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1062.77 Crore Mega Project Approved for Pratapgarh District

Why In News?

On September 30, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary, Public Health Engineering and Ground Water, Dr. Subodh Agrawal approved mega projects worth Rs 1062 crore 77 lakh for Pratapgarh district of the state.

Key Points

- Dr. Subodh Agrawal informed that 524 villages of Pratapgarh, Arnod and Peepalkhunt areas of Pratapgarh district have got approval for these projects to provide water to every household from Jakham dam.
- Under this drinking water scheme, the drinking water problem of 136 of Pratapgarh Panchayat Samiti, 106 of Dhamottar, 83 of Arnod, 103 of Dalot and 96 of Suhagpura Panchayat Samiti, i.e., a total of 524 villages and Dhanijs will be solved from Jakham dam in Pratapgarh district.
- This project has been prepared keeping in mind the drinking water demand of 55 liters per person per day for the year 2053 with a projected population of 6 lakh 17 thousand 407. Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, 82 thousand 525 water connections will be given to every household from this project.
- It is noteworthy that in order to provide pure drinking water from Mahi Dam to 399 villages of Kushalgarh and Sajjangarh Panchayat Samiti of Banswara district, a drinking water project worth Rs. 211 crore 60 lakh has also been given administrative and financial approval.

Saur Krishi Aajeevika Yojana

Why In News?

On September 30, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the 'Saur Krishi Aajeevika Yojana to help farmers set up solar power plants on their unused or barren land.

Key Points

- The 'Saur Krishi Aajeevika Yojana' will facilitate farmers to earn a livelihood by giving their unused land to set up solar power plants at remunerative lease rate and raise their standard of living.

- An online portal has been developed under the scheme, where farmers/land owners can register their land for leasing out for setting up solar power plants.
- The land developers can view the land details put up by the said farmers on the portal and set up solar power plants as per rules.
- With the Saur Krishi Aajeevika Yojana, developers will also be able to easily get central grant (30 percent of the cost) under the PM Kusum Yojana for setting up plants.
- The state government will enter into a tripartite agreement between the land owner/farmer, the developer and the concerned discom or company, to ensure that the land owner/farmer is protected from risk.
- With this decision, the state government's goal of making Rajasthan a green energy state will also be achieved by increasing solar energy production and reducing the dependence on traditional sources of energy will reduce the level of environmental pollution and bring relief to the common man.

Rajasthan Approves 32 Investment Proposals worth Rs 1.42 lakh Crore

Why In News?

On October 2, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a customized package to 32 projects to encourage investment of over Rs 1.42 lakh crore in the state at the third meeting of the Board of Investment at the Chief Minister's residence.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister directed the department to prepare for the Invest Rajasthan Summit and said that this summit will play an important role in the industrial development of the state. This will create employment opportunities for more than 32 thousand people in the state.
- Proposals approved in the meeting mainly include Azure Power Pvt Ltd in Renewable Energy Sector, Renew Power Pvt Ltd etc., Asahi India Glass Ltd in Plastic and Glass Manufacturing, Hero Electric Vehicles in Electric Vehicle Sector, Okaya EV Pvt Ltd in addition to Textiles, Mines. And the projects in Minerals,

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Food & Beverages, Hospitality, Cement, Auto & Auto Components and Agriculture & Agro Processing have been approved by the Board.

- Chief Minister Gehlot said that the state government has implemented many important policies and programs to increase investment, such as MSME Policy-2022, Handicrafts Policy-2022, Tourism Promotion Policy-2022, Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS-2019), Rajasthan Industrial Development Policy-2019 And many facilities are being provided to the investors through the One Stop Shop System.
- Due to the industrial policies of the state government, proposals of big international companies to set up industrial units in the state are constantly being received. This will further strengthen the industrial development of Rajasthan.
- Chief Minister Shri Gehlot directed to study the possibilities of development of cement industry in Jaisalmer division. It is noteworthy that there are enough raw materials, such as limestone, etc. available for the cement industry in this area.

Establishment of Peace and Non-Violence Department in Rajasthan

Why In News?

Governor Kalraj Mishra has approved the proposal for the formation of a department of peace and non-violence taken in the state cabinet on October 1, 2022, after Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot announced that the directorate would be made a department.

Key Points

- Propagation of ideas of peace and non-violence through the Department of Peace and Non-Violence, various exhibitions related to The Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi, various great men, brave martyrs, freedom fighters, peace and harmony, social unity, Competitions and events will be organized. A comprehensive plan will be prepared for organizing these programs and financial arrangements will be ensured.
- At the same time, the department will prepare proposals related to peace and non-violence, communal unity, social equality, universal brotherhood, untouchability,

social reform based on the thoughts and principles of Mahatma Gandhi and take appropriate steps for their implementation.

- The department will also constitute a committee for proposals received for various awards like Gandhi Sadbhavana Samman.

World Record on Gandhi Jayanti in the State

Why in News?

On October 2, 2022, the World Book of Records organization gave a provisional certificate to the Art and Culture Department for organizing Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha by about 1.5 crore people across the state on the occasion of World Non-Violence Day and the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi.

Key Points

- Art and Culture Minister Dr. BD Kalla, Principal Secretary Gayatri Rathod and Joint Government Secretary Pankaj Ojha handed over this certificate to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.
- It is noteworthy that in the meeting organized across the state on October 2, the dignitaries of the state, Gandhians, thinkers, school and college students, self-help groups, Rajivika group self-help groups, parents, public representatives, MPs, legislators, ministers and by the general public. By participating, about 15 million people made this world record.

'Rajasthan Ratna' Award

Why in News?

On October 3, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot announced the names of the persons selected for the 'Rajasthan Ratna' award.

Key Points

- This year the 'Rajasthan Ratna' award will be conferred on Justice Dalveer Bhandari, Justice RM Lodha, Industrialist Anil Agarwal, Industrialist LN Mittal, Sheen Kauf Nizam and KC Malu.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot will present the award to the dignitaries during the Rajasthan summit to be held

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on October 7 and 8. Around 3,000 participants from India and abroad will participate in this conference.

- It is known that 'Rajasthan Ratna' is the highest award given by the Government of Rajasthan. This award was started in the year 2012. This award is given every year since 2012.
- It is to be known that the highest civilian award of India is 'Bharat Ratna'. On the lines of the same, the highest civilian award of Rajasthan is 'Rajasthan Ratna'. The Rajasthan Ratna Award carries a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh and a citation.

Chief Minister Inaugurated and Laid the Foundation Stone for Development Works Worth Rs 472 crore

Why In News?

On October 6, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of development works worth Rs 472 crore and gave a gift to the people of the state.

Key Points

- Chief Minister inaugurated LIC constructed at a cost of Rs.250 crores. Inaugurated the elevated road from Bhawan to Sodala, which will give great relief to the residents of Jaipur. He also announced to name the elevated road as 'Bharat Jodo Setu'.
- Apart from this, he laid the foundation stone of 6 other projects worth Rs 222 crore.
 - 43 MLD in Sankalp Nagar-Sanjharia Laying of foundation stone of Sewage Treatment Plant (STP) of capacity
 - Foundation stone of guest house in Rajasthan International Center campus
 - 1200 mm in Prithviraj Nagar (North). Laying of foundation stone of main trunk line of Beas
 - 600-900 mm in Prithviraj Nagar (North). Laying of foundation stone of main trunk line of Beas.
 - Foundation stone laid for drainage work on Luniawas-Goner Road
 - Foundation stone of main drainage work on Vande Mataram Road-Muhana Mandi Road

'Invest Rajasthan Summit 2022'

Why In News?

On October 7, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the two-day 'Invest Rajasthan Summit 2022' held at JECC Sitapura, Jaipur.

Key Points

- The two-day summit is being attended by dignitaries from the most prestigious corporate groups around the world. Industry experts and leaders will share their experiences in the conclave and panel discussion organized under the summit.
- Addressing the inaugural session of the summit, the Chief Minister said that large scale investment is coming to the state from this two-day summit. Before the summit, MoUs worth about Rs 11 lakh crore have been signed by the state government with investors. Through this, about 10 lakh people are likely to get employment. For the first time, MoUs have been signed on priority on the theme of 'Committed and Delivered'.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister inaugurated 25 industrial areas in different districts of the state. He also inaugurated 18 industrial units and laid foundation stones of 33 industrial units. With the foundation stone and dedication, on the one hand, industrial development will be accelerated in various districts in the state, while employment and revenue will increase at the local level.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also honored 6 personalities who have made Rajasthan proud in the country and abroad with their outstanding and extraordinary work in various fields. All of them were awarded a citation, shawl, momanto and a prize money of Rs 1 lakh.
- From the field of justice, Justice Dalveer Bhandari, appointed to the International Court of Justice, former Chief Justice of India RM Lodha, Vedanta Group Chairman Anil Agarwal from the field of industry, LN Mittal, Chairman of ArcelorMittal and renowned producer KC Malu and famous Urdu poet Sheen Kaaf Nizam were awarded the 'Rajasthan Ratna'.
- On the first day of the summit, 5 conclaves were organized - NRR, Tourism, Start-up, Agri-Business

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and Future Ready Sector, while MSME Conclave will be organized on the second day of the summit.

- The chief minister also launched the first non-resident Rajasthani (NRR) policy and the Rajasthan Foundation's website during the Non Resident Rajasthani (NRR) Conclave session.
- Addressing the Future Ready Sector Conclave - Exploring Investment in Future Ready Sectors organized under the summit, Industries Minister Shakuntala Rawat said that Rajasthan will be the first state in the country to implement the Green Hydrogen Policy.
- The Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) has been appointed as the national partner for organizing this summit, which is supporting the state government to organize the summit.
- The Chief Minister also launched the 'Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme 2022' (RIPS-2022) during the Invest Rajasthan Summit. Under this, industries that generate employment on a large scale in the state, contribute to the upliftment of Scheduled Tribes / Castes and do excellent work in the development of the region will be encouraged.
- Under the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme 2022, provision has been made for various types of subsidies and IGST recharge for such industries.

CM Re-operates Palace on Wheels

Why in news?

On October 8, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot flagged off the **Palace on Wheels** royal train, which has been closed for 2 years, from **Gandhinagar railway station in Jaipur**.

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- On this occasion, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that the operation of palace on wheels royal train was closed since March 2020 due to Covid-19. The resumption of this train, which has been running for the last 40 years, after a gap of 2 years indicates that the tourism sector in the state will emerge stronger in the coming days.
- The Chief Minister said that this royal train has been restarted with the positive initiative of RTDC and Tourism Department. Under the joint aegis of Railways

and RTDC, this train has been included in modern decoration and all tourist amenities.

- He said that in order to promote tourism, the state government has given the status of industry to tourism and many types of concessions are being given in this sector. From the point of view of tourism, the old havelis, forts and deserts of Rajasthan along with folk arts, handicrafts etc. have a special identity all over the world.
- He said that Rajasthan is the most prosperous state in the country in the field of tourism and after Delhi-Agra, foreign tourists prefer to come to Rajasthan. It has a rich tradition of indigenous tourism. A provision of Rs 1000 crore has also been made to promote tourism in the budget for the year 2022-23.
- It is noteworthy that the first royal railway was started in the year 1982. As a result of gauge conversion of railways from time to time, meter gauge to broad gauge train was constructed in the year 1991 and third royal railway in 1995.
- Apart from Delhi and Agra, the royal train will cover the beautiful cities of Rajasthan - Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Chittorgarh, Jaisalmer and Bharatpur in seven days.
- The journey of this royal train, which gives a glimpse of the glorious history of Rajasthan, enjoys domestic and foreign tourists. Here the tourist finds himself in a majestic atmosphere. Tourists are thrilled to see the hospitality, delicious dishes and service spirit and hospitality of the officers and employees of the Tourism Corporation.

Rajasthan Rural Family Livelihood Loan Scheme

Why In News?

On October 10, 2022, Rajasthan Cooperation Minister Uday Lal Anjana informed that the Chief Minister has approved the implementation of 'Rajasthan Rural Family Livelihood Loan Scheme' for the families of rural areas of the state.

Key Points

- Under the Rajasthan Rural Family Livelihood Loan Scheme, interest-free loans of Rs 2,000 crore will be given to one lakh families for non-agricultural works in the year 2022-23. Families living in rural areas of

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the state for the last 5 years will be eligible for this loan. This loan will be available through commercial banks, regional rural banks, cooperative banks and small finance banks. The state government will provide interest subvention of Rs 100 crore for such loans.

- Cooperative Minister Uday Lal Anjana informed that the families of small and marginal farmers and landless laborers who are doing tenants, oral lessees, sharecroppers etc., fulfilling other eligibility criteria in the scheme, will also be eligible. Apart from this, rural artisans and members of rural family living in non-agricultural work will also be eligible.
- Along with this, loans will be made available to individual members of self-help groups, producer groups and business groups of Rajivika for group activities. Individual loan will be given to a maximum of 10 members per group and the maximum loan amount will be Rs 2 lakh.
- He said that for the loan, the applicant must be a resident of the work area or district of the bank branch and his base and support base should be maintained. The family member should have a Kisan card issued by any licensed bank. Families who do not have Kisan Credit Card will be sanctioned credit cards for non-agricultural activities as new members. No processing fee will be charged from the applicant.
- Minister Anjana informed that the applicant will be sanctioned as the entire loan credit limit. The credit limit amount will be assessed keeping in view the capital requirements of the business, working capital and day-to-day needs. The sanctioned credit limit will have to be renewed every year, that is, on completion of one year, the outstanding amount will have to be deposited in the account and the credit limit will have to be renewed for the next year. For this scheme, the state government will also give continuous interest subsidy in the coming years.
- He said that a target has been set to provide interest free loans to one lakh rural households including 55 thousand 158 by commercial banks, 36 thousand 741 by regional rural banks, 5 thousand 949 by cooperative banks and 2 thousand 152 by small finance banks. The sanctioned loan amount will have to be repaid within a period of one year and the borrower can get the credit limit renewed for the next year.
- The eligible family will be selected from the rural area on the basis of the total target number allotted to the district by the District Collector. The committee headed

by the District Collector will examine the eligibility criteria and send the loan application form to the concerned bank branch of the online applications received on the portal. The branch will take a decision on loan sanction in 15 days.

'The Indian Responsible Tourism State Awards 2022- Rajasthan' to be held in Jaipur

Why In News?

On October 11, 2022, Director, Tourism Department, Rajasthan, Dr. Rashmi Sharma said in the press conference that 'The Indian Responsible Tourism State Awards 2022-Rajasthan' will be held in Jaipur in the last week of November.

Key Points

- Dr. Rashmi Sharma said that in order to honor the entrepreneurs who have promoted responsible tourism in the state, the Rajasthan Tourism Department has started 'The Indian Responsible Tourism State Awards 2022-Rajasthan' in collaboration with Outlook Group. Local entrepreneurs associated with the tourism sector will participate in it.
- He informed that 'The Indian Responsible Tourism State Awards 2022-Rajasthan' will be given in eight categories.
- The awards will be given in the categories of Sustainable Leadership - Hotels, Sustainable Leadership - Homestay, Sustainable Leadership - BNB and Guesthouse, Sustainable Enterprises in Eco-Fragile Landscape, Sustainability Champion in Pathfinder, Sustainability Champion in Grassroots Heroes, Heritage Conservation and Wildlife Conservation.

11th Edition of India Stonemart to be held in Jaipur

Why In News?

On October 11, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Secretary Usha Sharma, while presiding over a review meeting regarding

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India Stonemart at the Government Secretariat in Jaipur, informed that the 11th edition of India Stonemart will be held from November 10 to 13 at JECC, Jaipur.

Key Points

- Instructing the concerned officials to ensure proper preparations regarding India Stonemart-2022, the Chief Secretary said that the famous India Stonemart event in the country and abroad should be historic.
- India Stonemart will be organized by the Centre for Development of Stone, RICO and FICCI. Jaipur Development Authority, Jaipur Municipal Corporation, Jaipur Electricity Distribution Corporation Limited, Police, General Administration Department and other departments will cooperate to make it a success.
- Around 350 exhibitors are expected to participate in The India Stonemart. Exhibitors from several countries including Turkey, Iran, Portugal will participate in it. The states of Gujarat and Odisha will also set up state pavilions in it. Jaipur Architecture Festival, Buyer-Sale Meet and Shilpgram have also been organized here.

26th State Level Bhamashah Samman Ceremony

Why In News?

The 26th State Level Bhamashah Samman Samaroh was held at Tagore International School Campus, Mansarovar, Jaipur in Rajasthan on October 12, 2022.

Key Points

- State Education Minister Dr. B. D. More than 350 donors and motivators who have done remarkable charity work for progress and development work in the field of education were honored with citations by Kalla. These included about 246 donors and 108 motivators.
- Donors who have contributed to the development of education in the last 3 years were included in this honor ceremony. In this, those who donated one crore rupees or more in any one year in these three years were honored as 'Shiksha Vibhushan' and others were honored as 'Shiksha Bhushan'.
- On this occasion, Dr. Addressing the Bhamashahs and motivators who inspired them, Kalla thanked them for doing the work of charity and Additional Chief

Secretary of School Education Pawan Kumar Goyal also highlighted the importance of Bhamashahs' contribution in the field of education.

Rajasthan Got the Opportunity to Host the National Scouts and Guide Jamboree After 67 years

Why In News?

On October 13, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, while addressing a review meeting of the preparations for the 18th National Scouts and Guides Jamboree to be organized by the Rajasthan State Bharat Scouts and Guides at the Chief Minister's Office, said that the state has got the opportunity to host an international level National Scout and Guide Jamboree after 67 years.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that the National Scouts and Guides Jamboree will be organized from January 4 to 10, 2023 at Rohat in Pali district of the state. This international level jamboree will be the biggest ever event of scouts and guides in the state.
- He said that such events develop qualities like health, character, art and skills, service spirit and discipline and also inculcate the spirit of social harmony, harmony, harmony and mutual brotherhood, which will provide a golden opportunity to understand the cultures of different countries and states.
- Before Jamboree and during Jamboree, regular wide publicity through various mediums and exhibitions will also be organized at jamboree venue. Also, Rajasthani cultural programmes will also be organized daily at the Jamboree venue.
- The process of registration of divisions by the Education Department is also going on. Also, arrangements for temporary police post, traffic system, regular patrolling and CCTV monitoring will also be ensured at the Jamboree site.
- It is noteworthy that more than 35 thousand scouts and guides from all over the country including 1500 foreigners will participate in the 18th National Jamboree to be hosted by Rajasthan State Bharat Scouts and Guides.

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- This 7-day jamboree includes State Gate, Pioneering Project, Adventure Valley, Global Village Development, Integration Games, March Past, Color Party, Folk Dance, Physical Performance, State Day Exhibition, Band Performance, Rock Climbing, Many competitions like parasailing and water activities will be organized.
- Education Minister BD Kalla said that the extension of all necessary facilities at jamboree site will be completed in a time-bound manner and a souvenir will also be published for the event.
- Rajasthan State Bharat Scouts and Guides President and former Minister of State for Education Govind Singh Dotasra said that this world-class event is being organized according to the vision of the Chief Minister. This will increase the reputation of Rajasthan not only in the country but also abroad.

250 New Laboratories will be Set up in Rajasthan to Check the Quality of Drinking Water

Why In News?

On October 13, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary, Public Health Engineering and Ground Water Department of Rajasthan, Dr. Subodh Agrawal informed that 250 new laboratories would be set up in different districts of the state at Panchayat Samiti level for quality testing of drinking water.

Key Points

- He directed to create awareness among the general public regarding the quality of drinking water and water conservation and to expedite the identification of building for the lab to be set up at the block level.
- Dr. Subodh Agarwal said that with the establishment of new laboratories, it will be easier to provide pure drinking water to the common man while further improving the quality of water.
- It is to be noted that at present district level laboratories are functioning in 32 districts of the state and state level laboratories in Jaipur.
- The officials concerned said that under the Jal Jeevan Mission, outsourced mobile labs in 20 districts are conducting water quality checks. Of these, 6-6 mobile labs are working in Jodhpur and Udaipur regions and 4-4 in Kota and Ajmer regions.

- It is known that 10 thousand 689 field test kits, 7 lakh 52 thousand 207 bacteriological test kits have been distributed so far this year under Jal Jeevan Mission and district chemists to train the members of village water sanitation committees in water quality testing. And 1421 camps have been organized by field engineers. Since April, 91 percent chemical testing and 48 percent bacterial testing have been done. 86 percent sample testing has been done through 20 mobile labs.

Justice Pankaj Mithal Appointed 40th Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court

Why In News?

On October 14, 2022, the Governor of Rajasthan, Kalraj Mishra administered the oath of office to Justice Pankaj Mithal as the Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court at the Raj Bhavan. Justice Mithal is the 40th Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court.

Key Points

- Justice Pankaj Mithal took oath in Hindi language. Earlier, Justice Pankaj Mithal was the Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Courts.
- Justice Pankaj Mithal's tenure will be around 8 months. He will be the Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court till June 16, 2023.
- Justice Pankaj Mithal was born on June 17, 1961, in Allahabad, Uttar Pradesh. In 1982, he graduated from Allahabad University and in 1985, he did an LLB course from a college in Meerut affiliated to Chaudhary Charan Singh University.
- He started practice in the Uttar Pradesh Bar Council. On July 7, 2006, he was appointed as a judge in the Allahabad High Court for the first time. Appointed Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court in the year 2021.
- This is the third time in the Rajasthan High Court that a judge of the Allahabad High Court has taken over as the Chief Justice. For the first time in the year 1949, Justice K.K. Verma was appointed to this post. Verma, who was the Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, became the first Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court. He held this post from 29 August 1950 to 24

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January 1950. After this, on January 26, 1950, after the constitution came into force in the country, Kailash Nath was appointed as the Chief Justice.

- It is to be noted that Justice SS Shinde, the Chief Justice of the Rajasthan High Court had retired on August 1, 2022, since then Justice M.M. Srivastava was handling the job.
- The Supreme Court Collegium, chaired by Chief Justice of India (CJI) U.U. Lalit in the last week of September 2022, recommended the transfer of Justice Pankaj Mithal from the Jammu and Kashmir High Court to the Rajasthan High Court. After this, on October 11, the Union Law Ministry issued an order to transfer Justice Pankaj Mithal to the Rajasthan High Court.

Bhupen Hazarika Samarpan Samaj Gaurav Samman-2022

Why In News?

Former Governor of Sikkim Justice S. N. Bhargava honored former Joint Director of Information and Public Relations Department Pannalal Meghwal with 'Bhupen Hazarika Samarpan Samaj Gaurav Samman-2022'.

Key Points

- Pannalal Meghwal, former Joint Director, Information and Public Relations Department, has been awarded this honor for his remarkable writing work in the field of art and culture.
- Founder President Dr. Daulatram Mallya said that twelve books have been published in art and culture of Pannalal Meghwal and more than 500 articles have been published in national and state level newspapers and magazines.
- He said that his books and articles are benefiting from the study of good readers, art and culture lovers, researchers and candidates of competitive examinations from the country and abroad.
- Dr. Daulatram Mallya told that in Meghwal's art and culture, Rajasthan's Mand Geet, Rajasthan Craft Beauty Paradigm, Rajasthan's Folk Songs, Rajasthan's Fort, Rajasthan Folk Expression Dimensions, The Folk Dances of Rajasthan, Popular Folk Dances of Rajasthan, Rajasthan Handicrafts Arts, The Handicrafts of Rajasthan, Rajasthan Kathori Tribe, Various Dimensions of Rajasthan Art and Culture and Rajasthan Kathori Tribe Art and Tradition Books have been published.

CM Approves Drinking Water Scheme of Rs 747 Crore for Prithviraj Nagar

Why In News?

On October 16, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot gave financial approval of Rs 747.08 crore for the works of Phase-I (Stage II) and Phase-II of drinking water scheme for Prithviraj Nagar in Jaipur.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister informed that Prithviraj Nagar of Jaipur and its surrounding area is being connected with bisalpur dam based drinking water project.
- With this decision of financial approval of the drinking water scheme, 145 sq. km. Distribution system will be set up in the area. Under this, the assembly constituency Sanganer, the assembly constituency Jhotwara and the partial area of the assembly constituency Vidyadhar Nagar will be included.
- Of these, there are 10 wards (full) and 8 wards (partial) of Jaipur Municipal Corporation Greater. Apart from this, there are total 15 villages of assembly constituency Bagru and assembly constituency Jhotwara.
- It is worth mentioning that in the first phase (Phase-I, Stage-I), works worth Rs 563.93 crore are underway, out of which about 70 percent of the works have been completed.
- It is noteworthy that the state government has started 'Bisalpur-Jaipur Drinking Water Project' under the expansion of the population area in and around Prithviraj Nagar area and to meet the far-reaching needs of the public in the coming time.

Rajasthan Housing Board inaugurates City Park in Jaipur

Why In News?

On October 17, 2022, Rajasthan Housing Divisional Commissioner Pawan Arora said that the City Park developed by Rajasthan Housing Board at Mansarovar in Jaipur will be inaugurated by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on October 21.

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- The Housing Commissioner said that the work of the first phase of this ambitious project has been completed. In the first phase, the dome-like steel structure of the grand entry plaza built on the middle path, attractive fountain and the largest (213 feet) national flag of Rajasthan and the panoramic Lower Lake in an area of about 2 thousand square meters near it are the main features of this park.
- A 20 feet wide and 3.5 km long jogging track has been built in the park, on which people will be able to enjoy attractive lighting and music while touring.
- A total of 34 work orders worth Rs 61.31 crore were issued for the first phase, against which all these works have been completed with an amount of Rs 54.99 crore.
- Housing Commissioner said that in the second phase, construction of food court on the lines of Fountain Square, V.T. Road, Aravalli Marg and New Sanganer Road, Botanical Garden, Exposition Ground, Jaipur Chowpatty and upper lake works are under construction in an area of 2500 square meters, on whose completion an amount of Rs 58.54 crore is likely to be spent.
- He said that with the construction of this park developed on about 52 acres of land, lakhs of people settled in Mansarovar and its surrounding colonies will get clean air. Here 25 thousand flowering and fruit-bearing plants of 32 different species and about 40 thousand phulwari have been planted. The park has been planted in Japanese Miyawaki method.
- The Housing Commissioner said that apart from the inauguration of the City Park, the Chief Minister will also inaugurate 2967 houses constructed in 15 housing schemes of 11 different cities of the state in the program. The allottees will be given possession letters of these houses by the board.
- Most of these houses belong to EWS and LIG category. This will make the dream of the needy class of people's house come true.

Power Minister launches Solar Krishi Aajeevika Yojana Portal

Why In News?

On October 17, 2022, **Rajasthan Energy Minister Bhanwar Singh Bhati** launched the portal of 'Solar Krishi Aajeevika Yojana' at Vidyut Bhawan.

Key Point

- The portal will help farmers and developers to set up solar power plants on barren/unused land of farmers.
- Bhanwar Singh Bhati said that the state government has prepared solar agricultural livelihood scheme for the purpose of promoting decentralized solar power plants being developed under **PM-KUSUM Component-C** (Feeder Level Solarization) mainly at load centers with agricultural load in rural areas.
- He said that the purpose of launching the portal of this scheme is that farmers can get electricity through solar from their nearest 33/11 GSS during the day. Along with this, through this scheme, abundant land resources of the state will be utilized by giving farmers and land owners the opportunity to lease their barren/unusable land on the basis of pre-determined amount for setting up solar power plants.
- Bhati said that on this online portal, farmers around 33/11 KV GSS in any village can register their land for leasing for setting up solar power plants and the developers of solar power plants can also register on the portal to reach out to the registered farmers/land owners.
- He said that after the installation of the solar plant, all the agricultural consumers around 33/11 KV GSS will get good quality electricity during the day through solar and their electricity problem will be solved.
- He informed that there is also a provision of central financial assistance in this scheme under Kusum Component C (Feeder Level Solarization) by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India.
- Principal Secretary Energy and Chairman Discoms Bhaskar A. Sawant said that these plants will be set up in distributed manners. Small plants will be set up in this scheme, so that the benefit of electricity generated will be available only to the farmers of the area around the plant.
- Under this scheme, plants will be set up under feeder level solarization in PM-KUSUM Scheme-C by identifying the GSSs in the areas where the load of agricultural electricity is high.
- He said that at present 781 GSSs have been identified where agricultural load is high, on which 971 projects can be taken up and these will generate 3079 MW of electricity. With this, 2 lakh 71 thousand pumps will be solarized.
- It is known that MNRE has approved one lakh pumps, which will be gradually taken to 2 lakh pumps solarization.

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- The biggest advantage of this portal will be that after the farmer registers his land on the portal, the developer will be able to see how much land has been registered on the portal by the cultivator for the installation of solar power plant. Getting all the information on the portal will promote the installation of solar power plants.
- He said that arrangements have been made by the state government to ensure that farmers get the full lease amount on time. Under this, the electricity given to the discom will be paid directly to the cultivator by deducting the lease amount from the payment to the developer and the remaining amount will be paid to the developer.

Geo-Tagging of Every State Building

Why in News?

On October 18, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to **geo-tagging the assets, schemes and works of various departments and undertakings of the state through geographical information system (GIS)** and linking them to the map. For this, financial approval of Rs 153.80 crore has been given initially.

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- With this approval of the Chief Minister, now all the departments will be able to link geospatial data of their assets, facilities, schemes and programs to the GIS-based platform through the **state-wide GIS system**. This will facilitate decision making and inspection regarding resource collection and distribution, policy planning of various schemes and programmes.
- With the above decision, the land-marked survey of various departmental schemes and works will improve service delivery at the regional level. Better management of resources during disaster or pandemic will also be possible through this system. Also, all the state buildings of the state will be available on the same map and it will be easy for the common man to reach these buildings.
- It is noteworthy that a mobile app has been developed under geo-tagging. The app is being used extensively by various departments, such as **Women and Child Development Department, PHED, Ground Water Department, Medical and Health Department** etc.

- GIS is a system designed to collect, store, modify and analyze data regarding geographical conditions on the earth's surface. At the same time, data management and submission can also be done through this system.

124 New Veterinary Sub-Centres in State

Why in News?

On October 18, 2022, **Animal Husbandry Minister Lalchand Kataria** informed that **124 new veterinary sub-centres** have been opened in various districts in compliance with the budget announcement of the Chief Minister.

Key Point

- Lalchand Kataria said that as per the budget announcement of the financial year 2022-23, the state government has issued an order and opened 124 new veterinary sub-centres in veterinary village panchayats. With the opening of new sub-centers, cattle rearers will get better medical services and quick benefits of departmental schemes near them.
- He said that 17 in Jaipur, 10 in Dausa, 8 in Dholpur, 7 in Pali, 6-6 in Churu, Jaisalmer, Barmer and Bharatpur, 5-5 in Alwar, Dungarpur, Jalore and Jodhpur, Ajmer, Bhilwara, Bikaner, Nagaur and Chittorgarh; Four new veterinary sub-centres have been opened in Banswara and Tok, two each in Jhunjhunu, Sikar, Karauli and Kota and one each in Bundi, Hanumangarh, Sriganganagar and Pratapgarh.

Sewerage Treatment Plants To Be Set Up In Hospitals

Why in News?

On October 18, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a budget of Rs 20 crore for the **sewerage treatment plant to be built for the disposal of liquid and solid waste of hospitals**.

Key Point

- With this approval of Chief Minister Gehlot, sewerage treatment plants will be established in major hospitals of the state, RUHS, SMS Hospital, Janana Hospital, Women's Hospital Jaipur, Mahatma Gandhi Hospital

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Jodhpur, PBM Hospital Bikaner and Medical College Kota and liquid and solid waste of hospitals can be disposed of.

- These environmentally necessary sewerage treatment plants will be constructed by RUIDP. 50 percent of the cost for the construction of the plant will be borne by the **Medical Education Department and 50 percent by the Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board.**
- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had announced in the budget to set up sewerage treatment plants in major hospitals of the state to dispose of liquid and solid waste while taking an important initiative towards preventing environmental pollution in the state.

Financial approval received for survey and DPR work

Why In News?

On October 19, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved Rs 7.20 crore from the state head for survey and DPR works in Bharatpur and Dholpur districts under the 'Chambal-Dholpur-Bharatpur Major Drinking Water Project'.

Key Point

- With this approval of Chief Minister Gehlot, the survey and DPR works of the project will get momentum and on the completion of the project in a time-bound manner, the works of domestic tap connections will also be completed in both Bharatpur and Dholpur districts.
- On completion of 'Chambal-Dholpur-Bharatpur Major Drinking Water Project', the problem of drinking water in urban and rural areas will be solved. Apart from this, adequate amount of water will also be available for irrigation.
- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had announced 'Chambal-Dholpur-Bharatpur Major Drinking Water Project' worth Rs 3 thousand 106 crore for smooth availability of drinking water in the budget 2022-23.
- It is to be noted that the state government had issued financial sanction for the first phase of the said project on September 14, 2022.

500 Mobile Units to be set up in Rajasthan Police Department

Why In News?

On October 19, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to set up 500 new mobile units on the lines of 108 ambulances towards strengthening and modernization of the police department in the state.

Key Point

- The Chief Minister said that these mobile units will be connected to Abhay Command Center (Dial 100/ Dial 112) and 1 head constable and 2 constables will be deployed for each unit. In this way, 3 head constables and 6 constables will be required for 24 hours.
- He informed that 500 vehicles are proposed to be hired for the formation of these units. These units will be operated by the nafri available in the police.
- This decision of the Chief Minister will increase the efficiency of the police and it will be easier to solve the problems of the common man. With the formation of these mobile units, along with increasing police patrolling, criminal incidents will also decrease.

Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games

Why In News?

On October 20, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot concluded the **Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games**, which started from Luni Panchayat Samiti of Jodhpur in the state from August 29, at Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur.

Key Point

- Chief Minister Gehlot said that a new history has been created in the country with rural Olympics. In this, more than 30 lakh villagers of all age groups showed strength in the field and about 10 lakh women took part and flew high.
- It is noteworthy that the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games have been organized for 1 month 22 days in

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the state. In this game, 6 sports (Kabaddi, Shooting Ball, Tennis Ball Cricket, Kho-Kho, Volleyball, Hockey) were included and more than 30 lakh women and men of all age groups and about 3700 players showed their sports skills in the state level competition.

- The Chief Minister felicitated the winning teams (first three places) and the best players with trophies, mementos at the closing ceremony.
- Districts and sportspersons who won the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympic Games

Game	Gold Medal	Silver Medal	Bronze Medal	Best Player
Kabaddi (Boys)	Churu	Hanumangarh	Nagaur	Sonu
Kabaddi (Girls)	Hanumangarh	Nagaur	Ajmer	Priyanka
Volleyball (Boys)	Churu	Jhunjhunu	Chittorgarh	Sandeep
Volleyball (Girl)	Hanumangarh	Sriganganagar	Churu	Kavita
Tennisball Cricket (Kids)	Bicane	Jaisalmer	Banswara	Bishnaram
Tennisball Cricket (Girls)	Jaipur	Ajmer	Udaipur	Flame
Hockey (Boys)	Hanumangarh	Bhilwara	Ajmer	Lavish
Hockey (Girls)	Hanumangarh	churu	Sikar	Narmada
Shooting Volleyball (Lad)	Hanumangarh	Sriganganagar	Jaipur	Jaswinder Singh
Kho-Kho (Girl)	Sikar	Bikaner	Hanumangarh	Kanchan Samota

- In this ceremony, the certificate for the World Record was also handed over to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on behalf of the World Book of Records London. This certificate was received by him for the participation of more than 30 lakh players in the Rajiv Gandhi Rural Olympics and simultaneously organizing sports across the state.
- On the occasion of the closing ceremony, Youth Affairs and Sports Minister Ashok Chandna said that many important decisions including out-of-turn appointments to sportspersons, reservation in jobs, increase in the honor amount of medal winners have been taken in the state, which is also increasing the number of players in the state.
- On the closing ceremony, Chief Minister Gehlot said that Rajiv Gandhi urban Olympics will also be organized from January 26 in the encouragement of sports and sportspersons.

State Rajak Kalyan Board for the overall development and economic upliftment of every section of the state.

Key points

- With the approval of Rajasthan Leather Crafts Development Board, the standard of living of the people related to the leather business will increase and their economic development will be ensured.
- The formation of this board will ensure effective participation of the people associated with this business in the industrial development of the state. Marketing centers also will be developed for marketing of all infrastructure facilities such as roads, water, electricity, medical, education, products at their workplace and development site.
- Arrangements can also be made to provide skill training to the people associated with this business through reputed institutions in the country for modern technology-based leather dyeing and other products. Through the board, schemes will be made for the social security of the people associated with this business and they will be implemented in a time-bound manner.
- Proper financial support will be arranged from banks for the development of people associated with this business. The board can also do the work of keeping the government procurement of leather products free from the tender process. Apart from cooperation in the purchase of leather products and technical

Cm approves formation of various boards in Rajasthan

Why in news?

- On October 23, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to constitute Rajasthan Leather Crafts Arts Development Board, Rajasthan State Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Board and Rajasthan

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technology, footwear manufacturing and leather products will be encouraged.

- Work related to implementation of government schemes and their financial management will be done at the district/state level. Leather artisans registered in Rajasthan will be able to take advantage of the schemes by registering with the board.
- With the formation of Rajasthan State Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Board, the social and educational level of various sections of horticulture society like Kachhi, Kushwaha, Mali, Saini etc. will increase. Various schemes will be proposed by the Board for their economic growth and necessary basic facilities will be provided.
- With the formation of this board, various development and welfare related schemes will be prepared for the horticulture society and along with promoting the art and culture of these sections, their traditional business will also be brought to a more profitable position.
- After taking stock of the situation of various sections of the Rajak society, the Rajasthan State Rajak Kalyan Board has been constituted with the aim of providing basic facilities to these sections on the basis of authentic survey reports and to identify their problems and give suggestions to overcome them.
- The administrative department of Rajasthan Leather Crafts Development Board will be the Department of Industries and Commerce and Rajasthan State Rajak Kalyan Board and Rajasthan State Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Board will be formed under the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment.
- With the formation of these boards, new schemes can be made for the upliftment of different sections of the state and necessary steps will be taken for their upliftment. With this, the backwardness of every class will end and every class will be able to raise its head and earn a living.

Rajasthan Directorate of Economic and Statistics awarded Digital Transformation National Award

Why in News?

On October 21, 2022, under the Digital India Mission of the Government of India, the Directorate of Economics

and Statistics, Rajasthan was awarded the National Award for Digital Transformation for the year 2022 at a function organized by CII and Tata Communication Center for Digital Transformation in New Delhi.

Key points

- Director of the State Directorate of Economics and Statistics Dr. OP Bairwa said that this award has been given to the state for the expected progress in birth, death, marriage and MCCD registration through identity web and Android app.
- He said that more than 400 nominations were received for the award, out of which the Identity Android web application of the Directorate of Economics and Statistics, Government of Rajasthan was selected for the Digital Transformation Award.

Rajasthan Contractual Hiring to Civil Posts Rules, 2022

Why in news?

On October 22, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to implement the 'Rajasthan Contractual Hiring to Civil Post Rules, 2022' in the state. These rules will be applicable to contractual workers working in various departments of the state.

Key points

- More than 1 lakh 10 thousand contract workers of the state will be benefited by bringing them under the purview of these rules.
- It is noteworthy that these contract workers continued to play an important role in the implementation of various public welfare and social security related schemes of the centrally promoted and state governments, but their social security was not taken care of. Even in many states, their honorarium was not increased.
- A total of 41423 contractual workers including education workers of education department, para teachers, gram panchayat assistant, english medium teachers, rajivika of rural development and panchayati raj department and 18326 of MNREGA, 5697 madrasa para teachers of minority department, 44833 contractual workers of medical and health department and medical education department will benefit from these rules.

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- With the implementation of the Rajasthan Contractual Hiring to Civil Post Rules, 2022, the recruitment of contractual workers will be done in a transparent manner and reservation will also be taken care of in it. Also, the contractual workers who will work for 5 years, in the future, when those posts are regularized, they can be screened from the same contractual workers and made permanent.
- It has also been taken care of in the rules that which post should be considered equivalent to which permanent post, on this basis, honorarium has been fixed for these contract workers and provision of special pay protection has also been kept. These personnel will be given OPS if regularised. The benefit of will also be given.
- Several committees were formed from time to time to regularise contractual workers, but their problems could not be resolved permanently.
- It is to be noted that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had announced to create a department-wise cadre of contractual workers in the budget for the year 2021-22 and increase their honorarium by 20 percent in the budget for the year 2022-23.

Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Beej Uphaar Yojana Rabi 2022-23

Why in news?

Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Beej Uphaar Yojana Rabi 2022-23' has been implemented by Rajasthan State Seed Corporation on October 22, 2022.

Key points

- Rajasthan State Seed Corporation Chairman Dheeraj Gurjar said that Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Beej Uphaar Yojana Rabi 2022-23 is being implemented by Rajasthan State Seed Corporation with the aim of providing high quality seeds of newly developed varieties of improved varieties to the farmers at reasonable rates and to increase the use of certified seeds.
- The corporation is producing high quality certified seeds for the farmers and making them available up to the village level at a reasonable price. The

corporation is mainly producing seeds of Moong, Urad, Guar, Soyabean, Groundnut, Jowar, Bajra in Kharif and Wheat, Gram, Mustard and Barley crops in Rabi.

- This scheme will be implemented in all the districts of the state and a total amount of Rs 4.00 crore will be spent on this scheme.
- Under this scheme, 51 gifts will be provided to the farmers in each district through lottery.
- In each district, the first gift tractor-1, second gift battery operated Napsec sprayer machine 20 and third gift Kisan Torch 30 will be selected through lottery and gifts will be distributed to the farmers.
- It is noteworthy that with the implementation of an important scheme like Gift on seed purchase for farmers by Rajasthan State Seed Corporation, interest in the use of certified seeds will increase among the farmers and farmers will be able to earn more production and more income by making more and more use of certified seeds.

6 New Offices for Isarda Drinking Water Project

Why in News?

On October 26, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched the **Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (E.R.C.P.)** The Cabinet approved the proposal for setting up of **6 new offices for Isarda Drinking Water Project**. These offices will be established in Dausa district.

Key Points

- Under Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (E.R.C.P.), the Isarda Drinking Water Project is being constructed for drinking water supply in Dausa and Sawai-Madhupur districts.
- The Rs 3651 crore Isarda drinking water project will ensure availability of drinking water in 1256 villages and 6 cities of both the districts.
- The Chief Minister has approved the proposal to create a total of 65 posts including 1 of Additional Chief Engineer, 1 of Superintending Engineer, 6 of Executive Engineer, 14 of Assistant Engineer in 6 new offices.

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- The Chief Minister has also sanctioned an amount of Rs 18 lakh for providing furniture and other essential items in the new offices. The said approval will help in effective implementation of Isarda Water Project and uninterrupted drinking water supply to the common man in the area will be ensured on completion of the scheme in a time-bound manner.

Seven-day National Integration and Goodwill Camp of National Youth Plan

Why in News?

On October 26, 2022, the **National Youth Plan (NYP)**, founded by renowned Gandhian thinker late **Dr. S.N. Subbarao (Bhai ji)**, launched a seven-day **National Integration and Goodwill Camp** at Durgapura Agricultural Research Centre, Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Key Points

- More than 500 volunteers and well-known Gandhians from all states and union territories of the country are participating in this all-India camp to be held from October 26 to November 1.
- Former Advocate General GS Bapna said that October 27 is the first death anniversary of Subbarao ji. He died in Jaipur on this day last year. Keeping this in mind, this time this camp has been organized in Jaipur.
- Subbarao used to organize camps in every corner of the country throughout his life with the aim of propagating brotherhood, goodwill and love in the country and motivating the youth to fight against communal forces. This camp is being organized to carry forward their work. Volunteers from all the 33 districts of Rajasthan along with all the states of India are participating in it.
- In the memory of late Subbarao, a Rashtriya Ekta Garden will be set up at Durgapura Gaushala, in which all volunteers from all states and union territories of the country will plant one sapling each.
- According to camp convener Hanuman Sahay Sharma, the camp will have lectures by eminent Gandhian thinkers and impart training on personality

development. After the all-religion prayer, the youth will be taught the lesson of self-rule.

Digital Libraries to be Set Up in 344 Residential Schools of Rajasthan

Why in News?

Realizing the importance of digital learning on October 26, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has given **financial approval of Rs 36.56 crore for setting up digital libraries** in 344 residential schools of the state.

Key Points

- With this decision of the Chief Minister, digital libraries equipped with state-of-the-art facilities will be established in various residential schools, multipurpose hostels and Kasturba Gandhi Vidyalayas run under tribal regional development department, social justice and empowerment department, minority affairs, school education department etc.
- It is worth mentioning that the Chief Minister has given this approval in compliance with the announcement made during the discussion of the Finance and Appropriation Bill, 2022-23.
- The Chief Minister had announced financial provision to provide digital library and other necessary facilities for classes 9th to 12th in residential educational institutions and selected schools under various departments with a view to providing the benefit of digital learning to the students of low income group.
- Apart from this, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved an additional budget of Rs 13.10 crore to set up smart classrooms in 500 madrasas.
- It is noteworthy that the state government has started connecting madrasas of the state with modern technology. Now for better education in madrasas, various facilities like smart classrooms will be provided in them, here students will now get education through smart boards instead of black boards.
- Out of the madrasas registered by the Rajasthan Madarsa Board, 500 madrasas will cost Rs 2.62 lakh per Madarsa to set up smart classrooms.

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- It is worth mentioning that the Chief Minister had announced in the budget year 2022-23 to provide smart classroom-like internet facility in registered madrasas in a phased manner. Under this, 500 madrasas will be upgraded in the coming year in the first phase.

Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Rajasthan Dalit, Adivasi Udyam Protsahan Yojana-2022

Why in News?

On October 27, 2022, **Rajasthan Industries Commissioner Mahendra Parakh** held a meeting with state level controlling officers of all banks of the state at Udyog Bhawan and launched Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Rajasthan Dalit, Adivasi Udyam Protsahan Yojana-2022.

Key Points

- Commissioner Parakh said that under this scheme, provision has been made for 9 percent interest subsidy on loans up to Rs 25 lakh and 7 percent interest subsidy on loans up to Rs 5 crore as well as margin money up to 25 percent of the project cost in the range of Up to Rs 25 lakh. This will motivate the investors of Scheduled Castes and Tribes to set up new industries, service sector and also for business.
- It is noteworthy that in compliance with the budget announcement of the state government, the Industries Department had issued a notification of this scheme on September 8, 2022.
- Under the scheme, provisions have been made for various types of financial assistance grants and other facilities for the establishment or expansion of the enterprise to eligible persons including the first generation entrepreneurs of the targeted classes, which will enable economic empowerment of the said sections.
- Under this scheme, entrepreneurship and skill promotion program to the targeted categories of entrepreneurs will be benefited through a variety of facilities including, practical training through incubation center, availability of land at concessional rate and other

benefits, low-cost loan facility, guarantee fee, margin money grant and interest grant under CGTMMSE etc.

Rs 13.88 Crore Grant Released to Industries in Rajasthan For Levying ETP

Why in News?

On October 27, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a proposal to release a grant of Rs 13.88 crore for setting up **Waste Treatment Plants (ETPs)** by industrial units in the state under the **Rajasthan Investment Promotion Policy 2014 and 2019**.

Key Points

- With the approval of the Chief Minister to install ETP in the state, the waste emitted by various industries will be properly treated and will help in environmental protection.
- This scheme has been brought to encourage more and more industries to set up Waste Treatment Plants (ETPs) in the state.
- It is to be known that while installing ETP helps in the disposal of harmful industrial waste, on the other hand, the adverse effects on the health of the general public due to the waste generated from the industries are also avoided.
- It is noteworthy that the state government has made a provision to give 20 percent subsidy of the cost of plant and machinery to industrial units for setting up Waste Treatment Plants (ETPs).

Block Chain Centre of Excellence to Be Set Up in State

Why in News?

On October 28, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved Rs 33.28 crore for setting up block chain centres of excellence with an aim to promote transparency and security in the field of e-governance in the state.

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- With the commitment of providing a safe and transparent e-governance to the people of the state, the Rajasthan government has made a financial provision of Rs. 33.28 crore for the next five years for the establishment of Block Chain Center of Excellence in the state.
- It is known that Ashok Gehlot has approved an expenditure of Rs. 4.24 crore in the current financial year.
- The Chief Minister said that an MoU will be signed with IIT Kota to set up block chain centre of excellence and to get the services of technical experts. Under this, transparency and security will be promoted in integrated financial management system, electronic health records, Jan Aadhaar Resident Data Repository etc.
- It is noteworthy that in the budget for the year 2022-23, chief minister Ashoka had announced about the establishment of block chain center of excellence while expanding the Information Technology and Communication Department.

CM Approves Draft of Various Schemes Under Minority Inclusive Development Fund

Why in News?

On October 28, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the draft of various schemes under the Minority Inclusive Development Fund.

Key Points

- Under these various schemes, Ashok Gehlot has made a financial provision of Rs. 5 crore for waqf property protection scheme, Rs. 34 crore for infrastructure development works and Rs. 10 crore for infrastructure development works on public participation basis.
- Under the Waqf Asset Protection Scheme, development works like construction of boundary walls in Waqf land or public land, construction of boundary walls in madrasas, schools will be done. Waqf land or public land can be kept safe from disputes and encroachment by the completion of these development works.

- In the infrastructure development works, development works will be carried out in the minority dominated settlements located in the state and with the construction of drinking water tanks, roads, drain construction etc. in these areas, the overall development of the notified minority community will be done and the living conditions in the settlements will be improved.
- In the public participation based structure development works, the conservation and development work of such Waqf properties will be done, where 10 percent public participation share is received. Under this scheme, all those Waqf properties which are registered as Waqf property in revenue records / Rajasthan Waqf Board and construction of new religious properties will not be included under the scheme.
- It is noteworthy that chief minister Ashok Gehlot had announced the formation of minority inclusive development fund for the inclusive development and welfare of the minority community in the budget.

Electricity Fee Exemption to the Beneficiaries of Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme-2022

Why In News?

On October 29, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to exempt electricity charges to the beneficiaries of Rajasthan Nivesh Protsahan Yojana-2022 (RIPS-2022).

Key Points

- The state government is constantly trying to increase the scope of investment of industries in the basic development of the state. In this sequence, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved this proposal.
- With this approval of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, the units included in RIPS-2022 will get exemption from electricity charges on the electricity used by them. The units will be able to get the benefit of the said exemption as per the rules of the RIPS-2022 scheme.

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- It is noteworthy that the RIPS-2022 scheme has been launched recently by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to provide a better environment for proper development and investment of industries in the state.

Western Regional Conference

Why In News?

The first two-day regional conference of west zone on 'Contemporary Judicial Development and Strengthening Justice for Law and Technology' was organized by the National Judicial Academy in Jodhpur on October 29-30, 2022 at Rajasthan State Judicial Academy Auditorium.

Key Points

- The conference was inaugurated by Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra on October 29.
- Chief Justice of Rajasthan Pankaj Mitthal, Director of National Judicial Academy A.P. Judges and judicial officers of Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Gujarat High Courts along with Sahi participated.
- Governor Kalraj Mishra, while addressing the judges, said that they are not only the main watchdog of the judicial system but also the laws related to the

Constitution. From this point of view, the work being done by the National Judicial Academy with the aim of strengthening the administration of justice in the country through judicial education, research and related policy developments is important.

- Expressing special expectations, he called for better efforts to strengthen justice and legal system in the country as well as to make justice faster and more accessible and effective for the common people.
- He stressed on the need to use modern technological tools and artificial intelligence to find a solution to the increasing burden of pending cases, strengthen the justice system in a big way, develop a well-organized system for listing cases in the apex court, and effective work to deal with the growing challenges before the judicial system in view of the expansion of population in the country.
- "Lakhs of cases are pending in the courts of the country. Stressing on the need to put in place a better system to overcome this problem of delay in justice, he said that there should be a system so that the common people benefit from the system of quick diagnosis of small decisions, the Academy also needs to work on it.



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