harshita Meena of Raumavi Amarpura-Udaipur for essay on 'Navachaaron ka Udbhav'
 - For short story - Awarded for the short story 'Asli Taqat' by Armaan Nadeem of Government Sardul Umavi Bikaner.
- **College Level Chandra Dev Sharma Award**
- For poetry - Himanshu Bhardwaj of Government Lohia College, Churu for 'Spruha and other poems,

Note:

- For story- Nirmala Sharma of Twenty-One College Gopalyan-Lunkaransar for the story 'Koi Chara Nah!',
- For one act - Tanishka Padihar of Maa Jalpa Devi Government College, Taranagar for one act 'Jago Pyare, Jago',
- For Essay- Maina Kanwar of Sona Devi Sethia Girls College, Sujangarh was given for the essay 'Vigat aur Sambhavnaye'.
- Sudha Gupta College Level Poetry Award was given to Suraj Kumari of Women's Post Graduate College, Jodhpur for 'Prakriti ki Awaz and other poems'.
- It is worth mentioning that under all the above awards, Rs. 5,000 are given per award.



MoU signed between Ahuse (Denmark) & Rajasthan Government

Why in News?

On 19 May 2023, in the presence of Rajasthan's Public Health Engineering Minister Dr. Mahesh Joshi, an MoU was signed between Ahuse, Denmark and the Government of Rajasthan for urban water management in the conference hall of the Secretariat.

Key Points:

- The MoU was signed by Dr. Subodh Agarwal, Additional Chief Secretary, PHED & Water Resources on behalf of the state government while Director Planning Louise Pepe digitally signed on behalf of Ahuse (Denmark).
- Public Health Engineering Minister Dr. Mahesh Joshi said that mutual cooperation between Denmark and Rajasthan in various fields was initiated in March 2021. Taking forward the link of mutual cooperation between Rajasthan and Denmark, this MoU has been signed.
- Rajasthan and Denmark will work together in various fields like improvement of services & quality in the urban drinking water sector, reduction in non-revenue water (waste) by increasing the efficiency of

the distribution system, Integrated Management of Water Resources & Ground Water Aquifer Mapping, Planning & recycling of wastewater management and green solutions for rejuvenation of rivers.

- Emphasizing the efficient use of water & water conservation, the Water Supply Minister said that there is zero wastage of water in Denmark and there is full use of water there. Rajasthan will be benefited from mutual cooperation in their techniques of saving water in different ways, drinking water, wastewater management and recycling, rejuvenation of rivers etc.
- Additional Chief Secretary Dr. Subodh Aggarwal said that this MoU has been signed after completing approvals and procedures at various levels, including the Ministry of Jal Shakti of the Central Government. With this, smart water technology in drinking water management, reduction in non-revenue water (waste), treatment of wastewater and along with recycling, Denmark's technical assistance will be provided for the retrieval of rivers.
- After this MoU, cooperation between Ahuse and Rajasthan will be increased in the field of efficient water management in big districts like Jodhpur, Kota and Jaipur.
- Danish Ambassador Freddy Swan said that there is a strategic partnership between Denmark and India. He said that positive efforts will be made for long-term mutual cooperation with Rajasthan.



'The Siberian Stray'

Why in News?

On May 18, 2023, Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra was presented the first copy of the book 'The Siberian Stray' jointly written by Class XII students Aashi Galriya and Asmi Dhaker at Raj Bhavan.

Note:

Key Points

- Book writer Ashi Galriya said that this book of hers is a touching story related to the love between an animal and a man. It weaves a unique story line around the relationship between kid Alan and his pet dog Sapphire.
- It is worth mentioning that the writer Aashi is currently a student of Jaysree Periwai Global School. She took the initiative to write this book when she was a student of class VIII. She has been brilliant since her childhood.

**Bharat Mein Rajyon ki Rajneeti****Why in News?**

On May 18, 2023, the eminent writer Prof. Dharmchand Jain presented the first copy of the book 'Bharat Mein Rajyon ki Rajneeti' (Politics of States in India) published in his three parts.

Key Points

- The author, Prof. Dharmchand Jain, said that the book has a comprehensive analysis of state politics, beginning of elections, one-party system, party-defection politics in states, era of common governments, center-state relations, midterm elections, mandate, contemporary political scenario as well as state-politics.
- The book, published by Panchsheel Prakashan, Jaipur, specifically covers the researching analytical material on the Indian Constitution and Governance.



- It may be noted that so far 47 books of Prof. Dharmchand Jain have been published. He has received prestigious awards and honours like Mahapragya Pratibha, Anuvrata writer, Vishisht writer etc.

Approval of the Proposal to Upgrade 16 Government Minority Residential Schools to Secondary**Why in News?**

On May 17, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to upgrade 16 government minority residential schools of upper primary level to secondary schools.

Key Points

- According to the proposal, Ramgarh Alwar, Bhaniyana Sakra Jaisalmer, Udaipur, Sikar, Burhan Ka Tala Barmer, Kanchanner Bharatpur, Nandera Bharatpur, Masuda Ajmer, Churu, Sawai Madhopur, Nagaur, Fatehpur Sikri, Tijara Alwar, Gharsana Sri ganganagar, Kuchdi Sam Jaisalmer and Abhey. Residential schools at Par Ramsar Barmer will be upgraded.
- Out of these residential schools 9 are for boys and 7 are for girls. A total of 96 vacancies including 16 for Principal, 64 for Senior Teacher, 16 for Physical Education Teacher will be created for these schools.
- With this approval of the Chief Minister, facilities for higher and quality education will be expanded in the state and students will be able to get the facility of residential schools. This will provide opportunities for students to continue their further studies closer to home.

Marudhara ka Maan Swachhta Samman-Samaroh-2023**Why in news?**

On May 17, 2023, Abhay Kumar, Additional Chief Secretary, Rajasthan Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department, told that 'Marudhara ka Maan Swachhta Samman-Samaroh-2023' was organized by the Directorate

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of Rural Swachh Bharat Mission in the auditorium of Indira Gandhi Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Institute located in Jaipur.

Key Points

- Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department has prepared women's of self-help groups as Swachhta Sakhi under Rajivika. This innovation will continue further and will play an important role in the campaign of cleanliness.
- On this occasion, the Additional Chief Secretary honored those who did commendable work in Swachh Bharat Mission Rural by giving them awards.
- Bikaner got first place, while Sawai Madhopur and Jaisalmer got Second and third place respectively in the ceremony for their commendable work done in 'Retrofit to Twin Pit' campaign.
- In the same sequence, Udaipur got first place while Sri ganganagar and Sirohi district got second and third place respectively for doing excellent work in the Model Village category.
- In the Swachh Survekshan Grameen-2023, Sirohi district got first place while Pali and Udaipur got second and third place respectively in star category.
- In the ODF Plus category of Swachh Survekshan Grameen-2023, in the district Udaipur got the first, Jaipur second and Bharatpur third place which got more progress from October 01, 2022 to April 30, 2023.
- Women doing excellent work related to cleanliness were honored with 'Swachh Sujal Shakti Samman-2023' in the Marudhara ka Maan Swachhta Samman-Samaroh-2023'.
- The contribution of Gram Panchayat Suwansa, Panchayat Samiti Taleda, Sarpanch Priyanka Goswami from District Bundi, Gram Panchayat Khairwada, Sarpanch Lakshmi Devi Ahari, Panchayat Samiti Khairwada, District Udaipur in making the village ODF Plus in excellent category and The contribution of Gram Panchayat Kannauj, Panchayat Samiti, sarpanch Manju Devi Jagetia of Bhadesar, district Chittorgarh in the plastic waste management category was commendable.
- in the category of biodegradable waste in gray-water management, Village Panchayat Nadol, Panchayat Samiti Desuri, Sarpanch Phul Kanwar from District Pali, Gram Panchayat Takholi, Panchayat Samiti Tonk, District Tonk and Gram Panchayat Lakha Hakam,

Panchayat Samiti Raisingh Nagar and village woman Tarawanti from District Sri ganganagar were awarded and Suman Chowdhary for her commendable work in monitoring the components of Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) were awarded for their commendable work.



'The Golden Globe Tiger Awards' to Rajasthan Housing Board

Why in News?

On 16 May 2023, The jury of the World HRD Council selected two projects of the Rajasthan Housing Board as 'Best Environment-Friendly Projects' and 'Best Innovative Project of the Year' at an event held at Poolman Kuala Lumpur City Center Hotel & Residences in Malaysia. While doing so, the Board has been honoured with 'The Golden Globe Awards for Excellence and Leadership'.

Key Points:

- Housing Commissioner Pawan Arora himself could not attend the felicitation ceremony due to administrative busyness, so the award was received by Chief Engineer Pratham KC Meena, Additional Chief Engineers Sanjay Poonia and Amit Agarwal.
- The World HRD Congress has selected City Park at Mansarovar in the category of 'Best Environment-Friendly Projects' and Coaching Hub at Pratap Nagar in the category of 'Excellence in Innovation'.
- It is worth mentioning that in the last four years under the



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leadership of Rajasthan Housing Board Commissioner Pawan Arora, the board has received a total of 17 awards. These include the World Book of Records in house sales, Scotch Award-2021, Award of Excellence, Honor by National Real Estate Development Council, National Housing Award, I.B.C. and prestigious awards like 'Star of Governance-Gold Award' and 'Real Estate Conclave' by NAREDCO.

Honorarium of Part-Time Priests Hiked

Why in News?

On 16 May 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved the proposal to increase the honorarium of part-time priests of State Direct Charge Temples.

Key Points:

- The Chief Minister has also approved the proposal to increase the honorarium of the part-time priests of the State Direct Charge Temples under the Devasthan Department. With this, the honorarium of priests will increase from Rs.3000 per month to Rs.5000 per month.
- With this decision of the Chief Minister, the priests will get financial support.
- Along with this, a financial provision of Rs 5.93 crore has also been approved for the work related to decoration, painting, repair and upgradation in 593 temples under the Devasthan Department.
- It is worth mentioning that the honorarium of part-time priests of self-sufficient temples has already been increased from Rs.3000 to Rs.5000.
- According to the proposal, Rs 5.93 crore (up to Rs 1 lakh per temple) has been sanctioned for 390 government direct charge temples and 203 government self-sufficient temples. With the said approval, various upgradation works will be done in the temples.
- In view of the faith of the people of the state, the state government is getting the temples decorated, painted and repaired to strengthen them.
- In the budget for the year 2023-24, an announcement was made by the Chief Minister regarding the increase in the honorarium of the priests and the repair and upgradation work of the temples.

Salim Durrani Residential Sports Schools

Why in News?

On May 17, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a financial proposal to set up Salim Durrani Residential Sports Schools in each division of the state to create an environment of sports in the state and encourage players.

Key Points

- As per the proposal, Salim Durrani residential sports schools will be set up in Bikaner, Kota, Ajmer, Udaipur and Bharatpur divisions of the state for which financial sanction of Rs 69.20 crore has been granted.
- This decision of the Chief Minister will enable players to get suitable playwrights and sports facilities at the division level.
- Notably, the Chief Minister announced the opening of sports schools in each division in the budget year 2023-24 Approval has already been granted to start residential sports schools in Jaipur and Jodhpur divisions of the state.

Proposal approved to upgrade Nadbai and Lawan's Ayurveda dispensary to Block Ayush Hospital

Why in News?

On 15 May 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to upgrade the Ayurveda dispensary at Nadbai in Bharatpur district and Lawan in Dausa district to Block Ayush Hospital in view of the important role of Ayurveda in the concept of Nirogi Rajasthan.

Key Points:

- The Chief Minister has also given approval for the creation of 41 new posts in these hospitals. The newly created posts include the posts of Ayurveda Medical Officer Specialist, Unani Medical Officer, Homeopathic Medical Officer, Senior Ayurveda Nurse, Junior Ayurveda Nurse, Junior Unani Nurse, Junior Homeopathic Nurse, and Junior Assistant.

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- Apart from these, the services of attendant, guard, gardener and cook will be taken on a contract basis.
- The Chief Minister has also approved the construction of the building of the Rajasthan State AYUSH Research Center at Kekri in Ajmer. Where 8 crore rupees will be spent on this work.
- With this decision of the Chief Minister, better medical facilities will be available for health promotion and treatment of diseases through AYUSH medical methods.
- It is worth mentioning that the announcement in this regard was made by the Chief Minister in the budget.

CM approved the increase in the pension for Leprosy Cured Beneficiaries of the Specially Abled Category

Why in News?

On 15 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the financial proposal to increase the pension amount for leprosy-free special persons.

Key Points:

- Leprosy free specially-abled people will now get a pension amount of Rs 2500 per month. The enhanced pension amount will be available from 1st June 2023 (due 01.06.2023).
- It is worth mentioning that at present there are 16,810 leprosy-free social security pensioners in the state, who are currently being given a pension amount of Rs 1500 per month, which has now been increased to Rs 2500 per month.
- It may be noted that an announcement in this regard was made by the Chief Minister in the budget for the year 2023-24.

Homoeopathic Dispensaries will open at 225 Block Headquarters

Why in News?

On 16 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to open homoeopathic dispensaries at 225 block headquarters of the state.

Key Points:

- The Chief Minister has also approved the creation of 450 new posts for homoeopathic dispensaries.
- As per the proposal, a homoeopathic medical officer and a junior nurse/compounder will be appointed in each homoeopathic dispensary to be opened at 225 block headquarters.
- With this decision of the Chief Minister, the state's health infrastructure will be strengthened and homoeopathic treatment will be easily available to the common people at the local level only.
- It is worth mentioning that in the budget for the year 2023-24, the chief minister had announced the opening of a homoeopathic dispensary in each block.

Satellite hospitals will open in Jaipur & Chittorgarh

Why in News?

On 14 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the opening of satellite hospitals in Jaipur's Karbala area (Hawa Mahal) and Chittorgarh.

Key Points:

- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved the opening of these satellite hospitals in the direction of realizing the concept of Nirogi Rajasthan. For these, the creation of 98 new posts has also been approved.
- In these two hospitals, a total of 98 posts including 5 posts of Junior Specialist, 1 post each of Senior Medical Officer, Dental Medical Officer, Junior Assistant, Female Health Worker, Pharmacist, Dental Technician & Eye Assistant, 4 posts of medical officer & lab technician cadre, 2 posts each of nurse grade-I & radiographer cadre, 15 posts of nurse grade-II, 6 posts of ward boy & 4 posts of sweeper will be created.
- With the opening of these satellite hospitals, the common people will be able to get better treatment facilities nearby.
- It is worth mentioning that the announcement in this regard was made by the Chief Minister in the budget for the year 2023-24.

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Mini Secretariat will be built in Bundi's Hindoli

Why in News?

On 13 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal of Detailed Project (DPR) of the Mini Secretariat at Hindoli village in Bundi district.

Key Points:

- According to this DPR, construction work will be done in 5426 square meters at a cost of Rs 11 crore in the establishment of the Mini Secretariat. Offices of 10 government departments will operate here. This will provide relief to the common man.
- For good governance in Rajasthan, the state government is expanding administrative units up to the panchayat level. In this sequence, a mini secretariat will be established in Hindoli village of Bundi district.
- It is worth mentioning that the budget announcement was made by the Chief Minister regarding the mini secretariat building in Hindoli, Bundi.

Inauguration of Government Nursing College in Lalsot

Why in News?

On 15 May 2023, Rajasthan's Medical and Health Minister Parsadi Lal Meena inaugurated the new Government Nursing College in the old Tehsil office located at Lalsot in the Dausa district of the state.

Key Points:

- College Education Commissioner Dr. Ghanshyam Bairwa said that as per the budget announcement by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot for the year 2022-23, the Nursing College of Lalsot has started operating with an admission capacity of 60 students. Temporarily it is being operated in the old Tehsil building.
- The construction work is in progress on 8 bighas of land in Thalaj for the construction of the building of the Government Nursing College and hostel for the students at a cost of about Rs 22 crore.
- For the successful conduct of academic activities in the Nursing College, 16 teaching and 28 non-teaching faculty posts have been created.

- It is worth mentioning that big administrative offices & posts including ADM and Additional SP have been approved in Lalsot & all the facilities in the district are being developed in Lalsot.
- During this, the Medical & Health Minister including the Women & Child Development Minister inspected the college campus and also distributed scooties to 4 beneficiaries of the Divyangjan Scooty Distribution Scheme.
- It may be noted that under the said scheme, scooties will be provided to 35 Divyangjans of the Lalsot block.



1 new Sanskrit School in Bikaner & 18 Sanskrit Schools in the state will be upgraded

Why in News?

14 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved the proposal to open 1 new Sanskrit school in Bikaner district and upgrade 18 Sanskrit schools in different districts of the state.

Key Points:

- In this, 5 Sanskrit primary schools in different districts will be upgraded to upper primary schools, 8 Sanskrit upper primary schools and 5 Praveshika (secondary) Sanskrit schools will be upgraded to 'Varishtha Upadhyay'.
- It is known that the state government is trying to establish new schools and upgrade various schools to promote Sanskrit education.

Note:

- With this decision of the state government, with the opening of more centres of Sanskrit education, students will get opportunities to study nearby.
- It is worth mentioning that the announcement in this regard was made by the Chief Minister in the Budget-2023-24.

Jodhpur City's 565th Foundation Day

Why in News?

On 12 May 2023, the 565th foundation day of Jodhpur city, filled with Rajasthan's bravery, gallantry, unique folk culture and beautiful traditions, as well as many unique states, was celebrated with various beautiful & attractive programs.

Key Points:

- Jodhpur Foundation Day started with 'Run for Jodhpur'. During this, various folk artists filled the foundation day race with cultural juices and colours with their mesmerizing presentations.
- On this occasion, celebrities were honoured with 2 international, 5 national, 11 state level and 1 lifetime achievement honours for doing remarkable work in different fields.
- Railway Minister Ashwani Vaishnav was honoured with the Rao Sihaji Samman. Wherein Miss Annie Vicente was honoured with Maharaja Sarpratap Singh Samman.
- Rawal Kishan Singh and Rao Jodhaji Samman were given to Shri Rani Bhatiyani Mandir Sansthan Jasol for their excellent work in the field of social service.
- On this occasion, Dr. Ramesh Raliya was honoured with the Maharaja Hanuwant Singh Samman for his remarkable contribution to the field of science and technology, as well as Madan Singh was awarded the Major Dalpat Singh Samman for his extraordinary bravery for the common citizens and defence works.
- Kunwar Karni Singh Jasol Samman was given to Anup Shah for his excellent work in the field of traditional arts.
- In this episode, Padmashree Komal Kothari Samman was given to Kalu Nath Kalbelia in Rajasthani folk music and traditional Kalbelia region, whereas Maharaja Vijay Singh Samman posthumously to Late Liladevi Somani for his remarkable contribution to the field of folk music, Onkar Singh Lakhawat Maharaja Mansingh Samman in the field of heritage conservation.
- In the field of natural heritage conservation, Dr. Sarwan Singh Rathore was awarded Maharaja Umed Singh Award, Aishwarya Bhati was awarded Rajdadisa Badan Kanwar Bhatiyani Award for women empowerment, Rajmata Krishna Kumari Award was given to Azim Premji Foundation, Ratan Singh Rajpurohit was awarded Gaj Singh II Award, Rajasthan. International cricket player Ravi Vishnoi was honoured with the Yuvraj Shivraj Singh Samman.
- Apart from this, Mutha Nancy Samman was awarded to Marwar Magazine in the field of journalism.
- For the promotion of Rajasthani language literature, Bhanwarlal Suthar was honoured with Padma Shri Sitaram Lalas Samman, Hanumant Singh Kikar of Bikaner was awarded Narayan Singh Bhati Malunga Samman and Surendra Singh was posthumously awarded Rajaram Meghwal Samman in Rajasthani language poetry literature.
- Before independence, senior advocate Lekhraj Neta was given the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contribution to the field of law and justice.
- It is worth mentioning that Jodhpur was founded in the year 1459 by Rao Jodha, the head of the Rathore dynasty. The city is named after him only. It was earlier known as Marwar.
- Most of the houses in Jodhpur are painted blue. That's why this city is also called 'Blue City' or 'Sun City'.
- Every year a grand program is organized on the foundation day of Jodhpur city, along with a felicitation ceremony and other programs are also organized. In these programmes, those who do special and remarkable work in different fields are honoured. This program is organized in Mehrangarh Fort, one of the important historical places of Jodhpur.



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RBI Organises Quiz Competition in Government Schools of All Districts of the State

Why in News?

According to the information provided by the Public Relations & Information Department of Rajasthan on 11 May 2023, a quiz competition is being organized by the Reserve Bank of India in government schools of all the districts of Rajasthan to encourage financial literacy among the school students of the state.

Key Points:

- In order to encourage financial literacy among school students, a block level quiz competition was organized at Rural Development & Self Employment Training Institute and Government Higher Secondary School, Manchwa Jhotwara in Jaipur district of the state.
- Students of classes VIII to X of government schools of all blocks of the districts participated in this quiz.
- The team securing first position in block level quiz will participate in district level quiz competition. The first three winners of this quiz competition have been awarded.



PM lays Foundation Stone and Dedicates Various Infrastructure Projects at Nathdwara

Why in News?

On 10 May 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone, inaugurated and released various projects worth more than Rs 5500 crore in Nathdwara, Rajasthan.

Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that these development projects focus on strengthening the infrastructure and connectivity in the Nathdwara area. The railway and road projects will facilitate the movement of goods & services, give a boost to trade & commerce, improve the socio-economic condition of the people of the region by enhancing the connectivity of Rajasthan.
- The Prime Minister laid the foundation stone for two-laning road construction projects in Rajsamand and Udaipur. Along with this, the Prime Minister also laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of Udaipur Railway Station to provide better facilities to the people.
- He also laid the foundation stone for the gauge conversion project and construction of a new line from Nathdwara to Nathdwara town in Rajsamand.
- In addition, the Prime Minister inaugurated three National Highway projects, which include - 114 km long six-laning project from Udaipur to Shamlaji under NH-48; widening & strengthening project of 110 km long road to 4 lane with widening of road for two wheelers etc. (paved shoulder) in Bar-Bilara-Jodhpur section of NH-25 and two-laning project of 47 km long road with paved shoulder section in NH 58E.
- Udaipur, Dungarpur and Banswara will benefit from the six-laning project of the Udaipur to Shamlaji section of the National Highway, while the Bilara-Jodhpur section of NH-25 will provide easy access from Jodhpur to the border areas. The travel time between Jaipur-Jodhpur will be reduced by three hours and the access to world heritage sites like Kumbhalgarh & Haldighati will be easier.
- The new railway line from Shri Nathdwara will connect Mewar and Marwar, helping sectors like marble, granite & mining industries.



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The indoor Shooting Range will be built in Rajasthan Police Academy

Why in News?

On 10 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a financial proposal of Rs 14 crore for the establishment of a state-of-the-art indoor shooting range at the Rajasthan Police Academy in Jaipur to increase the firing capacity of the state's policemen.

Key Points:

- This indoor shooting range will be different from sports and Composite Indoor Shooting Ranges (CISR) of modern technology, which will have 6 lines of 50 meters.
- Trainees will get opportunities to practice in the better and more friendly environment of the Indoor Firing Range.
- It is worth mentioning that the Chief Minister announced this in the budget for the year 2023-24.

Rajasthani Migrants living in Delhi got the gift of Important Yojana

Why in News?

On 10 May 2023, Shubhra Singh, Chief Resident Commissioner & Additional Chief Secretary, Government of Rajasthan and Dheeraj Srivastava, Resident Commissioner & Commissioner of Rajasthan Foundation, inaugurated 'Mukhyamantri Nishulk Dava Yojana' & 'E-Mitra' Yojana at Bikaner House premises in Delhi to provide benefits of the public welfare schemes of the state government to the Rajasthani migrants living in Delhi.

Key Points:

- People will get 300 medicines free of cost under the 'Mukhyamantri Nishulk Dava Yojana'.
- Apart from this, about 500 special services will be provided by the E-Mitra centre opened in Bikaner House, mainly including Janadhar, Enrollment, Chiranjeevi Enrollment, Pension Verification, Scholarship Yojana, Mobile Recharge, Bus-Rail Tickets, Birth-Death Proof etc.

- It is worth mentioning that the people living in the state, as well as the Rajasthani migrants living outside the state, should get the benefit of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's positive thinking and priority on education & health. With this resolve, these facility centres have been started.
- Along with the inauguration of E-Mitra and Mukhyamantri Nishulk Dava Yojana centres in Bikaner House premises, a press room was inaugurated for the journalists to sit. Along with seating facilities for journalists, computers and other facilities have also been started in this room, so that media persons can complete their daily work related to news.



Women's Village Service Cooperative Society

Why in News?

On 8 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the draft action plan for the formation of a Mahila Gram Seva Sahakari Samiti in each block of the state for women empowerment and women upliftment.

Key Points:

- The contribution of Rs.3 lakh of each committee will also be borne by the state government. In this way, the state government will bear the total financial burden of Rs 10.53 crore for the village cooperative service societies to be formed in 351 blocks in the state.
- According to the draft, there will be at least one Gram Panchayat in the jurisdiction of the committee and the minimum number of members will be 300. The minimum share amount will be Rs 3 lakh.

Note:

- The minimum deposit amount from members in general areas will be Rs 1 lakh and in Scheduled Tribe areas the deposit amount will be Rs 75 thousand. There shall not be two Village Co-operative Service Societies in any one Gram Panchayat.
- Rs 50,000 will be given from the Primary Agricultural Credit Cooperative Societies (PACS) for furniture and other resources in the new societies.
- With this decision of the Chief Minister, the active cooperation of women in the cooperative sector will increase. Along with this, the all-around upliftment of women and the cooperative movement will also get strength, speed and direction.

A permanent bench of the Rajasthan Civil Service Appellate Tribunal will open in Jodhpur

Why in News?

On 5 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to open a permanent bench of 'Rajasthan Civil Services Appellate Tribunal' in Jodhpur.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister has taken this decision considering the convenience of the state personnel. This bench will be operated in court number-19 of the old heritage building of Jodhpur High Court.
- The Chief Minister has also approved the creation of a total of 13 posts including 2 posts of Member, 1 of Assistant Registrar, 2 of Information Assistant, 2 of Senior Assistant, 3 of Junior Assistant and 3 posts of Personal Assistant Grade-2 in this permanent bench. A financial provision of Rs 25 lakh has been made for necessary equipment and furniture for the office.
- With this decision of the Chief Minister, cases related to the service of state personnel like pension, salary fixation, promotion etc. will be resolved quickly.
- It is worth mentioning that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had announced this in the budget for the year 2023-24.

Nursing colleges will be opened in Masuda, Rawatbhata and Nawan

Why in News?

On 5 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the opening of new Government Nursing Colleges at Masuda in Ajmer, Rawatbhata in Chittorgarh and Nawan in Nagaur.

Key Points

- A financial provision of Rs 17.70 crore has also been approved for the operation of these new colleges.
- Along with this, approval has also been given for the creation of 24 new posts for each college. Of these posts, one post each of Principal, Vice-Principal, Professor, 2 posts of Associate Professor, 3 posts of Assistant Professor, 8 posts of Tutor, 7 posts of Executive Assistant, and 1 post of Assistant Librarian are included in each college.
- For each college, services will be taken through the agency on 10 posts of multi-tasking staff and 10 posts of security guards through Rajasthan Ex-Servicemen Corporation Ltd. (REXCO).
- It is worth mentioning that in the budget of the year 2023-24, the Chief Minister had announced the opening of a new Government Nursing College.

Police Training School will be established in Silori, Ajmer

Why in News?

On 7 May 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal of the school for the establishment of a training school at Silora (Kishangarh) in Ajmer intending to increase the functionality and efficiency of the Police Personnel of Rajasthan.

Key Points:

- Here are the new posts of Additional Superintendent of Police, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Police Inspector, Company Commander, Programmer & one post each of Senior Assistant, 2-2 posts of Sub-Inspector CP and Platoon Commander, 10 posts of Head Constable and 18 Constable (total 38) will be created.

Note:

- Apart from this, a total of 15 posts of Lecturer, Platoon Commander, Barber, Sweeper, Cook and Head Constable will be recruited on a retired or job basis.
- Along with this, approval has also been given to spend Rs 4.34 crore for various construction works, Rs 4.05 lakh for equipment and Rs 29.20 lakh for vehicles.
- It is worth mentioning that the Chief Minister had announced this regard in the budget announcement for the year 2023-24.

Awards received during the closing ceremony of National Cooperative Masala Fair-2023 & Organic Food Festival

Why in News?

In the closing ceremony of the 10-day National Cooperative Masala Fair-2023 and the 3-day Organic, Food Festival organized on 7 May 2023 at the Rajasthan Jawahar Kala Kendra premises, various committees have been awarded in terms of business & display in the Cooperative Fair.

Key Points

- Based on best display, IFFCO, and KRIBHCO among national level institutions & Rajfed, CONFED, Tilam Sangh, Jaipur Dairy and Apex Bank were honoured among top cooperative institutions.
- Cooperative organizations of Markfed Kerala, Punjab, and TANfed Tamil Nadu were honoured for the sale & display of state-specific products and spices.



Note:

- Based on the layout, Udaipur, Bharatpur and Bhilwara stood first, second & third respectively in the category of district consumer stores.
- Among other states, Kerala State Cooperative Marketing Federation, Confed first and Tilam Sangh stood second for maximum sales at Sahakar Masala Mela.
- Mathania stood first, Nagaur second and Kishangarh third in the purchase and sale co-operative societies. Similarly, Kota, Udaipur and Jodhpur stood first, second & third respectively in the category of district consumer stores.
- The people of Jaipur bought spices worth more than Rs 2.10 crore at this fair.
- It is worth mentioning that on April 28, 2023, the National Cooperative Spices Fair-2023 was inaugurated.
- In the closing ceremony, the Registrar of Cooperative Societies Meghraj Singh Ratnu honored the best stalls by giving them certificates and mementoes.
- For the first time, organic cookies have started to be made available to the general public through CONFED.

Important Approvals for Sports and Players in Rajasthan

Why in News?

On 4 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a financial provision of Rs 22.68 crore for constructing an All-Weather Swimming Pool at the State Sports Institute in Jodhpur, a sports complex at Bharatpur and a stadium and sports hostel at Shahbad in Baran.

Key Points:

- The construction work of Sports Complex Bharatpur will be done by RSRDC for Rs 7 crore. In addition, the construction of an all-weather swimming pool at the State Sports Institute in Jodhpur will be done for Rs 8.68 crore.
- On the other hand, the construction work of Shahbad's stadium and sports hostel will be done by RSRDC for Rs 7 crore.
- It is worth mentioning that the above announcements related to sports were made by the Chief Minister in the budget for the year 2023-24.



Stroke Intervention Lab will be Established in Sawai Mansingh Hospital

Why in News?

On 4 May 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a financial provision of Rs 8 crore for the establishment of a stroke intervention lab at Sawai Mansingh SMS Hospital in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Key Points:

- With this lab, medical facilities will be expanded in the SMS hospital and patients will be able to get better treatment in a timely manner.
- It is notable that the Chief Minister announced the establishment of the lab in the budget of the year 2023-24.
- A stroke is a medical emergency that requires immediate medical care because the brain does not receive enough oxygen or nutrients. Due to which brain cells (brain cells) die.

9 Police Posts will be Opened in Hospitals Affiliated with Government Medical Colleges

Why in News?

On 3 May 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal for the creation of 9 police posts in hospitals affiliated to state medical colleges in the state.

Key Points:

- These police posts are located at Government Janana Hospital Medical College Bharatpur, Government Haribaksh Kanwatiya Hospital Jaipur, T.B. Hospital Shastri Nagar Jaipur, Government Dental Medical College & Hospital Subhash Nagar Jaipur, R.U.H.S. Medical College Jaipur, S.R. Goyal Satellite Hospital Sethi Colony Jaipur, Government RDBP Jaipuria Hospital Jaipur, Government Psychiatric Hospital, Transport Nagar Jaipur and Government J.K.Lon Mother & Child Hospital will be established in Kota.

- The posts of 1 sub-inspector and 6 constables i.e., a total of 9 sub-inspectors and 54 constables will also be created in each of these outposts.
- It is worth mentioning that in the budget year 2023-24, the Chief Minister announced the opening of police posts in hospitals affiliated to various medical colleges of the state.

Assembly Speaker inaugurated the National Cooperative Fair

Why in News?

On 28 April 2023, Rajasthan Assembly Speaker Dr. C.P. Joshi inaugurated the National Cooperative Spices Fair, 2023, lighting the lamp at Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur.

Key Points:

- Cooperative societies of Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Kerala, Punjab and other cooperative societies have brought their products in this fair. This will increase business. In the era of competition, people's faith in cooperative products is undoubtedly high. This fair will continue till 7 May.
- Turmeric, Chilli, Coconut Oil, Kerala Chips, Spices, Namkeen and many special products are the centre of attraction for sale in this fair by the Cooperative Society from Kerala.
- This time, in the Rashtriya Sahakar Masala Mela, along with whole and ground spices, special products of Sharbat and Thandai have been made available to give coolness. The special Thandai of Nathdwara remains the centre of attraction at the fair.
- Udaipur Bhandar and Rajsamand Bhandar have brought a wide range of Sharbat of Khus, Paan, Rose etc. to the city dwellers.



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MOU Signed between NAREDCO and Rajasthan Housing Board

Why in News?

On 2 May 2023, an MoU was signed between the central agency National Real Estate Development Council (NAREDCO) and the Rajasthan Housing Board.

Key Points:

- Under this MoU, both organizations will jointly provide on-site skill training to 20,000 construction workers of the state under the program 'NIPUN' (National Institute for Promotion of Upskilling of Construction Workers) in the next 2 years.
- NAREDCO's Vice President Ashok Patni said that the Council has appointed Rajasthan Housing Board as the nodal agency for this training. With the cooperation of the Board, in the first phase, training will be imparted to thousands of workers involved in more than 150 ongoing projects across the state under the Board. After this, other institutions of the state will be connected.
- After training, construction workers will also be given free accident insurance of Rs 2 lakh for 3 years.
- After this MoU, the Housing Board will become the first organization in the country to train construction workers of government, non-government, daily wage workers, and builders in a professional manner with the help of NAREDCO. This training will be given on-site during the ongoing work, due to which the construction work will not be interrupted.
- At the end of the training, the workers will also be given a certificate and an incentive amount of Rs 500 by NAREDCO. There will be no financial burden on

the board in this. The biggest highlight of this training is that after taking the training, the labourers will be able to move from unskilled to skilled, due to which their honorarium will also increase.

- Benefits of training to workers-
 - The successful candidates in the training will be given certificates by the government.
 - There will be an increase in the self-esteem of the construction workers after the training.
 - Remuneration received from unskilled to the skilled category will also increase.
 - Certificates received after training will give priority to other work as well.
 - At the end of the training, the workers will also be given a certificate and an incentive amount of Rs 500 by NAREDCO.
 - The construction workers taking the training will also benefit from the free accident insurance scheme.
 - Along with learning new skills, trained workers will also get information about new tools and techniques.
 - Knowledge of personal safety will reduce accidents during construction work.



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