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## Karauli District Honored for Excellent Work in MSME Sector

### Why in News?

- At the Entrepreneur India event held at Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi on June 30, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi honoured Karauli district of Rajasthan for being ranked second in the category of 'Aspirational District'.

### Key Points

- Out of the 26 categories of awards given for outstanding work in the field of MSMEs, Rajasthan captured 4 different categories.
- PM holds discussion with Handicapped winner Sunita Gupta. Ashok Pareek and Anita Lunia were also honored for their outstanding work in various categories.
- Rajasthan's Industries Minister Shakuntala Rawat said that due to the change in the MSME policy, no industrialist will now have to take NOC from various departments for 3 to 5 years to set up industries.
- The industries minister said that Invest Rajasthan Summit-2022 would be organized on 7-8 October, through which investments would be made by various companies in the state. This will not only give impetus to industrial development in the state, but employment opportunities will also be created for the youth.
- Sirohi, Dholpur, Jaisalmer and Karauli districts of the state have been selected under the 'Aspirational District' program, out of which Karauli district has secured the second position for its best work.
- The 'Aspirational Districts' program is an ambitious scheme of the Government of India through which progressive districts of the country are selected for their outstanding work in a particular region.

## Ultramega Renewable Energy Power Park

### Why in News?

- On July 1, 2022 an agreement was signed between the Government of Rajasthan and NTPC Renewable Energy Limited in Jaipur for the development of a 10,000 MW Ultra Mega Renewable Energy Power Park (**UMREPP**) in Rajasthan.

### Key Points

- Speaking on the occasion, Rajasthan Power Minister Bhanwar Singh Bhati said that the availability of adequate quantity of unused wasteland in the state and the availability of the country's highest solar radiation also attracts private investors in the state.
- Principal Secretary (Energy) Bhaskar A Sawant said that due to the setting up of renewable energy projects by private investors in Rajasthan, employment opportunities are also being created at the local level along with the increase in the land rate of farmers.
- Mohit Bhargava, CEO, NTPC Energy Limited, said that an investment of about Rs 50,000 crore will be made on setting up the project.
- NTPC Renewable Energy Limited will set up Ultramega Renewable Energy Power parks in the state. NTPC Limited is a 100% subsidy company, which is designed to take the renewable energy sector business forward.
- At present, Rajasthan ranks first in the country in the renewable energy sector with the setting up of 18,701 MW capacity projects across the country. Solar projects of 13,332 MW capacity have been set up in the state.

## Botanical Garden

### Why in News?

- On July 4, 2022 Rajasthan Forest Department Principal Secretary, Shikhar Agrawal received proposals from the District Deputy Conservator of Forests of Botanical Gardens and modified Luv-Kush Vatikas to be built in six divisional headquarters districts of the state through video conferencing from the Government Secretariat. While reviewing, informed about their early construction.

### Key Points

- In order to promote awareness about local species of plants, biodiversity and environmental protection in the state, the construction of Botanical Gardens in Ajmer, Bikaner, Udaipur, Kota, Bharatpur and Jodhpur districts of six divisional headquarters of the state will be started soon.
- More and more local species of plants and flora will be planted in these gardens. Along with this, local flora, such as fruits, flowers, medicinal and shady trees, will be planted under the local environment and

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eco-friendly under Lav-Kush Vatikas, so that people can get the local forest experience there.

- More and more natural building materials will be used in the construction work of the Botanical Garden and Lav-Kush Vatikas, so that it can make people feel the nature.

## Chief Minister Anupriti Coaching Scheme

### Why in News?

- On July 4, 2022, Rajasthan Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Tikaram Juli launched the new portal of Mukhyamantri Anupriti Coaching Scheme for the academic year 2022-23 through video conference.

### Key Points

- It is known that last year there was a provision to benefit 10,000 students through this scheme, which has been increased to 15,000 for this year by the State Government.
- CA and CS courses have also been included under the scheme by the state government this year. Along with this, even after passing 12<sup>th</sup> for medical and engineering related courses, students can apply for two years.
- Secretary, Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Samit Sharma informed that under the scheme, students can apply online till July 31, 2022. Last year, a total of 1,09,510 applications were received from students under the scheme.
- On the new portal, now all the documents will be verified through web service as far as possible. Due to automatic approval of the applications as far as possible, the merit list will be issued immediately after the last date of application. Apart from this, a provision of 10 percent waiting list has also been kept in the priority list.

## Khadi Workers Economic Incentive Scheme

### Why in News?

- On July 4, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the draft of 'Khadi Workers Economic Incentive Scheme' to promote Khadi and encourage Khadi workers.

### Key Points

- He has also sanctioned a financial sanction of Rs.9 crore for financial assistance to the workers in the year 2022-23.
- With this approval, about 20,000 khadi workers of the state will get adequate remuneration. This will improve their livelihood.
- Under the scheme, additional incentives in the form of per square meter will be provided to khadi weavers of the State in addition to the rates fixed by khadi and village industries commission as per the cost chart. In addition, the workers working in the Khadi Institutions/Societies will also be able to get incentives per square meter on the items produced by the Khadi Institution/Societies.
- The scheme will cost Rs.36 lakh for construction of software, computer operators and data entry among other works.
- In the scheme, applications of workers will be invited by khadi and village industries board through khadi institutions/committees. The incentive amount will be made available directly to the bank account to the workers.
- It may be mentioned that the Chief Minister in the Budget 2022-23 had announced the implementation of 'Khadi Workers Economic Incentive Scheme' to provide adequate remuneration to the workers of khadi sector such as weavers and workers.

## New Ayurveda Dispensary

### Why in News?

- On July 5, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved the proposal to open a new Ayurveda dispensary at Derajsar and village Satlera, village panchayat headquarter in Bikaner district.

### Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that as per the parameters laid down in 'AYUSH Policy-2021', it is proposed to set up a new Ayurveda dispensary at each gram panchayat headquarter.
- A proposal was submitted by the Department of AYUSH regarding setting up of a new Ayurveda dispensary at Gram Panchayat Headquarters, Derajsar and relaxation for opening of a new Ayurveda dispensary at Satlera on the basis of the norms of AYUSH Policy-2021.

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- With this decision of the government, people will get better medical facilities at the village level.

## **MoU Between RAJFED and PNB**

### **Why in News?**

- On July 5, 2022, the MoU between RAJFED and Punjab National Bank was concluded in the presence of RAJFED Shreya Guha, Principal Secretary, Cooperation and Administrator of Rajasthan, RAJFED Auditorium.

### **Key Points**

- Through this MoU, PNB will provide a credit limit of Rs. 2.00 crore to RAJFED.
- The MoU was signed by Ushaspati Tripathi, Financial Advisor on behalf of RAJFED and Nikhil, Chief Manager on behalf of PNB.
- RAJFED Managing Director Urmila Rajoria said that RAJFED has entered into an MoU with PNB for various activities including diversifying its business, making quick payment of purchases at the support price.

## **Rajasthan Ranked 15<sup>th</sup> in 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'**

### **Why in News?**

- In the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Rajasthan is ranked fifteenth in the entire country. Odisha is at the first position in this index.

### **Key Points**

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal released the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among the general category states, Odisha topped the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.836, while Uttar Pradesh is second with a score of 0.797 and Andhra Pradesh is third with a score of 0.794.
- Rajasthan is at the 15th position with a score of 0.694 in the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' among general category states.
- Among special category states/UTs, Tripura is at the first position with a score of 0.788 followed by

Himachal Pradesh with a score of 0.758 and Sikkim third with a score of 0.710.

- Moreover, among the three union territories, where Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is cash driven, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu topped the list with a score of 0.802.
- The index seeks to document the status and progress of implementation of NFSA and various reform initiatives across the country after consultation with the States.
- It highlights the reforms undertaken by the States and Union Territories and creates a cross-learning environment and scale-up reform measures by all the States and Union Territories.
- The current index is largely focused on NFSA distribution and will include future buyouts, PMGKAY distributions.
- The index for ranking of States and UTs is built on three key pillars, which cover end-to-end implementation of NFSA through TPDS. These pillars are- i) NFSA-coverage, targeting and provisions of the Act, ii) delivery platforms, and iii) nutrition initiatives.

## **Indira Gandhi Matritva Poshan Yojana**

### **Why in News?**

- On July 6, 2022, a meeting was held with the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) and the associate body IPE Global under the chairmanship of Minister for Women and Child Development, Child Empowerment and Planning Mamta Bhupesh in the context of implementation of 'Indira Gandhi Matritva Poshan Yojana' across Rajasthan.

### **Key Points**

- In the meeting, Minister Mamata Bhupesh informed that as per the announcement made by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot in the Budget 2022-23 to implement the 'Indira Gandhi Matritva Poshan Yojana' for women of the whole of Rajasthan, the scheme will be implemented in the entire Rajasthan in the coming time.
- He said that under this scheme, an amount of Rs 6,000 is being given to women for maternal and child nutrition and good health on the birth of the second child. This amount is transferred directly to the women's account. This is a unique innovation of the Government of Rajasthan in the entire country.

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- In the five districts of the TSP area of the state, where the number of severely malnourished children was high, 'Indira Gandhi Matritva Poshan Yojana' has been run since last year. CIFF and IP Global are providing support in running the scheme.
- It is noteworthy that the Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CIFF) is working on a contractual basis with the Government of Rajasthan for the purpose of cooperation in the implementation of various schemes related to women and children in different departments of the Government of Rajasthan.
- Under this, through CIFF, the partner organization IPE is providing technical support to the Women and Child Development Department in the implementation of 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana' and 'Indira Gandhi Matritva Poshan' under the Global RajPusht Program.

## MoU Between Rajasthan Government and Japanese Companies

### Why in News?

- The MoU was signed between the Government of Rajasthan and 11 Japanese companies at the MoU Ceremony held at Daikin Japanese Institute of Manufacturing Excellence (DJIME), Neemrana on July 7, 2022.

### Key Points

- With this MoU, an investment of Rs 1338 crore will be made in the Dhani (Pali) areas of Neemrana, Giloth and Chaparia and 2272 people will get employment.
- The MoU will result in an investment of about Rs.1300 crores, which is equivalent to 22 billion yen. The number of Japanese companies in the state has increased from 10 in 2008 to 170 in 2021.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot called upon Japanese companies to invest in the construction of Petrochemical Complex, Invest Rajasthan and Skill Development Center in Barmer. He called upon the Japanese companies to open skill development centres to provide employment to the youth of rural areas, in which the required support would be given by the state government.

- The Chief Minister informed that during the visit of the then Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh to Japan in the year 2005, the role of Japanese Investment, Delhi Mumbai Industrial Corridor (DMIC) and Front Corridor was prepared. The Japanese zone at Neemrana is also a part of DMIC.
- Japan's Ambassador to India Suzuki Satoshi said That India and Japan share fundamental values like rule of law and democracy. Our relationship is not just bilateral, but extraordinary. That's why it's called a Special Strategic and Global Partnership.
- He said that at the summit between the Prime Ministers of India and Japan last March, it was noted with satisfaction that the investment target of 3.5 trillion Japanese yen (about Rs 2 lac crore) announced in 2014 has been achieved. Now, 5 trillion Japanese yen (about Rs 3 lac crore) has been started by Japan to invest in India in the next 5 years.
- Industries Minister Shakuntala Rawat said that the Industries Department recently organized road shows in each district, which would encourage traditional industries there. He said that more than 5000 entrepreneurs would participate in the proposed Invest Rajasthan Summit on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> October. This will open new investment opportunities in the state.
- Yasuyuki Murahashi, Chief Director General of Japanese External Organization (JETRO), said that the MoU signed by Japanese companies will lead to an investment of about Rs 1,300 crore in Rajasthan. He said that one of these companies is going to invest in Giloth Industrial Park, which is the first investment by a Japanese company in the said area.

## 11 New Sports Stadiums to be Built in Rajasthan

### Why in News?

- On July 10, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a proposal of Rs 16.50 crore for 11 new sports stadiums in the state.

### Key Points

- According to the proposal, Girva (Udaipur), Keru (Jodhpur), Hindaun (Karauli), Dhod (Sikar), Parbatsar (Nagaur), Parasrampura (Jhunjhunu), Bansur (Alwar),

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Rupwas (Bharatpur), Uchhaun (Bharatpur), Taranagar (New sports stadiums will be constructed at Churu and Bagru (Jaipur).

- One crore, 50 lakh rupees will be spent on the construction of each stadium. The stadium will be constructed by the Rajasthan State Road Construction and Development Corporation (RSRDC) and the Public Works Department.
- With this decision of the Chief Minister, all the newly constructed sports stadiums will be developed with 200-metre cinder athletic track, Basketball Court, Volleyball, Kho-Kho and Kabaddi grounds etc. At the same time, construction of stadium office building, toilet blocks, tube wells, interior roads and boundary walls etc. will also be constructed as infrastructure facilities.
- It may be recalled that the Chief Minister in the Budget for the year 2022-23 had announced to construct new sports stadiums in various districts of the state.

## The Folk Dances of Rajasthan

### Why in News?

- On July 7, 2022, former Joint Director of Information and Public Relations Department, Pannalal Meghwal presented the first copy of his book 'Rajasthan Lokabhivyakti Ke Aayam' and its English translation 'The Folk Dances of Rajasthan' to Governor Kalraj Mishra at Raj Bhavan on July 7, 2022.

### Key Points

- Director Pannalal Meghwal said that in the book 'Rajasthan Lokabhivyakti Ke Aayam', research-based information has been included about the tradition of folk dances, folk singing and folk dance of Rajasthan.
- In this book, the folk dances of Rajasthan's Terhtali, Ghoomar, Chari, Kalbelia, Chakri, Bhavai, Jasnathi, Dhakad, Gindad, Veer Tejaji, Kachchi Ghodi, Kathori, Bhil, Garasiya, Gair, Chang, Bam, Dhol and Shukar are included.
- In the book Mand, Manganiyar and Languria singing, Turra Kalangi, Kuchamani Khayal and Gawri Loknatya, Sahariya and Tuntia Swang, Bikaner's Rammat, Rajasthan's Nat tradition, Puppet dance art and folk instruments of Rajasthan have been discussed in detail.

## International Webinar of Delphic Council of Rajasthan

### Why in News?

- On July 9, 2022, an International Webinar was organized to mark the completion of one year of 'Delphic Council of Rajasthan', a chapter of the Indian Delphic Council and International Delphic Council. In the webinar the speakers discussed enhancing the activities of Delphic.

### Key Points

- President of the Delphic Council of Rajasthan IAS Shreya Guha said that this online international webinar was organized by the council under the series 'DCR @:The Road Ahead' of the Delphic Dialogue.
- Indian Delphic Council Secretary IAS Shantanu Agrahari said that the Delphic National Games will be held in the year 2023 and the State Games of Delphic will begin from January 2023. In the webinar the speakers discussed enhancing the activities of Delphic.
- It is worth mentioning that the Delphic Council of Rajasthan is acting as a platform in encouraging and preserving art, which will not only provide the basis for the extinct arts, but will also create an art base bridge for the new generation.

## Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart

### Why in News?

- On July 9, 2022, Tourism Minister Vishvendra Singh informed that 'Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart (RDTM)' will be organized from July 22 to 24. The launch event of Travel Mart from 22nd July will be at Hotel Clarks Amer.

### Key Points

- The Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart will have two-day B2B meetings between exhibitors from Rajasthan and buyers from Pan India. Around 200 exhibitors will showcase their tourism products at the Travel Mart. Around 250 domestic tour operators from different states of the country will participate. These travel marts will prove to be very beneficial for the tourism sector.
- The Tourism Minister informed that the 'Rajasthan Film Tourism Promotion Policy' will also be released

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at the inaugural function of Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart.

- He informed that Rajasthan Film Tourism Promotion Policy has been brought in with the objective of establishing Rajasthan as a film shooting destination and to promote film making in Rajasthani language.
- This will provide employment to the people and youth associated with the film industry in the state and promote Rajasthani language. Along with this, people associated with this business will also get other benefits including subsidy, State Goods and Services Tax (SGST) and exemption in fees payable on monuments under the state government.
- It is worth mentioning that road shows were organized in Jaipur, Mandawa, Jodhpur, Bharatpur and Udaipur districts of the state to invite domestic tour operators to RDTM.

## **New portal of Post Matric Scholarship Launched**

### **Why in News?**

- On July 11, 2022, Rajasthan's Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Tikaram Julie launched the new portal of Uttar Matric Scholarship Scheme for the academic year 2022-23.

### **Key Points**

- Speaking on the occasion, he said that many new provisions have been made in the new portal for the convenience of the students. Timely payment of scholarships to the students is the main objective of the New Portal.
- He said that this time the scholarship portal has been opened only in the month of July so that students can apply for scholarship at the time of admission in their college/institution.
- The Government Secretary of the Department, Dr. Samit Sharma informed that the system of automatic verification of only renewal applications of all and private institutions of government institutions has been made effective at the district office by providing for automatic enumeration of the course-wise replenishable amount by way of deletion of fee receipt in the new portal.
- Under the new portal, arrangements have been made for sending/verifying and sanctioning of applications

on the basis of course-wise and class-wise fee structure already filled up on the page of the educational institution and accordingly payment of scholarship and Aadhaar biometric attendance.

- This time, for speedy disposal of applications, a warning message will be circulated every 7 days to the students and educational institutions and if the objection is not met, the application will be rejected within 30 days.
- In addition, in the event of human process verification of applications, the time limit for scrutiny of applications at the verification level has been fixed at 10 days and at the District Authority Level up to 10 days.
- From March 2020 onwards, a gap certificate will not be required as the details of the student's previous years' application are displayed to the verifier on the student's application itself.
- This time in the scheme, according to the new guidelines of Scheduled Caste Scholarship, a provision of freeship card has been made on the portal to ensure the scholarship of the student, so that a freeship card is automatically issued by the interested person after entering his details, automatically verifying his eligibility. Will happen.
- Under the new provisions, the student will have an automatic application for scholarship renewal on the basis of attendance or promotion in the next academic session and the database of admissions and examinations of universities/colleges has been digitally linked to the Digi Locker database so that the portal is able to get the necessary information from this database so as to determine the eligibility of the student for acceptance and renewal.

## **'Rajasthan Ke Shiksha Mein Badhte Kadam' Program**

### **Why in News?**

- On July 11, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched the remediation program 'Rajasthan Ke Shiksha Mein Badhte Kadam' through virtual medium to compensate the school students of the state for the loss of studies during the Corona period.

### **Key Points**

- Apart from this, the Chief Minister also released the poster and logo of the 'Rajasthan Ke Shiksha Mein

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Badhte Kadam' program. He also inaugurated the 'Field Orientation' programme for teachers, education officers, parents and children.

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that in order to meet the long loss caused by the Corona pandemic, a remediation program 'Growing Steps in Education of Rajasthan' is being launched for the students of classes 1 to 8 in the academic session 2022-23, under which the students will be taught in a skill-based, easy and joyful way of teaching in the bridge course conducted.
- It is noteworthy that in order to compensate the educational loss of the young people due to Covid, in the budget of the year 2022-23, 'Bridge Program' was announced with a financial provision of Rs 75 crore.
- Under the 'Rajasthan Ke Shiksha Mein Badhte Kadam' program, the emphasis will be on learning rather than cramming into bridge courses. In the bridge course, for classes 1 to 8, 4 periods will be fixed in the first three months and 2 periods in the remaining entire session.
- Under the scheme, skill based workbooks will be prepared for more than 75 lakh students and proficiency assessment will be done 3 times a year.
- Under this program, proficiency based holistic report cards of the students will be made with regular teacher-parent meetings.
- For effective implementation of this program, capacity building programs of teachers will be conducted and the facility of Teaching Aid App will also be made available to all teachers of classes 3 to 8.

## Forensic Science Institute in Jodhpur

### Why in News?

- Recently, 15 acres of land has been allotted by the Rajasthan government for the Institute of Forensic Science at The Sardar Patel University of Police Campus in Jodhpur.

### Key Points

- The Institute of Forensic Science will be jointly opened by the National University of Forensic Science **Sciences (NFSU)** and Sardar Patel University of Police, Security and Criminal Justice (**SPUP**).

- A proposal in this regard has been sent by the State Government to the Central Government. It has written to the Central Government to start some selected courses from the academic session-2022-23 itself using the new campus and the existing building and resources of the university.
- At the same time, a proposal has also been sent to some colleges at divisional level in the state to be affiliated with NFSU, Rajasthan in the coming time.
- It may be recalled that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, in a letter to the Union Home Minister earlier, has said that the establishment of Forensic Science Institutes in the state will set up new dimensions of capacity building and research in the field of crime and forensic sciences. At the same time, it will boost the availability of trained manpower in this field in view of the growing importance of forensic science in the criminal justice system.

## Approval to Increase the Prize Money of Players and Coaches

### Why in News?

- On July 12, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has given approval to increase the prize money for the promotion of players and coaches. Now Maharana Pratap Award and Guru Vashishtha Award winners will be awarded with prize money of Rs 5 lac each.

### Key Points

- In a financial year, 5 Guru Vashisht Awards and 5 Maharana Pratap Awards will be given. So far, each winner in these awards has been awarded an amount of Rs 1 lac.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had announced an increase in the prize money during the dedication and sportsman felicitation ceremony at Sawai Mansingh Stadium on May 29, 2022.
- It is noteworthy that in the year 2014, the amount of Maharana Pratap and Guru Vashistha Award was increased from Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lac. With the important decision of the Chief Minister, the prize money has now increased five times.
- Guru Vashisht Award was instituted in the year 1985-86 and till now a total of 40 outstanding sports coaches have been given this award. Similarly, Maharana

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Pratap Award was started in the year 1982-83 and till now a total of 170 outstanding sportspersons have been awarded.

- These awards are the best sports awards of the state, which are given to selected players and coaches who have performed best at the international level.
- It is noteworthy that the Chief Minister had increased the prize money for Olympic medal winners to encourage sportspersons in the state. In this, the prize money of the medal winners was increased from Rs 75 lac to Rs 3 crore for the Gold Medalist, Rs 50 lac to Rs 2 crore for the Silver Medalist and Rs 30 lac to Rs 1 crore for the Bronze Medalist.
- Similarly, the prize money of Rs.30 lac, Rs.20 lac and Rs.10 lac for winning Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals in Asian and Commonwealth Games has been increased to Rs.1 crore, Rs.60 lac and Rs.30 lac respectively.
- It was also decided by Chief Minister Gehlot to give appointments to the medal winning sportspersons in the state in the government services on the basis of an out-of-turn policy to promote sports. So far, 229 players have been appointed in various departments.

## **Federation of Rajasthan Trade and Industry**

### **Why in News?**

- On July 13, 2022, in the hospitality of Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra, a commerce and industry organization 'Federation of Rajasthan Trade and Industry' (FORTI) youth unit was organized at the Marriott Hotel.

### **Key Points**

- In this program, Governor Kalraj Mishra called for creating an environment for young startups by adopting innovation with encouragement to small and medium industries to strengthen the economy of the state and to build a prosperous Rajasthan.
- The Governor said that under 'Make in India', if emphasis is laid on quality enhancement of local products, good packaging and effective marketing through social media platforms, India will definitely emerge as the world's largest manufacturing hub.
- He also expressed the need to work to promote women-owned businesses. He said how to take products made by local women to the world market through

digital technology and how to promote women entrepreneurship at every level, work should be done for it.

- The Governor stressed on economic nationalism to pull the economy out of the covid era. He said that domestic control over the economy, manpower and capital formation is the greatest need of the hour.
- He said that the path of 'Self-reliant India' would be paved only with the development of small, micro and medium industries. There is a need to make effective efforts to modernize the local products to reach the global market. He said that commercial organizations including FORTI should take initiative to list villages traditionally associated with handicrafts and provide market for local products here.

## **'One Time Debt Resolution Scheme'**

### **Why in News?**

- On July 13, 2022 Rajasthan Minorities Finance and Development Co-operative Corporation Limited, Jaipur has implemented one-time loan resolution scheme-2022-23 for the borrowers.

### **Key Points**

- The benefit of this scheme will be availed by the borrowers of Jaipur district, under which the beneficiaries of professional and education loans disbursed up to March 31, 2022 will be eligible for waiver of penal interest.
- District Minority Welfare Officer Shakeel Ahmad said the scheme will be effective till March 31, 2023.
- Under the scheme, 100% rebate of penal interest will be given to eligible borrowers on depositing the surplus amount (principal and interest) in lump sum.

## **National Conference of Agriculture Ministers**

### **Why in News?**

- On July 14, 2022, Rajasthan Agriculture Minister Lalchand Kataria addressed the National Conference of State Agriculture Ministers held under the chairmanship of Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar in Bengaluru.

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### Key Points

- Speaking at the National Conference, Agriculture Minister Lalchand Kataria said that a separate budget for agriculture was presented by the Chief Minister with the vision of 'Prosperous Farmers Happy Rajasthan', in which the amount of Farmers Welfare Fund has been increased from Rs 2,000 crore to Rs 5,000 crore.
- Insurance claims worth Rs.16,000 crore have been distributed to 1.50 lac eligible crop insurance policyholder farmers in the last three and a half years.
- Rajasthan is the first state in the country to distribute crop insurance policies from Kharif 2021. The Government of India has also directed all the States to follow suit.
- In the conference, the Agriculture Minister informed that 'Raj Kisan Saathi Portal' has been created by the department, which is working as a single window for farmers and agribusinessmen. In this, information about schemes run by all departments related to agriculture, grant-in-aid, license and registration etc. is available. So far, about Rs 700 crore has been transferred by DBT to the farmers through this portal.
- A provision of Rs 600 crore has been made in the agriculture budget for 'Rajasthan Organic Farming Mission', under which 3 lac 80 thousand hectare area will be increased. 120 Farmer Producer Organizations working in the state will be strengthened to promote agricultural marketing, processing and exports.
- He informed that all the agricultural produce markets of the state are being modernised. Equipment like Oil Testing Machine, Grain Physical Analyzer Machine and Weighing Scale Machine etc. have been installed in 136 market committees.
- To promote the use of Nano Urea (liquid) fertilizer, wide publicity is being done through district level workshops and farmer meetings. So far 17 lakh nano urea bottles have been distributed in the state.
- The Agriculture Minister informed that 'Rajasthan Millet Promotion Mission' has been started to promote value addition of Bajra, Jowar and other small millets. With a view to encourage this and to provide latest technical information, a Center of Excellence for Millets will be established under Jodhpur Agricultural University at a cost of Rs 5 crore.
- To encourage the use of organic fertilizers, free organic fertilizers were distributed to 1 lakh farmers during the year 2021-22. The use of single super phosphate

as an alternative to DAP was encouraged by the government, as a result of which 4.50 lakh metric tonnes of SSP was used earlier in the state, while this year a record 7.10 lakh metric tonnes of SSP was distributed.

- Presenting his suggestions in the conference, Agriculture Minister Kataria said that due to mistakes on the portal by the banks under the Prime Minister's Fasal Bima Yojana, in the last years, 1 lakh 10 thousand cases were reported to the committee constituted by the Center, which should be disposed of quickly and provide relief to the farmers.
- He also suggested for the early implementation of Natural Farming and Indian Natural Farming System Scheme.
- He also told about the need for detailed study and research by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research regarding the cultivation of olives in the state and to make available fertilizers according to the demand in the state during the Rabi season.

## Maharaja Ganga Singh University

### Why in News?

- On July 15, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the Indoor Sports Complex and Auditorium at Maharaja Ganga Singh University, Bikaner.

### Key Points

- With a capacity of about 1000 spectators on the university campus, the new auditorium will be ready at a cost of around Rs 16.48 crore.
- The indoor sports complex, built at a cost of about Rs 24.50 crore, will provide facilities for Basketball, Volleyball, Shooting, Table tennis, Badminton, Judo, Wrestling, Gymnastics, Yoga, Aerobics, etc.
- On the occasion, the Chief Minister released the logo and T-shirts of the Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Olympic Games and felicitated the former sportspersons who excelled in the Games and awarded cheques to the medal winners.
- On the occasion, the Chief Minister flagged off the torch of Rajiv Gandhi Grameen Olympic Games to Barmer district.
- The Chief Minister unveiled the statue of Mahatma Gandhi at the Ahinsa Park of University. Details of the

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biography of Mahatma Gandhi have been recorded by making 29 pedestals in the newly-built Ahinsa Park at a cost of about Rs 27.61 lac.

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of the Multipurpose Indoor Hall to be built in the Dr. Karni Singh Stadium Complex at the Divisional Headquarters.
- In this hall, built at a cost of about Rs 7.50 crore, players will be able to get facilities for various indoor sports training including Table tennis, Badminton, Kabaddi.

## Travel + Leisure

### *Why in News?*

- Jaipur in Rajasthan has been ranked 8th and Udaipur 10th in the list of Top 10 Best Cities of the World released by the prestigious magazine Travel + Leisure in International and Tourism world on 15<sup>th</sup> July, 2022.

### *Key Points*

- The list was topped by Oaxaca (Mexico), second place San Miguel de Allende (Mexico), third place Ubud (Indonesia), fourth place Florence (Italy) and fifth place Istanbul (Turkey).
- Similarly, Mexico City (Mexico) is at the sixth position, Chiang Mai (Thailand) at the seventh place and Osaka (Japan) at the ninth place.
- The list of Top 15 Best Cities in Asia has also been released by Travel + Leisure Magazine.
- In the list of top cities, Jaipur has been ranked third and Udaipur has got the fifth position. The top city in the list is Ubud (Indonesia), Chiang (Thailand) at the second place and Osaka (Japan) at the fourth place.
- Several innovations including industry status to tourism, new tourism policy, Rajasthan Film Tourism Promotion Policy are being made by the State Government.

## Two Day Conference of All India Legal Services Authority

### *Why in News?*

- A two-day conference of the 18th All India Legal Services Authority was organized by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) and the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RLSA) from July 16 to 17, 2022.

### *Key Points*

- Speaking at the valedictory session, Executive Chairman of the National Legal Services Authority and Supreme Court Judge Uday Umesh Lalit said that various innovations have been made since the inception of the National Legal Services Authority, which has reduced the pendency of cases in the courts.
- He said that under the outreach programme run by the authority, the pending cases of courts in all the villages of the country were disposed of. The pending case has been disposed of by the Lok Adalats, imposed by the Authority. The authority aims to provide legal services to every individual by the year 2047.
- In the valedictory session, Chief Justice of Rajasthan S.S. Shinde, Chief Justice of The Allahabad High Court Rajesh Bindal, Chief Justice of Punjab and Haryana Ravi Shankar Jha and Acting Chairman of THE RALSA and Justice of The Rajasthan High Court M M Srivastava also expressed their views.
- On this occasion, NALSA Executive Chairman and Supreme Court Justice Uday Umesh Lalit launched the Balswaraj-POCSO Tracking Portal and Nyaya RO Saathi mobile app and launched the e-Pathshala campaign.
- Apart from this, RLSA-22 Digital Lok Adalat Platform, the digital initiative of RALSA was also launched.

## Review of 'Green Agriculture Project'

### *Why in News?*

- On July 18, 2022 Chief Secretary of Rajasthan, Usha Sharma reviewed the prepared action plan of 'Green Agriculture Project' started for conservation of biodiversity and forest landscapes in 'Desert National Park' in Barmer and Jaisalmer districts.

### *Key Points*

- Chief Secretary Usha Sharma directed the Collectors of both the districts to work in coordination and take up the project on priority.
- Speaking at the meeting, Principal Secretary, Department of Agriculture, Dinesh Kumar said that efforts will be made to facilitate local procurement for 400 farmer families of 52 Gram Panchayats of Jaisalmer

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and Barmer districts, besides facilitating local procurement and their linkages with the ban.

- Under this project, the standard of living of the villagers will be raised by organizing Kisan Pathshalas, as well as they will be trained to increase the nutrition of 6 thousand families. 200 Pranimitras, Pashu Sakhis will be trained to help the farmers.
- Under the project, 50 families from the respective villages will be benefited from deworming and animal vaccination by the Green Landscape Project. Efforts for biodiversity and local conservation will be made through farms field schools.
- In the meeting, Agriculture Commissioner Kanaram said that the main objective of this project is to conserve biodiversity and forest landscape. The Rs 31.4 crore project is likely to be completed by 2026.
- Traditional natural sources like Gochar, Oran and Tanka etc. will be revived in the villages covered under the project. Efforts will be made to increase the fertility of the soil by removing the solanaceous acacias in the villages.

## Special Judicial Magistrate Court will Open in the State

### Why in News?

- On July 18, 2022 Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to open 5 Special Judicial Magistrate Courts in the state. With this decision of the Chief Minister, the pending cases in the court will be disposed of soon.

### Key Points

- According to the proposal, Special Judicial Magistrate (NI Act Case) courts will be opened in Ajmer, Udaipur, Jaipur Metropolitan I, Jaipur Metropolitan II and Jodhpur Metropolis as a pilot study.
- Services will be taken on fixed honorarium basis on 10 different posts including retired judge in each court. The tenure of these courts will be one year from 01.09.2022 to 31.08.2023.
- It is noteworthy that in those districts of the state, where the number of NI Act cases are high, pilot study special courts are to be opened.

## Ultra-Supercritical Unit Power Plant

### Why in News?

- On July 18, 2022 Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposals of Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam to set up Ultra-Supercritical Thermal Power Projects at Chhabra and Kalisindh.

### Key Points

- As per the approved proposal, 2 ultra-supercritical Technology based units of 660-660 MW capacity will be set up at a cost of Rs.9606.06 crore by expanding the Chhabra Thermal Power Project.
- With this, 1 ultra-supercritical technology Based Unit of 800 MW capacity costing Rs 6054.58 crore will be able to be set up by expanding the Kalisindh Thermal Power Project.
- In the direction of increasing power generation in the state, with the establishment of power projects of total 2120 MW capacity in Chhabra and Kalisindh, where the state will move rapidly towards self-reliance in the power generation sector, there will be growth in the local area and employment will increase.
- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had announced in the budget 2022-23 for the establishment of ultra-supercritical technology based thermal power projects in thermal power plants of Utpadan Nigam, important from the point of view of saving coal, reducing pollution and environmental protection.

## Kalbelia Craft Revival

### Why in News?

- The Kalbelia Crafts Revival Project Exhibition was launched at the India International Center in New Delhi on July 19, 2022 in an effort to uplift the Kalbelia community of Rajasthan.

### Key Points

- The Kalbelia Crafts Revival Project Exhibition will prove to be an important medium for promoting handicraft products made by women from the Kalbelia community, especially the Kalbelia Quilts and Gudadi at the national and international level.
- It is worth mentioning that the Kalbelia community of Rajasthan is known all over the world for its art,

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but due to the limited resources of their employment and economic constraints, their art and crafts have to face a lot of difficulties in reaching the market.

- Dr. Madan Meena, the curator of the exhibition, said that the project was conceptualized from the time of Kovid, when many families of Kalbelia in Rajasthan returned to their native village due to the lockdown. The work of Kalbelia artists also stalled due to the slowness of tourism. In such a situation, Kalbelia Craft Revival Project was envisaged by Kota Heritage Society to provide them alternative livelihood opportunity within their village.
- It was initially sponsored by the NIFT-Jodhpur Centre and the Indian Institute of Crafts and Design, Jaipur to provide internships to its students. Currently, The Kalbelia women of Bundi and Jaipur are working in this project.
- The objective of the project is to preserve the tradition of quilting of the Kalbelia community and to provide them with better livelihood opportunities within their villages for the maintenance of their community and their crafts.
- Dr. Madan Meena informed that Kalbelia women associated with this project are given Rs 300 per woman per day for making various artistic products. This money is raised from various sources and also money is received from sponsorship, which is being used to take this project forward.
- The Kalbelia women who participated in the project include Mewa Sapera from Jaipur, Meera Bai from Bundi, Lad Bai, Rekha Bai, Natti Bai and Bania Bai.
- Mewa Sapera, an internationally acclaimed Kalbelia singer from Jaipur and has showcased her art in different parts of the world, said that Kalbelia quilts and her quality reflect the richness, skill and talent of the women of the house. A family keeps heaps of quilts, which are taken out during the guests' visit. These quilts are part of gifting to daughters.
- He said that in their spare time, women from the Kalbelia community always make quilts for their collection. A quilt or Gudadi takes two to three months to complete.

## Jamnala Bajaj Auditorium

### *Why in News?*

- On July 19, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot laid the foundation stone of Jamnala Bajaj Auditorium

to be built in Sikar through video conferencing from the Chief Minister's residence.

### *Key Points*

- Significantly, the state budget has made a provision for construction of auditoriums in 17 districts.
- The auditorium, which is going to be built at a cost of Rs.30 crores, is spread over 3 hectares and has a seating capacity of 800 people.
- The auditorium will have art galleries, libraries, 22 guest rooms, 2 banquet halls, multipurpose halls, conference rooms and offices as per local architecture. It will have all audio-video and live programs in line with modern technology.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that Jamnala Bajaj, born in Sikar's Kashi Ka Vaas village, had an important contribution in the freedom movement.
- Impressed by Gandhiji's values, Jamnala Bajaj started living in the ashram with his wife and children and went to jail in the freedom movement. In Wardha, he had entered the Laxminarayan temple for Harijans for the prevention of untouchability.

## Utsav Portal

### *Why in News?*

- Recently, Rajasthan has been chosen as the best state in the list released by the Ministry of Tourism, Government of India on the 'Utsav Portal'. In this list, Kerala has got second place, Uttar Pradesh has got third and Andaman and Nicobar has got fourth place.

### *Key Points*

- Rajasthan has got the first position on the basis of outstanding performance. Rajasthan has uploaded all the information related to maximum 22 fairs and festivals on the Festival Portal website.
- Rajasthan is known in the country and the world for its rich cultural, historical heritage, religious places, famous temples, ancient forts, palaces, delicious cuisine and natural beauty.
- In Rajasthan, apart from live darshan links of several religious places like Shri Govind Devji and Moti Dungri Ganesh Temple (Jaipur), Pushkar Mela (Ajmer), Mewar Utsav (Udaipur), Teej Utsav (Jaipur), Kumbhalgarh Utsav

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(Rajsamand), Braj Holi Festival (Jaipur) Information of several fairs and festivals like Bharatpur), Gangaur Utsav (Jaipur), Maru Mahotsav (Jaisalmer) have been recorded on the portal.

- It is worth mentioning that the Utsav portal website is a digital initiative. It was launched by the Union Ministry of Tourism in the year 2021 at the time of corona epidemic to bring the tourist places of the country on the global stage and to help the tourists.
- Its purpose is to popularize the famous tourist places of different states of the country and the world, live telecast of worship, aarti in fairs, festivals and major temples, so that people can enjoy them sitting at home. Also, they should be able to prepare the upcoming itinerary easily.
- Complete information related to tourism is easily available on the Utsav portal. Official social media links, official websites, brochures and contact details of the organizing committee and easy access to the destination by air, rail and road are being provided on the portal. This is helping the tourists in planning to reach the tourist destinations.
- Live Darshan of various religious temples, tourist places, events, fairs and festivals are given on the website. The website is constantly being updated keeping in mind the convenience of the tourists. New information related to all upcoming fairs and festivals in the tourism sector is being updated rapidly on the website.

## Rajasthan's First Virtual Court Inaugurated

### Why in News?

- On July 20, 2022, Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court S.S. Shinde **e-inaugurated the first virtual court of Rajasthan** in the presence of the judges of Rajasthan High Court and officers of the registry.

### Key Points

- Chief Justice Shinde said on the occasion that a new concept of Virtual Court has been introduced under the **E-Courts project to deal with the cases of minor traffic offenses under the Motor Vehicles Act**. The objective of this concept is to eliminate the requirement of physical presence of the violator or advocate in the court and save the time and manpower of the court.

- It is noteworthy that under this arrangement, all the challans generated online from the traffic branch, Jaipur and various police stations of Jaipur will be presented in the virtual court in the form of e-challan. The virtual court will be able to impose fines in respect of them by passing judicial orders online.
- The general public will receive the information of the judicial order through a message and the e-challan can be settled by depositing the amount of money online. While this process will facilitate the police department and the justice department, the public will also be greatly facilitated.
- Mobile Magistrate Court order-2 of Jaipur district has been given the charge of virtual court. For this, software has also been made under the e-court project, which is being used successfully in various states.
- The objective of this system is to save the general public from going through a long judicial process by coming to the courts for small cases, which can be disposed of only on deposit of the amount of money, and to save the time taken in the process from the registration of these cases in the courts to the disposal, so that the remaining time can be used for disposal of serious and old cases.

## Para Sports Academy in Jodhpur

### Why In News?

- On July 21, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved an amount of Rs 14.14 crore for setting up of **para sports academy for para sportsmen in Jodhpur**. The academy will provide modern facilities for high-tech training and practice to para-sports persons.

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- As per the proposal, the Academy will be set up at Government College of Physical Education campus, Jodhpur and will be operated at Umaid Stadium, Jodhpur till necessary infrastructure is created in the college premises.
- In this academy, **25 talented players (15 shooting and 10 table tennis)** from the state of Rajasthan will be selected. **Education, medical, training, accommodation, food and other necessary facilities** will be provided free of cost by the Rajasthan State Sports Council to the sportspersons.

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- In addition, sports training will be provided by the coaches in the morning and evening as per the scheduled time. The players will also be provided education along with sports by getting admission in a nearby school for education.
- With this approval of the Chief Minister, the works related to recurring and non-recurring expenses of the Academy, setting up of performance training centre, procurement of sports equipment and construction of hostel building will be carried out.
- It may be mentioned that the Chief Minister had announced in the budget announcement 2022-23 to set up para sports academies at Jaipur and Jodhpur for para sportspersons. Earlier also, a number of ambitious sports projects have been sanctioned under the Budget Announcement 2020-21 and 2021-22.

## Palace on Wheels

### *Why In News?*

- On July 21, 2022, Dharmendra Rathore, chairman of the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation, said that the **'Palace on Wheels'** train, the identity of Rajasthan, will soon be seen running on the tracks and tourists will get an opportunity to visit it.

### *Key points*

- Dharmendra Rathore said this while chairing the 188th meeting of the Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation Governing Board.
- He said that 'Palace on Wheels' is very famous in the country and abroad. Efforts are being made by the corporation to start the train again. He reviewed the progress of providing Palace on Wheels on O&M model and provided necessary directions.
- He said that the state government has given industry status to tourism in the budget 2022-23. This will help in the establishment of tourism units in the state, as well as the already running tourism units will also get benefit. This will not only boost tourism, but will also provide employment opportunities including investment in the state.
- He said that efforts are also being made to develop heritage rail network between Marwar Junction to Kamli Ghat.
- This royal train operated by Indian Railways and Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation (RTDS)

was stopped due to Corona epidemic. This royal train is equipped with all state-of-the-art facilities.

- This train, full of royal facilities, runs from September to April. departs from New Delhi on its eight-day journey. Total 3,000 km. In the journey, the train comes back to Delhi via Pink City Jaipur, Sawai Madhopur, Chittorgarh, Udaipur, Jaisalmer, Jodhpur, Bharatpur, Agra.
- It is worth noting that this luxury train **'Palace on Wheels'**, which is touring Rajasthan by the world's well-known tourism magazine 'Conde Nast', has been given the status of the world's second luxury travel train.

## Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart- 2022

### *Why In News?*

- On July 22, 2022, The Minister of Arts and Culture of Rajasthan, Dr. B.D. Kalla inaugurated the second edition of Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart (RDTM) 2022 at Hotel Clarks, Amer.

### *Key Points*

- The RDTM is being jointly organised by the Federation of Hospitality and Tourism in Rajasthan (FHTR) and Rajasthan Tourism.
- On this occasion, the Rajasthan Film Tourism Promotion Policy 2022 was released and a booklet on the MoU for The Incredible Cultural Heritage with UNESCO was released.
- Dr. B.D. Kalla said that promotion of tourism is a high priority of the state government, so a budget favourable to the tourism sector was announced. The tourism-related visionary policies of the State Government will be beneficial in promoting innovations as a preferred tourist destination.
- Chief Secretary Usha Sharma said that for the first time in history, a budget of Rs 1000 crore has been allocated to the Tourism Development Fund. Out of this, Rs 600 crore will be spent on infrastructure development and Rs 400 crore for marketing and branding.
- Gayatri Rathore, Principal Secretary, Department of Tourism, said that the Rajasthan Film Tourism Promotion Policy aims to establish Rajasthan as the largest film-friendly state and destination for film shooting. At the same time, the state has to be made the most preferred film tourist destination.

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- The policy will help in promoting the art and culture of the State, encouraging the production of high quality Rajasthani language films and creating employment opportunities related to the film industry in the State.
- FHTR Chairman Apoorva Kumar said public-private partnerships are the way to revive the industry. Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart 2022 will be suitable for the respective travel partners to serve as a common platform for interaction and business creation.
- It is worth mentioning that Rajasthan is known in the country and the world for its rich culture, historical heritage, forts, palaces, art and culture, wildlife, fairs and festivals, adventure, wedding, film shoot sites.

## Bar Council of Rajasthan's new building in High Court Jodhpur campus

### Why In News?

- On July 22, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a proposal of Rs. 14.37 crore for the construction of a new building of the Bar Council of Rajasthan in the premises of the Rajasthan High Court in Jodhpur.

### Key Points

- With this approval, a 500-person capacity auditorium, strong room, electric room and staff room etc. will be constructed on the ground floor of the new building of the Bar Council and the room and other facilities of the Secretary and office bearers of the Bar Council on the ground floor will be developed.
- On the first and second floors of this, the room of the Chairman of the Council, the Vice Chairman' Hall, the Meeting Hall, the Library, the Driver's Dormitory, the Multipurpose Hall and the Office will be constructed.
- The building will be constructed by Rajasthan State Road Development and Construction Corporation (RSRDC).
- It is noteworthy that a financial provision of Rs 8.53 crore was announced in this regard by the Chief Minister in the budget for the year 2022-23. Expanding the facilities due to increase in the auditorium and construction area, the Chief Minister has given approval for a revised amount of Rs.14.37 crore.

## 18<sup>th</sup> National Scout Guide Jamboree

### Why In News?

- On July 23, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot released the poster of the 18th National Scout Guide Jamboree. The national jubilee will be held from January 4 to 10, 2023 at Roht in Pali district.

### Key Points

- The Rajasthan Scout Guides Organisation has again got to host the National Jubilee after 66 years. Earlier, the organization had hosted the national jubilee in 1956.
- In this 7 day Jamboree many competitions like State Gate, Pioneering Project, Adventure Valley, Global Village Development, Integration Games, March Past, Color Party, Folk Dance, Physical Performance, State Day Exhibition, Band Performance, Rock Climbing, Parasailing and Water Activities. will be organized.
- About 35,000 scouts and guides, including 1,500 foreign participants, will participate in the jury.
- It is noteworthy that in the budget 2022-23, the Chief Minister had announced Rs 25 crore for organizing the Jamboree.

## MoU for the First Women's Fund Financial Institution

### Why in News?

- On July 25, 2022, an MoU was signed between Rajasthan Rural Livelihood Development Council and Streenidhi Telangana in the presence of Minister of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Ramesh Chand Meena for setting up the state's first and the country's third 'Women's Financial Institution' in Rajasthan.

### Key Points

- The MoU was signed at the Indira Gandhi Institute of Panchayati Raj by State Mission Director Manju Rajpal on behalf of Rajivika and G. Vidyasagar Reddy, MD, Streenidhi on behalf of Telangana.
- The 'Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi' in the state is being set up through Rajivika as a state-level cooperative financial institution on the lines of the Stree Nidhi model successfully operated in the state of Telangana. Rajivika's cluster level federation will be its members.

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- Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi will be started in 15 districts in the first year of implementation, out of which it is being started in 6 districts namely Karauli, Alwar, Kota, Dungarpur, Rajsamand and Jodhpur.
- A total grant of Rs.50 crore (Rs.25 crore in the first year) will be given by the State Government in two years for setting up of Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi and proposals for grant of Rs.110 crore from the Government of India have been sent to the Central Government.
- For the operation of this fund, in a phased manner, Rajivika is contributing Rs.10 lakh per cluster level association share capital from 561 promoted cluster level federations.
- Through the Women's Fund, loans up to Rs.40,000/- can be disbursed in 48 hours and above within a time frame of 15 days.
- Speaking on the occasion, Rural Development Minister Ramesh Chand Meena said that after the setting up of the Women's Fund, the economic empowerment of women of Rajivika's Self Help Groups will get a boost and it will be convenient for them to get loans for their enterprise. The number of loan applications pending in banks will also come down.
- The Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi will act as a supplementary financial institution with formal banks. The fund will be operated by the women of SHGs for the women of SHGs only.
- It may be mentioned that an announcement was made by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot in the Budget for the year 2022-23 regarding setting up of women-run banks.

## **'Rajasthan Out of Turn Appointment to Sports Medal Winners Rules, 2017' approved**

### ***Why in News?***

- On July 25, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the amendment to the 'Rajasthan Out of Turn Appointment to Sports Medal Winners Rules, 2017'.

### ***Key Points***

- After this amendment, the officers and employees appointed in the Central Government or any other State, who are natives of Rajasthan, will be given

appointment in the State on equal pay while protecting the pay on winning the medal.

- With this decision taken by the State Government towards upgradation of sports and sportspersons in the state, the medal winning sportspersons will be able to practice better while working in their home state at the same salary and further refine their sports talent.
- In May 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had approved the proposal to appoint 65 medal-winning sportspersons at the state's national level out of turn. The medal winners were allotted portfolios proportionately as per their first preference under the 'Rajasthan Out of Turn Appointment to Sports Medal Winners Rules, 2017'.

## **'Door-to-Door Drug Scheme'**

### ***Why in News?***

- On July 25, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a proposal to extend the '**Ghar-Ghar Aushadhi Yojana**' to a new form. This will lead to intensive tree plantation drives across the state under the concept of 'Green Rajasthan- Swasth Rajasthan'.

### ***Key Points***

- In the tree plantation programme, 5 crore saplings will be prepared for the year 2022-23 at a cost of Rs.42 crore. Out of these, provision has been made to provide 3 crore saplings to the public as per the demand.
- The saplings will be distributed to the people of the state at the rate fixed by the government on the basis of Janadhar card. The saplings will be available to the public from government nurseries and in case of distance problems, distribution can also be done from other places.
- One crore saplings prepared for transit/oran/pasture will be provided to 10,000 Gram Panchayats of the State for plantation at community level.
- Each Gram Panchayat will provide one thousand saplings every year in the area. Similarly, about one crore saplings will be planted every year in 200 large urban areas.
- Under the new scheme, 5 crore saplings will be prepared for the year 2023-24 at a cost of Rs.42 crore and an additional budget of Rs.21 crore will be provided for the plants planted in 2022-23. Thus, the total expenditure in this scheme will be Rs.105 crores.

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## **Anti Narcotics Task Force will be Formed in the state**

### **Why in News?**

- On July 25, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Secretary Usha Sharma said that an Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) will be set up soon to control drugs in the state. This task force will specifically control the drug trade.

### **Key Points**

- The Chief Secretary said this while chairing the 4th State Level Encord (NARCO Coordination) meeting organized by the Narcotics Control Bureau, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India at the Government Secretariat.
- In the meeting, Chief Secretary Usha Sharma directed the Home Department to prepare a state level awareness strategy at the earliest to create awareness about drugs and take effective steps to control the increasing medicinal addiction among the youth.
- He said that under the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, an oath should be taken not to take drugs in programmes organized for school children in the state from August 12 to 15 and this pledge should be made part of the proposed rural Olympics in the state at the end of August, in which a large number of youth will participate.

## **Second Prize in Family Planning Services**

### **Why In New?**

- In the National Family Planning Conference held in New Delhi on July 27, 2022, under the Family Welfare Program, Rajasthan has been rewarded at the national level for the achievements of ensuring accessible services of family planning means 'intra contraceptive injection' for women in the state.

### **Key Points**

- Dr. Bharti Praveen Panwar, Union Minister of State for Health has presented this award. Rajasthan got this award of second place, Director RCH Dr.K. Ale. Meena and Project Director Family Welfare Dr. Girish Dwivedi received.

- The Government Secretary, Medical and Health Department of Rajasthan, Dr. Prithvi informed that the Antararaj application, e-counselling, e-learning module have been implemented for easy availability of family welfare means, intra-injection, follow-up and intensive monitoring in the state. As a result, so far more than 5 lakh women have adopted this tool in the state. So far, a total of 10 lakh intra-injection doses have been administered.
- It is worth noting that Antara injection is a safe temporary contraceptive option to prevent unwanted pregnancy and to keep the gap between children. This injection, which is given at an interval of three months, gives relief from unwanted pregnancies for three months or for 90 days if administered once.

## **Rajasthan Minor Mineral Concession Rules-2017**

### **Why In News?**

- On July 28, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to amend the Rajasthan Minor Mineral Concession Rules.

### **Key Points**

- With the above amendments, proper mining of minerals will be done in a scientific and environment-friendly manner and the economy of the state will get a boost.
- According to the proposal, changes have been made in various rules of Rajasthan Minor Mineral Concession Rules-2017. As per the amended rules, the period of mining leases/quarry licenses of minor minerals will be extended from March 31, 2025 to March 31, 2040, subject to payment of a certain premium.
- In the revised rules, the premium to be charged on transfer of mining leases of minor minerals will now be charged up to 5 times and maximum of Rs. 5 lakh instead of 10 times the dead rent/license fee and maximum of Rs 10 lakh and the lease holders will be given mining leases of minor minerals. For this, quarterly online return will have to be filed instead of monthly.
- In the new rules, the maximum limit of 4 hectares for issuing minor mineral mining leases in khatadari land will also be removed, so that scientific and safe mining can be promoted. Also, the land available near the mining leases/quarry licenses of minor minerals

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can be allotted to the mining leases/licensees up to a certain area on payment of the prescribed premium.

- According to the new provision from the point of view of ease, registration of mines can be done without environmental permission, but mining will start only after obtaining environmental permission.
- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Gehlot has approved the draft notification of amendment in Rajasthan Minor Mineral Concession Rules-2017 in implementation of the budget announcement for the year 2022-23.

## **Inauguration of 33 KV GSS in Mandal of Bhilwara District**

### **Why In News?**

- On July 28, 2022, Rajasthan Revenue Minister Ramlal Jat dedicated the 33 KV GSS at Mandal, an assembly constituency in Bhilwara district.

### **Key Points**

- This is the first gram panchayat in the state where underground lines of electric wires have been laid. The wires hanging on the roofs of the streets and houses will no longer be seen and there will be no power-related accidents.
- With the installation of this grid built at a cost of Rs.90 lakh, the people of the area will not have to face power supply problems.
- The Revenue Minister said that 9 grids of 132 KV and 87 grids of 33 KV were installed by the state government in the district. The 33 KV power grid in Mandal will provide electricity facility to small industries and households here.
- Discom's Superintending Engineer Shishram Verma said that 33/11 GSS has been constructed to keep the electricity system in Mandal village completely smooth. 3 kms through UIT at a cost of about Rs.6 crores. 11 kV and 15 km. LT has been grounded.

## **Rajasthan got National Honor under Hepatitis Campaign**

### **Why In News?**

- On July 28, 2022, Rajasthan was awarded a letter

of appreciation at the national level for conducting intensive screening and mass awareness activities under the Hepatitis Campaign.

### **Key Points**

- Similarly, under the Healthy Liver Campaign, doctors, jail superintendents, health workers and district IEC coordinators etc. were honored for their excellent work across the state.
- On this occasion, Rajasthan's Medical and Health Minister Parsadi Lal Meena said that the Universal Health Care model of Rajasthan ensures completely free and quality treatment to the poorest of the poor.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had launched the campaign to make the state healthy with the 'Mukhya Mantri Free Medicine Scheme'. At present, through 'Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana', 'Mukhya Mantri Nirmukti Rajasthan Yojana', the people of the state are getting the facility of free check-up, medicine and treatment.
- Irregular diet and not using pure water lead to a life-threatening disease like hepatitis. We all should avoid the consumption of alcohol, cigarettes, tobacco etc. and adopt a healthy lifestyle.
- Public Health Engineering Minister Mahesh Joshi said that under the Healthy Liver Campaign, chlorination of 64 thousand 733 drinking water sources has been carried out in the state with public participation and water purification activities are being carried out by the department at regular intervals.
- Under the Jal Jeevan Mission, drinking water testing is also being carried out through Village Water Sanitation Committees in 33 districts of the State. Out of 11 thousand 325 gram panchayats of the state, training for drinking water testing has been completed in 6 thousand 938 gram panchayats.
- He said that purifying water from various water sources and ensuring availability of pure drinking water will ensure prevention of Hepatitis A and E and reduce the number of infected patients.
- Roli Singh, Additional Secretary and NHM Mission Director, Union Health Ministry said that like 'Tobacco Control Campaign', awareness has been developed among the general public by successfully conducting 'Healthy Liver Campaign' under 'National Viral Hepatitis Control Program' in Rajasthan. Has been.

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## Selected Anganwadi Centers to be Developed as Nand Ghar

### Why In News?

- On July 28, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Secretary Usha Sharma, during a review meeting of Nand Ghar Yojana at the government secretariat, directed that 25 thousand Anganwadi Centres under the scheme should be developed as Nand Ghars in a time bound manner.

### Key Points

- It is to be noted that in the Budget 2021-22, it was announced by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to develop 25,000 Anganwadi Centres as 'Nand Ghar' .
- Chief Secretary Usha Sharma directed the departmental officers to ensure that various works including building upgradation, LED projectors for distribution of e-learning materials, water purification equipment should be ensured in selected Anganwadi centers under the scheme.
- He asked the officers that a State Co-ordinate Committee should also be formed for better implementation of the scheme. Various works including water, electricity, internet connection should be done in selected Anganwadi centers by the District Collector.
- Women and Child Development Secretary Dinesh Kumar Yadav said that an MoU was signed on February 8, 2022 between the state government and Vedanta Limited for developing 25,000 Anganwadi Centres as Nand Ghar in the cradle of the Budget Announcement 2021-22.
- Out of 32 thousand 507 Anganwadi Centres run in departmental buildings, government buildings and other community buildings, 26 thousand 6 are proposed to be developed as Nand Ghar.

## Constitution Park inaugurated at Rajasthan

### Why in the news?

- On July 29, 2022, Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra inaugurated the newly constructed **Constitution Park at Rajasthan Veterinary and Animal Sciences University, Bikaner.**

### Key Point

- Apart from this, the Governor also inaugurated the Centre for **Traditional Veterinary Systems and Alternative Pharmacology.**
- Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that The Constitution Park will help in strengthening the **democratic faith of the young generation studying in the universities.** This will motivate the youth to perform their duties in the interest of the nation by joining the nation's spirit.
- The Governor said that the basic spirit behind this is that the future citizens of the country can visit these parks and get a first-hand experience of the lofty culture of the Constitution. They should include fundamental duties, policy directive principles and they should feel the responsibility towards the country.
- Vice-Chancellor of the University Prof. Satish Kumar Garg said that the Constitution Pillar has been erected in the Constitution Park built in the Sardul Sadan campus of the university, which has the Ashoka insignia and the Tricolour on it. The marble stone has the Directive Principles of State Policy, the fundamental rights and fundamental duties of the citizens inscribed on it. The preamble of the Indian Constitution is shown on the main pillar.

## Rajasthan International Centre

### Why in news?

- On July 29, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Secretary Usha Sharma, in a review meeting of the progress of the construction of the Rajasthan International Centre in Jaipur, directed the officials to work by creating a JDA timeline to complete the work of the centre by November.

### Key Point

- She directed that along with developing world-class facilities, the operation and maintenance of the centre should also be of world class. Let the centre develop like a centre that becomes iconic in the country and the world.
- She said that the centre should be developed on the lines of India International Centre in Delhi. A special team should be formed to run the centre, in which

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experienced people associated with this sector will be added.

- Jaipur Development Authority Commissioner Ravi Jain said that the Rajasthan international centre will showcase the beauty of art architecture of the entire state under one roof.
- Auditorium, Convention Hall, Conference Hall are being constructed here, where world class facilities for organizing conferences and seminars will be available.
- The walls of the auditorium will be based on a lattice built in the haveli of the Patwas of Jaisalmer. In the

convention hall and pre-function area, windows of the city palace's waterfalls and hawamahals will be seen. The mini auditorium has been built according to marwar pattern.

- The conference hall is being built in Jodhpur's Marwar style, where a glimpse of the traditional arches and monuments of mandore park will be seen. The e-library of the centre will be in a fully modern form, where the best books of the country and the world will be available. Lecture rooms and restaurants are also being constructed at the centre.



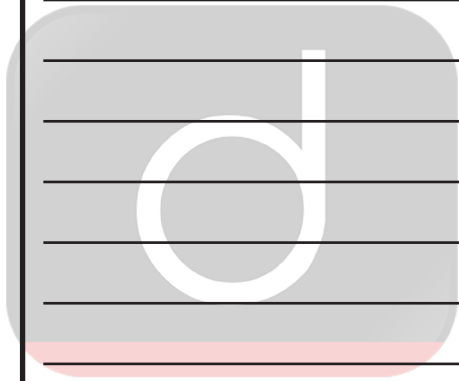
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