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Rajasthan tops in renewable energy production

Why in News?

- On April 2, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary and Chairman, RREC (Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation), Dr. Subodh Agarwal informed that **Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to develop 10 GW solar power capacity.**

Key Points

- Dr. Subodh Agrawal informed that according to the report released by the Ministry of Renewable Energy of the Central Government, Rajasthan has come on top in the entire country by developing 10,506 MW of solar power capacity in the country.
- According to the report released by the Center, Karnataka with 7,534 MW capacity is second and Gujarat with 6,309 MW capacity is third.
- Dr. Agrawal informed that in the financial year ended March 31, 2022, more than 3,000 MW capacity has been developed, whereas in the last three years 6,552 MW capacity has been developed in the state.
- Rajasthan is also progressing rapidly in rooftops. Out of 10,506 MW of solar power capacity, 9,542 MW of ground mounted, 668 MW of rooftop and 296 MW of solar power have been developed in the offgrid area.
- It is worth noting that with the recent MoU and LoU agreements, Rajasthan is now going to be developed as the largest solar hub of the country. Out of the MoU LOIs done under Invest Rajasthan in the state, MoU LOIs worth more than Rs 8 lakh crore have been signed only in the energy sector.

RTI Portal 2.0

Why in News?

- On April 4, 2022, **RTI Portal 2.0** was launched by the State Information Commission **for speedy disposal of cases under Right to Information** in the state.

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- **State Chief Information Commissioner D.B. Gupta** launched the RTI portal at the Information Commission office. **Presently 275 departments are connected with the portal.**

- Through this portal, **people living in remote areas of the state will also be facilitated to file RTI appeals.** Apart from this, the acceptance, disallowance, first hearing notice and case number of the second appeal filed online will also be available to the applicant in online mode.
- Citizens will be able to submit the **application fee online as well as submit the application using the online portal or with the help of e-Mitra.** Apart from this, **notices and letters etc. of second appeal will also reach automatically through SMS and email.** This will speed up disposal of cases.

Mobile Investigation Unit Van

Why in News?

- On April 4, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot flagged off the **Mobile Investigation Unit (MIU) vans of Rajasthan Police** from the Secretariat premises.

Key Points

- These MIU vans **will be used in the police stations located away from the district headquarters.** With the help of these, **quick action can be taken in incidents happening at remote places** and the time taken in research will also be reduced.
- **State Director General of Police M.L. Lather** said that with the availability of MIU, the investigating **officers will reach the spot at a faster pace and with the help of gadgets, research can be done on the spot.**
- With this, **there will be no need to call witnesses** and while the average time of investigation will be reduced, **the quality of investigation will also improve.**
- It is worth mentioning that **under the Police Modernization Scheme 2021-22, about 71 MIU vans will be handed over to the police.** Of these, 48 MIU have been received by the police so far.

Operation Samanta

Why in News?

- On April 5, 2022, Chairman of the State Scheduled Castes Commission of Rajasthan, Khiladi Lal Bairwa, in the meeting of district level officers in Bundi district, directed to work on the campaign level in other matters of the Scheduled Castes on the lines of 'Operation Samanta'.

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Key Points

- **Operation Samanta**, which started from January 24, is an innovation of Bundi Police, which is now being implemented across the state.
- Under this, the beat constables at the police station have to mark such villages in their area, where till now Dalit grooms are not sitting on the mare or there has been an unpleasant incident while sitting on the mare or they have been removed from the mare.
- After marking, equality committees are formed in such villages so that the brides of Dalit community can be taken out on the mare without any controversy and untoward incident.
- It is noteworthy that despite the Right to Equality (Article 14-18) provided under Part 3 of the Constitution, SC/ST communities are subjected to various types of discrimination including untouchability. In such a situation, this step of Rajasthan Police is highly commendable.

Rajasthan Film Tourism Promotion Policy-2022

Why In News?

- In the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on 6th April, 2022, the **Rajasthan Film Tourism Promotion Policy-2022** was approved with the aim of developing Rajasthan as a film destination.

Key Points

- This decision of the cabinet will encourage film shooting in the state. This will promote the preservation of art and culture along with creation of employment in various fields related to films, and through films, the tourist places of Rajasthan will be promoted in the country and the world.
- It is noteworthy that Rajasthan has been a favorite state for national and international filmmakers. Filmmakers are eager to shoot the film at various locations including the world famous fort-palaces, havelis, deserts, sanctuaries here.
- Through this policy, provisions for financial assistance, awards and cash prizes have been proposed to encourage film production in Rajasthani language.
- Along with this, it has also been proposed to give financial benefits and grants to domestic and foreign filmmakers for shooting in Rajasthan.

Important decisions of Rajasthan cabinet

Why In News?

- On April 6, 2022, in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, other important decisions were taken including formation of Public Financial Management Training Society and formation of cadre of Vice-Principals in Government Higher Secondary Schools.

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- In the meeting, free IPD and OPD treatment schemes in all government medical institutions including sub-health centre, primary health centre, community health centre, sub-district hospital, district hospital and medical college were named '**Mukhyamantri Free Nirogi Rajasthan Yojana**'.
- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had announced to provide free IPD and OPD treatment in all government medical institutions of the state in the budget of this financial year.
- The Cabinet has decided to set up a Public Financial Management Training Society. Best in class Public Financial Management and Training Institute will be run by this Society.
- This will make the capacity of government officials-employees and other stakeholders in the state more comprehensive. This society will be registered under the **Rajasthan Societies Registration Act, 1958**.
- The cabinet has approved the **Rajasthan Educational (State and Subordinate) Service Rules (Second Amendment), 2022**. With this, a cadre of the post of Vice-Principal (Level-14) can be established to improve the smooth operation and supervision of educational work in Government Higher Secondary Schools.
- The Cabinet has approved the amendment in the Rajasthan District Court Clerk Establishment Rules-1986 (Rule 7-C). The decision of the Cabinet will provide more clarity and breadth to the expression '**outstanding sports person**' as prescribed in this rule, thereby providing better opportunities to the eligible sportspersons.
- The Cabinet has decided to appoint Rajasthan State Road Development and Construction Corporation as the executive agency for the construction of the Mini Secretariat at Sri Ganganagar.

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Rajasthan ranks second in rooftop solar

Why In News?

- On April 6, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary Energy and Chairman, Rajasthan Dr. Subodh Agrawal told in the review meeting of the officers of Renewable Energy Corporation that according to the report released by the Central Government on February 22, Rajasthan has been second after Gujarat in the implementation of rooftop solar scheme.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that Rajasthan is already on the first rank in solar energy by developing 10 GW solar power capacity. Rajasthan continues to be a leading state in the implementation of **Kusum Yojana** to install solar systems on barren land.
- Dr. Agrawal informed that 748 MW capacity has been developed in the state in rooftop solar. Rooftop solar scheme has been implemented in a planned manner by **Renewable Energy Corporation of India**.
- To make the rooftop solar scheme more simple, now instead of the state portal, registration can be done on the national portal. Similarly, for installation of rooftop systems, now MNRE empaneled vendors will have the facility to install the system at their own level.
- Initially the beneficiary himself will have to bear the cost of installing a rooftop solar system and then the grant amount will be released directly to the beneficiary.
- Along with this, under the new simplified system, the beneficiary will be free to set up a government empaneled vendor or the system of their own choice. There will be no compulsion on the beneficiary to install any Mac specific system or vendor specific system.

Rajasthan's thermal power plants will get coal from Chhattisgarh

Why in News?

- Recently, Rajasthan Vidyut Utpadan Nigam has got clearance from the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of Chhattisgarh

to start mining work in Parsa coal block located in Surguja, Chhattisgarh. As soon as coal mining starts in this new block, additional coal will be available for thermal power plants of the state.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that on March 25, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot along with Energy Minister Bhanwar Singh Bhati and officials urged Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel to give early permission to start coal mining in Parsa coal block and Parsa East Kanta Basan coal block in the second phase.
- The Chhattisgarh government gave permission for the second phase of coal mining of Parsa East Kanta Basan coal block on the very next day, while on April 6, the state's new coal block, Parsa coal block, was also allowed for coal mining.
- Instructions have been given to Vidyut Utpadan Nigam to complete the necessary preparations for coal mining at the earliest and necessary preparations have been started.
- ACS Mines, Petroleum and Energy Dr. Subodh Agrawal informed that 841.538 hectare area was allotted by the Central Government to Rajasthan Vidyut Utpadan Nigam in Chhattisgarh's Surguja Parsa coal block in 2015. Mining work will be done in this new block after getting clearance from the Central Government and Chhattisgarh Government.
- When coal production will start from this new Parsa coal block, the state will get about 2.7 rakes of coal per day. According to an estimate, this block is expected to produce 5 million tonnes of coal per annum. One thousand rakes of coal will be available annually from this new block.
- It is worth mentioning that the state government was facing a coal crisis due to almost exhaustion of coal in phase one in Parsa East and Kanta basin. Clearance of Forest, Environment and Climate Change Department has also been received in the 1136 hectare forest land of the second phase of Parsa East Kanta Basin.

Sangeet Natak Akademi Award

Why In News?

- The Sangeet Natak Akademi Award was presented to Ghazi Khan Barna of Rajasthan by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu for his outstanding contribution in

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the field of folk music by Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu at the award distribution ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on April 9, 2022.

Key Points

- Ghazi Khan Barna belongs to Jaisalmer district of Rajasthan.
- He has imbibed the rich heritage of **Manganiyar tradition of Rajasthani folk music**.
- Presently, his fame is that of a seasoned **khatal player**.
- In view of his contribution in the field of folk art, he has also been awarded the **Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Akademi Award** in the year 2002.

Chief Minister Rajasthan Economic Transformation Advisory Council

Why In News?

- On April 11, 2022, the Government of Rajasthan extended the tenure of Chief Minister Rajasthan Economic Transformation Advisory Council (CMRETAC) till December 2023 by issuing an order.

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- It is noteworthy that this council was constituted on March 7, 2020 and its tenure was fixed till March 2022.
- According to this order issued by the Planning (Group-I) department, the Chief Minister is the chairman of this advisory council and Dr. Arvind Mayaram is the vice-president and the government secretary is the member-secretary of the planning council.
- Similarly, Dr. Govind Sharma Chief Secretary, Principal Secretary to Government, Finance and Principal Secretary to Chief Minister are also included in the council as members.
- Other members for the extended tenure of the Council include Dr. Rathin Roy, Dr. Ashok Gulati, Anil Agarwal, Laxmi Niwas Mittal, Naina Lal Kidwai, Dr. Devi Shetty, Vikram Mehta, Naved Khan, Dr. Shiv Kumar Sareen, Ms. Faith Singh, Nandita Das, Dr. Jyotindra Jain, Kavita Singh, Amit Kapoor, Vijay Kumar, Rajeev Gowda, Mangu Singh, Pradeep S. Mehta, Dr. Dinesh Singh, Arun Myra, Dr. Naresh Trehan, Mahesh Vyas, Dr. Pranav Sen and Yamini Abayer.

Three national highways will be made road accident free under pilot project

Why in News?

- On April 13, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary, Home, Transport and Road Safety Department of Rajasthan, Abhay Kumar said that in compliance with the budget announcement, three major national highways of the state would be made road accident free under the pilot project.

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- The Additional Chief Secretary gave this information in a meeting held in the Government Secretariat regarding '**Prevention of Road Accidents**'.
- The three major national highways that will be made road accident free under the pilot project include **Shahjahanpur to Ajmer (NH-448), Bar-Bilara-Jodhpur (NH-25) and Sikar to Bikaner (NH-110) National Highways**.
- The Additional Chief Secretary directed the concerned officers to further improve the response time of ambulances and to encourage the Good Samaritans who took serious injuries in road accidents to the hospital immediately by rewarding them under the '**Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Jeevan Raksha Yojna**'.
- He said that data related to road accidents should be uploaded immediately through **Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD)** application so that they can be scientifically analyzed to reduce accidents.

Cultural program 'Folk Safar' organized

Why in News?

- A cultural program '**Folk Safar**' was organized at Jawahar Kala Kendra, Jaipur in collaboration with **Rajasthan Tourism Department and UNESCO** on 13th April, 2022.

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- In '**Folk Safar**', the music of Danish artists, heritage of folk traditions of their country and neighboring regions, along with a scintillating performance of

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traditional music and rhythm of the Maru region of the state by Manganiyar artists, in which Langa Sangeet and Kalbelia dance were performed. The event was also included.

- The Danish artists in the program were led by Maren Hallberg and Jorgen Dikmes and the Manganiyar artists were led by Shiva, Manzoor Khan Manganiyar from Barmer.
- Folk Safar exhibited handicraft items including the Daris of Salawas of Jodhpur, Jootis of Patodi of Barmer, Applique from Chohtan and Pokaran utensils of Jaisalmer.

77th National Conference of API 'APICON, 2022'

Why in News?

- On April 14, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the 77th National Conference of Association of Physicians of India (API) 'APICON, 2022' at Jaipur Exhibition and Convention Centre, Sitapura.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister honored the doctors with the prestigious Jivraj Mehta Award for the year 2020 and 2021 and also released various books written by medical experts.
- Organized by API Jaipur Chapter, this 4-day conference will be organized till April 17, 2022.
- It is worth mentioning that this annual conference of API is being organized in Jaipur after 10 years.
- More than 6,000 international and national doctors will participate in this conference. The conference will feature outstanding discussions and debates covering all aspects of medicine, from discovering innovative ways to live in the 'Pink of Health'.
- Epicon, 2022 will prove to be a milestone for first hand experience of technology in the practice of medicine as well as in organizing hi-tech conferences. The conference will also provide ample exposure and business opportunities to the industrial partners.
- Historically, Epicon is one of the largest medical conferences in India's physicians and healthcare sector.

Agreement between Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation and THDC for Renewable Energy Park

Why In News?

- On April 15, 2022, an MoU was signed between Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation and Tehri Hydro Development Corporation (THDC) in Rishikesh to develop a Mega Renewable Energy Park of 10,000 MW capacity in Rajasthan.

Key Points

- The MoU was signed by Sumit Mathur, Technical Director on behalf of Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation and Sanjay Kher, General Manager Hybrid Energy Business on behalf of THDCIL.
- According to this MoU, the implementation and development of Renewable Energy Park in Rajasthan will be done through a joint venture Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) formed by both the companies.
- About 10,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities are also expected to be created during the construction of this renewable energy park projects.
- It is noteworthy that this landmark step by THDCIL in the field of renewable energy will also contribute to the achievement of the Government of India's target of meeting 50 percent of its energy needs from renewable energy by 2030 at the Summit on Climate Change in Glasgow.
- Along with this, the development of these renewable solar power projects in the state of Rajasthan will also accelerate the socio-economic development of the state with cheap and eco-friendly solar power.
- Additional Chief Secretary Dr. Subodh Agrawal informed that Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to develop solar power capacity of more than 10 GW.
- According to the recent report released by the Ministry of Renewable Energy of the Central Government, Rajasthan has now come first in the renewable energy sector, leaving behind all the states and not only solar. MoU LOI of about Rs 8 lakh crore has been agreed in Rajasthan.
- In the recently concluded financial year, more than 3000 MW capacity has been developed, whereas

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in the last three years 6552 MW capacity has been developed in the state.

L-Root server established in Rajasthan

Why In News?

- Recently, as an initiative to promote e-governance by the State Government, L-Route Server has been installed at Bhamashah State Data Center.

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- This server has been installed by the state government in association with the **Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN)**.
- With this ICANN root server, Rajasthan is no longer dependent on any root server for the domain name system.
- After this arrangement, now if there is a problem in internet connectivity due to any technical glitch or natural calamity in the whole of Asia or India, it will continue to run without any interruption in Rajasthan. Along with this, high speed internet connectivity will also be ensured.
- Significantly, Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to set up an L-Root server.

143 heritage properties have been issued certificates

Why In News?

- On the occasion of **World Heritage Day** on April 18, 2022, Dr. Rashmi Sharma, Director, Tourism Department of Rajasthan informed that so far 143 heritage properties have been issued certificates by the tourism department.

Key Points

- These heritage properties are very popular with domestic and foreign tourists as destination wedding and film shooting locations, as well as publicity of these properties will be done through the departmental website.
- For the operation of these heritage hotels, many types of benefits, such as conversion fee, excise bar

license fee, stamp duty and urban development tax exemption, etc. are being provided by the state government.

- Forts, palaces, havelis, etc. are available in abundance in the form of architectural heritage in the state, most of these antiquities are in private ownership, whose conservation is an urgent need of the present time.
- In order to protect the privately owned heritage properties and promote the use of these properties as heritage hotels and other tourism units, the scheme for grant of heritage certificates was implemented, which was simplified in July 2021 according to the investors.
- More than two-thirds of the heritage hotels operating across the country are in the state of Rajasthan. Heritage certificates are also given to the state properties by the tourism department.
- It is worth mentioning that every year on 18th April, **World Heritage Day** is celebrated to promote culture and heritage, as well as this day to protect, promote and preserve the cultural, historical and natural heritage of the country and the state. It is celebrated to make people aware, so that people can understand their culture and tradition closely.

Udaipur Ranks Second in Smart City Ranking

Why in News?

- Recently, Udaipur has been ranked second in the Smart City Rankings released by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs.

Key Points

- In this ranking of 100 smart cities of the country, Udaipur has secured the second position for the first time with 122.8 points, while Surat city is at first position with 128.80 points and Agra is at third place with 120.39 points.
- Apart from Udaipur, Jaipur is ranked 7th, Kota 16th and Ajmer 18th among other cities of Rajasthan.
- It is worth mentioning that so far 77 projects like sewage network, water line laying, roadside ducting, underground wiring, sewage treatment plant, solid waste plant and bio-mining and waste plant have been completed in Smart City Udaipur at a cost of

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Rs.233.77 crore, while 21 projects worth Rs 653.12 crore are in operation.

National Co-operative Spices Fair, 2022

Why In News?

- On April 20, 2022, Registrar of Cooperatives, Rajasthan Muktanand Agrawal informed that the 10-day National Co-operative Masala Mela, 2022 will be organized from April 30 to May 9, 2022 in the southern campus of Jawahar Kala Kendra.

Key Points

- Muktanand Aggarwal said that Rajasthan is the only state in the country in the cooperative sector, which has been organizing the Sahakar Masala Mela for many years.
- Consumer union's managing director VK. Verma said that in the Sahakar Mela, instructions have been given to the cooperatives to ensure attractive packing, purity of spices, competitive price and to maintain the credibility of the cooperative. In the Sahakar Masala Mela, along with whole and ground spices, arrangements will also be made to make ground spices available on the spot.
- By organizing the Sahakar Masala Mela, both the producer farmer and the common citizen will be benefited. The main objective of organizing the Sahakar Masala Mela is to provide pure spices to the people of Jaipur.

MoU signed between Indian Red Cross Society and 23 state universities

Why In News?

- On April 20, 2022, MoU was signed between 23 government universities of the state and Red Cross Society, Rajasthan at Raj Bhavan in Rajasthan, along with the launch of a new website (redcross.rajasthan.gov.in) of Red Cross Society.

Key Points

- According to the MoU, the Red Cross and the universities will work in collaboration to create awareness about disasters and risk prevention-relief work, water sanitation and sanitation management, climate change, environmental management, eco-based works, health services and blood donation.
- After these MoUs, training and other activities of the Red Cross will be expanded in universities and colleges as well. Now lakhs of students studying in state universities will get an opportunity to join the activities of the Red Cross.
- In the new website of Red Cross Society Rajasthan, online arrangements have been made for applying for new membership and joining as a volunteer and giving financial support.
- On this occasion, Governor of Rajasthan and ex-officio President of Red Cross Society, Rajasthan branch, Kalraj Mishra said that units have been formed in all the districts in coordination with district collectors to give impetus to the activities of Red Cross in Rajasthan.
- He also directed to constitute the executive committee of the Red Cross State Unit at the earliest, so that the strong, active and powerful form of Red Cross is visible in the state at the time of calamities and crises. He directed to make the Red Cross Society effective by running a time bound campaign in the state.

The wholesale price index of all commodities in the state stood at 380.58 in March 2022

Why In News?

- On April 19, 2022, Dr. Omprakash Bairwa, Director and Joint Government Secretary, Economic and Statistics Department of Rajasthan said that in March 2022, the Wholesale Price Index of all commodities stood at 380.58 (provisional).

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- The annual growth rate of inflation (in March 2022 over March 2021) based on the monthly general wholesale price of the state has been 9.10 per cent. Similarly, the primary goods group index stood at 407.52 and the fuel, power, light and sub-lubricants group index was 571.06 and the manufactured products group index was 300.16.

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- The index for the primary articles group in March 2022 stood at 407.52 with an increase of 1.35 percent over the previous month. The main reason for the increase in the index of the primary commodity group is registering an increase of 1.48 percent in the agricultural subgroup index and 0.30 percent in the mineral subgroup index.
- The Food articles subgroup index of the Agriculture item group registered an increase of 3.10 percent, while the non-food articles subgroup index showed a decrease of 0.78 percent.
- Under the food/non-food items sub-group of primary commodity group in the month under review, cereals (4.19 percent), pulses (3.17 percent), fruits (25.92 percent), milk (1.28 percent), spices (8.18 percent), fiber (0.54 per cent) and other non-edible articles (0.96 per cent), while vegetables (16.84 per cent), egg, meat and fish (0.14 per cent) and oilseeds (1.36 per cent) registered a decrease.
- Under Minerals subgroup, a growth of 0.30 per cent was registered in the month under which mainly silver (5.30 per cent), steatite (soapstone) (0.09 per cent) and timber (0.58 per cent) registered an increase in prices, while that of gypsum (0.35 per cent), Percentage), limestone (0.63 per cent) and bricks (0.14 per cent) declined.
- The rate of inflation in the primary commodity group index has registered an increase of 16.16 percent on an annual basis since March 2021.
- The index for Fuel, Power, Lighting and Sub-lubricants group stood at 571.06 with an increase of 0.54 per cent in March 2022 as compared to 567.98 for the previous month. The main reason for the increase in the index has been the growth of 4.21 percent in the Coal subgroup and 0.65 percent in Petrol, Diesel and LPG.
- The fuel, power, lighting and sub-lubricants group has registered a growth of 2.34 percent as compared to March 2021 on an annual basis.
- The Index of Manufactured Products group has increased by 0.82 percent to 300.16 in March 2022 as compared to 297.71 in February 2022 in the previous month. The main reasons for the increase in the index are food products (2.07 percent), alcoholic beverages and tobacco products (0.07 percent), spinning-weaving and refining (0.59 percent), non-metal and mineral products (0.04 percent), basic precious and ferrous

metals (1.75 percent) and general purpose machinery (0.02 percent), while the prices of timber and wood products (1.63 per cent) and chemicals (0.23 per cent) declined.

- The Manufactured Products group has registered a growth of 7.46 percent as compared to March 2021 on an annual basis.

Churu District Collector Honored for Excellence in Public Administration

Why in News?

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi honored Churu District Collector Siddharth Sihag with the Prime Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Administration at a function organized at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on the occasion of Civil Services Day (April 21, 2022).

Key Points

- Under this award received by Churu district for excellent work and better achievements in the district under the 'Khelo India' campaign, the Prime Minister honored the district collector with a check of Rs 20 lakh and a citation.
- This award was given for the wide-scale participation of young players in the development of sports centers in the district, medals received by the players at national and international level, representation of women players, para-sportsmen, innovation done by the district administration in Fit India-Khelo India.
- It is noteworthy that the Sports Authority of India (SAI) sanctioned 8 centers of Khelo India in the district Athletics Rajgarh, Dronacharya National Boxing Academy Rajgarh, Table Tennis District Stadium Churu, Hockey Gajuwas, Handball Academy Iron, Weightlifting, Wrestling, Boxing Urmila Sports Academy, Nyangal. There are big operations, this number is highest in Rajasthan.
- The newly built International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) certified world class synthetic athletic track has been built at District Stadium Churu from SAI's contribution of Rs 6.30 crores.
- It is worth mentioning that 34 players from the district were represented in the Khelo India Youth Games, 2019 and 2020. Out of these, medals were received

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by 10 players in Khelo India Youth Games, 2020, which was 20 percent of the medals received by Rajasthan.

- There was good representation of women and para-players in the district from 2019 to 2021 and women and para-players won medals. As an innovation by the district administration, the Fit India program was made successful by making children aware about nutrition and health by running a nutrition and health awareness campaign in the schools of the district.

Rajiv Gandhi Fintech Digital Institute

Why in News?

- In the review meeting of Fintech Digital University, Jodhpur held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on April 21, 2022, a revised amount of Rs.672.5 crore was approved for the establishment of Rajiv Gandhi Fintech Digital Institute in Jodhpur.

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- This institute will be set up in 66 bighas of land in Jodhpur. In the budget announcement for the year 2021-22, Rs 400 crore was allocated for the establishment of Fintech Digital Institute.
- This institute will be developed as state of the art. The campus of the institute will be net zero campus with zero waste, zero electricity and zero water. This building will be an environment-friendly building. This will be the first of its kind construction in the state of Rajasthan.
- Initially, a capacity of 1,400 students was envisaged for the institute. Now considering the number of UG, PG and PhD programmes, the number of students has been revised up to 4,000.
- Four schools are proposed under Rajiv Gandhi Fintech Digital Institute. It houses the School of Financial Information Systems, the School of Financial Technology, Instruments and Markets, the School of Financial Systems and Analytics and the School of Fintech Innovation and Entrepreneurship.
- The institute will have smart classrooms, tutorial room, lecture theatre, flip classroom, computer lab, computer centre, central library center of excellence, seminar hall, board room, auditorium for 1,000 students, sports facilities etc.

- The institute will be constructed within an area of 11,55,500 sq. ft. with guest house, academic block, workshops, hostel, faculty block, non-teaching block, dean's and director's residence. It will have state-of-the-art IT facilities for teaching, research and development.

69th State Level Senior Kabaddi Competition

Why in News?

- On April 21, 2022, Minority Affairs Minister of Rajasthan Shale Mohammad duly inaugurated the 69th state level three-day senior men's and women's kabaddi competition at Shaheed Poonam Singh Stadium in Jaisalmer.

Key Points

- The competition will be held till April 24.
- It is noteworthy that for the first time, the State Level Senior Kabaddi Competition is being organized by the District Kabaddi Association in Jaisalmer.
- In this competition teams from 31 districts are participating in the men's section and teams from 24 districts in women's section.
- On this occasion, the Minority Affairs Minister said that for the first time in the state, a provision of 2 percent reservation has been made for medal winning sportspersons in government jobs, which is an exemplary step for the sports world.

National Co-operative Masala Mela-2022 logo released

Why In News?

- On April 25, 2022, Rajasthan's Principal Secretary of Government, Cooperative Shreya Guha released the logo of National Co-Operation Masala Mela-2022 at Sahakar Bhawan.

Key Point

- It may be recalled that the National Co-Operation Masala Mela-2022 will be organized from April 30 to May 9, 2022 at The Jawahar Kala Kendra.
- Speaking on the occasion, Secretary Shreya Guha said that in a planned manner, Confed should make

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organic products available to the people on a large scale and maintain the quality.

- He said that 4171 Village Service Cooperative Societies are to be formed in two years. For this, work should be done in accordance with the target allocation in a time-bound manner to ensure the formation of a Gram Seva Cooperative Society at each Gram Panchayat.

Navjeevan Scheme

Why In News?

- On 26 April 2022, Rajasthan's Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Tikaram Julie instructed the departmental officers to identify the persons and their families involved in illegal liquor business by completing the survey of castes covered under Navjeevan Yojana in three months.

Key Points

- The objective of Navjeevan Yojana is to bring people involved in the manufacture, storage and business of illicit liquor and such families in the mainstream of development by benefiting from the scheme. For this it is necessary to identify such persons and families.
- Government Secretary, Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Dr. Samit Sharma informed that earlier 14 castes were included in this scheme, but in the budget announcement year 2022-23, 16 more castes have been included in it. In the past, about 97,827 persons have been identified by conducting surveys in all the districts under this scheme.
- Under the scheme 30 castes – Kanjar, Sansi, Bhat, Bhand, Nat, Rana, Dom, Dholi, Mogiya (Mogya), Bavaria, Bedia, Bagaria, Sirkiwala, Chaubadar, Gadolia, Banjara, Kalbelia, Bhopa, Nayak, Gadiya Luhar, Pardi, Bhedkut, Raibari, Sikligar, Sigdiwal, Rangaswamy, Nath, Baazigar, Gujrati and Junglia have been included.
- Under the scheme, a door-to-door survey of all 30 castes and such families involved in the business of illicit liquor would be conducted and their digital database would be prepared.

Advance version of Akash missile successfully test-fired

Why In News?

- On April 27, 2022, **akash prime**, the advance version of **akash missile**, was successfully test-fired at pokhran field firing range in the border district of jaisalmer.

Key Point

- It is worth mentioning that The Akash missile is a **ground-to-air missile made in India**. It can be fired from any vehicle or permanent place on the ground.
- There were a total of 2 missiles in the Akash missile family so far, now Akash Prime has become the third important missile of this class. These missiles are capable of destroying any kind of aircraft in the air.
- The range of this missile is up to 30 kilometers in the sky and it can carry a payload of up to 60 kg at a time. This missile can also be controlled in the air and can also target from drones to fighter jets through sensors themselves.
- Akash Prime is also able to easily penetrate from fighter jets flying at high altitudes to drones, cruise missiles, air-to-surface missiles and ballistic missiles. It can scan about 10 times more area than the basic Akash missile.
- The special thing about the missile is that it is capable of detecting enemy planes and destroying them in the sky. This missile is 30 km to the aircraft. It can aim far away and up to 18,000 meters high.
- Akash missiles have been developed by DRDO and are produced by Bharat Dynamics Limited. The responsibility of creating its surveillance, radar, command centre and launcher is with Bharat Electronics (BEL), Tata Power Strategic Engineering Division and Larsen & Toubro.

Block Health Fair Inaugurated

Why In News?

- On April 28, 2022, Rajasthan's Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment Tikaram Julie inaugurated the Block Health Fair at Umrain in Alwar district of the state.

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- The fair was organized by the Department of Medical, Health and Family Welfare.
- The main objective of this fair is to make the public aware of their health and to provide the benefits of the schemes of the departments along with the treatment of diseases.

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- Tikaram Juli informed that the State Government is committed to provide better and free medical care to every citizen of the State with a resolve to provide better and free medical care to every citizen of the State with a resolve to provide a healthy Rajasthan.
- The '**Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana**' was launched in the state from May 1, 2021, under which cashless treatment of up to Rs 10 lakh can now be availed.

IBC Excellence Award, 2021

Why In News?

- On April 28, 2022, Union Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Kaushal Kishore has honoured **Rajasthan Awasan Mandal (RHB)** with the prestigious **IBC Award for the year 2021**.

Key Point

- The award was presented at the 25th Annual Conference of the Indian Building Congress held at the NDMC Convention Centre in New Delhi.
- Chief Engineer of Rajasthan Housing Board K.C. Meena was also honoured with the IBC Presidential Award for his distinguished services, commitment and dedication.
- The Indian Building Congress has conferred the award to the Board for '**Construction of HIG 104 Flats**' (B+S+13), a high-income housing project of the Mandal in the '**Excellence in Built Environment-2021**' category.
- The Indian Building Congress (IBC) is a national body of professionals, which was established to promote

sustainable built environment with cost-competitive technologies.

- Established with the support of the Ministry of Urban Development, Government of India, this body confers the IBC Award every year for '**Excellence in Built Environment**' in various categories of buildings.

Indigenous navigation system 'Gagan'

Why In News?

- On February 28, 2022, IndiGo issued a statement informing that **IndiGo has become the first airline in the country to land an aircraft using the indigenous navigation system 'Gagan'**.

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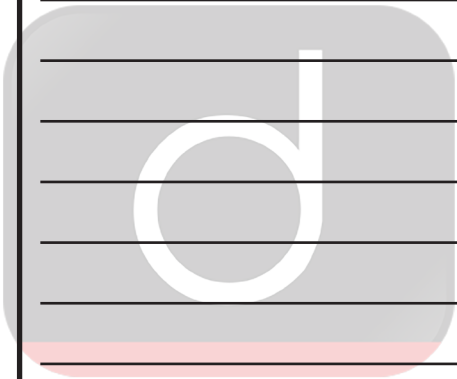
- The landing took place at Kishangarh airport in Rajasthan.
- 'Gagan' is used to guide the landing of an aircraft near the runway.
- Its accuracy is particularly useful at small airports where equipment landing systems (ILSs) have not been installed.
- With this, India has become the third country in the world after the US and Japan to have its SBAS (**Satellite Based Augmentation System**) system.
- It may be mentioned that GAGAN is India's satellite based air navigation system, developed by ISRO and Airports Authority of India.



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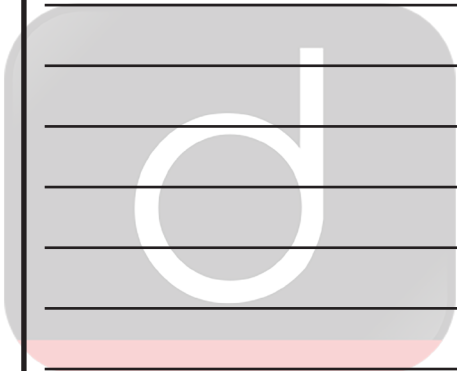
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