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Meri Maati Mera Desh Abhiyan : Rajasthan gets 'Amrit Award'

Why In News?

On October 31, 2023, Rajasthan has received the 'Amrit Award' by securing third position in the category of best performing states in 'Meri Maati Mera Desh Abhiyan' during the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi.

Key Points:

- At the grand finale of the Amrit Kalash Yatra of the Meri Maati Mera Desh Abhiyan held at the Path of Duty in New Delhi, the Prime Minister presented the Azadi Ka Amrit Awards to the 3 top performing States/UTs as well as Ministries and Departments.
- It is noteworthy that these awards were selected by a committee constituted at a high level, according to which out of 36 states and union territories, the first prize was given to Jammu and Kashmir and the second prize was given to Gujarat.
- The third prize was jointly awarded to the state of Rajasthan and Haryana. This award was received by Rajasthan Chief Secretary Usha Sharma.



Asian Games gold medalist Divyakriti Singh Appointed State Election Icon

Why in News?

On November 10, 2023, the Election Commission of India approved the proposal of the State Election Commission to appoint Asian Games gold medalist in horse riding Divyakriti Singh as the 'State Election Icon'.

Key Points

- It may be noted that in order to ensure 100 percent voting in the upcoming assembly elections, the State Election Department has appointed celebrities who have done remarkable work in various fields as 'State Election Icons' to motivate voters to vote in maximum numbers.
- In this series, 24-year-old Jaipur resident Divyakriti Singh, Asian Games gold medal winner in horse riding, has been appointed as 'State Election Icon'.
- It is noteworthy that Divyakriti, a Psychology graduate from Jesus and Mary College, Delhi University, had recently won the gold medal for India in the team event of horse riding (dressage) in the 19th Asian Games held in China.
- Apart from the Asian Games, she has represented the country in many international competitions in Europe. Along with this, she has also been honored with India Today Woman Achiever Award and Sawai Jaipur Award.



Inauguration of Rajasthan Pavilion in 42nd Indian International Trade Fair

Why in News?

The recently built Rajasthan Pavilion was officially opened during the 42nd Indian International Trade Fair, commencing on November 14, 2023, at Pragati Maidan in New Delhi. The inauguration ceremony was led by Veenu Gupta, the Additional Chief Secretary for Industries and Commerce in the state, along with Dr. Manisha Arora, the Director of Rajasthan Small Industries Corporation Limited.

Key Points

Visitors, both domestic and international, to the Rajasthan Pavilion will have the chance to explore and purchase globally renowned products from the state.



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> This time, tourism, khadi, women and child development

- departments and industry departments including RSSIC's Rajasthali are participating in the trade fair.
- The pavilion showcases approximately 25 stalls featuring entrepreneurs from various regions of Rajasthan participating in the trade fair. These



stalls exhibit globally acclaimed handicraft products, particularly the popular Rajasthani items such as lac bangles, women's jewellery, makeup items, textiles, bedsheets, and hosiery products that have garnered attention both nationally and internationally.

This time, arrangements for catering of Rajasthani cuisine have been made through Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation.

Dr. Madhukar Gupta honored with 'Election Commissioner of the Year'

Why In News?

On November 17, 2023, State Election Commissioner Dr. Madhukar Gupta was awarded the prestigious award 'Election Commissioner of the Year' at the 19th International Electoral Affairs Conference and Awards Ceremony held in Lisbon, Portugal.

Key Points:

- Dr. Gupta was given this honor in a ceremony presided over by the Speaker of the Parliament of Portugal, Augusto Santos Silva, for his significant contribution in advancing democratic processes and practices in elections globally.
- It is notable that the 19th International Electoral Affairs Conference and Awards Ceremony held in Lisbon, Portugal served as a dynamic platform to foster collaboration and share insights among global leaders.
- Let it be known that retired IAS of 1985 batch of Indian Administrative Service. Officer Dr. Madhukar Gupta was appointed Chief Election Commissioner of Rajasthan in August 2022. Dr. Madhukar Gupta has

held important positions in the state and centre. He has been the Chief Resident Commissioner in the Office of the Resident Commissioner of Rajasthan located at Bikaner House, New Delhi.



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Dr. Madhukar Gupta

has previously served in important positions in the Government of Rajasthan and the Government of India. Dr. Gupta has also served on the posts of Joint Secretary and Additional Secretary in the Ministry of Public Enterprises and Heavy Industries, Government of India.

 Earlier, Gupta had served as Chairman of Indira Gandhi Canal Board, Divisional Commissioner of Jaipur, Kota, Bharatpur and Bikaner and Collector in several districts, as well as serving as Principal Secretary in the Higher Education Department and Transport Department of the Government of Rajasthan. But offered his services.

Digital Certificate After Uploading Your Selfie After Voting

Why In News?

On November 22, 2023, Chief Electoral Officer of Rajasthan Praveen Gupta said that a digital certificate will be issued to the voter who uploads the selfie after voting on the website of CEO Rajasthan on the voting day.

Key Points:

- It may be noted that with the aim of encouraging voters to vote 100 percent in the Rajasthan Assembly General Election - 2023, the Election Department has taken the initiative to issue digital certificates to voters.
- Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta said that in view of the Assembly General Elections 2023 to be held in the state on November 25, selfie points have been made at polling stations to motivate voters to vote.



- He informed that a digital certificate will be issued when voters take a selfie from the selfie points installed at the polling stations and upload it on the portal by clicking on the link "Upload your Selfie and Download Digital Certificate" displayed on the website of the Chief Electoral Officer https//ceorajasthan.nic.in/.
- on the other link "Link to Download e-Pledge Certificate" on the website of CEO Rajasthan, district wise links of all the districts of the state have been displayed. By clicking on the name of the concerned district, the e-pledge certificate can be downloaded from the portal of that district.

Rajasthan Assembly General Election-2023 : 75.45 Percent Voting Place in the State

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Information and Public Relations Department of Rajasthan on November 26, 2023, 75.45 percent voting took place in the elections held on November 25, 2023 in the state for the Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2023.

Key Points:

- The voting process for Rajasthan Assembly Elections 2023 was completed peacefully in the state on 25th November. Now counting of votes will take place on December 3, 2023. On the day of voting, voters participated in this great festival of democracy with great enthusiasm and enthusiasm and voted enthusiastically.
- Compared to the Assembly elections 2018 in the state, there was an increase of 0.73 percent in the voting percentage in the Assembly elections held this year in 2023. 0.83 percent voting through postal ballot is also included in the total voting for the Assembly Elections-2023.
- A total of 74.62 percent voting took place through EVMs in the state on November 25. Men voted 74.53 percent and women 74.72 percent. In the Assembly elections-2018, 74.71 percent voting took place in the state, in which men voted 74.75 percent and women 74.67 percent.

- Maximum 88.13 percent voting was done through EVM in Kushalgarh assembly constituency. There was 86.13 percent voting here in 2018. This time 87.79 percent voting took place in Pokaran assembly constituency, here in the year 2018 elections there was 87.50 percent voting. This time 86.11 percent voting took place in Tijara compared to 82.08 percent last time.
- Pokhran, Kushalgarh and Tijara assembly constituencies saw the highest number of women voting at 88.23 percent, 87.54 percent and 85.45 percent respectively.
- The lowest voting percentage was 61.24 percent through EVM in Ahor assembly constituency. There was 61.53 percent voting here in 2018. This time 61.29 percent voting took place in Marwar Junction assembly constituency, here in the year 2018 elections there was 60.42 percent voting. This time 61.44 percent voting took place in Sumerpur as compared to 60.89 percent last time.
 - Jodhpur, Todabhim and Bamanwas assembly constituencies had the lowest voting percentage of women at 62.97 percent, 63.22 percent and 63.63 percent respectively.
 - The maximum increase in voting was 9.6 percent in Baseri assembly constituency, 7.65 percent in Taranagar and 7.01 percent in Aspur. At the same time, the maximum decline in voting percentage was recorded in Phalodi by 7.15 percent, in Hindaun by 6.10 percent and in Jaisalmer by 4.79 percent.
 - In this assembly election, a total of 39211399 votes were cast from EVMs in the state. Of these, 18827294 votes were cast by women, 20383757 by men and 348 votes were cast by third gender voters.

Record of Making World's Largest Roti in the Name of Kailash of Bhilwara

Why In News?

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On November 27, 2023, a world record has been recorded in the name of Kailash Soni of Bhilwara city for making the world's largest Roti. Also, a certificate of this record has been given to Sony in Bhilwara.



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Key Points:

- It may be noted that on October 8, 2023, a world record of the world's largest Roti was made in Bhilwara city. This record has been recorded in the International Book of Records (World Record of Excellence).
- Here the world's largest Roti weighing 185 kg has been made. The diameter of this Roti is 11.25 feet by 11.25 feet.
- To make it, the world's largest Roti was made in more than six hours by a team of 24 confectioners from different states of India.
- Its tawa was about 1000 kg and size was 16 x 12 feet.
 To make it, 1000 kg of coal was used in 1100 brick kilns.
- It is noteworthy that in the year 2012, 10 feet x 10 feet Roti in Jamnagar city of Gujarat was recorded in the Guinness Book of World Records weighing 145 kg.



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