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Biomass Power Plant

Why in News

- In the Annual General Meeting of Rajasthan State Energy Development Corporation on November 30, 2021, Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) Dr. Subodh Agrawal informed that one new biomass power project would be set up in the state at Malasar in Churu district and Nokha in Bikaner district.

Key Points

- Earlier in the month of October itself, approval has been given to set up one biomass power project each at Fagi in Jaipur and Chhatarpur in Bikaner.
- ACS Energy Dr. Agrawal informed that for regular monitoring of the overall power system in the state, review would be done in the meeting of Energy Efficiency Committee every month, while the Coordination Review Committee would be made active and effective.
- A long-term action plan is being finalized to maintain uninterrupted power supply in the state and to ensure availability of electricity at affordable rates.
- In the meeting of the Board of Directors of Energy Development Corporation held last month, it has been decided to purchase electricity from four wind plants of the state at the rate of Rs. 2 44 paise per unit.

'Back to Work' Plan

Why in News

- On November 30, 2021, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved the state government's '**Back to Work**' scheme for women who leave their jobs due to family circumstances.

Key Points

- After marriage, working women have to leave the job many times due to taking care of the family and other reasons. The state government has come up with the '**Back to Work**' scheme to provide opportunities **to these working women who have left their jobs to get jobs again or work from home with the help of the private sector.**
- In this scheme, a target has been fixed to get 15,000 women again in the next 3 years with the help of

the private sector. Priority will be given to widows, abandoned, divorced and victims of violence, women who will not be able to go to the workplace, they will be provided with the opportunity of work from home.

- The facility of the single window system will be developed to provide employment opportunities to women willing to join employment through the Directorate of Women's Empowerment and CSR organization. Apart from this, skill training will also be given through RKCL.
- For the implementation of the scheme as a pilot project, applications will be taken from the target category of women on the portal or application software of the partner organization / CSR institution.
- On the basis of a category wise database of registered women on the online portal, the work of linking employment in the private sector will be done by the CSR organization. If needed, training facilities for re-skilling/up-skilling will also be provided to the targeted category women registered on the online portal by the CSR organization, which will be updated on the portal. Monitoring committee will be constituted for effective implementation of the scheme.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had announced **the launch of the 'Back to Work' scheme during the discussion on the Finance and Appropriation Bill for the budget 2021-22.**

Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojna

Why in News

- On December 1, 2021, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has given approval to increase the number of Chiranjeevi Mitras and their services till March 31, 2022, in line with the increase in the number of empaneled hospitals under the Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister has also decided to give Rs 500 per month as mobile charge to Chiranjeevi friends keeping in view the need of communication medium in their works.
- Under this scheme, help desks are set up in empaneled private hospitals to help patients and their families.

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In these help desks, the services of Covid assistants are being taken as Chiranjeevi Mitra.

- Chiranjeevi Mitra assists patients and their families in getting referral to other affiliated hospitals in case of non-availability of necessary packages related to treatment in empaneled hospitals, besides providing information and guidance about the scheme.

Invest Rajasthan-2022

Why in News

- On December 1, 2021, the first local roadshow of the Investors' Summit 'Invest Rajasthan-2022' proposed in the coming January (organised by the Government of Rajasthan) was held in Delhi.

Key Points

- In the first local road show, the Rajasthan government was successful in getting the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) worth Rs 68,698 crore and the letter of intent (LoI) worth Rs 10,099 crore signed.
- This investment is proposed in the units established in Ghiloth, Bhiwadi, Neemrana, Jaipur, Udaipur, Alwar and many other districts of the state. Here, special sectoral zones have been developed by RIICO over the years.
- On this occasion, some leading investment groups have expressed their intention to set up mega projects in the state.
- Industries and Commerce Minister Shakuntala Rawat said on the occasion that the state government has given impetus to industrial development by creating a policy regulatory mechanism. RIPS-2019 Incentive Scheme, MSME Act, Single Window Scheme (Single Window System) and One Stop Shop (OSS) are our initiatives which have simplified and simplified the process of investment.
- Invest Rajasthan Road Show is a unique event as it is the first such event after the Corona pandemic, in which 28 more road shows are being organized in different districts and states before Invest Rajasthan-2022.
- For the first time, the State Government has emphasized not only on signing of MoUs/LoIs but also on foundation stone laying and inauguration of projects of investors. The District Collector will sign the MoU for the first time. Similarly, each department will sign the respective MoU with their respective department on their appointed day.

Dr. Shiv Singh Rathod Became the Acting Chairman of RPSC

Why in News

- On December 2, 2021, Dr. Shiv Singh Rathod has been appointed as the Acting Chairman of the Rajasthan Public Service Commission.

Key Points

- Dr Shiv Singh Rathod is the youngest person to discharge the responsibility of the post of President. Appointed as a member on January 30, 2016, Dr. Rathod was also the youngest member of the commission.
- Since his appointment in the Commission, Dr. Rathod has played an important role in promoting various innovations and promotion of the examination system.
- Played an important role in the development of on-screen marking systems. This system was also appreciated by the heads of various commissions of the country.

Meeting of Standing Committee of North Zonal Council held in Shimla

Why In News

- On December 3, 2021, Planning Department and Food and Civil Supplies Department's Government Secretary Naveen Jain participated in the meeting of the Standing Committee of the Northern Zonal Council held in Shimla along with a 5-member delegation from Rajasthan.

Key Points

- In this meeting, Government Secretary Naveen Jain said that disputes between the states can be resolved effectively through mutual coordination, dialogue and timely action.
- In this meeting, 47 issues like water dispute between states, **locust attack, air pollution due to stubble burning, railway projects, cyber crime, and new transport routes** were discussed in detail.
- Many long pending issues from different states of Rajasthan were effectively resolved by the representation board. About 28 issues related to the

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state were discussed in detail in the meeting. The next meeting of the Council will be with the Home Minister of the Government of India.

- Chief Secretaries and representatives of 4 North Indian States and 4 Union Territories participated in this meeting. This meeting, which is held every year, is hosted by the Himachal Pradesh government.

Confirmation of Omicron Virus by Genome Sequencing

Why in News

- On December 5, 2021, in the report of genome sequencing of a family from South Africa in Rajasthan, 9 people have been found to be suffering from the new variant Omicron of Corona.

Key Points

- The **World Health Organization** has identified the recently discovered strain B.1.1.1.529 of Kovid-19 as '**Variants of Concern- VOC**'.
- The virus was first detected in South Africa and its name was changed to Omicron.
- Omicron has been placed in the most worrying category of COVID-19 variants along with the globally dominant Delta Plus and its weaker rivals Alpha, Beta and Gamma.
- However there is no reliable estimate of how much more infectious this Omicron variant is than the previous virus strain.
- In addition to South Africa, an Omicron variant has been identified in people arriving from Malawi, Botswana, Belgium and Hong Kong in Israel.
- The World Health Organization (WHO) has decided to name the variant based on the letters of the Greek alphabet instead of the countries where they were first identified.
- WHO chose the name Omicron instead of the two letters Nu or Xi between Mu and Omicron.

Declaration of Essential Services

Why in News

- On December 7, 2021, the state government issued a notification in which, 104 Janani Express Base

Ambulances and 104 toll free medical advisory services, all offices and employees and all services related to their activities have been declared essential service for the next 6 months, in addition to 108 emergency services.

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- According to the order issued by the Home Department in this regard, the strike in the said services adversely affected the supply and maintenance of services and as a result the community had to face great hardship.
- Keeping this in view, the Rajasthan State Government has declared 108 emergency services as well as 104 Janani Express ambulances and 104 toll free medical consultation services which are being operated through the provider company GVK EMRI under the Integrated Ambulance Project, as essential services under the Essential Services Maintenance Act 1970 with immediate effect.

Meeting of Energy Efficiency Committee

Why in News

- On December 7, 2021, Additional Chief Secretary (Energy) of Rajasthan, Dr. Subodh Agrawal, in the meeting of **Energy Efficiency Committee** held at Vidyut Bhawan, directed to prepare a roadmap for the year-wise power availability, demand and supply system of electricity till 2026-27.

Key Points

- A Planning and Coordination Cell has also been constituted under the leadership of Joint Secretary Energy Alok Ranjan, which will coordinate and maintain dialogue with all the power companies of the state. This will ensure quick receipt of information as well as time bound execution.
- ACS Mines, Petroleum and Energy Secretary informed that PS Saxena, Director of Energy Development Corporation, Power Trading, will prepare the roadmap in eight to ten days with the expert officers of related institutions including Vidyut Utpadan Nigam, all three discoms, Renewable Energy Corporation and Energy Development Corporation.
- This team will also include in the roadmap the available potential and future possibilities of solar, wind and

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biomass etc. from renewable energy and renewable sources along with the conventional sources of power generation in the state. Later it will be finalized and made available to the state government.

- In 2019-20, it was announced to increase the generation capacity to 6000 MW in the state, which will be increased in a phased manner based on this road-map. In this way, the budget announcement will be implemented in all the districts to provide electricity to the cultivators during the day.
- Dr. Subodh Agrawal informed that the first meeting of the Energy Efficiency Committee was held in June 2019. An immediate solution was discussed in the meeting held in July 2021 also. The action plan will be finalized at the department level by the end of December 2021.

Release of book 'Freedom Struggle of Rajasthan and Vijay Singh Pathik'

Why in News

- On December 8, 2021, Rajasthan's Art and Culture Minister Dr BD Kalla released the book 'Freedom Struggle of Rajasthan and Vijay Singh Pathik' in Bikaner district.

Key Points

- In this episode of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav program**, during the program organized in Rajasthan State Archives Complex, Dr. Kalla said that the role of Vijay Singh Pathik was very important in getting freedom for the country. Based on the original documents related to his overall personality, this book will prove beneficial for the future generations.
- The need for a book based on the original inscriptions of Vijay Singh Pathik was felt by Rajasthan and adjoining states. In view of this, this book has been published by the Archives.
- The Art-Culture Minister described Rajasthani language as one of the richest languages of the world and said that there is abundant literature in it. Rajasthani language is spoken and understood by more than 100 million people around the world.
- A proposal to include it in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution has been passed by the Rajasthan

Legislative Assembly years ago. He informed about the work being done by the state government for the promotion of Rajasthani films.

Invest Rajasthan-2022 Investors Connect Program in Mumbai and Ahmedabad

Why in News

- In this episode of Invest Rajasthan-2022 Summit on December 8, 2021, Memorandum of Understanding and Letter of Intent were signed in the Investor Connect Program held in Mumbai and Ahmedabad for Rs. 1 lakh 94 thousand 800 crore and Rs. 1 lakh 5 thousand 700 crore respectively.

Key Points

- New employment opportunities are likely to be created in sectors including renewable energy, mines and minerals, city gas, pharma, engineering, among others.
- A one-to-one meeting was held with about 15 new investors at the event organized at Hotel Courtyard Marriott, Ahmedabad. Along with this, people associated with the industry were also invited for Invest Rajasthan to be organized in the state on January 24-25.

Social Security Investment Promotion Scheme-2021

Why in News

- On December 9, 2021, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has given approval to exempt eligible non-profit organizations in the state from development fee and BSUP (Basic Services for Urban Poor) Shelter Fund amount under **Social Security Investment Promotion Scheme-2021**.

Key Points

- The State Government has implemented Social Security Investment Promotion Scheme-2021 with the objective of encouraging the development of public utility facilities in urban areas, encouraging the active participation of recognized non-profit organizations working in the field of social welfare and providing them a work-friendly environment.

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- Under this scheme, various facilities, concessions and exemptions are being provided to recognized non-profit organizations in the field of welfare of children, women, disabled, beggary and drug addicts, poor, homeless, transgender and old people.
- Under this, 100% exemption is payable to these institutions in fixed premium rates, land use change fee and building permission fee for regulation from agriculture to non-agriculture purposes. Along with this, 100% exemption in registration fee and stamp duty is also being provided on the documents of immovable property purchased or taken on lease by them.

Rajasthan Best in Tourism and Wedding Destination

Why in News

- Recently, Rajasthan has been awarded with two awards simultaneously in the readers' survey of the world famous tourism magazine Travel and Leisure Magazine.

Key Points

- Rajasthan Tourism has been awarded the 'Best State' and 'Best Wedding Destination' awards at Travel & Leisure India's Best Awards-2021 based on ratings given by readers in various categories in the 10th edition of 'India's Best Awards'.
- Rajasthan has received the Best Wedding Destination Award for royal weddings across the country in the magazine's survey. Along with this, the award of Best State has also been received in the whole country for the multifaceted tourism of tourists visiting Rajasthan.
- Travel and Leisure Magazine has awarded Rajasthan as the best state in the entire country in the overall category of tourism.
- Rajasthan, the land of Marudhara, which cherishes the heritage of the birthplace of kings and forts and havelis, is still at the forefront of beauty. Especially because of the destination wedding becoming a status symbol, there are many places like Udaipur, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, where Rajasthan witnesses many celebrities and many couples. Due to this, Rajasthan tourism has achieved this success.
- Rajasthan is a land of rich and colorful heritage, which has been attracting tourists for centuries.

Recent developments in infrastructure and modern hospitality have contributed to making it one of the most preferred tourist destinations in the world.

- Udaipur has an important role in giving this recognition to Rajasthan. Udaipur with its unparalleled level of charm, its City Palace; Bapu Bazaar; Jag Mandir; Lake Palace Hotel and many other luxurious and unique royal wedding destinations; Along with Chittorgarh Fort and Kumbhalgarh Festival, it receives a special mention in the classification as the best state and best wedding venue of Rajasthan.
- It is on the basis of this survey that the tourism industry decides this top destination in the world. There will also be an increase in the number of tourists coming from all over the world including America, Europe.

E-work and E-map Mobile App

Why in News

- On December 13, 2021, the Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Rajasthan launched the **e-work and e-map mobile app** in collaboration with **NIC and German Development Corporation and BMZ** in a program organized at Indira Gandhi Institute of Panchayati Raj and Rural Development.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Principal Secretary, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Aparna Arora said that monitoring of all state level schemes of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Department would be done on a single portal through e-work and e-map mobile app.
- More than 10 lakh works are being done in the state through state level schemes. He said that with the help of the app, quality and transparency would be ensured in the state level schemes.
- With the preparation of an action plan for rural development, after its completion, all the works up to the maintenance of the asset register can be edited through a single platform. E-work and e-mobile app will be used by all the officers from the village development officer to the government level.
- Provision is being made by the department to keep the information in the public domain for informing the general public. Integration of e-work and e-map app will be done with Jansuchna Portal.

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- The development of this app and portal will be done in two phases. The first phase has been rolled out and the second phase will be implemented by April 2022.
- It is noteworthy that the MLA Local Area Development Program, Chief Minister Adarsh Gram Panchayat Scheme, Mahatma Gandhi Jan Bhagidari Vikas Yojana, Self-discipline District Development Plan, Dang Regional Development Program, Magra Regional Development Program, Mewat Regional Development Plan, Mahatma Gandhi Adarsh Gram Yojana There are 11 state level schemes including Chief Minister District Innovation Fund Scheme, Shree Yojana and Smart Village.

National Energy Conservation Award

Why in News

- Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation was awarded the **National Energy Conservation Award (Second)** in the State Performance Award category at the National Award Ceremony organized on the occasion of National Energy Conservation Day at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on December 14, 2021.

Key Points

- The award was given by Union Energy Minister RK Singh to Narendra Singh Nirwan, Director (Technical) of Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation and Additional Housing Commissioner Vimal Sharma.
- Additional Chief Secretary Mines, Petroleum and Energy and Chairman Akshay Urja Nigam Dr. Subodh Agrawal informed that Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation has been given this award in the State Performance category in view of the exemplary achievements of Rajasthan for other states.
- ACS Dr Aggarwal informed that Rajasthan has become a major attraction for investors in renewable energy sector with the implementation of Rajasthan Solar Energy Policy, 2019, Rajasthan Wind and Hybrid Policy, 2019 and Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme, 2019.
- In the category of high energy consuming states like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana in the country's energy sector, it has been selected considering the efficient management of Rajasthan in the field of energy efficiency.

- Earlier, Rajasthan has been selected as the print runner state in the energy efficiency sector released by the central government recently.

Invest Rajasthan-2022

Why in News

- On December 15, 2021, Invest Rajasthan-2022 started from Bhilwara district, which has been recognized as Manchester in the entire state.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Industries and Commerce Minister Shakuntala Rawat, while addressing the guests and entrepreneurs who came to the summit through virtual medium from Jaipur, said that the vision of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot is to develop and establish new dimensions of progress in every region of Rajasthan.
- Rajasthan is the first state in the country where investment summit programs will be organized with the aim of promoting industries, creating a better environment for investment and providing employment, which has started from Bhilwara.
- The centerpiece of the program was the MoU ceremony, where Bhilwara District Collector Shivprasad M Nakate executed MoUs with prominent investors from all sectors.
- During the summit, the entrepreneurs showed enthusiasm towards the information related to the industries of the state government and the cooperation being done by the government and during the program itself, MoU was signed for investment of more than 10 thousand crores.
- Over 700 entrepreneurs directly participated in the district level summit while 26 NRI organizations from USA, Dubai, Qatar, Australia, Uganda, England, Japan etc. joined online.
- The agreement was reached on investment of more than 10 thousand crores by about 200 industrial units and investors in various sectors including Textile, Agro Food Processing, Medical, Tourism, Minerals and Chemicals, Furniture, Cement Products and many more.
- Display of products in the stalls of Textile, Agro Food Processing, Medical, Minerals & Mining, Banking, Federation of Indian Export Organization, MSME Technology Center, District Level Single Window One Stop Shop, etc., depicting the entire industry and commerce scenario of Bhilwara district in the summit.

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- In the summit, brochures of industry related information were released by the guests and the prospects of the industry in the district were given through short films.
- Bhilwara District Collector Shivprasad M Nakate said that with an investment of Rs 10,000 crore, more than 25,000 people would get employment in the district.
- In the summit, a presentation of the proposed Medicity plan was given by UIT in Azadnagar. It will have facilities like super specialty hospitals, pharma companies, parks etc.

Important Policy Decisions in the State Cabinet Meeting

Why in News

- On December 15, 2021, in a meeting of the state cabinet chaired by Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, many other important policy decisions were taken including making rules for contractual appointments, approval of draft policy for regularization of dense population settled on pasture land.

Key Points

- The Cabinet approved the formulation of 'Rajasthan Contractual Appointment to Civil Posts Rules-2021' for contractual appointment of personnel to be hired for a fixed period for the purpose of implementation of various schemes, projects and programs of the State and Central Government. This decision will pave the way for making rules for the appointment of such personnel on contract to meet the requirement of manpower.
- The cabinet approved the draft of the proposed policy for regularization of dense population settled on grazing land. The classification change of pasture land will be done in the larger public interest only if there is non-availability of other state land. Under the policy, a lease of a maximum of 100 square meters per family will be given from amongst the families living on pasture land for at least 30 years. This benefit will not be given to the income tax payer. With this policy, poor families settled on pasture land will be able to get a lease.
- The Rajasthan Ethanol Production Promotion Policy-2021 was approved in the meeting with a view to encourage the establishment of ethanol

production units in the state. This policy will promote the production of ethanol as a sustainable and alternative fuel.

- Incentives will be payable under the provisions of RIPS-2019 to the ethanol production units set up under this policy. With this, ethanol plants will be set up as per rules in the ground water safe areas (Safe Blocks) of the state, which will encourage industrialization. Along with this, opportunities of profit will be generated for farmers, entrepreneurs and workers.
- In the meeting, approval was given to amend the Rajasthan Town Planning Service Rules, 1966. With this, Bachelor of Planning and Master of Planning can be included in the essential qualification for direct recruitment of Assistant Town Planner. With this decision, candidates having high qualification, expertise and experience related to town planning will be available in the Town Planning Department, so that the works related to town planning of the common man can be done easily.
- The Cabinet has decided to include Sulabh International Social Service Organization in the notification issued under the Rajasthan Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 2012 and the Rajasthan Transparency in Public Procurement Act, 2013. With this, an option will be available to all the departments and development authorities of the state, UIT, Municipal Corporation, Municipal Councils, Municipalities etc. to do the work of construction, maintenance and operation of toilets in a time bound and quick manner.
- Approval was given to form Rajasthan Financial Services Delivery Limited in the meeting. With the formation of this institution, government departments and autonomous institutions will get necessary expertise, advice and cooperation in the areas of public procurement, contract management, taxation, service rules etc.

Gyandoot 2.0

Why in News

- On December 15, 2021, Rajasthan College Education Commissioner Shuchi Tyagi has announced the launch of Gyandoot 2.0, the second phase of the Gyandoot program, to enhance the subject knowledge, academic problem solving and creative use of their time among the students studying in colleges.

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Key Points

- Under this, online classes at undergraduate and postgraduate level will be organized from the last week of December, in which faculty members working in government colleges will give lectures on a completely voluntary basis.
- Shuchi Tyagi informed that in this second phase of Gyandoot, online classes will be started in 14 subjects at present, the number of which can be increased according to the demand of the students.
- The process of selection of colleges for the subject wise teaching system has been completed. Each subject will be given 3 days a week and 30 minutes each day. The timing of these classes can be extended if the demand is high. In this, the timings of Arts, Science and Commerce faculties will be different.
- He said that as before, these classes would be free of cost for the students studying in all government, private colleges and universities. Special problem solving sessions of these classes will be organized every Sunday.
- For the operation of the program, a committee has been formed in coordination with the Innovation and Skill Development Cell at the commissionerate level, in which 12 more members have been added, naming Dr. Vinod Bhardwaj as coordinator and Dr. Lalita Yadav as co-coordinator.
- It is proposed to start these classes in the last week of December. These online live classes are only a supportive learning system in addition to regular teaching, which is not a replacement for regular classes.
- In the last session due to the Covid-19 epidemic, this program was started for the continuity of the students, in which classes were conducted for about one and a half months and teaching on important thematic points was done.
- In the first phase, 621 sessions were organized in 22 subjects by making 12 government colleges as centers, whose videos are available on Gyandoot channel of College Education Rajasthan, which has been seen by more than 4 lakh 36 thousand views so far. 48,000 students were registered in this program.

'Lokrang-2021'

Why in news

- On 16 December 2021, **Rajasthan's Art and**

Culture Minister Dr. BD Kalla inaugurated the **24th 'Lokrang-2021', a festival of folk artists**, at Jawahar Kala Kendra (JKK).

Key Points

- In this 11-day program, more than 650 **folk artists from all over the state as well as the country** will present the beauty of folk arts of their respective regions.
- The function is being **organized by JKK, Art and Culture Department and RUDA (Rural Non-Agriculture Development Agency)** under **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
- Along with the launch of Lokrang, on the first day, artists performed Garba Raas of Gujarat, Lavani dance (Ganpati) of Maharashtra, Kunbi of Goa, Dolu Kunitha of Tamil Nadu, Chhau (Slaughter of Mahisasur) of West Bengal, Badi-jawara of Madhya Pradesh, Dhubia of Uttar Pradesh, Jhijhiya of Bihar, Langa singing of Jodhpur and Chari dance were brilliantly presented.
- Along with this, the **National Handicrafts Fair** was also started in **JKK's Shilpgram in collaboration with RUDA (Rural Non-Agriculture Development Agency)**. The **fair was inaugurated by Art and Culture Minister Dr. BD Kalla**.
- Shehnai-Nagada, Teen Dhol, Puppet, Bharatpur Naat, Algoja dance, Bahurupiya, Kalbelia and Bam Rasiya were performed in JKK's Shilpgram.
- Artistic handicraft products made by award-winning craftsmen across the country are being displayed in the fair. This exhibition will be available for the visitors from 16 to 26 December.

Reader's Traveler Award-2021

Why in news

- The prestigious **Reader's Traveler Award-2021** was **announced by Condé Nast Traveler** on December 16, 2021, in which the state of **Rajasthan has been awarded the title of Favorite Indian State for Road Trip**. Apart from this, **Rajasthan has also been declared runner-up in the 'Favorite Leisure Destination' in India category**.

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- The beautiful, grand and glorious state of Rajasthan has been chosen as the preferred Indian state for road trips for the thrilling and pleasurable feeling to see and experience through road trips.

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- It is worth mentioning that **Condé Nast Traveler is a leading travel magazine with nine different international editions.** The Traveller's Readers' Choice Awards are hereby announced after tabulating the results of the millions of respondents who submitted ratings during the Sweepstakes Period.

'Aap Ka Vishwas-Hamara Prayas' Exhibition

Why in News

- On December 18, 2021, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched a four-day exhibition '**Aapka Vishwas-Hamara Prayas**' based on the achievements of the state government for three years at Jawahar Kala Kendra with the resolution of '**Seva Hi Dharma-Seva Hi Karma**'.

Key Points

- After the inauguration of the exhibition, the Chief Minister also released the literature related to various achievements of the state government and the joint issue of the magazine 'Sujas' of the Information and Public Relations Department and a folder based on the achievements of the Rajasthan Housing Board.
- The Chief Minister visited 21 stalls of various departments and inspected them. At the stalls of various departments, he inquired about the achievements, programs and schemes of the concerned department.

'UDAN Yojana' Launched on a Large Scale

Why in News

- On December 19, 2021, to commemorate the completion of three years of the tenure of the state government, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot from the Chief Minister's residence '**I Am Shakti Udan Yojana**', '**Jagruti-Back to Work Scheme**' and Jhunjhunu, Churu, Bundi and Hanumangarh in the state. Newly constructed '**Sakhi One Stop Center**' was inaugurated in the district.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Women and Child Development Minister Mamta Bhupesh said that 1 crore 20 lakh

women of Rajasthan will be benefited by this scheme in a phased manner in the coming time.

- Under this ambitious scheme, free sanitary napkins will be provided to every girl child and woman in the state. Adolescent girls from every school and Anganwadi center will be able to take advantage of this scheme for their self-hygiene. The Women and Child Development Department has been entrusted with the responsibility of running this scheme.
- Minister Mamta Bhupesh said that in the line of realizing the Chief Minister's vision of a clean and healthy Rajasthan and a healthy Rajasthan, the work of advancing women from the point of view of cleanliness and health will be done through the UDAN scheme. He said that on such a large scale, this is a unique initiative of Rajasthan in the country itself.
- For health awareness and free sanitary distribution for women in Rajasthan, in the financial year 2021-22, keeping in mind the '**Health and Hygiene**' mentioned in the budget announcement by the Chief Minister, sanitary napkins are being provided to girl students and adolescent girls. Now expanding its scope, this facility will be made available to all women as per the requirement through '**Mukhyamantri Free Medicines Scheme**'.
- Especially in rural areas, where there is also a veil system and women are unable to say such problems to anyone without hesitation and due to this they suffer from many diseases and they do not even get timely treatment. Therefore, through women SHGs, social organizations and NGOs, distribution of sanitary napkins will be done by running a special health awareness campaign.
- For this, incentives will be given to these organizations for doing excellent work. A provision of Rs 200 crore is proposed in this scheme. In compliance with this, the '**I Am Shakti Udaan**' plan has been prepared by the department.

Rajasthan in Good Governance Index, 2021

Why in News

- On the occasion of Good Governance Day on December 25, 2021, the Good Governance Index was released by the Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit

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Shah, in which Rajasthan has got the second rank in Group 'B'.

Key Points

- In the GGI-2021, the ranking has been given by dividing the states and union territories into four categories - Group A, Group B, North Eastern and Hill States, Union Territories. 58 indicators from 10 sectors have been considered for preparing GGI-2021.
- **Rajasthan has secured second rank in Group 'B' with a score of 4.884** in the overall ranking of Good Governance Index, Madhya Pradesh has secured first rank in this group and Gujarat has secured first rank in Group 'A'.
- Rajasthan has increased its score by 1.7 percent as compared to the previous index (2019). Last time its score was 4.80, which has now increased to 4.88.
- The Good Governance Index is based on 10 sectors, in which Rajasthan's ranking and score are as follows-

Sectors	Rajasthan Ranking	Score
1. Agriculture and Allied Sectors	4th	0.501
2. Commerce and Industry Sector	5th	0.638
3. Human Resource Development Sector	7th	0.398
4. Public Health Sector	6th	0.249
5. Public Infrastructure and Utility Sectors	8th	0.525
6. Economic Governance Sector	8th	0.290
7. Social Welfare and Development	3rd	0.606
8. Judicial and Public Security	1st	0.417
9. Environmental Sector	1st	0.377
10. Citizen Centric Governance	1st	0.883

Rajasthan in NITI Aayog Health Index 2021

Why in News

- On December 27, 2021, government think tank **NITI Aayog released the fourth edition of its health index for 2019-20**, ranking states on the basis of overall health performance. In this, **Rajasthan ranks 16th in terms of overall health performance among large states, while Kerala is at the top.**

Key Points

- The report was divided into three parts - large states, small states and union territories. Among the smaller states, Mizoram was the best performing state while Nagaland remained at the bottom.
- According to the NITI Aayog report, Chandigarh tops the Union Territories, followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli at number two and Delhi at number three.
- In terms of overall health performance among large states, Rajasthan ranks 16th out of 19 states with a score of 41.33. On the other hand, Kerala is ranked first with 82.20, Tamil Nadu is second with 72.42 and Telangana is third with 69.96.
- NITI Aayog's Health Index is a weighted composite score consisting of 24 indicators covering key aspects of health performance.

Autumn Festival-2021

Why in News

- On December 29, 2021, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the Sharad Mahotsav-2021 of Abu Parvat Municipality through video conferencing.

Key Points

- Along with this, the Chief Minister unveiled the statue of Gandhiji at Gandhi Vatika on the famous **Nakki Lake in Mount Abu** and inaugurated the Mahatma Gandhi Library and also laid the foundation stone of the parking and terrace garden at the kitchen garden of the lake.
- The Chief Minister said that Mount Abu is the only hill station in Rajasthan. In the field of tourism, Rajasthan has a unique identity in the country and in the world. A large number of domestic and foreign tourists come here to see the pleasing culture, forts, palaces, stepwells and attractive places related to wildlife, desert etc.
- He said that for the first time Rs 500 crore tourism development fund has been created to take Rajasthan to new heights in the field of tourism. With this fund, works like development of infrastructure facilities at tourist places, their conservation and strong branding at national and international level will be done.

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Rajasthan Police Vision-2030 Book

Why in News

- On December 29, 2021, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot released the book Rajasthan Police Vision-2030.

Key Points

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that this book, published with the vision of the year 2030, will inspire the police to work with more commitment.
- He said that the State Government is continuously innovating in the direction of strengthening law and order and modernization of police, which has yielded positive results.

Rana Pratap Sagar Hydro Power Station

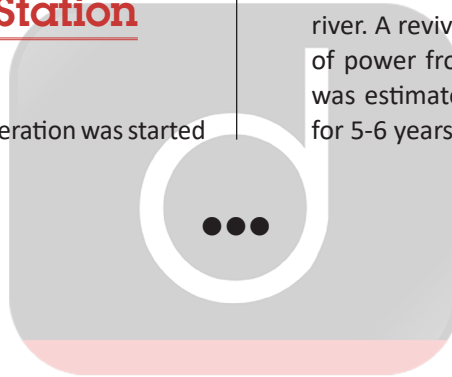
Why in News

- On December 29, 2021, power generation was started

again by synchronizing unit number 1 of 43 MW capacity of **Rana Pratap Sagar Hydro Power Station in Rajasthan**. If operated at full capacity, 10.32 lakh units of electricity will be generated daily from this unit.

Key Points

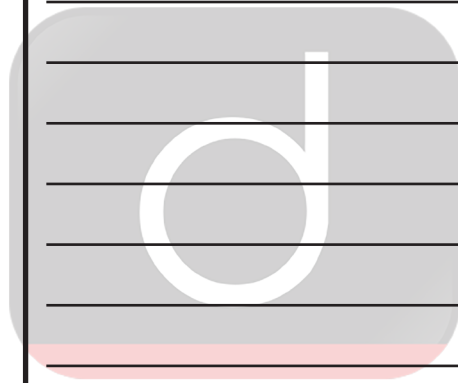
- Under the joint Chambal Valley Project of the states of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh, in the year 1968, the 172 MW capacity hydroelectric powerhouse established on the Rana Pratap Sagar dam on the Chambal river was inaugurated by the then Prime Minister late Indira Gandhi. After its establishment in the year 1968, the cheapest and greenest electric energy of Rs 2,365 crore unit has been produced from this powerhouse.
- Four units of the hydroelectric power plant were completely submerged in the severe water hazard that arose on September 14, 2019 in the Chambal river. A revival plan was proposed for re-generation of power from these 51-year-old units, in which it was estimated that the units would remain closed for 5-6 years.



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