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Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes Day to be celebrated every year on 31st August

Why in News?

On August 31, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, while addressing the 72nd Liberation Day of Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes at the Chief Minister's residence, announced to celebrate August 31 every year as Denotified, Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Tribes Day.

Key Points:

- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that continuous steps are being taken by the state government for the upliftment of the denotified, nomadic and semi-nomadic tribal community. A fund of Rs 50 crore has been set up for the development of denotified, nomadic and semi-nomadic tribes (DNTs).
- DNT Research and Preservation Centre is being set up at a cost of Rs 5 crore for traditional arts and enterprises of DNT society. Along with this, work is also being done to provide interest-free loans to the people of the society and to provide employment and economic incentives to artists.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that the scheme has been brought to provide housing and education to the students of the society. A DNT policy will be introduced soon for the upliftment of the denotified, nomadic and semi-nomadic communities.
- The Chief Minister said that the denotified, nomadic and semi-nomadic tribal community (DNT) made a significant contribution to the freedom struggle. For this reason, the British tortured this community by making a tyrannical law like the Criminal Tribes Act-1871. After independence, the first Prime Minister Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru abolished this oppressive law in 1952 and ended the injustice being done to denotified, nomadic and semi-nomadic tribes.
- It was Pandit Nehru who gave entry to the Gadia Lohar community in Chittorgarh fort in 1955. Due to the decisions taken by former Prime Minister Late Rajiv Gandhi, all the deprived sections including DNT society got political representation in Panchayati Raj Institutions.

- Urmila Yogi, chairperson of the State Denotified Nomadic and Semi-Nomadic Board, said that the state government has allocated leases of up to 150 square yards in villages and 50 square yards in cities for the DNT community free of cost.



Chief Minister inaugurated Shri Jayanarayan Vyas Smriti Bhavan Town Hall

Why is News?

On September 3, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the Shri Jainarayan Vyas Smriti Bhavan Town Hall by unveiling a plaque in Jodhpur district of the state.

Key Points:

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that this 60-year-old town hall, renovated at a cost of Rs 11.50 crore, would not only preserve the memories of Vyas but also provide a suitable environment for the artists to showcase their art.
- It is known that former Chief Minister and freedom fighter Late. Jaynarayan Vyas had a deep connection with art. He never compromised on his principles in life.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced that Ravindra Manch of Jaipur will be developed as a multi-cultural centre to promote dance, drama and music art.
- It is worth mentioning that the state government is working to preserve folk arts and encourage artists through its schemes. The state government provided financial support to the artists during the Corona period.

Note:

- Under the 'Lok Kala Protsahan Yojana', a provision has been made to provide employment to artists, provide funds for the purchase of new musical instruments. Organizing art festivals across the state has helped the artists to earn their livelihood.
- The state government has allocated Rs 100 crore for the 'Artist Welfare Fund'. In the previous tenure also, additional budget was allocated for artists, writers and litterateurs.
- On the occasion, the Chief Minister released the booklet 'Constitution of India - Rajasthani Translation' and awarded the highest ratna to Bhanu Bharti of Udaipur in the senior drama direction category for the year 2023-24 of Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Akademi.
- He has also won the classical music and music of Suman Yadav, Ravi Panwar in the classical violin, Geeta Raghuvir in the classical dance Kathak form, Bhugade Khan in folk music singing, Parveen Mirza in folk music, Dr. Roop Singh Shekhawat in folk dance, Khairatiram Bhatt in folk art puppetry, Dilip Bhatt in folk drama, Rafiq Sagar in soft music, Ashok Rahi in drama-writing. Geeta Bhattacharya was honoured in drama-acting, Sabir Khan in theatrical direction.
- Apart from these, Radhelal in theatrical form decoration, Sharad Kumar Tailang in art samagra sadhana were awarded.
- The Chief Minister honoured Saurabh Vashisht in classical singing, Ashish Raagwani in tabla playing, Charu Sharma in Kathak dance, Yusuf Khan Mewati in Bhangam playing, Swagat Rathore in soft music singing, Kaviraj Laik in theater.
- Abir Tiwari in Pakhawaj playing mode, Chaitanya Sahal in classical singing, Tanishka Srivastava in Kathak dance were awarded children's awards at the ceremony.



131 government schools to be converted into Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools

Why in News?

On September 4, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot gave approval to convert 131 government schools of various categories into Mahatma Gandhi Government English Medium Schools.

Key Points

- It is known that the state government is making important decisions to strengthen English education in the government schools of the state. In this sequence, the Chief Minister has given approval to convert these schools into Mahatma Gandhi Government English Medium Schools.
- With the approval of the Chief Minister, 42 schools of primary level, 56 of upper primary level and 33 of higher secondary level will be converted into English medium schools. These include 8 girls' schools as well.

Note:

- These schools include 27 from Jaipur, 15 from Alwar, 13 from Baran, 12 from Jodhpur, 10-10 from Barmer and Jhunjhunu, 7-7 from Bhilwara and Karauli, 6-6 from Dausa and Dungarpur, 5 from Nagaur, 4 from Bharatpur, 3 schools of Ajmer, 2 of Jalore and 1 school each of Kota, Rajsamand, Chittorgarh and Churu are included.
- It is worth mentioning that the Chief Minister had announced to open Mahatma Gandhi Government English Medium School in the state in the budget year 2023-24.

Centre of Excellence in Panchakarma will open in Chaksu

Why in News?

On September 4, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot gave financial approval of Rs 40 crore for the establishment of Center of Excellence in Panchakarma at Chaksu in Jaipur Rural district.

Key Points

- With the establishment of Center of Excellence in Panchakarma in Chaksu, work will be done with more excellence in the field of Panchakarma.
- Earlier, the state government had also given approval to operate the International Center of Excellence in Panchakarma in Jodhpur.
- It is worth mentioning that the Chief Minister had announced to open a Center of Excellence in Panchakarma in Chaksu in the budget year 2023-24.

2 Female Teachers of Rajasthan received the National Teacher's Award

Why In News?

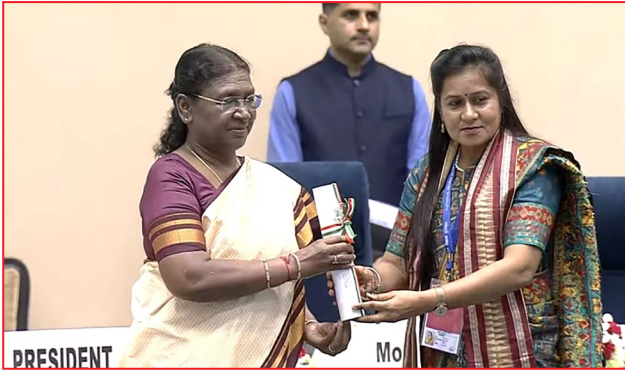
On September 5, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu honored two women teachers from Rajasthan with the National Teacher's Award 2023 in a ceremony organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that President Draupadi Murmu honored a total of 75 selected teachers from across the country with the National Teacher's Award for the year 2023 in a ceremony organized at Vigyan Bhawan.
- In this teacher's felicitation ceremony, all the awarded teachers were given 50 thousand rupees in cash, citation, shawl, quince.
- This year, two female teachers from Rajasthan were selected for the National Teacher Award, who were honored by the President. Honored teachers include Asha Suman of Alwar district and Dr. Sheela Asopa, Principal in Jodhpur.
- Asha Suman gives self-defense training to girls in Alwar, whereas in Jodhpur, Principal Dr. Sheela Asopa prepared sign language with hard work and made children aware of words.
- **National Teacher's Day:**
 - Celebrated on 5th September every year since 1962, the day aims to honor the contribution of teachers including school teachers, researchers and professors in India.
 - The then President of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, suggested celebrating his birthday as Teacher's Day in response to the students' request for the celebration.
- **National Teacher's Award::**
 - The National Teachers Awards aims to celebrate the unique contribution of some of the finest teachers of the country and to honor those teachers who through their commitment have not only improved the quality of education but also enriched the lives of their students .
 - These awards are presented by the President of India on 5th September every year.
 - The award consists of a silver medal, a certificate and a cash amount of Rs 50,000.
 - This year, in addition to the teachers selected by the School Education and Literacy Department, teachers selected by the Higher Education Department and Skill Development Ministry have also been included in the scope of the award.



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Satyavrat Rawat Chunda Panorama will be constructed in Chittorgarh

Why in News?

On September 4, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the construction of Satyavrat Rawat Chunda Panorama in Chittorgarh district at a cost of Rs 4 crore.



Key Points

- It is known that the state government is making various decisions to make the new generation aware of the lives and ideals of great men. In this sequence, approval has been given by the Chief Minister for the construction of Satyavrat Rawat Chunda Panorama.
- For the construction of Satyavrat Rawat Chunda Panorama, land has also been allotted by Chittorgarh District Collector in the village Bassi.
- In this panorama the personality and work of Satyavrat Rawat Chunda will be displayed. The creation of a panorama based on his life will provide an opportunity for the new generation to imbibe his ideals.
- It is worth mentioning that Satyavrat Chunda, the eldest son of Maharana Lakha of Mewar, had renounced the throne and the boundaries of the state to fulfill his father's promise. He is also called Bishma Pitamah of Mewar because of his promise and sacrifice.

1.65 Lakh Students of the State will get Soft Skill Training

Why In News?

On September 6, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to provide soft skill training to 1.65 lakh students of the state in order to enhance the capabilities of the youth of the state, make them employment-oriented and take important steps for their overall development. given.

Key Points:

- With this approval of the Chief Minister, soft skill training will be available to 1.20 lakh college going students and 45 thousand students of class 11th and 12th of school education.
- An expenditure of Rs 38.50 crore is expected on this training, which will be borne from the amount available in the RCVET fund under the Youth Development and Welfare Fund.
- Along with skill development of the students, their personality development will also be possible through the training, which will increase their academic performance and provide better employment opportunities.
- It is worth mentioning that in the past, approval has been given by the Chief Minister for soft skill training to 50,000 trainees trained in government industrial training institutes.

149 Teachers were honoured at the State Level Teacher Honour Ceremony, various Innovations of the Education Department were Launched

Why In News?

On September 5, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot honored 149 teachers from 50 districts of the state in the state level teacher felicitation ceremony organized at Birla Auditorium on the occasion of Teachers' Day and launched various innovations of the education department.

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Key Points:

- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot also released the 'Teacher Samman' booklet published in the honor of honored teachers at the state level teacher felicitation ceremony. Besides, six players who won gold medals in individual events in the 66th National School Tournament held in Bhopal were also honoured.
- In the ceremony, the Chief Minister launched various innovations of the Education Department-
 - He launched Shala Darpan Shikshak App and unveiled Shala Sambalan 2.0 App with new features.
 - Launched School After School Program to provide e-education in 12 thousand higher secondary schools in the state. Under this program, live classes will be organized through social media after school hours for the students of board classes in collaboration with 'Mission Gyan'.
 - The Chief Minister inaugurated the Robotics Labs set up in 300 Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools of the State. Through these labs, the knowledge of the latest technical field will be available to the students from the school level itself and they will be able to compete with the students of private schools.
 - He launched Mission Start program and Rajasthan State Open School Computerization Program for conducting e-classrooms in schools. Vedantu Innovation Pvt Ltd and Leadership Boulevard Pvt. Ltd. participated in the ceremony. MoUs were signed with various institutions including (LEAD).
- The Chief Minister said that the state government, realizing the importance of English language in the present times, has opened Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools in the state. Currently more than 6 lakh students are studying in these schools. Sanskrit University and Vedic schools have been opened in the state. The number of universities in the state has crossed 90.
- He said that institutes like IIIT, IIM and AIIMS as well as Ayurveda University, Law University, Journalism University, Engineering College, Medical College etc. are available for higher studies in the state, so that students do not need to go out for studies.
- The Chief Minister said that under the Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship for Academic Excellence Scheme, 500 students are being sent abroad for studies. The Rajiv Gandhi Rural and Urban Olympic Games is creating

a positive atmosphere towards sports. Other State Governments are also following suit now. Sports persons in the state are being given reservation in out-of-turn jobs and government jobs.



Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board and J-Pal South Asia Executive Director signed Letter of Intent to Join SARWA

Why In News?

On September 6, 2023, Shikhar Agarwal, Chairman, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, and Sobhini Mukherjee, Executive Director, J-PAL South Asia, signed a letter of intent to join SARWA in the presence of Vini Mahajan, Secretary, Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India, in Gandhinagar, the capital of Gujarat.

Key Points:

- Speaking on the occasion, Chairman, Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board said that the Government of Rajasthan has always done remarkable work in addressing environmental issues and SARWA will play an important role in guiding the policy makers to take high impact and cost effective policy decisions to tackle the challenges of wind and water.
- J-PAL South Asia and RSPCB will work together to design, test, implement and scale-up solutions that will play an effective role in reducing air and water pollution.
- Professor Namrata Kala, advisor to SARWA and representative of J-PAL, said that air and water pollution is a serious obstacle to economic growth and life expectancy. It is hoped that SARWA will play an important role in fostering a new momentum in fighting poverty and improving the quality of environment for all Indians.

Note:

- Under SARWA, J-PAL South Asia will work with governments at both the national and state levels to accelerate the adoption of scientific evidence and data to design effective air and water policies.
- The programme was launched at an event in Gandhinagar organized by J-PAL South Asia in partnership with Community Jameel.



- Inauad announced in the budget 2023-24 to start 1000 kitchens in rural areas also in view of their utility. In this scheme, a target has been set to serve about 7 crore 30 lakh food plates to the needy in rural areas from 1000 kitchens in a year.
- Till now, more than 13 crore plates of nutritious and tasty food have been served to the common people from about 1000 Indira Rasoi in urban areas. Food can also be sponsored by Bhamashahs under Indira Rasoi Yojana.
- Through Indira Rasoi Yojana operated in urban areas, poor and needy people are getting nutritious food with respect in a convenient environment for just Rs 8. All sections of people including students and workers are getting the benefit of this scheme. In this era of inflation, it is proving to be a boon for the students and employees coming from outside and every needy person.



Bhamashah Samman Ceremony

Why In News?

On September 11, 2023, Rajasthan Education Minister Dr. B.D. Kalla honored 142 Bhamashah at the 27th state level Bhamashah Samman Ceremony held at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Education Minister said that the Education Department is using the donations received from Bhamashahs for the qualitative improvement and expansion of schools. Besides, many schemes like free education, mid-day meal, Bal Gopal Yojana, school dress scheme are also being run smoothly.
- He directed that having a representative of Bhamashahs in the Management and Development Committee of every school should be made mandatory.
- Because of the major schemes of the Education Department, the state is leading in the school education quality index and last year the Education Department made 6 world records in its name. Also, students of the state have been doing fine in the entire country in the Inspire Awards for three consecutive years.
- It is known that with the significant contribution of Bhamashah every year about Rs 400 crore is spent by the Education Department on the infrastructure of educational institutions.
- In the ceremony, the Education Minister honored 142 Bhamashah at the state level, out of which 34 Bhamashah were given Shiksha Vibhushan and 108 Bhamashah were given Shiksha Bhushan Award. Besides, the 'motivators' who inspired donors to contribute Rs 30 lakh or more were also honored.
- On this occasion, Naveen Jain, Government Secretary, Education Department, said that the department's innovation 'Mission Start' is an important step, in which e-content of every subject is being made available to the students through e-class. He called for the contribution of Bhamashah for this innovation.
- During the programme, the Appreciation Booklet and Gyan Sankalp Portal Souvenir 2023 were released by the Education Minister.
- It is noteworthy that the contribution and works done by Bhamashahs have been described in the appreciation book.

Note:



Governor Inaugurated Amrit Vatika

Why In News?

On September 11, 2023, Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra launched Amrit Vatika at the conclusion of a national seminar on "Possibilities and Challenges of Accepting National Education Policy 2020 in our Education System" held at Maharaja Ganga Singh University in the Bikaner district.

Key Points:

- Amrit Vatika was created by Maharaja Ganga Singh University as part of Amrit Mahotsav, and in addition to its plants, stone plaques honoring the martyrs and liberation warriors of the Bikaner division have been installed. The plants themselves have also been given their names. For young people, this will be motivational.
- In Amrit Vatika, plants have been named after 137 martyrs and freedom fighters of the division. This includes the names of 22 martyrs and freedom fighters from Bikaner district, 90 from Churu district, 12 from Sri Ganganagar district and 13 from Hanumangarh district.



Note:

Brajbhasha Creator Award Ceremony

Why In News?

On September 12, 2023, the Brajbhasha Creator Award Ceremony was organized by the Rajasthan Braj Bhasha Academy under the Department of Art, Literature, Culture and Archeology at the Academy Complex campus in Jhalana, Jaipur, in which the winners of the Brajbhasha Creator Competition 2023 were awarded.

Key Points:

- In the programme, Dr. Ramdas Sharma was awarded the first position in the article category, Nirmal Kumar Sinhal was awarded the second position and Ashwini Goyal was awarded the third position, Abhishek was awarded the first position in the problem solving category, Kamal Singh Kamal was awarded the second position and Kalyan Gurjar was awarded the third position.
- Whereas in short story genre, Jagdish Mohan Rawat was awarded first place, Raghuraj Singh Karmayogi was awarded second place and Gopinath was awarded third place, in memoir genre Rajaram Bhadu was awarded first place, Kishanveer Yadav was awarded second place and Ananya was awarded third place.
- Similarly, in the folk song genre based on folk tunes, Harishchandra Hari was awarded first place, Shivram Shiv was awarded second place and Sarvottam Trivedi was awarded third place.
- It is noteworthy that 15 winners were honored under five literary genres of Braj language and in all the genres, the first winner was awarded Rs 11000, the second ranked winner was awarded Rs 7100 and the third ranked winner was awarded Rs 3100.
- In the ceremony, Rajbhasha quarterly magazine 'Braj Shatdal', Pramila Gangal's Brajbhasha children's poetry collection 'Barjasakha' and Brajbhasha litterateur Narendra Nirmal's 'Parichau Pothi' were also released.



Note:

Chief Minister Inaugurated the World's First Heritage River Front

Why In News?

On September 12, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the world's first Heritage Chambal River Front in Kota city of the state.

Key Points:

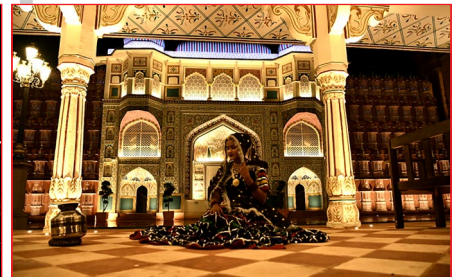
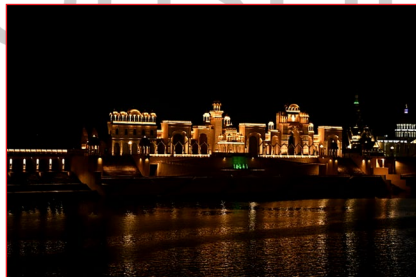
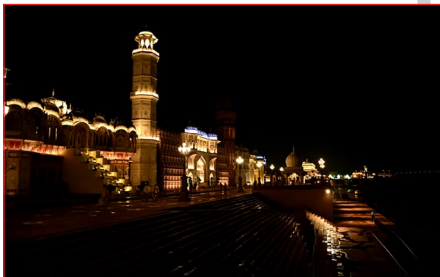
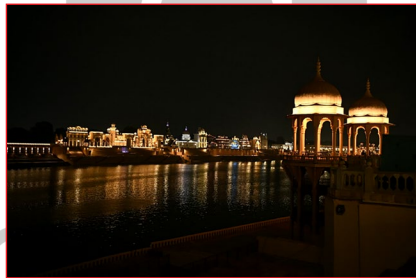
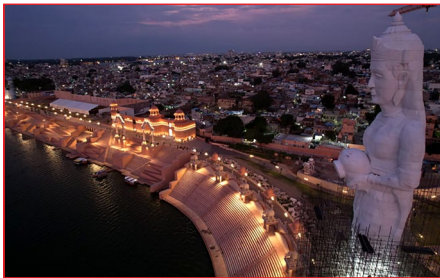
- Chambal River Front is the first heritage river front developed in India, this will increase the traffic of domestic and foreign tourists in Kota.
- Chambal River Front has been developed at a cost of Rs 1400 crore on both banks of Chambal River over a length of 2.75 km from Kota Barrage to Nayapura Pulia in Kota city. With its construction, all the settlements situated on the banks of Chambal river have become free from floods.
- 27 ghats have been constructed on both banks of the riverfront, which include Chambal Mata Ghat, Ganesh Pol, Maru Ghat, Jantar-Mantar Ghat, Vishwa Maitri Ghat, Hadoti Ghat, Mahatma Gandhi Setu, Kanak Mahal, Fountain Ghat, Theater Ghat, Sahitya Ghat, Utsav Ghat are included. Also, Singh Ghat, Nayapura Garden, Jawahar Ghat, Geeta Ghat, Shanti Ghat, Nandi Ghat, Vedic Ghat, Roshan Ghat, Ghanti Ghat, Tiranga Ghat, Shaurya Ghat, Rajputana Ghat, Jugnu Ghat, Hathi Ghat and Balaji Ghat are included.
 - **Jawahar Ghat:** Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru's face mask made of gunmetal has been installed on this ghat, which is 32 feet high and weighs 25 tonnes. Tourists can climb to the eye level of the statue and view the ghats of the eastern coast and the statue of Chambal Mata.
 - **Geeta Ghat:** In Geeta Ghat, all the 700 verses of the entire 18 chapters of Geeta are engraved on the Vietnamese marble plaque.
 - **Shanti Ghat:** An invisible sculpture in yoga posture has been installed on this ghat, in which the seven chakras of the human body are depicted.
 - **Nandi Ghat:** A 25 feet long, 15 feet wide and 20 feet high (maximum height) statue of Nandi has been installed on this ghat.
 - **Vedic Ghat:** This ghat has 5 temples built in Badoli style, depicting the five elements.
 - **Roshan Ghat:** This ghat depicts the architecture

of Islamic phase. Jannati Darwaza has been constructed in its middle.

- **Ghanti Ghat:** The world's largest metal bell has been installed in it.
- **Tiranga Ghat:** A huge national flag of India has been installed on this ghat.
- **Shaurya Ghat:** This is the entrance to the western end. Arrangements for huge parking, information center for tourists, restaurants etc. have been made in this square.
- **Rajputana Ghat:** In this Ghat, replicas of various buildings of different regions of Rajasthan like Mewar, Marwar, Dhundhaar, Bangar, Hadoti region have been made, like Poddar Haveli, Jagmandir, Jagnivas, Gangauri Ghat, Hawa Mahal, Ganeshpol, Sargasuli, Vijay Pillar, Brahma Temple, Ranakpur, Patwa Haveli etc. have been constructed.
- **Jugnu Ghat:** LED Flora and Fauna has been constructed in this Ghat. An open theater has also been constructed in it.
- **Hathi Ghat:** White marble elephants have been installed on natural rocks.
- **Balaji Ghat:** Batak Balaji temple has been constructed on this ghat and the heritage of

the historical temples built earlier has also been preserved.

- The Chambal River Front developed in Kota is a unique example of architecture in the country. Along with development, works like tourism, employment, environmental protection and beautification of the river have been done.
- A 225 feet high marble statue of Chambal Mata has also been installed here.
- The world's largest gun metal mask of Pt. Jawahar Lal Nehru was built at Jawahar Ghat on the Chambal River Front. Besides, the world's largest Nandi is also built here.
- Similarly, statues of 10 incarnations have been installed in a garden and a higher gate has been made from the Buland Darwaza. The architecture and culture of 9 regions of Rajasthan has been depicted at Rajputana Ghat.
- Mukut Mahal has an 80 feet high ceiling and Silicon Valley is also located here.
- The world's largest bell has been made at Brahma Ghat, whose sound can be heard up to 8 km away.
- Books and statues of famous writers have also been installed at the Literary Ghat.



Note:

Chief Minister Inaugurated Oxygen City Park in Kota

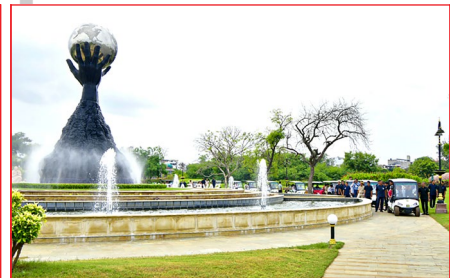
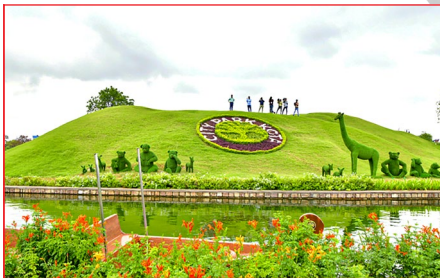
Why in News?

On September 13, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated Oxygen City Park (The Garden of Joy) in Kota district of the state.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also unveiled the inauguration plaques of the newly constructed Tax Building of the Commercial Tax Department, Kota and the newly constructed head office and new branch building of The Kota Central Co-operative Bank Limited, Kota.
- In this park, the people of Kota as well as the students preparing for various competitive examinations will get a pleasant environment. You will be stress free by roaming here amidst nature and music. Huge fountains have also been built at both the entrances to the park.
- **Specialty of Oxygen City Park:**

- This park has been built at a cost of Rs 120 crore. Its construction work took 800 days.
- The park, developed in an area of 30 hectares, has a 4 km paved track and a 1.25 km jogging track along the canal. There is also a canal of 1.04 km and 12-15 meter width.
- More than 2 lakh saplings have been planted in the park and an aviary has been constructed for 200 foreign and native birds.
- 85 percent of the greenery in this park has been developed naturally.
- Here, 15 meter high gun metal statues (Tree Man, Knowledge is Freedom, Save the Earth) have been made and a 13 by 28 meter glass house has been constructed.
- There is 1 artificial hill (Art Hill), 3D mapping on 12 x 12 meters and 9 meters high inverted pyramid, 45 x 40 meters Duck Pound at a height of 10 meters, 1 waterfall in 320 meters length, 2 Stone Bridges, 1 Wooden Bridge, 1 Ramp Bridge, Food Zone above the canal in the park, Cafe, City Market, Amphitheatre, Kids Zone, Open gyms have been constructed.



State level Hindi Day Celebration Organized

Why In News?

On September 14, 2023, a state level Hindi Day celebration was organized by the Language and Library Department of Rajasthan at Birla Auditorium, Jaipur.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Education Minister, along with three writers, honored 440 students who scored 100 percent marks in Hindi subjects in the secondary and higher secondary examinations of the Board of Secondary Education, Rajasthan.
- Hindi Seva Award, started to promote excellent and original writing in Hindi, was given to Dr. Fateh

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Singh Bhati in the Hindi literature genre for his work 'Uma De', and in the science genre to Rajshree Vinod Bothale for his work 'No Upgrah Sanchalan Pranali: A Introduction' and Dr. Satyaveer Singh and Ram Vilas were honored for their book 'Increasing the income of farmers through modern technology' in the field of agriculture.

- In the Hindi Seva Award, a check of Rs 50,000, certificate, apparel and sapling was presented in each category.
- On this occasion, the Hindi special issue of the departmental magazine 'Bhasha Vimarsh' published by the department was released by the Education Minister.



Approval of the Draft of Rajasthan Green Hydrogen Policy, 2023

Why In News?

On September 16, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot released the draft of 'Rajasthan Green Hydrogen Policy-2023' to encourage investors and search for clean energy sources keeping in mind the clean energy production, future needs and climate change in the state. Has been approved. Notification will be issued soon by the Energy Department.

Key Points:

- With this decision of the Chief Minister, companies producing green energy in the state will get various types of subsidies. Employment opportunities will also increase in the state.
- It is known that most sources of renewable energy are available in Rajasthan. The state is extremely favorable for green hydrogen production.

Note:

- The state government will provide various facilities to encourage investors under the policy. In these, 500 KTPA renewable energy plants to be established on the state's transmission system will be given 50 percent exemption in transmission and distribution charges for 10 years, complete exemption in additional and cross subsidy surcharge on purchasing renewable energy from third parties for 10 years.
- a 30 percent (maximum Rs 5 crore) grant will be given for priority in allotment of land and establishment of a research center for green hydrogen production from treated or brackish water.
- Apart from this, various discounts, water availability and banking facilities will also be provided under RIPS-2022. There will be no restriction on the capacity of captive power plants and banking of generated electricity. Besides, the ban on power withdrawal during peak hours has also been removed in the new policy.
- Under the 'Rajasthan Green Hydrogen Policy-2023', the new policy will have 100 percent reimbursement/waiver of wheeling and transmission charges for power plants. Along with this, banking charges for power plants will also be reimbursed/waived for seven to ten years.
- Under the 'Rajasthan Green Hydrogen Policy-2023', the green hydrogen sector will be included in the thrust sector under the Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme-2022. Also, by including it in Sunrise Sector, it will be given the benefits of Manufacturing Standard Package.
- It is noteworthy that the Energy Department had released the draft of the policy in the public domain and took suggestions from the stakeholders. Important suggestions have been included.
- The state government has set a target of 2000 KTPA energy production by the year 2030 in the policy. In this, projects will be established in 4 categories.
- These include extraction of renewable energy through the network of power grid, production of renewable energy and hydrogen at one place (700 KTPA), 24-hour generation of renewable energy through RTC power (800 KTPA) and residence of renewable energy through the network of RVPN (500 KTPA).
- **What is Green Hydrogen:**

- Green hydrogen is a new and emerging field of recycled/renewable energy. In this, hydrogen is produced by electrolysis of water using renewable energy. That is why it is called 'green hydrogen'.
- The main use of hydrogen is in refineries, steel plants and making ammonia. The total hydrogen demand in the country is 60 lakh tonnes, while in Rajasthan it is 2.5 lakh tonnes. Its manufacturing is pollution free.
- It is noteworthy that the National Green Hydrogen Policy-2022 and Mission has been released by the Central Government. In this, a target has been set to produce 50 lakh tonnes of green hydrogen by the year 2030.

Rajasthan State Faculty Development Academy (RSFDA) will be Established in Jaipur.

Why In News?

On September 18, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved the establishment of Rajasthan State Faculty Development Academy (RSFDA) in Jaipur for educational reform and orientation in the field of higher education in the state.

Key Points:

- Through Rajasthan State Faculty Development Academy, MoU will be signed with national and international level reputed training institutions for improvement in the field of higher education, orientation of teachers and quality training.
- Training will be organized in institutions like HCM-RIPA, IGPRS, HRDC, Rajasthan University and Mahatma Gandhi Vidyapeeth-Kanak Bhawan etc.
- Till the academy building is constructed, it will be operated at Mahatma Gandhi Vidyapeeth-Gandhi Study Center located at Kanak Bhawan. Soon the academy will be registered under the Societies Act and till then it will be operated under Rajcess.
- It is noteworthy that the Chief Minister had made an announcement in this regard in the budget year 2023-24.

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Announcement of State Art Awards

Why In News?

On September 18, 2023, the jury of the 64th Annual Art Exhibition of Rajasthan Lalit Kala Academy declared the artworks of 10 artists of the state as award worthy.



Key Points:

- Academy Secretary Dr. Rajneesh Harsh told that Dr. Amita Raj Goyal (Recreating Nature-2), Dishank Sharma (Smriti), Mahesh Kumar Kumawat (Sanatan), Shikha (There is Something), Somya Yadav (Sign of Self), Nakul Godara (Shadow), Amar Prajapat (Jaipur Aravali-1), Prabhu Lal Gameti (Untied-2), Udit Agnihotri (Kingdom) and Deepika Raojani (Life and Death) were awarded for their works.
- For the exhibition, 505 paintings and sculptures of 169 artists were received from across the state, in which the jury selected 78 artworks of 64 artists. These also include award-winning artworks.
- On the inauguration of the exhibition, the 10 awarded artists will be given cash prizes of twenty-five thousand rupees, certificates and mementos.

25 lakh Cattle Farmers will get a Grant for Artificial Insemination of Animals.

Why In News?

On September 18, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved giving grants to the extent of 50 percent or Rs 500 to 25 lakh cattle farmers of the state for getting artificial insemination done for each animal (Cow/Buffalo). With this approval of the Chief Minister, cattle farmers will be able to get animals of advanced breed.

Key Points:

- Along with this, the Chief Minister has also given in-principle approval for a budget provision of Rs 36.65 crore for carrying out 5 lakh artificial insemination in the year 2023-24.

- It is proposed to do 5 lakh artificial insemination with sex sorted semen in the year 2023-24 by the Animal Husbandry Department.
- It is known that the price per dose is currently fixed at Rs 675 by the Government of India. Thus, in-principle approval of Rs 33.75 crore has been given for purchasing 5 lakh doses and Rs 2.90 crore for other resources.
- The Chief Minister has approved giving a grant of Rs 335 per artificial insemination and taking Rs 340 from animal farmers or giving a grant in the limit of 50 percent or Rs 500 per insemination. This will put a burden of Rs 16.75 crore on the state government in the year 2023-23.
- It is noteworthy that the Chief Minister had made an announcement in this regard in the budget year 2023-24.

132 KV GSS and 33 KV Grid Sub-Station Meeran in Sola

Why In News?

On September 19, 2023, Energy Minister of Rajasthan Bhanwar Singh Bhati and former Minister of State for Education and Laxmangarh MLA Govind Singh Dotasara inaugurated 132 KV GSS in village Sola of Laxmangarh assembly constituency of Sikar district of the state. And inaugurated a 33 KV grid sub-station in Meeran.

Key Points:

- The construction of these power stations will strengthen the power distribution system and provide good quality power supply in the area, consumers will get rid of the problem of tripping and electricity will also be reduced.
- The construction of Sola substation will enhance the strengthening of power transmission network in the region and will suitably improve the power supply to Sola, Gadoda, Jajod, Narsas, Patoda, Tidoki, Mangaluna and adjoining areas.
- On this occasion, 38 Mahatma Gandhi English Medium Schools and 101 schools in Laxmangarh area were upgraded and funds were announced for the construction of 5 LED lights, tin shed, CC road, drain construction, water tank for the development of sports ground.

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Urdu Literature will be Taught in 13 Schools of Deeg

Why In News?

On September 19, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to start Urdu literature as an optional subject in schools, so that now students in 13 government schools of Deeg district of the state will be able to study Urdu literature subject. .

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that an announcement in this regard was made by the Chief Minister in the budget year 2023-24.
- Mahatma Gandhi Government School, Bhandara (Kaman), Mahatma Gandhi Rajkiya Vidyalaya, Olanda (Kaman), R.U.M.V. Udaka (Kaman), R.U.M.V. Uncheda (Kaman), R.U.M.V. Kaman, Mahatma Gandhi Government School, Naugaon (Kaman), Babunath Swami R.U.M.V., Jurahra (Kaman), Mahatma Gandhi Government School, Levda (Kaman), R.U.M.V. Jotruhala, R.M.V. Kathol Pahari, R.M.V. Papada Pahari, R.U.M.V. Somka Pahari, R.U.M.V. Urdu literature will be introduced in schools like Bhoonri Pahari etc.

Bisalpur Prithviraj Nagar Drinking Water Project Phase-I

Why In News?

On September 19, 2023, Rajasthan's Public Health Engineering Minister Dr. Mahesh Joshi inaugurated the Rangoli Garden area drinking water distribution part under Bisalpur Prithviraj Nagar Drinking Water Project Phase-I.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Public Health Engineering Minister also started the supply of drinking water to 53 colonies of Rangoli Garden distribution area by running water from the pump house.
- With the completion of the first phase of the project by December, 1100 colonies of Prithviraj Nagar will start getting water from Bisalpur.
- Bisalpur Prithviraj Nagar Drinking Water Project Phase-II costing Rs 747 crore will also provide water from Bisalpur to about 2200 colonies in and around Prithviraj Nagar.
- Under Phase-I of the project, 44 km from Balawala to Lohamandi at a cost of Rs 563.93 crore. Long transmission main line, 51 km. Rising Main Line, about 970 km. Distribution main line as well as 9 clean reservoirs with pump houses and 19 high reservoir works are included.
- With the arrival of water from Bisalpur, the dependence of the people of Prithviraj Nagar on tankers will reduce and the ground water level here will also improve.
- PHED (Urban) Chief Engineer K.D. Gupta said that 85 percent work of the first phase of the project has been completed in which 15 high reservoirs and 7 clean reservoirs along with 95 percent laying of pipelines have been done.



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The State Level Organisation of Rajiv Gandhi Rural and Urban Olympic Games will be held in Jodhpur.

Why In News?

On September 20, 2023, Naresh Kumar Thakral, Government Secretary, Rajasthan Sports Department, said that the state level Rajiv Gandhi Rural and Urban Olympic Games is proposed to be organized in Jodhpur district from 25 to 28 September.

Key Points:

- At the state level, this game has 11 categories (Kabaddi, Shooting, Volleyball, Tennis Ball Cricket, Kho-Kho, Football, Tug of War, Athletics-100m, Athletics-200m, Athletics- 400m and Basketball) in total 50 districts. A total of 7 thousand 556 players have been selected from both rural and urban levels, out of which 4 thousand 91 are from the female category and 3 thousand 565 are from the male category.
- Earlier, these games had been successfully organized at the rural and panchayat level from 5th to 10th August, at the block level from 17th to 22nd August and at the district level from 1st to 6th September.
- It is noteworthy that in compliance with the budget announcement of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot for the year 2023-2024, a budget of Rs 150 crore has been



approved for organizing the Rajiv Gandhi Rural and Urban Olympic Games.

Approval of Three Proposals for Construction of Anicut in Banswara

Why In News?

On September 19, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved three proposals for construction of Anicut in Banswara district and also gave financial approval of Rs 22.75 crore for the construction works.

Key Points:

- With this, Goravada (Govindpura) anicut will be constructed in Arthuna tehsil of Banswara district, Kheda anicut on Chap river in Garhi tehsil and Sewaniya anicut near Hiran river in Sajjangarh tehsil.
- This will expand irrigation facilities in the area. Through anicut, the wastewater of the river can be stopped and used for agricultural purposes.
- The Chief Minister has also approved the repair work on the main canal of Bisalpur Project in Tonk district and Meja Dam at Banera in Bhilwara. It will cost Rs 20.32 crore.
- It is noteworthy that the Chief Minister had announced the construction of Anicut in the budget speech 2023-24.

63 Proposals got Approval in the State Cabinet Meeting

Why In News?

On September 20, 2023, a meeting of the state cabinet was held under the chairmanship of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, in which 63 proposals were approved.

Key Points:

- In the meeting, the Cabinet has taken an important decision to allot land at concessional rates to more than 200 social institutions for educational upliftment and social and economic development in the state for hostels, old age homes, community centers and other social works. With the approval of this proposal,

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land can now be allotted to all these institutions at 10 percent of the reserved rate.

- The Cabinet has approved amendments to the Rajasthan Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2017. With this, all the personnel of Class IV Service, Ministerial Service, Subordinate Service and State Service will be given financial upgradation of promotion post under the ACP scheme on completion of 9, 18, 27 years of satisfactory service.
- Taking a sensitive decision, the Cabinet has approved the proposal to amend various service rules to provide government jobs to boys and girls orphaned due to Covid-19 when they attain adulthood.
 - With this approval, such orphan boys/girls whose biological or adoptive parents have died due to Covid on or before March 31, 2023, will be able to get appointments.
 - Also, such orphan boys/girls, whose mother or father has died in the past and the other has died due to Corona on or before March 31, 2023 and whose age at the time of becoming orphan is not more than 18 years, can also be given appointment on posts up to Pay Matrix L-9 after attaining adulthood.
- Economically Weaker Section (EWS) candidates will now get the same age relaxation as other reserved categories in Rajasthan State Engineering Services. The Cabinet has approved the proposal to implement the provision of Rajasthan State Engineering Services (Direct Recruitment by Combined Competitive Examination) Rules 1991 as per the notification issued on April 16, 2021.
 - It is noteworthy that the said service rule was left out of being included in the notification of April 2021. Now in this service rule, male EWS candidates will get age relaxation of 5 years and female candidates will get 10 years relaxation.
- The Cabinet has approved the proposal for necessary amendments in 'Rajasthan Rural Development State Service Rules-2007' to provide better opportunities for promotion to the officers of Rajasthan Rural Development State Service.
 - With this approval, the officers of this service, who are currently working on the post of senior pay series and have completed 10 years of service in Rajasthan Rural Development State Service, will be able to get promotion to the post of selected pay series.
- In order to provide better opportunities for promotion in various state services, the Cabinet has approved the proposal to amend the 'Rajasthan Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules, 2017'. With this approval, additional promotion opportunities and their pay scales will be available in the departments of Archeology and Museum, Employment, Excise, Forest, Tourism and Industry.
- The Cabinet has approved 'Rajasthan Green Hydrogen Policy-2023'. The possibilities for investment and employment in the state will increase with the establishment of 2000 KTPA capacity projects by the year 2030 from green hydrogen based projects in the state and construction units of related enterprises.
 - It is noteworthy that Rajasthan ranks first in the country in renewable energy and solar energy capacity installation. Also, favorable conditions exist for green hydrogen in Rajasthan.
- The Cabinet has approved 'Rajasthan Biomass and Waste to Energy Policy-2023' to encourage energy production from biomass and waste and biomass co-firing in thermal power plants.
- This will promote power generation from residual biomass and waste in the state, due to which there will be no need to burn residual biomass in the state and better disposal of solid waste will also be possible.
- In order to announce the budget, the Cabinet has approved the proposal to establish 'Rajasthan State Sports Institute' in Jodhpur. With this, a state-of-the-art sports training center will be established in the state. Players can be given properly organized sports training.
- The Cabinet has approved the proposal to increase the 5 percent surcharge/dividend received by Rajasthan Medical Services Corporation Limited (RMSCL) on purchasing and supplying medicines and equipment to the government to 11 percent.
- With this approval, medical institutions can be constructed in line with the budget announcement as part of the expansion in the work plans of RMSCL.
- The Cabinet has decided to name the Crafts and Soil Art Board as 'Shri Yade Mati Kala Board'. The board will work to enhance the income of pottery artisans by providing technical training and advanced tools, connecting them with fairs and exhibitions and developing basic facilities.

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- The Cabinet has also decided to rename Karma Bai Government Industrial Training Institute for Women, Laxmangarh (Sikar) as Karma Bai Government Industrial Training Institute, Laxmangarh (Sikar).



Innovation of Election Commission of India - Facility of Home Voting in Assembly General Elections for the First Time in the State.

Why In News?

On September 21, 2023, Chief Electoral Officer of Rajasthan Praveen Gupta said that as per the instructions of the Election Commission of India, for the first time in the state, senior citizens above 80 years of age and specially abled voters with more than 40 percent disability category will be eligible for voting in the assembly general elections. Voting initiative has been taken.

Key Points:

- Chief Electoral Officer Praveen Gupta said that the Commission has made this innovation in the direction of inclusive elections. Under this, booth level officers are going door-to-door and providing information regarding home voting to the eligible voters.
- In these elections, 18.05 lakh eligible voters will be able to get this facility as an option. This feature is available as an option. If eligible voters want to opt

for this facility, they will have to fill the 12-D form given by the BLO and submit it to the BLO within 5 days of the issue of election notification.

- Praveen Gupta said that the list of these voters who have chosen the option of home voting will be made available to all the recognized political parties by the returning officer and the polling team formed will get these voters to vote through postal ballot.
- It is noteworthy that in the state, 12 lakh 13 thousand 817 voters above 80 years of age and 5 lakh 95 thousand voters are registered as specially abled people.

Sixth State Finance Commission Report Presented to the Governor

Why In News?

On September 21, 2023, the final report of the Sixth State Finance Commission was presented to Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra at Raj Bhavan.

Key Points:

- Under the leadership of State Finance Commission Chairman Pradyuman Singh, Finance Commission member Ashok Lahoti, Member Secretary S. C. Derasree, Joint Secretary Rajesh Gupta and Advisor Shantilal Jain handed over the signed copy of the Finance Commission to the Governor.
- It is noteworthy that this commission was constituted under the chairmanship of Pradyuman Singh on April 12, 2021 under Article 243 of the Constitution.
- In this, there is a provision of financial assistance given by the state government to Panchayati Raj institutions, urban bodies for carrying out the basic tasks assigned under the Constitution and Panchayati Raj and Rajasthan Municipality Act and recommendations to improve their functioning.



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Notification Released for University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Jobner

Why In News?

- In pursuance of the Chief Minister's budget announcement on September 21, 2023, the State Government has issued notification for the establishment of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences at Jobner.

Key Points:

- Earlier in the Assembly session, Animal Husbandry Minister Lalchand Kataria had presented a bill related to this in the Assembly, which was passed by voice vote.
- Animal Husbandry Minister Lalchand Kataria said that earlier Animal Science University was functioning in Bikaner. The second veterinary university of the state is being established in Jobner. With this, children from rural families will also get an opportunity to get education equipped with the latest techniques of veterinary medicine and animal science.
- The Animal Husbandry Minister said that Rajasthan is the first state in the country to have two veterinary and animal science universities. To save livestock and move ahead in the field of veterinary medicine, the second veterinary and animal science university of the state is being opened in Jobner.

Water Supply Minister laid the Foundation Stone of Water Supply Schemes Worth Rs 130 Crore

Why In News?

On September 24, 2023, Rajasthan's Public Health Engineering Minister Dr. Mahesh Joshi laid the foundation stone of three reorganized urban water supply schemes of Jaipur worth about Rs 130 crore, included in the Chief Minister's budget announcement 2023-24.

Key Points:

- These schemes include reorganized water supply scheme worth Rs 46 crore 37 lakh, renovation of pump house for smooth drinking water supply in Baiji Ki

Kothi, Model Town and surrounding areas, construction of new high reservoir, new pipe in Baiji Ki Kothi and Model Town area. The work of connecting and laying the line will be done. the 50 thousand population of this area will get the benefit of this scheme.

- Under the Reorganized Urban Water Supply Scheme Jagatpura (Jaipur) worth Rs 44 crore 30 lakh, work will be done to construct a new high reservoir, clean reservoir and pump house and to connect and lay new pipelines in Jagatpura area.
- Under the scheme, there will be a high reservoir of 18 lakh liter capacity, surface reservoir of 18 lakh liter capacity, laying of pipeline in about 80 km area on the land allotted by JDA in Manoharpura Kachchi Basti and reconnection of 5 thousand water connections. the 32 thousand population of this area will get the benefit of this scheme.
- Under the reorganized urban water supply scheme Gator worth Rs 37 crore 16 lakh, work will be done to renovate the currently established pump house, construct a new high reservoir and connect and lay new pipelines in the entire Gator area.
- In this, there will be a high reservoir of 15 lakh liter capacity in Siddharth Nagar behind the North Western Railway Headquarters, connecting and laying of pipelines in about 62 kilometers and replacement of 5500 water ties. Pure drinking water can be provided with proper pressure to a population of about 30 thousand.

Inauguration of 'Gandhi Vatika'

Why In News?

- On September 23, 2023, Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge, Lok Sabha MP Rahul Gandhi and Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated 'Gandhi Vatika' built in the Central Park of Jaipur.

Key Points:

- The state government has taken this innovative initiative to introduce the new generation to the thoughts and values of Mahatma Gandhi.
- The theme of Gandhi Vatika in Central Park, built at a cost of Rs 85 crore, has been prepared under the guidance of a committee of Gandhian thinkers. On

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the ground floor of the garden, the period from the arrival of the British to India till Gandhi's stay in South Africa has been depicted in 5 parts.

- On the first floor, Gandhiji's movements against the British in India and his philosophy have been displayed. Special library, seminar hall and conference room have been constructed on the second floor.
- The conference room has been divided into three sections, 'Rajasthan has followed Gandhi's path', 'Gandhi: Apne aaine me mein' and 'Gandhi ji' ke sapno ka sansar' respectively.
- Mud walls have been specially prepared for simplicity in building construction and environmental protection.
- Besides, 14 thousand trees and plants have been planted in the garden. Facilities like cafeteria, open theater stage, discussion room will also be available in the garden.



Constitution Club of Rajasthan

Why In News?

On September 22, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the Constitution Club of Rajasthan, built on the land of MLA Nagar (East) located near the Legislative Assembly in Jaipur on the lines of the Constitution Club of Delhi.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of the Officers Institute to be built in HCM Ripa.
- It is known that many important institutions are being established one after the other in Rajasthan, which include Constitution Club, Rajasthan International Centre, Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Social Sciences, Gandhi Museum, Fintech University etc.
- Construction of Constitution Club is a unique scheme of the Housing Board.
- This is the grandest and best Constitution Club of the country, equipped with modern facilities, where the new members elected to the Assembly will be able to benefit from the experience of the former members.
- The Constitution Club will play an important role in strengthening democracy and will become a platform for exchange of views of the Assembly members.
- This club is built on 4 thousand 950 square meter land. An amount of Rs 90 crore will be spent on the construction of this club built on an area of 1 lakh 84 thousand 480 square feet.
- The club has a restaurant, coffee house, swimming pool, auditorium, meeting hall, conference hall, library, gym, salon, badminton and tennis court, billiards and table tennis, indoor games and guest rooms.



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Inauguration of Marwar International Centre

Why In News?

On September 25, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the Marwar International Centre in Jodhpur.

Key Points:

- Marwar International Centre will play an important role in taking forward the process of cultural and ideological exchange.
- Marwar International Centre, along with establishing golden dimensions in the direction of preservation and promotion of art, culture and traditions, will prove to give pride to Jodhpur in the country and the world through national and international events.
- Built on 65000 square meter land, this auditorium will have a seating capacity of 1350 persons (1036 persons on ground floor and 314 on balcony). Two dormitories for artists and two green rooms of 25 capacity each and two banquet lawns and exhibition center (each area 5820 square meters), two seminar halls for organizing national and international level seminars and conferences (each capacity 64 persons). And there are also two conference halls.
- A cultural center has also been built in it, which houses art, photography gallery, library, painting studio and a VIP lodge etc. There is a parking arrangement for a total of 582 cars, 505 two-wheelers and 8 buses in the basement and open space of the auditorium.
- Provision for construction of two restaurants (each with capacity of 72 persons) for visitors has also been made near the Cultural Centre. Along with this, 14 guest rooms are also being constructed for the visitors.



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The Chief Minister Inaugurated and Laid the Foundation Stone of Development Works Worth about Rs 837 Crore.

Why In News?

On September 25, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of various development works worth about Rs 837 crore in Jodhpur city and Jodhpur rural at the inauguration ceremony of the state-level Rajiv Gandhi Rural and Urban Olympic Games.



Key Points:

- Various development works were inaugurated by the Chief Minister, prominent among which are-
 - Inauguration of Surpura Amusement Park located at Jaswant Sagar Mandore in Jodhpur. This park has been developed by Jodhpur Development Authority.
 - Also, inauguration of Surpura Safari Park in Jodhpur.
 - Inauguration of RTO Aarobi in Jodhpur, unveiling of the statue of Leela Devi Tank installed in the Ayurvedic Nursing College located at Magra Punjala and inauguration of the newly constructed hall in the college campus.
 - Inauguration of Rajasthan State Sports Institute Jodhpur Sports School (Residential) 250 bedded hostel costing Rs 12.30 crore in Jodhpur City Assembly constituency.
 - Inauguration of the new campus of Agriculture College, Jodhpur worth Rs 16 crore.
- The foundation stone of various development works was laid by the Chief Minister, prominent among which are-
 - Laying the foundation stone of Mahatma Gandhi Divyang University in Luni assembly constituency.
 - Laying the foundation stone of Marwar Medical Sciences University worth Rs 499.86 crore in Bhopalgarh/Bilara assembly constituency.



- Laying the foundation stone of construction work of single lane to double lane road from RTO Office Saran Nagar Overbridge to 80 feet road Bhadwasiya road at a cost of Rs 27.51 crore.
- The foundation stone of the work of Center of Excellence on Pearl Millets in the Agricultural University at a cost of Rs 1.65 crore was laid.



Prime Minister Flags off Udaipur-Jaipur Vande Bharat Express Train

Why In News?

On September 24, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi flagged off nine Vande Bharat trains through video conferencing. These also include Udaipur-Jaipur Vande Bharat Express running in Rajasthan.

Key Points:

- These nine trains will boost connectivity in 11 states – Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Karnataka, Bihar, West Bengal, Kerala, Odisha, Jharkhand and Gujarat.
- These new Vande Bharat trains are a step towards realizing the Prime Minister's vision of improving connectivity across the country and providing world-class facilities to rail passengers. The new trains that were flagged off are:
 - Udaipur-Jaipur Vande Bharat Express
 - Tirunelveli-Madurai-Chennai Vande Bharat Express
 - Hyderabad-Bangalore Vande Bharat Express
 - Vijayawada-Chennai (via Renigunta) Vande Bharat Express
 - Patna-Howrah Vande Bharat Express
 - Kasaragod-Thiruvananthapuram Vande Bharat Express
 - Rourkela-Bhubaneswar-Puri Vande Bharat Express
 - Ranchi-Howrah Vande Bharat Express
 - Jamnagar-Ahmedabad Vande Bharat Express
- These Vande Bharat trains will run at the fastest speed on their operational routes and will save a lot of time for passengers.
- Compared to the current fastest train on the route, the Rourkela-Bhubaneswar-Puri Vande Bharat Express and Kasaragod-Thiruvananthapuram Vande Bharat Express will travel approximately three hours faster; Hyderabad-Bengaluru Vande Bharat Express to save over 2.5 hours; Tirunelveli-Madurai-Chennai Vande Bharat Express will save more than 2 hours; Ranchi-Howrah Vande Bharat Express, Patna-Howrah Vande Bharat Express and Jamnagar-Ahmedabad Vande Bharat Express will save time of about one hour and Udaipur-Jaipur Vande Bharat Express will travel faster by about half an hour.

Note:

- In line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of improving connectivity of important religious places in the country, the Rourkela Bhubaneswar-Puri Vande Bharat Express and Tirunelveli-Madurai-Chennai Vande Bharat Express will connect the important religious cities of Puri and Madurai. Additionally, Vijayawada-Chennai Vande Bharat Express will operate on Renigunta route and provide connectivity to Tirupati pilgrimage centre.
- The introduction of these Vande Bharat trains will mark the beginning of a new standard of rail service in the country. Equipped with world-class amenities and advanced safety features including armor technology, these trains will be a significant step towards providing modern, quick and comfortable means of travel to the common people, professionals, businessmen, students and tourists.



Rajasthan Sahitya Academy Announced Annual Awards for the Year 2023-24

Why In News?

After the approval of the meeting of the Directors and Saraswati Sabha held at Meera Bhawan of Rajasthan Sahitya Academy, Udaipur on September 26, 2023, Academy President Dr. Dularam Saharan announced the annual awards of the Academy for the year 2023-24.

Key Points:

- Under the annual awards given by the Academy, the highest Meera Award for the year 2023-24 will be given to Jaipur resident Ratankumar Sambhariya for his novel 'Snake'.
- Progressive writer, thinker and former president of the Academy, Ved Vyas will be honored with the

highest honor 'Sahitya-Manishi' in the Academy's honor tradition.

- Renowned critic and scholar Dr. Ranjit will be honored with the Academy's Janardanarai Nagar Award.
- In the series of awards of the Academy for the year 2023-24, Sudhindra Award was given to Chetan Audichya of Udaipur for the poetry collection 'Paani', Rangeya Raghav Award was given to Purushottam Pomal of Jalore for the novel 'Pashan Putri Kshatrani Heera-De', Devraj Upadhyay Award Bikaner. The Kanhaiyalal Sahal Award will be given to Jaipur's Raghavendra Rawat for his diary 'Marak Laharon Ke Beech' for critic Harish B Sharma's work 'Prasthan Bindu'.
- Whereas in drama genre, Devilal Samar Award went to Ajmer's Ras Bihari Gaur for his work 'Gandhi Zinda Hai', in children's literature Shambhudayal Saxena Award went to Kota native Chennai resident Rochika Arun Sharma for his short story 'Kitabaon Se Baatein' and the first Kriti Sumnesh Joshi Award will be given to Bilal Pathan of Udaipur for 'Ab Pede Phal Bechenge'.
- Academy Secretary Dr. Basant Singh Solanki said that after the approval of the Director-Saraswati meeting, Academy President Dr. Dula Ram Saharan has also announced the school-college awards.
- The winning students of Chandradev Sharma Award include Damodar Sharma (Ikkis College Gopalyan-Lunkaransar) for poetry, Surendra Singh (Rajasthan University, Jaipur) for story, Amandeep Nirvan (SSS College, Taranagar) for one-act play and the essay will be given to Pawan Kumar Gusain (Ekkis College, Gopalyan).
- Pardeshi Award for poetry was given to Shumbhagi Sharma (Raumavi Bhawanimandi-Jhalawar), Pari Joshi for story (The Scholars Arena, Udaipur), Karuna Ranga for essay (Ikkis Academy for Excellence, Gopalyan) and award for short story will be given to Dropati Jakhar (Ikkasi Academy for Excellence, Gopalyan).
- Sudha Gupta Award for the year 2023-24 will be given to Kaushalya of Twenty One College Gopalyan for her essay.
- It is noteworthy that the Academy gives seventy five thousand rupees for Meera Award, twenty one thousand rupees for Sumnesh Joshi Award and thirty one thousand rupees for other awards. Whereas the highest Sahitya Manishi award is worth Rs 2.5 lakh and Janardan Rai Nagar Samman is worth Rs 1 lakh.
- The amount of school-college awards is five thousand rupees each.

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Formal Inauguration of Dol Fair

Why In News?

On September 26, 2023, Baran District Chief of the state Urmila Jain Bhaya, on behalf of the Municipal Council, formally inaugurated the 15-day Dol Fair by cutting the ribbon on the banks of Dol Pond in Baran district.

Key Points:

- State Mines and Cow Husbandry Minister Pramod Jain Bhaya said that the famous Dol Fair of Hadoti is a symbol of the unique heritage and rich culture of the ancestors, it is the moral responsibility of the state to preserve and nurture it.
- To enhance the grandeur of the fair, the state government has done development works worth more than Rs 25 crore, and in the coming days more new works worth Rs 50 crore will be done.
- **History of Dol Fair-**
 - Maharao Surjan Hada of Bundi had handed over the Ranthambore fort to Akbar. At that time two idols of gods were brought from there, one of them was of Ranganath ji and the other of Kalyanraiji. The idol of Ranganath ji was installed in Bundi and the idol of Kalyanraiji was brought to Baran. The then queen of Bundi built his temple here and installed the idol. Since then the fair started here for the first few days and today it has taken a huge form.



Governor Inaugurated Constitution Park

Why In News?

On September 26, 2023, Governor Kalraj Mishra inaugurated the newly constructed entrance gate, Constitution Garden and Constitution Pillar of Govind Guru Tribal University located in Banswara district.

Key Points:

- The Governor also unveiled the statue of Govind Guru along with the foundation stone of the academic building of the university.
- On this occasion, he said that Govind Guru Tribal University will work for fundamental research on their nature concerns related to tribal traditions and culture.
- It is known that Govind Guru was not an individual but an institution. He was such a great man who pioneered the era, who sounded the trumpet of revolution of social awareness in his time. Govind Guru also contributed to religious awakening and freedom struggle with the establishment of 'Bhagat Panth'.
- With the construction of the Constitution Garden, the young generation of the country will connect with the constitutional culture and this Constitution Garden will continue to remind the new generation of the rights and duties given by the Constitution.

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Two Villages of Rajasthan Got Silver and Bronze Medals on the Occasion of World Tourism Day

Why In News?

- On the occasion of World Tourism Day on September 27, 2023, two villages of Rajasthan, Meenal and Naurangabad, were awarded silver and bronze awards in the Rural Tourism Village Awards by the Union Ministry of Tourism for promoting and preserving the cultural heritage and sustainable development of the villagers through tourism.

Key Points:

- In the felicitation ceremony organized by the Ministry of Tourism at Bharat Mandapam Convention Centre, New Delhi, out of 35 rural tourism villages of the country, Minal village of Chittorgarh district of Rajasthan was awarded silver medal and Naurangabad village of Alwar district was awarded bronze medal.

- Pawan Kumar Jain, Joint Director of Rajasthan Tourism Department, received the awards from Rakesh Kumar Verma, Additional Secretary, Union Tourism Ministry.
- It is noteworthy that the Best Tourism Village competition was organized by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India and the Central Nodal Agency for Rural Tourism and Rural Home-Stay.
- Applications were received from a total of 795 villages from 36 states/union territories in the competition. Out of these, 35 villages were nominated in the gold category. Out of these 35 grams, top 5 grams were awarded in the gold category, 10 grams in the silver category and 20 grams in the bronze category.



'Mukhyamantri GST Bill Puraskar Yojana-2023' implemented to increase GST revenue

Why In News?

According to the information given by Rajasthan Information and Public Relations Department on September 27, 2023, "Mukhyamantri GST Bill Puraskar Yojana-2023' has been implemented to increase GST revenue in the state. The scheme will be applicable to bills and invoices issued during the period from October 1 to March 31, 2024.

Key Points:

- Under the scheme, the bills received by the consumers in respect of taxable goods and services purchased from traders registered under the GST Act in the state will be payable as cash reward on the bills selected by the lottery after uploading it on the online portal or app available by the state government.

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- This scheme will be India's largest bill award scheme at the state level, in which bumper prizes of up to Rs 1 crore will be given and prizes up to a total of Rs 45 lakh per month will be given to selected traders.
- The first, second and third prizes are Rs 10 lakh, Rs 5 lakh and Rs 50,000 respectively.
- The first, second and third prizes of Rs 1 crore, Rs 25 lakh and Rs 15 lakh will be given respectively.
- There is a provision of 50 additional 50 districts and 50 awards to give proper representation to each district. A total of 1,000 consolation prizes will also be given.
- For the monthly reward, the consumer will be able to upload the bill within 10 days after the end of the month.

Vice President lays the Foundation Stone of ICAR's Regional Millet Research Center at Gudamalani, Barmer

Why In News?

On September 27, 2023, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar laid the foundation stone of ICAR's Regional Millet Research Center at Gudamalani in Barmer district.

Key Points:

- Addressing the gathering on the occasion, he said that awareness about millets has increased all over the world. The year 2023 has been declared International 'Shri Anna' Year, this is a big achievement for the country.
- He said that the center which is opening here today will have an impact not only on Rajasthan but also on the entire country and abroad.



UDH Minister Inaugurated Beti Gaurav Udyan in Kota

Why In News?

On September 27, 2023, Autonomous Governance and Urban Development Minister Shanti Dhariwal inaugurated Beti Gaurav Park, developed by Kota City Development Trust at a cost of Rs 4.50 crore.

Key Points:

- City Development Trust Secretary Mansingh Meena said that trees of different species have been planted in it. Open gym, jogging track and swings have also been installed in the park for the entertainment of children.
- Autonomous Government and Urban Development Minister Shanti Dhariwal also inaugurated Devnarayan Nagar Integrated Livestock Housing Scheme located in Ranpur of Kota district. Also inaugurated the newly constructed biogas plant and Devnarayan Rotary Public School in Devnarayan Residential Scheme.
- He said that under this scheme, biogas plants have been developed for animal farmers. To ensure that the cattle herders here do not face any kind of problem, a school has been constructed here for classes 1 to 5, so that the children can get education in this campus itself.

Governor Inaugurated Hanumanji Ropeway

Why In News?

On September 28, 2023, Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra inaugurated the ropeway at Hanuman Ji Temple in Khole, Jaipur.

Key Points:

- This ropeway is built from Annapurna Mata Temple located in Hanuman Ji Temple to Vaishno Devi Mata Temple. With its construction, religious tourism will get a boost here.



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- It is known that this place of Hanuman ji of Khole is Tapobhoomi. Sant Nirmal Das Ji Maharaj had done penance at this site and the temple construction work was done here by Pandit Radheshyam Choubey.
- In 1961, Pandit Radhelal Choubey established the Narwar Ashram Seva Samiti for the development of the temple.
- **About the history of the temple:**
 - In the 60s, due to the fear of wild animals in the deserted place between the rainy drains and mountains flowing in the valley of the eastern hills of the city, the city dwellers could not even move here, then a courageous Brahmin turned to this deserted place and discovered a huge statue of Hanumanji lying on the mountain here.
 - Seeing God in this deserted forest, the Brahmin started serving and worshipping Maruti Nandan Shri Hanuman ji here and he did not leave the place until he died.
 - When this place was uninhabited, rain water used to flow here from the depths of the mountains, that is why the temple was named Khole Ke Hanumanji.



The Public Health Engineering Minister inaugurated and Laid the Foundation Stone of 6 Development and Beautification Works in Hawa Mahal Zone.

Why In News?

On September 28, 2023, Rajasthan Public Health Engineering Minister Dr. Mahesh Joshi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 6 development and beauty works being done by Jaipur Smart City Limited at a cost of Rs 61.40 crore in Hawa Mahal zone.

Key Points:

- These development and beauty works include degree colleges, hospitals, fire stations, Chowgan Stadium and decorative lights.
- The Public Health Engineering Minister inaugurated the newly constructed Government Degree College by Jaipur Smart City Limited at a cost of Rs 13.86 crore at Santosh Colony, Kanwar Nagar, Brahmapuri and dedicated it to the public. With the opening of the degree college, now all the students and their parents in this area will be comfortable.
 - The land area of this college is a minimum of 13580 square meters, in which a new college building, auditorium building and sports facilities have been constructed.
- The work of installing smart decorative poles on the main roads of Hawa Mahal assembly constituency will be done at a cost of Rs 2.57 crore, in which double arm poles of 9 meters and 5 meters height are being installed. These poles have been constructed according to the heritage of Jaipur, which will also reduce the cost of electricity.
 - Under the project, these smart decorative poles will be installed at places like Zorawar Singh Gate to Jal Mahal, Jhulelal Temple to Rajmal Ka Talab, Tourism Police Station to Kale Hanuman Ji Road, Karbala Dargah to Old Bus Stand etc.
- The 300-bed Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay Government Hospital is being constructed at Gangauri Bazar in an area of 6000 square meters at a cost of Rs. 44.61 crore. A fire station has been inaugurated in this hospital building complex.
 - With the presence of the said hospital, the common people will get the benefit of women's diseases, cardiology, orthopedics, neurology, surgery, urology, dentistry as well as eye, nose, throat and other specialist medical services.



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