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## Launch of DST Homeschooling Podcast

### Why in News

- On January 31, 2022, Rajasthan's Minister of State for Science and Technology Zahida Khan launched the innovative program DST-Homeschooling Podcast online. Initially, through this program, the syllabus of science subject from class 6 to 10 of the state will be available in Hindi and English language in a simple way.

### Key Points

- Students of remote, tribal areas and western Rajasthan will also benefit from this podcast program and this podcast will prove useful for those students who do not have much internet bandwidth.
- This podcast will be available free of cost to all the students and all the podcasts will also be made available on the social media of the department such as Facebook, Instagram, through the link provided by the department, students will not only be able to listen to the entire science syllabus on the podcast but questions-answers will also be made available to them.
- The Minister of State for Science and Technology informed that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has announced to establish Science-Space Club in more than 1700 Government Senior Secondary Schools with Science stream of the State in the year 2021-22 to connect science with technology.
- This program will benefit all those children, who are involved in school education or have not been able to join school education due to any reason. The syllabus of science subject from class 6 to 10 created through this program can be understood without books only by listening. Therefore, it will prove to be a good medium for the children to acquire knowledge.

## Dr. Komal Kothari Memorial Life Time Achievement Lok Kala Award

### Why in News

- On February 2, 2022, the prestigious 'Dr. Komal Kothari Smriti Life Time Achievement Lok Kala Puraskar' by

West Zone Cultural Arts Center was presented to Jaipur's folk art expert Vijay Verma at his residence due to health reasons.

### Key Points

- According to the instructions of Kalraj Mishra, Governor of Rajasthan and President of West Zone Cultural Center, Subir Kumar, Principal Secretary to Governor and Kiran Soni Gupta, Director of West Zone Cultural Center honored Vijay Verma by reaching Mansarovar's residence.
- As a reward, Vijay Verma was given a shawl, a citation, a check of one lakh twenty five thousand five hundred rupees.
- It is worth mentioning that this time for the 'Dr. Komal Kothari Memorial Life Time Achievement Folk Kala Puraskar' given by the Union Ministry of Culture's West Zone Cultural Center, Udaipur in the memory of the well-known art penetrator of Rajasthan, Dr. Komal Kothari, this time jointly Maharashtra Dr. Prakash Sahdev Khandge, an art sage from Thane and Vijay Verma of Jaipur were selected.
- It is worth mentioning that Dr Komal Kothari is also known as 'Komal Da'. He did important work for the protection of folk arts. He founded the Rupayana Sanstha in Borunda for the preservation of the folk arts of Rajasthan, folk music and instruments, search for the vanishing arts, etc.

## NCC Rajasthan Got First Place in Flag Area Competition

### Why in News

- Col Jitendra Kumar (SC), Director, National Cadet Corps (NCC) and Col Sanjay Gupta, Contingent Commander, NCC presented memento and NCC cap to Vishvendra Singh, Rajasthan Tourism Minister on February 4, 2022 at Paryatan Bhawan.

### Key Points

- 57 NCC cadets of Rajasthan NCC Directorate participated in the Republic Day Parade Camp in Delhi from 17th December, 2021 to 29th January, 2022.
- Rajasthan cadets have secured the third position in the RDC camp. Line area competition, flag area competition, drill competition and cultural competition were organized in the camp.

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- It is noteworthy that in order to showcase the cultural heritage of Rajasthan, the tourism department had helped the NCC cadets by providing information about the art, culture and heritage of Rajasthan. As a result, the cadets performed very well and secured 1<sup>st</sup> position in Flag Area Competition, 4th Position in Cultural Competition and 3rd position in RDC 2022 as a whole.

## Medical Minister Inaugurated Oxygen Plant and Critical Care Unit

### Why in News

- On February 4, 2022, Rajasthan's Medical Minister Parsadi Lal Meena inaugurated the Medical Oxygen Plant and Critical Care Unit at Maharaj Vinayak Global University, Kukas.

### Key Points

- Medical Minister Meena said that the state is completely self-sufficient in the matter of oxygen. For adequate medical oxygen, arrangements have been made for 40 thousand concentrators, while more than 472 plants have been set up.
- He said that the establishment of an oxygen plant by private organizations would work as a support for the state government.
- The cost of an oxygen plant imported from Italy at Maharaj Vinayak Global University is about Rs 50 lakh. The specialty of this plant is that it can convert normal oxygen into medical oxygen.

## Upgraded Version of Information and Public Relations Department's website Launched

### Why in News

- On February 3, 2022, Director of Information and Public Relations Department of Rajasthan, Purushottam Sharma launched the upgraded version of the website of the department in the Directorate of Government Secretariat.

### Key Points

- Director Purushottam Sharma informed that this is the first departmental website of the state to be upgraded by the Information and Technology Department through the Public Welfare Portal.
- Along with making the website attractive, many new features have been added to it. Many information will be easily found on the main page of the website. Press releases will appear on the main page itself.
- Facility has also been provided to see them according to the category of the department, district and specific person. Here you can see the schemes of the state government and schemes related to journalist welfare. Many information including latest audios, videos, photos, posters and advertisements are displayed on the main page itself.
- The creator of the website of the Information and Public Relations Department and in-charge of Chief Minister's Office IT Cell said that the website has been connected to the Chief Minister's Information System. Apart from this, the main points of DIPR's budget announcement and public manifesto, CM directions and achievements have also been displayed on the website.
- The portal has also been connected to the websites of all the districts through Jan Kalyan Portal. Now the press release issued by the Public Relations Officers of DIPR is also being displayed on the website of the district. Apart from this, all the state level and district level press releases can also be seen on the mobile app of Jan Kalyan Portal.
- Websites of 33 districts have been created through Jan Kalyan Portal. The website of 'Mukhyamantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana' has also been created through Jan Kalyan Portal. DIPR is the first department whose website has also been created through Jan Kalyan Portal.

## The Foundation Stone of the World's Third Largest Cricket Stadium was Laid in the Champs of Jaipur

### Why in News

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- On February 5, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot laid the foundation stone of the world's third largest cricket stadium at Chomp, Jaipur through video conferencing. BCCI President Sourav Ganguly also attended the event through virtual medium.

### Key Points

- This stadium in Jaipur will be the third largest stadium in the world and the second largest in India after Motera in Ahmedabad and Melbourne in Australia. Its audience capacity will be 75,000.
- BCCI will give a grant of Rs 100 crore to the Rajasthan Cricket Association for the construction of this stadium.
- This stadium will be built in two phases in 5 years at a cost of about 650 crores. In the first phase, the capacity of 40 thousand spectators and in the second phase the seating capacity of 35 thousand will be developed.
- 11 cricket pitches, 2 practice grounds, cricket academy, hostel, gym, restaurant as well as conference hall will be constructed in this state-of-the-art stadium being built by the Rajasthan Cricket Association.
- With the construction of SMS Stadium in Jaipur, Barkatullah Khan Stadium in Jodhpur, the stadium being built in Udaipur and the International Stadium at Champ near Jaipur, Rajasthan will have four stadiums of international standard. It is noteworthy that the Rajputana Cricket Association was formed in Rajasthan in 1931. At present there are cricket associations in 33 districts of the state.

## Rajasthan Yuva Pakhwada

### Why in News

- On February 7, 2022, the birth anniversary of the famous Gandhian Subbarao, the Directorate of Peace and Non-Violence, Rajasthan in collaboration with various departments in the state launched the '**Rajasthan Yuva Pakhwada**', which will run till February 20, 2022.

### Key Points

- Director of the Directorate of Peace and Non-Violence Manish Kumar Sharma informed that various programs

will be organized across the state under Yuva Pakhwada. On the first day, state level conferences of district level non-violence cells were organized.

- The website of the Directorate of Peace and Non-Violence will be inaugurated and certificates will be distributed to the participants on 20th February at the conclusion of the Rajasthan Yuva Pakhwada program.
- Member Secretary of Rajasthan Youth Board informed that **Rajasthan Yuva Pakhwada** is to be celebrated at all district and subdivision level of the state under the joint aegis of District Youth Board and Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and District Non-violence Cell.
- Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan, Rajasthan Bharat Scouts and Guides, volunteers of NCC and NSS, National Youth Award recipients of the respective district will be organized keeping in mind the guidelines of Covid-19, Yuva Pakhwada will be organized.
- It is proposed to organize an online quiz and competition through Jan Kalyan Mobile App in all the programs to be organized during this Pakhwada.

## Lokayukta Presented 33<sup>rd</sup> Consolidated Report to Governor Kalraj Mishra

### Why in News

- On February 7, 2022, the Lokayukta of Rajasthan, Justice P.K. Lohra presented the 33rd Consolidated Report (from March 1, 2018 to December 31, 2021) to Governor Kalraj Mishra.

### Key Points

- Harsh Kumar Mishra, Deputy Secretary, Lokayukta Secretariat informed that a total of 9,810 complaints were pending at the time Lokayukta Lohra assumed office on March 9, 2021.
- Despite the adverse circumstances at the time of the Covid epidemic, Lohra has disposed of a total of 5 thousand 43 complaints till December 2021 without any leave keeping in view the grievances of the aggrieved persons.
- The Deputy Secretary said that this is the highest disposal of grievances since the establishment of the Lokayukta institution in 1973.

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## Intensive Mission Indradhanush 4.0 Vaccination Campaign Launched

### Why in News

- On February 7, 2022, the Medical and Health Department of Rajasthan launched the 'Intensive Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 4.0' vaccination campaign in Jaipur to protect children in the age group of zero to 2 years from nine diseases.

### Key Points

- The Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 vaccination campaign covers only those children who have been deprived of routine vaccination due to any reason. Under the campaign, a target has been set to vaccinate about 487 children and 114 pregnant women of the district.
- The first phase of Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 vaccination campaign will be operational till February 13. The second phase of the campaign will be conducted from March 7 to March 13 and the third phase from April 4 to April 10.
- During this campaign, BCG, Polio, Hepatitis B, Pentavalent, FIPV, RVV, PCV and MR vaccines will be administered to protect children in the age group of 0 to 2 years from nine diseases. Similarly, td-1, td-2 and booster td vaccines will be given to pregnant women who are not vaccinated regularly.
- It is noteworthy that the Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya launched Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 4.0 through virtual medium in the presence of health officials of the States and Union Territories.
- Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 will have three rounds and will be conducted in 416 districts (including 75 districts identified for the Azaadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav) in 33 States/UTs of the country. In its first round (February-April 2022), 11 States/UTs will operate IMI 4.0. These states/union territories are- Assam, Uttarakhand, Gujarat, Jammu and Kashmir, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tripura and Chhattisgarh.
- At the same time, other 22 states will conduct the round from April to May 2022. These States/UTs

include Himachal Pradesh, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, Manipur, Arunachal Pradesh, Odisha, Bihar, Puducherry, Delhi, Punjab, Goa, Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Telangana, Jharkhand, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu, Karnataka, Uttar Pradesh, Kerala, West Bengal, Madhya Pradesh and Andaman and Nicobar Islands are included.

## 'Har Ghar Jal' Connection to all Families in 1001 Villages of the State

### Why in News

- As of February 7, 2022, under the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), all households in 1001 villages of Rajasthan have been provided with 'Har Ghar Jal' connection. Clean drinking water is being supplied to all the people in these villages through tap connections at their homes.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that by the year 2024, a target has been set to provide water connections to all the rural households of the state.
- Drinking water is being supplied to more than 90 percent of the 617 villages, more than 80 percent in 705 villages and more than 70 percent of the households in 772 villages through 'Har Ghar Jal' connection. At present, about 3 thousand new rural families are being given water connections every day in the state.
- In the 192 villages of Sri Ganganagar among the districts of the state, all the families have been covered in the 'Har Ghar Jal' connection. The coverage of 'Har Ghar Jal' connection has been completed in 161 villages of Nagaur, 92 of Rajsamand, 81 of Churu, 71 of Jaipur, 62 of Hanumangarh, 40 of Bhilwara, 39 of Sikar, 34 of Jodhpur and 27 villages of Bikaner. .
- It is noteworthy that under JJM, so far, approvals for 86 lakh 21 thousand 450 'Har Ghar Jal' connections have been issued in 9316 rural drinking water projects including 128 major drinking water projects in 35 thousand 776 villages and 9188 multi and single village projects.
- Against this, so far technical approvals of 8673 rural drinking water projects in 25 thousand 937 villages (62 lakh 51 thousand 516 for 'Har Ghar Jal' connection), 8148 schemes in 25 thousand 641 villages (62 lakh 3

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thousand 603 'Har Ghar Jal') Tenders for connection) and work orders have been issued for 32 lakh 29 thousand 482 'Har Ghar Jal' connection in 5440 schemes in 13 thousand 20 villages.

## MoU to Develop 25 thousand Anganwadi Centers as Nand Ghar

### Why in News

- On February 8, 2022, in the presence of Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, an MoU was signed with Anil Agarwal Foundation of Vedanta Group to develop **25 thousand Anganwadi centers in the state as Nand Ghar**.

### Key Points

- On behalf of the state government, Principal Secretary Women and Child Development Shreya Guha and on behalf of Anil Agarwal Foundation, Nand Ghar Chief Executive Officer Ritu Jhingan signed the MoU.
- Under this MoU, Anil Agarwal Foundation will develop 25,000 Nand Ghars in the state by spending about Rs 750 crore (Rs 3 lakh per Anganwadi).
- The Chief Minister said that this would improve the infrastructure of these centers as well as provide quality education, nutrition and health services. This will also help in further reducing maternal and child mortality.
- He said that the State Government was continuously strengthening the maternal and child health services in the State. As a result of this, now about 95 percent of the deliveries have started being institutionalized.
- It is noteworthy that giving top priority to the health of women and girl child, the state government has started '**Udaan Yojana**' for distribution of free sanitary napkins. Sanitary napkins are being provided to women and adolescent girls till village-Dhani through this scheme, started at a cost of about Rs.200 crore.
- Women and Child Development Minister Mamta Bhupesh said that Anganwadi centers have an important role in terms of nutrition and health services for pregnant women, maternities and children. Developing these centers as Nand Ghar will help in the development of basic facilities in the Anganwadi centers of the state.

- Shreya Guha, Principal Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, said that there are about 62,000 Anganwadi centers operating in the state, in which 6 types of services are being provided.
- More than 1300 Anganwadi centers have been developed as Nand Ghar in 13 districts.

## More than 3 Lakh Crore MoUs in the Field of Renewable Energy

### Why in News

- On February 8, 2022, MoU and LOI of 3 lakh 5 thousand crores were signed and exchanged between the Rajasthan State Government and investors in the field of renewable energy. With this investment, more than 90 thousand MW of renewable energy will be produced in the state.

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- MoUs and LOIs were signed with 5 PSUs and private sector companies of Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation with a capacity of more than 90 GW worth Rs 3,05,000 thousand crore.
- These include MoUs and LOIs related to renewable energy of 10 GW from NTPC at a cost of 40 thousand crores, 10 GW to 10 GW from NHPC, Rs 50 thousand crores from Sutlej Jal Vidyut Nigam.
- On this occasion NHPC Director YK Choubey said that NHPC is already working on a 50 MW wind power project in Rajasthan. In the field of renewable energy, NHPC will invest Rs 20,000 crore to generate 10,000 MW capacity.

## Intensive Mission Indradhanush 4.0 Campaign

### Why in News

- On Feb. 11, 2022, the Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 vaccination campaign was launched in Jaipur by the Medical and Health Department of Rajasthan.

### Key Points

- Children in the age group of 0 to 2 years and pregnant women are being vaccinated in this campaign.

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- In the first phase of Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 vaccination campaign, a target has been set to vaccinate about 487 children and 114 pregnant women of Jaipur district.
- Vaccines of BCG, Polio, Hepatitis B, Pentavalent, FIPV, RVV, PCV and MR are being administered to these children to protect them from nine types of diseases.
- Under this campaign those children have been included, who are deprived of routine vaccination due to any reason. Similarly, td-1, td-2 and booster td vaccines are being administered to pregnant women who are deprived of routine vaccination.
- Intensified Mission Indradhanush 4.0 vaccination campaign is being conducted in 209 sessions.
- Its first phase will operate till February 13, 2022. After this, the second phase of the campaign will be conducted from March 7 to March 13, 2022, the third phase will be conducted from April 4 to April 10, 2022.

## Capacity building of officers and employees of various departments

### Why in News?

- On February 10, 2022, in the presence of **Rajasthan Water Supply and Ground Water Minister Dr. Mahesh Joshi**, MoU was signed in relation to training programs for capacity enhancement of officers and employees of various departments in the state **under Atal Bhujal Yojana** at the Government Secretariat.

### Key Points

- This MoU was signed by State Project Management Unit (SPMU) of Atal Bhujal Yojana and Project Director Suraj Bhan Singh on behalf of Ground Water Department and Director General Rajendra Pareek on behalf of IMTI, Kota.
- Under this MoU, **56 training programs will be organized in Rajasthan** in 2021-22 and 336 in 2022-23 by IMTI, Kota at the state, district, block and gram panchayat level, on which about Rs 1.63 crore will be spent.
- These training **programs will be conducted by Irrigation Management and Training Institute-IMTI, Kota** in the current and next financial year.
- It is worth mentioning that the **Atal Bhujal Yojana** is being implemented in 38 Panchayat Samiti areas in

17 districts of the state on about 2 lakh hectares of land. This will benefit about 1.55 lakh farmers.

- In this scheme the **main objective has been set to encourage management and prevention of falling groundwater** level through promotion of rain water conservation and its equitable use, by the schemes of agriculture, horticulture, catchment and soil conservation, water resources, rural development and panchayati raj, public health engineering, forest, energy and groundwater departments.
- **Two components** have been directly included in the Atal Bhujal Yojana, **one is sustainable groundwater management through institutional strengthening and capacity building**, and the **other is sustainable groundwater management through community participation by promoting innovations along with coordination of various schemes of the center and the state**. Under the first component, these trainings will be organized for the successful implementation of the scheme.

## Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary

### Why in News?

- Recently, **Rajasthan's Forest and Environment Minister Hemaram Choudhary** informed in the state assembly that the Central Government has given **in-principle approval to make Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary** located in Bundi district a tiger reserve.

### Key Points

- The **National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA)** has given in-principle approval to make Ramgarh Poisonous Wildlife Sanctuary and adjoining areas as Tiger Reserves on **July 5, 2021, under the provision of Section 38 of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972**.
- In accordance with the approval granted by NTCA, the State Government constituted an expert committee as per section 38V(4) to determine the **critical tiger habitat (core)** and **buffer zone** of Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve.
- A report has been submitted by this committee to the State Government on January 24, 2022 for determination of core (CTH) and buffer area of Ramgarh Poisonous Tiger Reserve, District Bundi.

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After examining the report of the committee, action is being taken by the state government under the provisions of the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972.

- It is noteworthy that **Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary acts as a buffer for Ranthambore National Park**, which is one of the most famous wildlife sanctuaries in India. It covers an area of about 252 square kilometers.
- The Government of Rajasthan **declared it a sanctuary on May 20, 1982 under Section 5 of the Rajasthan Wildlife and Bird Protection Act, 1951.**
- Various types of wild animals like Indian wolf, leopard, striped hyena, sloth bear, golden jackal, chinkara, nilgai and fox can be seen in Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary.

## 62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Art Exhibition Inaugurated

### Why in News

- On February 13, 2022, the inauguration ceremony of the 62nd Annual Art Exhibition was held in the Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi complex at Jhalana in the chief hospitality of Dr. BD Kalla, Minister of Art and Culture of Rajasthan. On this occasion, 10 artists were awarded by the minister for their best works.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that after observing 584 artifacts, these 10 best artifacts were selected by the department. These artists were given a trophy, memento as well as a prize money of Rs 25,000.
- It is to be noted that on November 16, 2021, the State Art Awards for the 62nd Annual Art Exhibition were announced by the jury of Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi.
- The ten artists whose artworks have been awarded in the exhibition are as follows-
  - Richa Maheshwari (Kosmos)
  - Kamal Kishore Joshi (Meghraj)
  - Dr. Mani Bhartiya (Landscape)
  - Yogendra Singh Naruka (A Marriage Party)
  - Durgesh Kumar Atal (Plover)
  - Nirmal Yadav (The Lunar Shades)
  - Kumudni Bharwa Soni (Kahan Ghumen Kahan Jaayen)

- Rajendra Prasad Meena (Movement of Joy)
- Sunil Kumawat (Hope-3)
- Ritu Shekhawat (Flowing Whirlpool)

- Rajasthan Lalit Kala Akademi is the premier fine arts institute of the Government of Rajasthan to promote, spread and develop the fine arts culture of Rajasthan. It is a non-profit, autonomous body, financed by the Ministry of Art and Culture, Rajasthan.
- The main objective of the Department of Art and Culture is to provide a national and international platform to the artists of the state and encourage their talent.
- Minister Dr BD Kalla said that each region of the state has its own unique identity in the field of art and culture. In future, provision will be made to give NFT tokens to all the artists so that if their artwork is sold anywhere, a part of its value must reach the artist.

## Haldighati War

### Why in News

- Recently, a controversy has arisen again regarding the victory of Maharana Pratap in the Haldighati war.

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- In fact, history is being taught at Mohanlal Sukhadia University in Udaipur, Rajasthan, that Akbar had won the Haldighati battle, while many historians are against it. According to him, the evidence has proved that Maharana Pratap had won the Haldighati battle.
- After this controversy, the chairman of the Department of History in the university, Prof. Digvijay Bhatnagar has clarified about Akbar's victory in the Battle of Haldighati with reference to his book 'Outline of History of Rajasthan' that this book is based on the earlier published books of historians, which he has only edited. In such a situation, soon a new book will come with an amendment in which Maharana Pratap's victory in the Haldighati war will be mentioned.
- It is noteworthy that the **Battle of Haldighati was fought on 18 June 1576 between Maharana Pratap of Mewar and the army of Mughal Emperor Akbar.**
- Akbar's army was led by Raja Man Singh I of Amber, while Maharana Pratap was supported mainly by the Bhil tribe in this war.

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## Maru Mahotsav 2022 Launched

### Why in News

- On February 13, 2022, Minority Affairs, Waqf, Sub-Inspection, Agriculture Irrigated Area Development and Water Utilities Minister Shale Mohammad and RCA President Vaibhav Gehlot inaugurated the four-day Maru Festival by flying a golden balloon in the sky at Pokhran, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan.

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- This time the tourism department has named the Maru Mahotsav as 'Umeedon Ki Udaan'.
- Minority Affairs, Waqf, Colonization, Agriculture Irrigated Area Development and Water Utilities Minister Shale Mohammad also inaugurated the grand procession by flagging off the program organized on the sail of Salamsagar pond.
- In the procession, BSF braves, BSF women contingent, Mangal Kalash Yatra of girls and women riding on decorated camels and various tableaux were the center of attraction.
- Along the way, groups of artists performed folk dances like Kalbelia, Horse, Kachhi Ghodi, Gair etc.
- In this culture festival, Celebrities Night, events on the sandy dunes of Pokhran Khudi and Sam along with Marushree, Miss Mumal, Mustache Competition, Safa Dam, Mumal Mahindra, Camel Shringar and Shaan-e-Marudhara, Panihari Matka Race competitions were also organized.
- Mr and Miss Pokhran competition was held in the main program of Maru Mahotsav. Nikita Rathod won the title of Miss Pokhran and Bharat Bohra won the title of Mr. Pokhran. Among these participants, Khushi Gaur of Girls College Pokhran participated in the competition despite being a disabled person.
- Durjan Singh Bhati was the winner in the Safa Bandho competition of the main event. Team Kapil was the winner in Rassa Kasi. Vikram Joshi won the title of Mallashree and Rukri won the Matka race.
- Along with this, Tanisha Khatri was the winner in the Mehndi competition, Jasoda in Mandana and Khushboo in the Rangoli competition. The first day's program culminated with a group performance by Padmashree Anwar Khan and the artists of Langa Party.

- The winners were awarded by Minority Affairs Minister Shale Mohammad and RCA President Shri Vaibhav Gehlot and other guests.
- An exhibition was organized in the main function premises. In this, an exhibition of weapons provided by the BSF to the soldiers engaged in security on the first line of the country was put up. Other weapons including 7.66 mm gun, assault rifle, X-95, INSAS, LMG, 84 mm GRL, barista were displayed here. Along with this, exhibitions related to Pokhran Development Institute, Urmul, camel milk, cleanliness, environmental protection, handicrafts etc. were organized.
- It is noteworthy that on February 7, 1979, the then Chief Minister Bhairon Singh Shekhawat had inaugurated the Maru Mahotsav.

## Jodhpur's Shubham Included in Rajasthan Royals Team

### Why in News

- Recently, in the Mega Auction of the 15th season of IPL 2022 held in Bangalore, Rajasthan Royals team has bought Shubham Garhwal of Jodhpur for a base price of Rs 20 lakh.

### Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that Shubham Garhwal hails from the rural area of Jodhpur.
- Shubham has also played club cricket in South Africa. He has also been a member of the Ranji team of Rajasthan.
- Shubham Garhwal scored 50 runs in 12 balls in the Colvin Shield competition held in Jaipur five months ago. Also broke the record of cricketer Yuvraj Singh.

## Reservation for Transgender in Government Jobs

### Why in News

- On February 14, 2022, the Rajasthan High Court directed the state government to provide reservation to transgenders in government jobs as per the Supreme Court order.

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- A bench of Justice Madan Gopal Vyas and Justice Manindra Mohan Srivastava rejected the contention of the Rajasthan government that it was the prerogative of the state to give reservation in jobs or how much.
- The Jodhpur bench of the High Court directed the government to fix quota for transgenders in state government jobs. Along with this, the related processes were asked to be completed in four months.
- The High Court delivered its judgment on a plea by a member of the transgender community who aspired to become a sub-inspector of police and participated in the recruitment process related to it.
- It is noteworthy that the Supreme Court in its judgment in the case of the National Legal Services Authority has given a decision regarding the rights of transgenders in appointment in public services and admission in educational institutions.
- It is worth noting that the Karnataka government had decided to provide one percent reservation in government jobs for the people of the transgender community and it is the first state in the country to do so.
- Transgender is a person who lives as the opposite sex of their birth sex, when the development of a man's genitals and brain does not correspond to the sex determined by his birth, then the woman begins to feel that she is a man and the man begins to feel that she is a woman.
- In the year 2019, Parliament had passed the Transgender Persons (Protection of Rights) Bill, 2019, a bill for social, economic and educational empowerment of transgender persons.

## Weavers' Award

### *Why in News*

- On February 15, 2022, in the meeting of **Rajasthan State Level Weavers' Award Selection Committee**, 6 weavers of the state were selected to be rewarded under the **Weavers Award Scheme**. This meeting was held under the chairmanship of **Industries and Commerce Commissioner Mahendra Kumar Parakh**,

### *Key Points*

- **The first three weavers selected at the state level will be given cash amount of Rs 21000, 11000 and 7100 respectively and the three weavers selected**

**at the district level will be given cash amount of Rs 5100, 3100 and 2100 respectively.**

- It is noteworthy that the **Weavers Award Scheme was started in 2005**, under which a provision was made to give cash rewards to the weavers in the state.
- In the **financial year 2021-22, a provision of Rs 3 lakh** has been made by the Industries and Commerce Department to reward weavers in 19 weavers-dominated districts of the state under this scheme.
- After perusing the 32 entries received by the department, 6 entries were selected for the cash prize.
- Indro (Pokhran, Jaisalmer) stood first for Pokhran Pattu, while Ghulam Ahmed (Sawai Madhopur) secured second position for Plain Khes whereas Shakti Singh Naruka (Sirahi, Tonk) stood third for cotton saree.
- Maqbool Ahmed (Mangrol, Baran) was selected for Kota Doria Violet Booti Saree, while Budhram (Kankani, Jodhpur) was selected for Cotton Dari and Suman (Amarapura Bas, Bikaner) was selected for the Consolation Prize for Coating Woolen.

## Strategy Paper for Tiger Conservation and Promotion

### *Why in News?*

- Recently, **Rajasthan Forest Minister Hema Ram Chaudhary** told the Legislative Assembly that a **strategy paper for tiger conservation and promotion** has been **approved by the state government**, is being implemented.

### *Key Points*

- The Forest Minister informed that an inquiry has been conducted by the State Government regarding the death of tigers in **Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve** in the year 2020. A task force is examining the suggestions made to strengthen the management of tiger projects in the investigation reports received.
- The Forest Minister said that in the cases of disappearance of tigers, poaching and mutual conflict over jurisdiction and deaths in the Ranthambore **Tiger Reserve** forest area, investigations are being done by the committee constituted by the Government of India on March 13, 2020.
- After the **establishment of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve in 1973**, the number of tigers at present is

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maximum. The number of tigers and their cubs in Ranthambore Tiger Reserve and adjacent areas has increased to 66 in the year 2019, 68 in the year 2020 and 81 in the year 2021.

- At present the ratio of **male to female tigers is also 1:1.3**, which is unusual. Most of the 32 female tigresses are of reproductive age, which has led to an increase in the number of new cubs. Between 2019 and 2021, 44 cubs have been born.
- Currently there are 25 tigers in the **Sariska Tiger Reserve**. There were 16 tigers in the year 2019, 23 tigers in 2020 and 25 tigers in 2021. At present the ratio of male and female tigers is also 1:1.22 here, which is unusual. Between 2019 to 2021, 9 cubs have been born.
- Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve currently has 1 tigress. There were 4 tigers in the year 2019, 1 tiger in 2020 and 1 tiger in 2021. In this interval, 2 tigers and 1 tigress died here and between 2019 and 2021, 3 cubs have been born.
- In a research conducted by **Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun** from 2006 to 2014 in Ranthambore Tiger Reserve, it was mentioned that tiger density in Ranthambore National Park and Sawai Mansingh Sanctuary area of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve has reached equal to Kering capacity.
- At the time of research, there were 43 adult tigers in the area of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve I, whereas at present it has increased to 53 adult tigers including 23 males and 30 females.

## Presidents of RPSC and Various Boards

### Why in News

- On February 16, 2022, the newly appointed Chairmen and Vice Chairmen of Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC) and various Boards of Rajasthan took charge.

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- **Sanjay Kumar Shrotriya, the newly appointed chairman of Rajasthan Public Service Commission**, took charge.
- After assuming charge, Sanjay Kumar Shrotriya said that timely conduct of examinations and interviews would be his priority. After getting information from

the present members and officers regarding the procedures and difficulties of the commission, the next action plan will be decided.

- It is noteworthy that the **Rajasthan Public Service Commission was established on December 22, 1949. Initially, the commission consisted of a chairman and two members.** The then Chief Justice of Rajasthan **Sir SK Ghosh** was appointed as the chairman.
- **Anil Sharma** took over as the newly appointed chairman of the **State Economic Backward Classes Board** at Ambedkar Bhawan.
- It is noteworthy the formation of this board was **announced in the budget of 2020 to determine an effective policy for the upliftment and welfare of the Economically Backward Classes (EBC).**
- The newly nominated **chairman of Rajasthan Livestock Development Board, Rajendra Singh Solanki** also took over the charge of the board and got acquainted with all the officers and employees and inquired about various schemes related to livestock development of the board.
- During this, Rajendra Singh Solanki appealed to all the officers to cooperate properly for the overall development of livestock and said that it would be our priority to provide information related to various schemes of livestock development and their benefits to every farmer and animal husbandry of the state.
- It is to be noted that the **newly nominated Vice-Chairman of Rajasthan Livestock Development Board, Chunilal Rajpurohit** has also taken charge recently.
- Former MP **Manvendra Singh** also took over as the **Chairman of the State Level Sainik Welfare Advisory Committee** in the conference hall of the Secretariat. On this occasion, **Ram Sahai Bajia** also assumed the post of **Vice-Chairman of the committee.**

## Prisoner Canteen

### Why in News

- On February 16, 2022, Rajasthan's Cooperative Minister Udai Lal Anjana inaugurated the **Prisoner Canteen to be operated by Confed in Central Jail Jaipur** for prisoners in Sikar, Sriganganagar, Bhilwara, Dholpur, Kota, Chittorgarh, Bharatpur, Dausa and Kotputli. Virtually inaugurated the captive canteen.

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- Udai Lal Anjana said that from the beginning of the prison canteen for the prisoners by the cooperative and the jail administration, food items, confectionery, cosmetics, toiletries, notebooks, pencils and about 43 to 58 types of daily use items will be available to the prisoners.
- Right material will be provided to the prisoners with transparency from the beginning of the canteen and after 6 months it will be reviewed and suggestions will also be invited so that better facilities can be provided to the prisoners through the canteen. **This model will be started in all the jails of the state.**
- V.K. Verma, Managing Director Confed, said that according to the ward made in the prison in the prison canteen, the prisoner will be able to buy goods for themselves on the prescribed day through biometric verification.
- On this occasion, **Social Justice and Empowerment and Prisons Minister Tikaram Julie** announced to increase the **limit of three thousand five hundred rupees for the purchase of material from the canteen to the extent of two thousand five hundred per month** on the demand of the prisoners.
- It is noteworthy that there are **about 23 thousand prisoners in 140 jails of Rajasthan state.**

## Magazine 'Rajasthan Swayat Shasan'

### Why in News

- On February 17, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot released '**Rajasthan Swayat Shasan** (Rajasthan Autonomous Governance), the **magazine of the Rajasthan Autonomous Governance Organization.**

### Key Points

- Congratulating the Chairman of the organization **Kewal Chand Gulechha** and other office bearers for the publication of the magazine, the Chief Minister said that this magazine would prove to be useful as a reference book for autonomous government institutions as well as other departments.
- The general public will be able to get necessary information regarding the work related to autonomous institutions from this book.
- Secretary of the organization, former IAS Pradeep Borad said that orders, instructions, circulars and other

useful information related to autonomous institutions have been included in the magazine.

## MoU Between NHM and WISH Foundation

### Why in News

- On February 18, 2022, an MoU was signed between NHM Rajasthan and its technical partner institute 'WISH Foundation' at Swasthya Bhawan with the aim of improving the essential facilities and services as per the National Quality Assurance Standard in the state hospitals and health centers of Rajasthan.

### Key Points

- Minister of Medical Health & Services, Parsadi Lal Meena informed that due to this MoU for a period of three years, necessary reforms will be brought in proper utilization of medical services and resources available at 100 health centers of the state as per national standards.
- Under these programmes, health centers are inspected by skilled monitors at various levels. According to monitoring, marks are given for each service, on the basis of which three-year certificate and financial amount are given to the winning health institutions.

## Rajasthan Budget 2022-23

### Why in News

- On February 23, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot presented the Rajasthan budget for the year 2022-23 in the Legislative Assembly.

### Key Points

- Following are the salient features of the Budget Estimates for the year 2022-23-
  - The budget estimates for the year 2022-23 have revenue receipts of Rs 2 lakh 14 thousand 977 crore 23 lakh.
  - In the budget estimates for the year 2022-23, there is a revenue expenditure of Rs 2 lakh 38 thousand 465 crore 79 lakh.
  - The revenue deficit in the budget estimates for the year 2022-23 is Rs 23,488 crore 56 lakh.

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- The fiscal deficit for the year 2022-23 is Rs 58,211 crore 55 lakh, which is 4.36 percent of the GSDP.
- Other salient features of Rajasthan budget 2022-23 are
  - Announcement to implement Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme for employment in urban areas.
  - Free 50 units of electricity to all 118 lakh domestic consumers on consumption of up to 100 units per month.
  - Under 'Chiranjeevi Yojana', the medical insurance amount per family per annum has been increased from Rs. 5 lakhs to Rs. 10 lakhs.
  - Announcement was made to implement 'Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Accident Insurance Scheme'. Under this scheme there will be accident cover up to Rs. 5 lakh.
  - The Road Safety Act will be brought and the formation of Rajasthan Public Transport Authority is proposed. Along with this, the State Road Safety Institute will be established in Jaipur.
  - Under the Agriculture Budget, for 2022-23, a total amount of Rs 78 thousand 938 crore 68 lakh including the consolidated fund, state's own resources of autonomous, cooperative and other institutions has been made for agricultural development and welfare of farmers.
  - Under the agriculture budget, the amount of Mukhyamantri Krishak Sathi Yojana has been increased from Rs. 2 thousand crores to Rs. 5 thousand crores. There are 11 missions under this scheme.

## 'Operation Asmita'

### *Why in News*

- On February 19, 2022, Bundi District Collector Renu Jaipal gave a presentation of an innovation named 'Operation Asmita' before the Chief Secretary.

### *Key Points*

- In some areas of Bundi district, 'Operation Asmita' is being started by the district administration to end prostitution, to take girls on the path of better childhood, excellent education and all-round development.
- Through this innovation, in collaboration with Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi's team and expert

organizations, various development-oriented activities will pave the way to bring the suffering section into the mainstream by linking education and employment.

- 'Operation Asmita' is being launched in Bundi district with a concentration of a particular community.
- It is being started from the village Ramnagar of the district. Shankarpura of Hindoli and Mohanpura of Indragarh will also be included.
- A phase wise action plan has been prepared for effective implementation of 'Operation Asmita'. Under this, activities will be done in collaboration with various institutions.
- Work will be done at different levels with the target group of identified families in the selected villages. There will be awareness activities in the affected areas in collaboration with Nobel Laureate Social Activist Kailash Satyarthi (the pioneer of Save Bachpan Andolan).
- For those deprived of education or dropout, educational facilities will be given to them. Educated unemployed will be linked with employment. They will be made aware of health and career building by brainwashing through counseling, awareness activities with other family members.
- In view of the livelihood of the family, skill development and employment oriented training will be provided with the help of the concerned departments.
- From time to time, various companies will organize placement camps for selected villages and educated unemployed will be given employment opportunities.
- To give opportunities to sports talent, sports fields will be developed in the respective areas and sports facilities and necessary training facilities will be provided.
- In the implementation of this innovation, along with the team of Nobel Laureate Kailash Satyarthi, the help of Child Welfare Committee, Childline and other experienced expert organizations and individuals will be taken. There will also be cooperation of various departments and institutions of the district administration.

## Mad(e) in India

### *Why in News*

- The book 'Mad(e) in India' jointly authored by Indian Railway Accounts Service officer Tarika Roy and Indian Foreign Service officer Soumya Gupta was discussed

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through a virtual interaction session by IAS Literary Society Rajasthan on February 19, 2022. This is the first book by Tarika Roy and Saumya Gupta.

### Key Points

- Tarika Roy, while discussing her book, said that this book is an exploration of the fun aspects of our country India and the habits of Indians, living habits, conduct and culture and traditions here.
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- Every Indian can relate himself with this book. This book reveals who we are as a person and a nation, our quirks, superstitions, innumerable gods and goddesses and holy men, our congested cities and streets, our obsession with movie stars and film genre, big and small. Our juggernaut ways of solving all problems, our diverse cuisines, cultural traditions and art forms and unity in diversity, which bridges our superficial differences.
- A chapter in this book deals with various aspects related to Indian Railways, which will bring back many memories of the readers.
- Soumya Gupta said that this book will show the picture of India that is interesting, unique and special to the people living outside our country. In this book, readers will get to read from texts written on the back of trucks in too funny forms of catchphrases living on people's faces. Also funny tales from the world of parental control and highway special dhabas are included. In this book, an attempt has been made to present the features and uniqueness of the country in front of the reader in a new way.

## Vidhan Sabha's iOS Mobile App

### Why in News

- On February 22, 2022, Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Secretary Mahavir Prasad Sharma launched the Vidhan Sabha's iOS (iPhone Operating System) based mobile app in the Vidhan Sabha.

### Key Points

- The Secretary of the Vidhan Sabha informed that the latest information related to the work of the Vidhan

Sabha will be available in this app developed by the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly in collaboration with the National Informatics Center, leading in this latest technology.

- In this app questions, motions, bills, agenda, session review, budget speech, Governor's address, details of the proceedings of the House, procedure and business rules and news clippings will also be available for the use of the members of the Legislative Assembly. Biographies of important persons will also be available in this app.
- It is noteworthy that the Android based mobile app of the assembly has been running in the past. This app has been released for the convenience of users with iPhone operating system devices.

## Industry Status to Tourism in State Budget 2022-23

### Why in News

- In the State Budget 2022-23 presented by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on February 23, 2022, it has been announced to give industry status to tourism in order to promote and provide support to the tourism sector.

### Key Points

- In the State Budget 2022-23, many announcements have been made to meet the needs of the people of the state and for the welfare of each and every section. Necessary provisions have also been made to implement all the announcements.
- It is noteworthy that for the first time in the history of the country and the state, the Agriculture Budget has been presented by Chief Minister Gehlot.
- State Tourism Minister Vishvendra Singh said that taking a big decision in the interest of the officers and employees of the state, an old pension scheme as earlier has been announced for the employees appointed on and after January 1, 2004.
- To give impetus to tourism related works, the amount of the Tourism Development Fund has been increased from Rs 500 crore to Rs 1000 crore. This will encourage tourism.
- In order to promote adventure tourism, the 'Adventure Tourism Promotion Scheme' has been announced in the budget. Further in order to provide facilities to

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the tourists, a provision has been made to recruit 500 tourist friends for the help and safety of tourists including an integrated online booking portal and mobile app at a cost of Rs 10 crore.

- To promote tourism in Dungarpur and Banswara region and nearby religious places, 'Vagad Tourist Circuit' will be developed, as well as a Vedic Gurukul will be built at Govind Guru Tribal University, Banswara at a cost of Rs 10 crore. .
- The honorarium and other allowances given to folk artists will be increased by up to 25 percent. With this, along with improving the financial condition of the artists, they will also get financial support.

## Uday Sports Festival

### *Why in News*

- On 26 February 2022, the seven-day 'Uday Khel Mahotsav' started with the aim of encouraging sportspersons and bringing forth sports talents in Nimbahera of Chittorgarh district of Rajasthan came to an end.

### *Key Points*

- During the 'Uday Khel Mahotsav', competitions were organized in various sports categories in which the players showed great enthusiasm.

- In football, the final match was between Aman Club and Uday Club in which the team of Aman Club Nimbahera was the winner. At the same time, the last match between Mangrol Club and Gagron Club was held in the cricket competition, in which Mangrol's team was the winner.
- A volleyball match between Arnoda club and Marjeevi club was held in which the Marjeevi club was the winner. Similarly, the match between Facher Ahiran and Kadmali took place in Kabaddi.
- The players of the winning team were given a trophy and incentive amount of Rs 55,555 to the teams and a check of Rs 10 lakh was distributed to the respective winning team for development work in their ward. An incentive amount of Rs 25,555 was given to the runner-up teams.
- Cooperative Minister Udai Lal Anjana in his address said that the main objective of such a festival is to develop the physical and mental development of the players of rural and urban areas. Uday Khel Mahotsav encourages brotherhood along with physical-mental development of the players. There is an exchange of ideas with each other.
- Sports Minister Ashok Chandna encouraged the players in his speech and announced Rs two crore for Nimbahera assembly constituency for the development of sports.



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