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## Rajasthan Crossed the Figure of Three Crores in Linking Aadhaar Number with Voter ID card

### Why In News?

- On August 30, 2022, Chief Electoral Officer of Rajasthan Praveen Gupta informed that Rajasthan has crossed the three crore mark by achieving a historic achievement in the campaign to link Aadhaar number with the voter ID card, which is going on in the state from August 1.

### Key Points

- Praveen Gupta informed that till now a total of 3 crore 1 lakh 34 thousand 321 have been received under Form 6B.
- In 31 assembly constituencies, more than 1.80 lakh Aadhaar numbers have been added, while in 7 assembly constituencies this figure has crossed 2.0 lakh.
- Dholpur leads in adding of Aadhaar numbers with 85.23 percent. Sawai Madhopur 74.05%, Ganganagar 73.10%, Nagaur 69.60%, Alwar 69.22% are the leading districts of the state.
- He said that the average percentage of the state is 59.33%, while the average of all the assembly constituencies is 1 lakh 50 thousand 672. Kishangarh are the leading assembly constituencies with Bas 86.91%, Degana 86.19%, Dholpur 85.67%, Rajkheda 85.46%, Basedi 85.25%.

## MNREGA Mate Wages Now Rs 240 Per Day

### Why In News?

- On September 4, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal of the Rural Development Department to increase met wages in MNREGA. The workers working in the state will now get Rs 240 per day.

### Key Points

- The per day wage of mate employed in Rajasthan has been increased under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act.

- With the approval of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, the wage rate of employed mates under MNREGA scheme has been increased from Rs 235 per day to Rs 240 per day for the year 2022-23.
- It is noteworthy that according to the instructions of the Central Government in MNREGA, the expenditure incurred on semi-skilled workers (MAT) is considered in the category of material. 75 percent of the material expenditure is borne by the central government and 25 percent by the Rajasthan government.
- The wage rate of unskilled labour is notified by the Central Government every year for each State. The entire amount of payment of unskilled labour is borne by the Central Government under the labour head.
- The Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme is being operated by the Rajasthan Department of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act, 2005.
- Linked to rural households who do not have adequate means of employment in their own village and promotes inclusive growth, the programme is more popularly known as Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Scheme in common parlance.
- The Mahatma Gandhi NREGA Act came into force from 2nd February, 2006 and was implemented in a phased manner. In the first phase, it was implemented in six districts of the state namely Banswara, Dungarpur, Jhalawar, Karauli, Sirohi and Udaipur.
- In the second phase, from the year 2007-08, it was implemented in 6 other districts of the state namely Barmer, Chittorgarh, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Tonk and Sawai Madhopur. As a third and final phase, it was implemented in all the remaining districts of the state.

## Five-day 'Times Rajasthan Cuisine Trail' begins

### Why In News?

- On August 31, 2022, Gayatri Rathore, Principal Secretary, Rajasthan Tourism Department inaugurated the five-day 'Times Rajasthan Cuisine Trail' organized jointly by the Tourism Department and The Times of India at Jai Mahal Palace Hotel in Jaipur.

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- It may be mentioned that the participants participating in the Times Rajasthan Cuisine Trail started their journey in Jaipur. This trail will reach Mandawa the next day. In the coming days, the trail will reach Udaipur via Bikaner, Jodhpur, where the trail will end on September 5. During this, participants will enjoy delicious cuisines from different regions of the state.
- A team of renowned bloggers and influencers from more than 20 countries and states including renowned master chefs Shipra Khanna and Harpal Singh Sokhi are participating in the trail.
- Secretary Gayatri Rathore said that Rajasthan is famous all over the world for its culture, rich heritage and glorious history. The cuisine and cuisine of the state are famous all over the world and cuisine has played an important role in increasing tourism in the state.
- He said that the state is world famous for its hospitality. Indigenous or foreign tourists, they are overwhelmed by the art and culture, forts, palaces, stepwells, thar desert, camel rides, ghoomars, kalbelia dance, colorful traditional costumes and delicious delicacies.
- The geographical conditions, cultural and historical heritage of Rajasthan have made a special impact on the culinary and culinary arts of the state. Each city of the state has its own unique cuisine. There is a lot of potential for new concepts of culinary tourism and many culinary courses.

## **Rajasthan Export Promotion Council Constituted**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 3, 2022, the Rajasthan Export Promotion Council was formed to monitor the export related issues of the industries of Rajasthan and to remove the problems related to them.

### **Key Points**

- Rajiv Arora, chairman of Rajasthan Export Promotion Council (RAJSICO), was elected as the first unopposed chairman of the council. Mahavir Prasad Sharma has been made vice-chairman and Anil Kumar Bakshi, Sanjeev Agarwal, Anil Agarwal, Ravi Poddar and SN Modani as directors. The council has 21 founding members, seven directors, a vice-chairman and a chairman.

- Chairman Rajiv Arora said in the first meeting of the council that the basic objective of the council is to increase exports in the state. Due to the smooth industrial policies of the state government, exports have seen an increase of about 37 percent in the last 4 years and there has been a quantum jump in exports. The first goal is to add more members to the Council, so that from the smallest producer to the largest exporter can benefit from it.
- He said that every problem of exporters will be removed through the council. All types of cases will be handled by the council at its level and will talk to whichever affected company is there and dispose of the cases. The intention of the council is to promote the products of all the industries of the state for export, so that no area remains incomplete.
- Industries Commissioner Mahendra Kumar Parakh said that a council has been formed for industrial and export development in the state. Handicrafts, gems and jewellery, textiles, agro products and engineering products will be promoted in the initial stages in the council.

## **Two Teachers from Rajasthan Honoured with 'National Teachers Award'**

### **Why in News?**

- On the occasion of Teacher's Day on September 5, 2022, President Draupadi Murmu honoured two teachers of Rajasthan with National Teacher Award-2022 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.

### **Key Points**

- It is worth noting that this year 46 teachers from across the country were selected for the National Teacher Award, including two teachers from Rajasthan, Durgaram Muwal and Sunita Gulati.
- As a mark of respect to the teachers, a check of prize money of Rs 50,000 each, a silver medal, and a certificate were presented by the President.
- Durgaram Muwal, a teacher of Pargiyapada School, a government upper primary school of Falasiya Panchayat Samiti of Udaipur district, started teaching children in the tribal school and went to the families

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of the children and made them aware to send them to school. Launched an awareness campaign against child labor in the village and went to many homes and instilled the spirit of education among the children. By collecting information about trafficking, he also did a commendable job of rescuing children from the clutches of traffickers.

- Sunita Gulati, a teacher of the Government School for Deaf and Deaf in Bikaner district, was appointed in the school as a general teacher in the year 2017, after which she started working for the deaf and deaf children. She took training as a special teacher while living with the children and then got registered with the Rehabilitation Council of India. Prepared the deaf and deaf children for all kinds of difficulties, after which the children also won three awards in the National Level Science Competition.
- It is worth noting that on Teacher's Day, the Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education organizes a national function every year on 5th September, in which national awards are given to the best teachers of the country.
- Teachers are selected for the awards in a transparent manner through an online three-tier selection process.
- The objective of conferring the National Award to Teachers is to underline the unique contribution of the teachers of the country and to honour such teachers, who have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students with their commitment and hard work.

## State Level Teacher Award-2022

### Why in News?

- On the occasion of National Teacher's Day on September 5, 2022, during the State Level Teacher Award Ceremony organized at Birla Auditorium, Education Minister Dr. B. D. Kalla honoured 98 teachers in different categories with the State Level Teacher Award-2022 for doing better work in the field of education.

### Key Points

- Along with this, the Education Minister also honoured 6 education officers of the state for their best performance in the district ranking.

- Dr. Kalla also released an honour book for the introduction of respected teachers. Along with RKSMBK App was also launched. This app will be very useful for the students of class 3 to 8.
- Additional Chief Secretary, Education Pawan Kumar Goel described the teachers as a source of inspiration and suggested judicious use of resources in education. In order to compensate for the learning loss during the Corona period in education, the Rajasthan Government's innovations have been described as an ambitious plan of the department.

## Education Minister launches 'Mission Buniyaad'

### Why in News?

- On September 5, 2022, Education Minister Dr. B-D-Kalla launched 'Mission Buniyaad' for the school children of the state at Shiksha Sankul.

### Key Points

- Mission Buniyaad is a digital learning program. In this program, based on the understanding ability of each student, individual reading material is provided to him/her by the software, so that the children can make their own assessment.
- The objective of this program is to enhance the learning capacity of the students, reduce the gender gap, reduce the drop out rate by strengthening the digital infrastructure.
- Through this, about 20 lakh students of the state will be able to get high quality digital education.
- Mission Buniyaad has been launched by the Government of Rajasthan in association with Children Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF), Kaivalya Education Foundation (Piramal Foundation), GDI Partners and Convenience. According to the Kaivalya Education Foundation, this program is India's largest Personalized Adaptive Learning (P.A.L) programme.
- The program was launched in December 2020 as a pilot project in 6 districts- Udaipur, Sirohi, Bhilwara, Sikar, Dholpur and Karauli. 24,360 students of classes 8 to 12 from these districts participated in the project and their learning ability increased by an average of 16 per cent.

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## MoU between 3 universities of Rajasthan and IMT Ghaziabad

### Why in News?

- An important Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between IMT Ghaziabad and Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Maharana Pratap University of Agriculture and Technology and Govind Guru Tribal University in the presence of Governor Kalraj Mishra on September 6, 2022 in the presence of Governor Kalraj Mishra.

### Key Points

- This MoU along with reviving local and traditional sports, work will be done on promoting sports culture in higher educational institutions.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Governor expressed hope that with the help of Sports Research Center of IMT Ghaziabad, the MoU will create a better environment for the revival of local and traditional sports and development of sports in Rajasthan by the state universities.
- He said that the joint effort of IMT Ghaziabad and the state universities in this regard would be able to make Rajasthan a sports leader by creating awareness about sports among the people and connecting them with modern sports with traditional sports.

## Rajasthan Ranks Fourth in the country in Terms of Direct Benefit Transfer

### Why in News?

- On September 6, 2022, it was informed by the Rajasthan Public Relations Department that Rajasthan ranks fourth in the whole country in terms of Direct Benefit Transfer as a result of effective implementation of Jan Aadhaar scheme launched with the idea of better service delivery and transparency.

### Key Points

- The Jan Aadhaar scheme launched on the initiative of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has proved to be effective in reaching the benefits of all the welfare schemes

of the state government to the common man with ease and ease.

- About 1 crore 93 lakh families of the state have been enrolled under Jan Aadhaar scheme. About 7 crore 48 lakh enrolled members of these families are getting the benefits of government schemes according to their eligibility through Jan Aadhaar.
- So far, about 50 thousand crore rupees have been transferred to the bank accounts of the beneficiaries through the scheme, which is a big achievement. So far, more than 119 crore transactions of cash and non-cash benefits have been given to the beneficiaries in various schemes under the scheme.
- 70 schemes of the state government have been linked with Jan Aadhaar. Rapid work is being done in the direction of connecting most of the schemes to it. A major feature of this scheme is that the head woman is selected in the Jan Aadhaar card. This has also strengthened the concept of women empowerment in the society.
- All the schemes of the state government can be availed through Jan Aadhaar card. It can also be used as an identity card.
- This is such an ambitious scheme, in which a database of demographic and socio-economic information of each family is being prepared, so that along with the formulation of effective plans, policy-making becomes easier and their benefits reach the common man easily.

## Three Important Decisions of the Chief Minister for Drug Free Rajasthan

### Why In News?

- On September 7, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot took an important decision to make Rajasthan drug-free, for various works including prevention of drug abuse, rehabilitation of drug victims and spreading public awareness in the state, 'Drug-free Rajasthan Directorate/Commissionerate', 'Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF)' and 'Anti-Narcotics Unit ( Approved proposals for constitution of 'ANU)'. ')

### Key Points

- Directorate of Drug Free Rajasthan / Commissionerate is being formed for many works including eliminating

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the growing problem of drug addiction. In this, the Commissioner, ex-officio Government Secretary, Home has been appointed.

- Also, officers/ employees of Medical and Family Welfare, Excise, Education, Social Justice and Empowerment, Police Department, State Forensic Science Laboratory, Directorate of Information and Public Relations will be included.
- The 'Anti-Narcotics Task Force' has been constituted under the chairmanship of Additional Chief Secretary, Home. Additional Director General of Police, ANU has been made member secretary.
- There will be 10 members in this force. These include Additional Chief Secretary of School Education, Department of Medical Health and Family Welfare, Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Department of Agriculture, Excise Department and Government Secretary of Higher Education Department and Additional Director General of Directorate of Revenue Intelligence, State Drug Controller, State Forensic Science Laboratory and Director of Directorate of Information and Public Relations.
- The task force, Narco Coordination Centre (NCORD) will act as secretariat. It will ensure implementation of decisions of various meetings of NCORD.
- Coordination will be established with various departments, government agencies and police units for purposes such as developing strategies, measures and various methods for enforcement of laws against drug trafficking, prevention of abuse, rehabilitation of victims and spreading awareness.
- This force will ensure legal action against police, health and other departmental officers if they are found involved in smuggling of medicines. It will also assess the data related to drug abuse by various departments and recommend it to the state government for necessary policy changes.
- Proposals will be prepared and sent to the Central Government as per the requirement of various departments for financial assistance provided under central government schemes for drug control by the Directorate/ Commissionerate.
- An 'Anti-Narcotics Unit (ANU)' is being formed under the chairmanship of Inspector General of Police in SOG for the prevention of narcotic drugs and narcotics. It will mainly work as Anti-Narcotics Enforcement.

## Second Phase of 'Rajiv Gandhi Jal Sanchay Yojana'

### Why In News?

- On September 7, 2022, Aparna Arora, Principal Secretary, Rajasthan Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department, informed that the state government has decided to start the second phase of 'Rajiv Gandhi Jal Sanchay Yojana', in which an order has been issued.

### Key Points

- According to the order issued by Secretary Aparna Arora, the main objective of the second phase of the scheme is to discuss with the general public and construct pucca anicuts, MIT, WHS and MST on priority, conserve various financial resources and revive traditional drinking water and water sources.
- Similarly, to overcome the shortage of drinking water in the villages, to make drinking water available near the village or villages, to increase the ground water level, to increase the irrigated and arable area by rainwater harvesting and conservation, to increase the irrigated and arable area by conserving water and soil, etc.
- In the second phase, about 4500 villages of 352 Panchayat Samitis of Rajasthan have been included in this campaign.
- The working period of the second phase will be 2 years. Committees have been formed at the state, district and block levels for its effective implementation and monitoring. Along with this, gram panchayat level executive committee has also been formed to publicize the action plan.
- Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department administrative department and Catchment Development and Land Conservation Department will be the nodal department for the implementation of the second phase. District Collector will be the nodal officer for effective implementation of this scheme.
- It is noteworthy that Rajiv Gandhi Jal Sanchay Yojna was started on 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2019 for maximum collection, conservation and equitable use of available water in the state. In the first phase, 4029 villages were included in 1450 gram panchayats.

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## **Chief Minister Teacher and Sentinel Residential Scheme'**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 8, 2022, Urban Development and Housing Minister Shanti Dhariwal inaugurated 'Chief Minister Teachers and Sentinel Housing Scheme' in Sector-26 of Pratap Nagar, Jaipur.

### **Key Points**

- Under this scheme, flats have been allotted at a concessional rate of Rs.15 lakh 70 thousand to provide accommodation facility to teachers and police personnel at concessional rates.
- The Housing Commissioner informed that 576 flats have been constructed under this scheme. Each flat has 2 bedrooms, a living room, a kitchen and 2 toilets.
- Other facilities like ample basement parking, swimming pool with changing room, plentiful green area in all 6 blocks, luxurious synthetic basketball court, CCTV with surveillance and open gym have been provided in the scheme.
- It is noteworthy that this housing scheme was announced by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on December 20, 2019 and on May 27, 2020, for the teachers who prepare the younger generation for nation building and the police personnel who play an important role in upholding the law. Urban Development and Housing Minister Shanti Dhariwal had laid the foundation stone of this scheme.

## **State Master Plan Portal**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 8, 2022, Veenu Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Rajasthan Industries Department, virtually participated in the Pradhan Mantri Gati Shakti National Master Plan State Conference and launched the State Master Plan Portal.

### **Key Points**

- The portal has been developed by BISAG-N (Bhaskaracharya National Institute for Space Application and Geo Informatics) as a digital master planning tool with comprehensive database on action plans of various Ministries and Departments.

- Mapping of all infrastructure projects with real-time updates will be provided through a map developed by BISAGE-N. Logistics Division, Ministry of Commerce and Industry (MOCI) will continue to assist all the stakeholders through BISAG-N for necessary information and updation in this system.
- The PM Gati Shakti Yojana or multi-modal connectivity scheme has been launched with an aim to reduce costs in logistics, avoid wastage and execute infrastructure projects.
- The central government is bringing together 16 ministries for coordinated implementation of Gati Shakti Integrated Planning and infrastructure connectivity projects. Out of 14 departments of the state, 11 departments have done the work of compiling and uploading the desired information by connecting with the portal, the remaining departments are also compiling and providing the required data.

## **Special Persons Commissioner 'Mission Tehsil 392' Program at Your Doorstep**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 10, 2022, Special Qualified Commissioner Umashankar Sharma informed that with the inspiration of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, the 'Mission Tehsil 392' program will be started at the tehsil level from September 27.

### **Key Points**

- He said that the program will be started from Nokha tehsil of Bikaner division. The programme will be held in a total of 392 tehsils of 7 divisions of the state.
- This program is being started with the aim of solving their problems and benefiting the specially abled brothers and sisters from various schemes run by the state government under the 'Mission Tehsil 392' by the Special Qualified Commissioner At every tehsil of each district of each division.
- He informed that the specially abled people will be benefited from various schemes run by the state government including Special Qualified Certificate, Equipment Distribution, Chiranjeev Health Insurance Scheme etc. during the hearing program.

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## **Rajasthan State Conclave**

### **Why In News?**

- The Rajasthan State Conclave was organized by Electronics and Computer Export Promotion Council (ESC) and Software Technology Parks of India (STPI) on September 14, 2022, with the initiative of Rajasthan Information Technology and Communication Department.

### **Key Points**

- About 150 startups, entrepreneurs and dignitaries from ESC, STPI and state government officials participated in the programme.
- The objective of this conference is to set the stage for Startup Summits - Building the Next Unicorn and ensure that tech startups, entrepreneurs and government departments are aware of this initiative by Electronics and Computer Export Promotion Council and Software Technology Parks of India.
- Out of the 48 innovative tech startups selected during the conference, startups competed for state-level shortlisting before their jury members, with the top 5 startups being awarded certificates.
- Startups selected from the state conclave will be invited to join the final round of selection by an eminent jury panel at the national conclave.
- The selected startups will be provided travel grants for USA and prefixed meetings with USA investors and venture capital lists, besides networking with global technology startups in USA.

## **Buyer-Seller Meet Organized in Collaboration with State and Central Government**

### **Why In News?**

- A buyer-seller meet (buyer-seller meet) was organized on September 14, 2022 in collaboration with the state and central government. Artisans displayed handicraft and handloom products of national and international repute in the conference. During this LOI of about Rs.3 crore was also signed.

### **Key Points**

- Industries Commissioner Mahendra Kumar Parakh said that such programs boost the morale of the artists. At the same time, it also helps the seller to plan his products better.
- He said that there are 80 such sectors in the state which are manufacturing various handicraft products. The handicrafts provide employment to the local people. This is the first such effort in the state, it will be conducted more actively.
- Sunita Dabra, additional secretary, DIPT, central government, said this is the department's third attempt. Such events provide a good platform to buyers and sellers.
- At the conference, experts gave detailed information about the GeM portal to the participants and how to take advantage of it. During this time, representatives of Authentic GI told the artisans about the benefits of GI of the products and how the GI tag is taken.

## **Girl Friendly Gram Panchayat**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 15, 2022, Government Secretary Dinesh Kumar Yadav said that on the lines of Sawai Madhopur, two gram panchayats in each district of the state will be developed as girl-friendly gram panchayats.

### **Key Points**

- Seven gram panchayats of Sawai Madhopur have been developed as girl-friendly gram panchayats as a pilot project by the women empowerment department of the state government.
- Secretary Dinesh Kumar Yadav said this while addressing the progress review meeting of departmental schemes and the first batch training program organized in all the districts for girl friendly gram panchayat identified under 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' scheme.
- The training programme was conducted in coordination with directorate of women empowerment and UNFPA.
- In this training program, along with deputy directors, assistant directors of districts, fellows and supervisors of identified village panchayats participated.
- It is worth mentioning that in this training, participants were involved in the decline in Child Sex Ratio (CSR) and overview of 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Yojana', key components of gender and girl friendly Gram Panchayat (GFGF), understanding the strategy and

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process, girls affected by violence. and overview on laws and services for women, services, programs related to economic empowerment for girls and women in the context of state policy for women.

- Social environment will be created for the girl child in girl friendly gram panchayats. The excitement will be celebrated when a girl is born. The benefits of government schemes will be extended to the girl child. Schools will be built in Panchayats where there are no schools for girls. Security will be provided by marking unsafe routes from home to school. At the gram panchayat level, a complete developmental structure will be set up to provide all facilities to the girl child from the budget of the panchayats.

## **National Green Tribunal Imposes Rs 3,000 crore Fine on Rajasthan Govt.**

### **Why In News?**

- Recently, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) has imposed a fine of Rs 3,000 crore on the Rajasthan government. This fine has been imposed for harming the environment.

### **Key Points**

- Significantly, there are cement and other factories in some other districts including Jaipur, Neemrana, Bhiwadi, Alwar, Bhilwara and Pali. The rivers are getting polluted by the water coming out from here. Apart from this, the solid waste coming out of the cities of the state is also not being properly disposed. Due to this, the NGT has imposed a fine on the state government.
- A bench headed by Justice Adarsh Kumar Goel blamed the state government officials for not being able to check pollution. The bench said compensation for past violations should be paid to the government besides ensuring compliance to prevent future damages.
- The bench divided solid and liquid waste management into two heads, which imposed a fine of Rs 3000 crore. The NGT has given two months to the Rajasthan government to pay this fine. During this, the government will have to deposit this amount in a separate bank account. Failure to comply with the order may result in further fines.

## **512 New Indira Cooks Inaugurated**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 18, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated 512 new Indira Rasoi in the state. After the operation of these new cooks, the number of Indira cooks in the state will increase to 870.

### **Key Points**

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also felicitated Indira Rasoi operators of various districts of the state for their outstanding work. He congratulated the representatives of the associate institutions, Panther Education Society Jodhpur, Vidya Jan-Jagran Sansthan Dholpur, Shrinath Shikshan Training and Health and Social Welfare Society Rawatsar, wearing momentos and safas and representatives of Shri Manav Seva Samiti Bhilwara, Touch Stone Foundation Jaipur and Mewar Disabled Service Institute Chittorgarh. He was honoured with a letter and a memento.
- The Chief Minister said that in the country, self-Indira Gandhi first gave the slogan of 'Garibi Hatao' for the welfare of the poor, backward and deprived. With this spirit, 'Indira Rasoi Yojana' is being operated by the state government to provide nutritious food to the common man with full respect and service.
- The Chief Minister said that through the 'Indira Rasoi Yojana', launched with the resolution of 'no one should sleep hungry', nutritious food was provided by the government during the Corona period. During the Corona period, free food was also arranged for the economically weaker people.
- The benefit of this scheme is being received by all sections of people including students and labourers. Through this scheme, nutritious and full food is being made available to the common man for just Rs 8. The government is giving a grant of Rs 17 per plate in this scheme.
- So far, more than 7 crore nutritious and delicious food plates have been served to the common man from 358 Indira cooks. With the establishment of 512 new cooks, a target has been set to take this number to about 14 crore. Soon more cooks will be started and the number of Indira cooks will be increased to 1000 as per the budget announcement.

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## **Cricket Academy to be Established in Jodhpur**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 18, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot announced the setting up of Rajasthan cricket association's cricket academy in Jodhpur while addressing the dedication ceremony of renovation works at Barkatullah Khan Stadium in Jodhpur.

### **Key Points**

- On this occasion, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Rajasthan Cricket Association (ACA) and Jodhpur Development Authority (JDA) under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. O. U.) signed. It was signed by the Secretary of RCA and JDA. With this, the JDA handed over the responsibility of managing and operating the stadium to RCA.
- It is noteworthy that various renovation works have been carried out by Jodhpur Development Authority at Barkatullah Khan Stadium at a cost of Rs 31 crore. These include gyms for players, 26,000 chairs, physio room, anti-doping room, press conference hall, media room, besides two red clay and three black clay pitches in the main ground and practice ground.
- The Chief Minister said that the upcoming budget will be dedicated to the youth, including sportspersons. He appealed to the youth to give suggestions regarding the budget and said that at the time of budget, the suggestions will be seriously considered and a welfare budget will be made.
- Referring to the operation of English medium schools for education according to global needs and 'Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana', he talked about providing smart phones to one crore 35 lakh women of the state, in which internet facility will be available free of cost for 3 years. This will facilitate children's online education etc.

## **State's First Handicrafts Policy and Rajasthan MSME Policy-2022**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 17, 2022, Rajasthan Industries and Commerce Minister Shakuntala Rawat released the state's first handicraft policy and Rajasthan MSME Policy-2022. This will not only lead to industrial development in the state, but will also increase the employment opportunities of craftsmen, artisans and artisans.

### **Key Points**

- Minister Shakuntala Rawat was addressing the Udyog Ratna, and Export Award function organized on the occasion of Rajasthan MSME Day in Jaipur. The commerce minister also released a coffee table book 'Rajsthani Artifacts' prepared on the handicrafts of Rajasthan on the occasion.
- On this occasion, 29 exporters were honored with Export Promotion Awards and 13 entrepreneurs were also awarded Udyog Ratna Awards for their excellent performance in various categories.
- Apart from this, investment MoUs worth Rs 14,000 crore were also exchanged with 29 entrepreneurs for the Invest Rajasthan Summit.
- The industries minister said that with the implementation of the first handicraft policy of the state, artisans of textile, metal and wood, carpet, carpet, namda, ceramic and clay, painting, leather craft, jewelry etc. will be benefited and in the next 5 years in the field of handicrafts. More than 50 thousand new employment opportunities will be available.
- He said that the objective of Rajasthan Handicrafts Policy-2022 is to provide better marketing system for the upliftment of handicrafts, revive traditional arts and extinct arts and create new employment opportunities.

## **The Rajasthan Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 20, 2022, the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly passed the Rajasthan Cooperative Societies (Amendment) Bill, 2022 by voice vote. The Bill was introduced in the House by Cooperation Minister Anjana Udayalal.

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**Key Points**

- After discussing the bill, the Cooperative Minister, while highlighting its objectives and reasons, said that in the amended bill, with a view to ensure the participation of long-serving and experienced members for the efficient working of cooperative societies, section 28 of the Rajasthan Co-operative Societies Act, 2001. Sub-section (7-A) of the said Act has been omitted.
- It may be mentioned that the existing sub-section (7-A) of section 28 of the Rajasthan Co-operative Societies Act, 2001 (Act No. 16 of 2002) provided that no person shall be eligible for election as a member of the society. , if he has been elected or co-opted as a member of the society of the same society for two consecutive terms after the commencement of the Rajasthan Co-operative Societies (Amendment) Act, 2016 (Act No. 11 of 2016), unless such A period of five years has not elapsed from the date of expiry of his second term as a member of the Committee.
- Earlier, the motion to publicize the bill by the members was rejected by the House by voice vote.

## **The Rajasthan Legislative Assembly (Emoluments and Pension of Officers and Members) (Amendment) Bill, 2022**

**Why In News?**

- On 20 September 2022, the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly passed the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly (Emoluments and Pension of Officers and Members) (Amendment) Bill, 2022 by voice vote.

**Key Points**

- Parliamentary Affairs Minister Shanti Kumar Dhariwal introduced the bill in the House.
- After this amendment, the former members of Rajasthan will be able to get reimbursement of actual fare for traveling abroad in any class in rail, aircraft, ship or steamer, but approval from the Speaker of

the Assembly will be necessary for such travel. Earlier this facility was available only for travel within the territory of India.

- Earlier, the motion to publicize the bill by the members was rejected by the House by voice vote.

## **The Rajasthan Appropriation (No-3) Bill, 2022**

**Why In News?**

- On September 21, 2022, the Rajasthan Assembly passed the Rajasthan Appropriation (No.3) Bill, 2022 by voice vote.

**Key Points**

- Responding to the discussion on the Bill, Minister-in-Charge and MLA Bulaki Das Kalla said that the State Government has fully complied with the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management Act (FRBM). The fiscal deficit of the state has been less than 5 percent as compared to 6.09 percent in 2016-17.
- He said that the government's on-tax revenue has increased by 28 percent and non-tax revenue by 23 percent. Due to better financial management, the revenue receipts were 90 thousand 11 crores in August, 2021, which has reached 1 lakh 30 thousand 777 crores in August this year.
- The Minister-in-Charge informed that the government has taken the demands of supplementary grants for implementation of RGSS, ERCP, Nehru Youth Hostel (Delhi), Indira Gandhi Shahari Rozgar Guarantee Yojna, Jaipur Metro, Udan etc. The aim of the government is to create capital assets and utilize the money properly.
- While placing the bill in the house, he said that this bill has been brought to authorize the payment and appropriation of certain amounts from the Consolidated Fund of the state for the services of the financial year 2022-23. With the passage of the Bill, an amount of Rs 4 thousand 402 crore 12 lakh 18 thousand can be paid and applied.
- Earlier, the assembly also passed the demands for supplementary grants for the year 2022-23 (first compilation). In-charge Minister Kalla presented the demands, which were passed by the House using a mouthpiece.

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## Rajasthan Agricultural Produce Market (Amendment) Bill, 2022

### Why In News?

- On September 21, 2022, the Rajasthan Assembly passed the Rajasthan Agricultural Produce Market (Amendment) Bill, 2022 by voice vote. Minister of State for Agriculture Marketing Murarilal Meena had introduced the bill in the House.

### Key Points

- Minister of State Murarilal Meena, in his reply after the discussion on the bill, said that this new bill has been brought to deal with the situation arising out of three agricultural laws brought by the central government. After the repeal of the central laws, the earlier situation is being brought into existence again through this law. Also, trading of non-notified agricultural produce and food products has been facilitated in agricultural markets.
- Murarilal Meena said that due to the central government's farm laws, the mandi fees and farmer welfare fees collected by the mandi committees had come down significantly. Prior to the introduction of these laws, agricultural market committees earned a revenue of Rs 665 crore in the year 2019-20.
- After the new central agricultural laws came into existence, their revenue receipt fell to Rs 562 crore in the year 2020-21 and Rs 424 crore in the year 2021-22. This has adversely affected the basic development of mandis.
- He said that after the notification of withdrawal of Central Agricultural Laws was issued, a review meeting was held under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister on January 24, 2022, in which, after consultation with the trade boards and farmer representatives, it was decided to make arrangements in the mandis as before. taken.
- He informed that the State Government is giving grant up to Rs. one crore for setting up of agro processing units and infrastructure development through farmer welfare fee.
- The Minister of State informed that along with the notified commodities in the agricultural mandis, non-notified agricultural produce is also traded. Keeping

this in mind, a new section 17B has been added to provide better facilities to the traders for trading of non-notified agricultural produce and food products within the market yard. Only 0.25 per cent duty has been levied on these items, whereas in many states including Uttar Pradesh this duty is more than one percent.

## Rajasthan Advocates Welfare Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2020

### Why In News?

- On September 21, 2022, the Rajasthan Assembly passed the Rajasthan Advocates Welfare Fund (Amendment) Bill, 2020 by voice vote. Education Minister Dr. B. D. Kalla had introduced the Bill in the House.

### Key Points

- Education Minister Dr. B.D. Kalla, in his reply after the discussion on the bill, said that the amendments have been made in the bill only after consultation with the Bar Council of Rajasthan. Whatever suggestions were given by the Bar Council in a letter to the government in August, 2021, they have been included in this bill.
- He said that on the suggestion of the council, a provision has been made in the bill to give money to the advocates after doing advocacy work for 5 to 50 years. This amount is not ex-gratia, but is a reward for the services of the advocates.
- Dr. Kalla told that a provision of Rs.100 stamp has been made for advocacy in the bill. It will be equally applicable in all courts including Sessions Court, High Court or JDA. This amendment has also been included on the suggestion of the Council.

## Rajasthan Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2022

### Why In News?

- On September 22, 2022, the Rajasthan Assembly passed the Rajasthan Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2022 by voice vote.

### Key Points

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- Education Minister Dr. B.D. Kalla said the bill has been amended to improve input credit tax. Interest will now be payable by the practitioner if credit tax is being used on false claims of input credit tax. Also, the system of issuing credit notes has also been included in the Bill.
- Dr. Kalla said that a provision has also been included in this bill that registration will not be canceled if the return is not filed for 6 months. Along with this, the returns for GST R-1, 3 and 8 have also been improved, which will prevent discrepancies in the returns.
- The minister in-charge informed the House that due to Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot's efficient financial management, the GST tax collection in the state reached Rs 27,501 crore in the year 2021-22, which was Rs 12,137 crore in the base year 2017-18.
- He said that the state's GST collection has also registered an increase of 32.5 percent compared to last year, which is more than the neighboring states of Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh and Haryana.
- GST was implemented in 2017.

## Anuja Nigam's Online Portal

### *Why In News?*

- On September 22, 2022, Rajasthan Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Tikaram Julie launched the online portal of Rajasthan Scheduled Caste Tribe Finance and Development Cooperative Corporation Limited (ANUS) at the auditorium at Nehru Sahakar Bhawan.

### *Key Points*

- Tikaram Juli said that through this portal, scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, sanitation workers, specially abled people and other backward classes can apply online for the loan for the financial year 2022-23.
- On this portal, all the data will now be taken from the public base, so that there will be no need to upload other documents and after the application is approved, the amount will be directly be transferred in the account of the beneficiary (DBT).
- He said that applying online through the portal will bring transparency. He emphasized on giving wide publicity to the Scheduled Castes Corporation's loan

and financial assistance scheme so that the person sitting at the last end can be benefitted from this.

- Tikaram Juli also informed that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has constituted a Scheduled Caste Development Fund of Rs 500 crore for the development and upliftment of Scheduled Castes.

## Food Park in Alwar

### *Why in News?*

- On September 23, 2022, Rajasthan's Minister of State for Agriculture Marketing Murari Lal Meena told the Assembly that a food park will be constructed in Alwar district after conducting a survey and availability of land.

### *Key Points*

- Murari Lal Meena said that in Alwar district, RIICO has been operating agro food park in fisheries industrial area since 2006-07 and the state government will now construct food parks in all districts out of which food parks in 21 districts have been announced.
- He said that in the budget year 2021-22, it has been announced to set up mini food parks in every district in a phased manner in the next three years to promote the business and export of agricultural commodities and their processed products.
- Minister Meena said that the operation of mini food park in Alwar district will depend on the financial resources of the state government.

## Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi

### *Why In News?*

- On September 25, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved an additional budget provision of Rs 25 crore for the establishment of 'Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi' for the financial management of self-help groups of the state.

### *Key Points*

- It is known that in the budget 2022-23 by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, it was announced to provide a contribution of Rs 50 crore in the next two years for the establishment of women's fund. This financial sanction has been given in pursuance of the said declaration.

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- Rajasthan is the first state in North India where women's fund has been set up. Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had launched the 'Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi' on August 26, 2022, on the occasion of Women's Equality Day.
- 'Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi' has been formed through Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council (Rajivika).
- Through this fund, the women of the group will be easily able to get easy and adequate loans for daily needs, self-employment and income earning activities. This will make the women of the state financially empowered.
- Under this scheme, loans up to Rs 40,000 will be deposited in 48 hours and loans above Rs 40,000 will be deposited in the bank account of the group of members applied within a time frame of 15 days. At present, 2.70 lakh self-help groups have been formed in 33 districts of the state, in which 30 lakh families are associated.
- In the financial year 2022-23, 50 thousand self-help groups are proposed to be formed, in which about 6 lakh families will be connected. A total of 36 lakh families in the state will get benefit from Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi in a phased manner as per their requirement.

## **Additional Provision of Rs 100 Crore for 'Small Industries Promotion Scheme'**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 25, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved an additional financial provision of Rs 100 crore for the 'Small Industries Promotion Scheme'.

### **Key Points**

- After the approval of the Chief Minister, now the smooth operation of the scheme will be helped and the scope of the beneficiaries will increase.
- It is noteworthy that in the budget 2022-23, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had approved a financial provision of Rs 150 crore for the 'Mukhyamantri Laghu Protsahan Yojana' brought to promote micro, small and medium industries in the state and to provide easy loans to small businessmen and investors.
- Approval of about Rs 58 crore has already been issued for this scheme. In compliance with the said

announcement, the Chief Minister has approved an additional budget provision of Rs 100 crore. In view of the popularity of the scheme, the budget has been increased for this.

## **Additional Budget Provision of Rs 40 crore for Special Backward Classes Post Matric Scholarship Scheme**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 26, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal for an additional budget provision of Rs 40 crore for the Special Backward Classes Post Matric Scholarship Scheme run under the Devnarayan Yojana.

### **Key Points**

- With the additional approval of Rs 40 crore for the scheme by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, more and more students pursuing higher education of special backward classes will be able to get fees recharge and maintenance allowance and reduce the financial burden on their parents.
- It is noteworthy that the Post Matric Scholarship Scheme has been introduced to help the economically weaker students of special backward classes to bear the expenses incurred in pursuing higher education and to help them financially.
- Under the scheme, scholarships worth more than Rs 88 crore have already been given to eligible students in the current financial year.

## **716 Schools of the State will be Made Model Schools under PM Shri Yojana**

### **Why In News?**

- On September 27, 2022, Commissioner and State Project Director of Rajasthan School Education Council Dr. Mohan Lal Yadav said that under the 'PM Shri Yojana' i.e. 'Prime Minister School for Rising India Scheme', 716 schools will be developed and upgraded in Rajasthan.

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**Key Points**

- Dr. Mohan Lal Yadav said that under the PM Shri Yojana, two schools will be selected from each block. One school will be of elementary education and one school will be of secondary education. All these schools will become model schools and will incorporate the full spirit of the National Education Policy-2020.
- The launch of the PM Shri scheme was announced by the Prime Minister on September 5, 2022. Through this scheme, a modern, transformative and holistic way of imparting education will be brought in the upgraded schools. It will focus on latest technology, smart classes, sports and modern infrastructure.
- The schools upgraded under the PM Shri Scheme will have a glimpse of all the components of the National Education Policy and will act as exemplary schools. Apart from this, he will also guide other schools.
- The selection process will be three-tier. Schools will be selected on the basis of U-DICE plus data. Schools that meet the prescribed criteria will be selected. Schools will apply through the online challenge portal, the portal will start from October 1, 2022. These will be physically verified by the state.
- The said scheme has been approved for 2022-23 to 2026-27 and there is a budget provision of Rs 27360 crore for 5 years. There is a budget provision of about Rs 1500 crore for Rajasthan.

**Country's First Coaching Hub****Why In News?**

- On September 28, 2022, Housing Board Commissioner Pawan Arora said that the **country's first coaching hub** is being developed by the Housing Board at Pratap Nagar in Jaipur to provide better facilities to the youth of the state for the preparation of competitive examinations and to provide space to coaching institutions in a planned manner.

**Key Points**

- Commissioner Pawan Arora said that this coaching hub is being developed in a planned manner on 65 thousand square meters of land in Pratap Nagar of Jaipur at a cost of about Rs 228 crore by the division. In this coaching hub, 5 institutional blocks and 90 professional campuses are being prepared in the first phase.

- This is a unique project of the state government, through which all the teaching facilities will be available to the students of the country and the state in one campus. Beyond the problem of parking, traffic jams, etc., this place will be a favorable place with a calm environment for the students preparing for competitive examinations.
- In this coaching hub, about 70 thousand students will be able to make their career by taking advantage of educational facilities. Coaching center operators will also have a lot of convenience in coaching operations due to the availability of modern facilities here.
- In addition to the facilities of centralized library, cyber lab, entertainment center, gym, health club, food court and restaurant, jogging, cycling track, separate hostels and security surveillance for students and teachers etc. are also being developed under the scheme.
- The coaching hub scheme will also create new employment opportunities directly and indirectly, which will also benefit the local residents.

**Online Portal of Social Security Schemes****Why In News?**

- On September 29, 2022, Rajasthan Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Tikaram Julie inaugurated the online portal of social security schemes in the state.

**Key Points**

- Tikaram Julie inaugurated the new form of Post Matric Scholarship Mobile Application and online portal of social security schemes like Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Scheme, Palanhar Yojna and Mukhyamantri Kanyadan Yojna and presented citations to the officers who did excellent work.
- Under the chairmanship of Julie, a one-day orientation and training program for strengthening and effective implementation of Palanhar Yojana and other departmental schemes was organized at Harish Chandra Mathur Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration, Jaipur.
- In this workshop organized in collaboration with UNICEF, the Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment said that today is the era of information technology and transparency will come through online portals and work will progress.

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- He said that the main objective of this workshop is to solve the problems being faced by the district magistrates in the effective implementation of departmental schemes.
  - Government Secretary Dr. Samit Sharma said that the department has a policy of zero tolerance in cases of non-attendance, corruption and indiscipline through attendance monitoring system of officers and employees.
- Along with Palanhar Scheme, Social Security Pension, Post Matric Scholarship, Hostel, Chief Minister Kanyadan Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Adarsh Gram Yojana, Silicosis Scheme, settlement of pending audit paras, Residential School, Vidya Sambal Yojana, Court cases and contempt cases and District The pending budget announcements were reviewed at the level and necessary directions were given to the district magistrates.



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