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'Raj Skill, 2022' Competition

Why in News?

- On June 2, 2022, Ashok Chandna, Minister of State for Skill, Planning and Entrepreneurship, Rajasthan announced to organize a 'Raj Skill, 2022' competition on behalf of the Department of Skill, Planning and Entrepreneurship to make trainees more skilled by enhancing the spirit of competition among them.

Key Points

- The three-phase competition will be held separately for trainees of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) and technically skilled non-ITI youth.
- Ashok Chandna informed that the most popular power manufacturers, fitter and diesel mechanics, copa and swing technology and dress making competitions in non-engineering occupations will be held in government and private industrial training institutes.
- Similarly, technically skilled non-ITI common youth will be provided a skill demonstration platform by conducting competition in parallel category.
- Under this, the participants who finish first, second and third in each profession of the State level participating trainees will be declared as state level winners and awarded to them.
- Dr. Arushi Malik informed that the participants participating at each level will be given certificates and prizes will be given to the participants who will come in the first four positions in the competition at the district level and the first three at the division level.

Mansarovar Chowpatty gets 'Clean Street Food Hub' certificate from FSSAI

Why in News?

- Recently, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), Government of India, has awarded the certificate of 'Clean Street Food Hub' to Mansarovar Chowpatty of Rajasthan Awasan Mandal.

Key Points

- Arun Singhal, CEO, FSSAI has conferred the certificate on Mansarovar Chowpatty after being found to be meeting various standards and benchmarks.

- The 'Clean Street Food Hub' tag is valid for two years and is given to eateries that meet the standards of a number of matters, including cooking and non-cooking areas, cleanliness and pest control.
- According to FSSAI, street food joints have to meet at least 80% of the specified criteria to be rewarded with the tag.
- It may be mentioned that this institution of the Government of India is the largest regulatory body to ensure food security and quality of food across the country.

Creation of new sub-tehsil Abhaneri, respectively, in sub-tehsil Nirjharna and Bandikui tehsils

Why in News?

- On June 5, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal for upgradation of Nirjharana and Bandikui sub-tehsils of Dausa district into tehsils and to make Abhaneri a new sub-tehsil.

Key Points

- It may be recalled that the Chief Minister in the Budget for the year 2022-23 had announced the expansion of administrative units in the state with a view to administrative strengthening. The Chief Minister has given this approval by relaxing the rules.
- This decision of the Chief Minister will make it easier for the people to dispose of the revenue works at the local level itself.
- The gradated tehsil Nirjharna will consist of 3 land records inspector circles and 10 patwar mandals and 43 revenue villages and bandikui will have 8 land records inspector circles, 26 patwar mandals and 123 revenue villages. Also, the new sub-tehsil Abhaneri is proposed to include 2 Land Records Inspector Circles, 6 Patwar Mandals and 23 Revenue Villages.
- A day earlier on June 4, the Chief Minister had also approved a proposal to make Jaluki, Khareri, Gopalgarh and Khoh new sub-tehsils of Bharatpur district.
- The new sub-tehsil Jaluki is proposed to include 2 Land Records Inspector Circle, 8 Patwar Mandal and 29 Revenue Villages and New Sub-Tehsil Khareri has

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3 Land Records Inspector Circles, 12 Patwar Mandals and 50 Revenue Villages.

- Similarly, in the new sub-tehsil Gopalgarh, it is proposed to include 4 Land Records Inspector Circle, 15 Patwar Mandal and 60 Revenue Villages and In New Sub-Tehsil Khoh, 5 Land Records Inspector Circles, 15 Patwar Mandals and 41 Revenue Villages.

Environment Mass Awakening Race organized

Why in News?

- On the occasion of World Environment Day on June 5, 2022, an Environment Mass Awareness Run was organized in the morning from Albert Hall, Ramniwas Bagh in collaboration with Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board, Department of Environment and Climate Change and other departments.

Key Points

- This year, the theme of World Environment Day, 2022 was '**Only One Earth**' by the United Nations Environment Programme .
- On the occasion, a special theme 'Ban on Single Use Plastic' was laid down by the State Government and various programmes related to environment protection were launched.
- Food and Civil Supplies Minister Pratap Singh Khachariyawas released the '**State Climate Change Action Plan**' on the occasion. The action plan has been prepared in a joint contract of the Department of Environment and Climate Change, Rajasthan, State Pollution Control Board and IIT Mumbai in compliance with the budget announcement of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot.
- In addition, mobile vans used for air quality monitoring, vehicles used for e-waste collection and 'Run for Environment' for environmental awareness were flagged off.
- The mobile vans will be functioning as a moving laboratory and, if required, can be operated temporarily at various places for a few days to measure the air quality there.
- On the occasion of World Environment Day, public awareness about e-waste will be made aware about e-waste by the Department of Environment and

Climate Change, Government of Rajasthan and Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board in association with **Attero** Recycling by conducting an awareness campaign for door-to-door e-waste collection. E-waste will be collected by **Attero** by going door-to-door in the city of Jaipur.

'Shakti Diwas for anemia-free Rajasthan

Why in News?

- On June 6, 2022, the Government Secretary, Medical and Health Department of Rajasthan, Dr. Prithvi informed that in order to make Rajasthan anemia-free, the Medical and Health Department along with other departments will organize the first Tuesday of every month as '**Shakti Diwas**'.

Key Points

- Under this campaign, various activities will be organized to reduce the rate of anemia in children, women and adolescent girls .
- 'Shakti Diwas' will be held at Anganwadi Centres, Government Schools, Health and Wellness Centres, Sub-Health Centres, Primary Health Centres, CHCs, Dispensaries, Upazila and District Hospitals.
- Screening of anemia, testing of hemoglobin and treatment of anemia, distribution of iron tablets, awareness of anemia and activities for behaviour change were organized on '**Shakti Diwas**'.
- On 'Shakti Diwas', children from **6 months to 59 months**, out of school children from 5 to 9 years, adolescent girls in the age group of 10 to 19 years, married women of 20 to 24 years, Various activities will be organized for anaemia relief in pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- Similarly, various activities will be organized in government schools for anaemia relief among children of classes 1 to 12 at the end of the holiday.

Approval of Proposal for Creation of New Sub-Tehsil Bar and Todra

Why in News?

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- On June 7, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to make Bar (Tehsil Bhim) of Rajsamand district and Todra (Tehsil Sawai Madhopur) of Sawai Madhopur district as new sub-tehsil.

Key Points

- It may be recalled that the Chief Minister in the Budget for the year 2022-23 had announced the expansion of administrative units in the state with a view to administrative strengthening. The Chief Minister has given this approval by relaxing the rules.
- This decision of the Chief Minister will make it easier for the people to dispose of the revenue works at the local level itself.
- The new sub-tehsil bar will consist of 2 Land Records Inspector Circles, 7 Patwar Mandals and 36 Revenue Villages and new Sub-Tehsil Todra will consist of 3 Land Records Inspector Circles, 11 Patwar Mandals and 51 Revenue Villages.
- It may be recalled that on June 6, 2022, the Chief Minister had approved the proposal to upgrade Patan and Reengus sub-tehsils of Sikar district to tehsils.

Rajasthan ranks 10th in Food Security Index, 2021-22

Why in News?

- On the occasion of World Food Day on June 7, 2022, Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya released the 4th State Food Safety Index (SFSI) of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI), in which Rajasthan has been ranked 10th.

Key Points

- Mandaviya launched various innovative initiatives including The Eat Right Research Awards and Grants Phase-II, Eat Right Creativity Challenge Phase-III, a competition at the school level by FSSAI.
- Tamil Nadu topped the Food Security Index, 2021-22 among 17 large states with 82 points, while Gujarat is second with 77.5 points and Maharashtra is third with 70 points.
- Rajasthan is ranked 10th in the category of large states with 50.5 points.
- Among the smaller states, Goa retained its top ranking, while Manipur and Sikkim secured the second and third positions. Among the Union Territories, Jammu

and Kashmir, Delhi and Chandigarh secured the top three ranks.

- It may be noted that the states have been assessed on five parameters of food security - human resources and institutional data, compliance, food testing facilities, training and capacity building and consumer empowerment.
- The Food Security Index was launched in 2018-19 with the aim of bringing about a competitive and positive change in the food security ecosystem in the country. The move was also taken to motivate the states and Union Territories to work towards ensuring safe food for citizens.

Avani Lekhara wins Gold at Para-Shooting World Cup

Why in News?

- India's star para-shooter Tokyo Paralympics champion Avani Lekhara on June 7, 2022, won the gold medal with a world record in the R2 women's 10m air rifle at the Para-Shooting World Cup in Chetiaro, France.

Key Points

- The 20-year-old from Jaipur has won the gold in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event with 250.6 points. With this win, she has made her way to the 2024 Paris Paralympics.
- Avni has set a new world record by breaking her own world record of 249.6.
- Avani had won the gold medal in the 10m air rifle standing event in the SH1 category at the Tokyo Paralympics in August last year. She also won a bronze medal in the women's 50m rifle three position SH1 event and is the first para athlete from India to win more than one medal at the Paralympics.

37 Residential Schools in Rajasthan get Eat-Right-School Certificates

Why in News?

- Recently, the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has issued certificates recognizing 37 residential schools in Rajasthan as Eat-Right-Schools.

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Key Points

- For the first time in the country, 37 government residential schools in Rajasthan have received this certificate together in such a large number.
- These schools have received these certificates on the basis of fulfilling all the standards of high quality, hygienic and nutritious food.
- Kasturba Gandhi Girls Residential School, Nachana (Jaisalmer), Moongra (Barmer), Nithar (Bharatpur), Bhinmal (Jalore), Kuchaman (Nagaur), Needach (Rajsamand), Nandishma (Udaipur), Bauraj (Jaipur), Khaitrli (Pali), Tibbi (Hanumangarh), Dausa, Baunli (Sawaimadhopur), Todarai Singh (Tonk), Gharsana (Ganganagar), Pogal (Bikaner), Jawal (Sirohi), Dungarpur, Rajgarh (Churu), Mandad (Sirohi), Hasai (Dholpur), Ajmer, Shahbad (Baran), Chaksu (Jaipur) and Chaumala (Jhalawar) have got the status of Eat-Right-School.
- Similarly, Mahatma Gandhi Government School Khairoda (Udaipur), Charbhujia (Rajsamand), Government Higher Secondary School Baskripal Nagar (Alwar), Rajpurbara (Alwar), Barnala (Sawai Madhopur), Nahargarh (Chittorgarh) and Anuppura Jalsu (Jaipur) were bricked- Right-School status.
- Apart from these, Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Jaitaran (Pali), Sariri Asind (Bhilwara), Jayal (Nagaur), Narolidang (Karauli), Moulasar (Nagaur) and Khodawara Etawa (Kota) have got the status of Eat-Right schools.

State's first Health and Wellness Centre**Why in News?**

- On June 12, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot laid the foundation stone of the health and wellness centre, the state's first Ayurvedic medical centre, at Billi ki Bhagal village in Khamanor tehsil of Rajsamand district.

Key Points

- Along with this, the Chief Minister announced to give 30 crore rupees in the first phase for this center and 5 hectare land in Nathdwara to Gayatri family free of cost.
- Addressing the function, the Chief Minister said that rajasthan's first yoga and ayurvedic medicine based health and wellness centre is being set up to promote medicine in the state.

- This wellness centre will benefit from Ayurvedic medicines, yoga, naturopathy, etc. More such centres will be opened by the state government at other places.
- Speaking on the occasion, The Speaker of the Legislative Assembly, Dr. C. P. Joshi said that every person coming to this wellness centre will get a clean environment as well as medical tourism will be promoted here. At the same time, such infrastructure will accelerate the all-round development of the region.

Charcoal Painting Art Exhibition**Why in News?**

- On June 14, 2022, Rajasthan Governor Kalraj Mishra inaugurated the 'Charcoal Painting Art Exhibition' organized by the West Zone Cultural Centre at Raj Bhavan.

Key Points

- The Governor, while observing the paintings of The Nakki Lake of Mount Abu carved from charcoal, the natural beauty of Guru Shikhar, the forts, palaces as well as portraits, waterfalls, etc., in the exhibition, described them as beautiful artifacts.
- Kiran Soni Gupta, Director, West Zone Cultural Center said that in the Charcoal Painting Camp organized by the Center in Mount Abu last days, beautiful paintings from charcoal were created on canvas by 24 artists. These paintings will be displayed in the 'Charcoal Painting Art Exhibition' organized at Raj Bhavan.
- Apart from this, the Governor inaugurated the three-day 'Bhakti Utsav' organized by the West Zone Cultural Centre, Udaipur by lighting a lamp.
- The 'Bhakti Utsav' will feature soulful performances by artists of Kabir Vani, Bhajans and Sufi music, filled with devotional juice.

Amendment in Senior Citizen Pilgrimage Scheme, 2022**Why in News?**

- On June 15, 2022, the Government of Rajasthan has issued a revised order to read the age of senior citizen as 70 years or above instead of 65 years under the Senior Citizen Tirth Yatra Scheme, 2022.

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- Under this scheme, 18,000 senior citizens will be given pilgrimage by rail route and 2,000 senior citizens by air. In all, under the Senior Citizen Pilgrimage Scheme, 20,000 senior citizens will visit pilgrimage sites across the country free of cost this time.
- The person eligible for the journey must be a native of Rajasthan and above the age of 60 years. The age will be calculated as the base on April 1, 2022, i.e. he is born before April 1, 1962.
- As per the order of the Government, the Commissioner, Department of Devasthan shall have the power to allow the interested eligible persons who had applied in the event of vacancies during rail and air travel.
- The online application process for the pilgrimage will begin in the second week of June, which will continue till June, 30.
- Senior citizens will now be able to take a helper along with them during the pilgrimage in the pilgrimage scheme, elderly people above 70 years of age and persons with disabilities above 60 years of age.

Formation of Three Water Distribution Committees

Why in News?

- On June 15, 2022, the Government of Rajasthan, by issuing a notification, constituted three water distribution committees comprising water user associations under the jurisdiction of Executive Engineer Water Courses Section-II, Indira Gandhi Canal Project, Jaisalmer and marked their areas.

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- According to the notification, Aasutar Water Distribution Committee, Aasutar Distributors of Ramgarh Tehsil of Jaisalmer district, Water Users Sangam first, second, third, fourth; Aasutar Minor Water Users Sangam 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th; Bandi Minor Water Users Association first, II; Bhakri Minor Water Users' Association; Ghotaru Minor Water Users Sangam I, II, III, IV; Ramoz Minor Water Users' Association; Cheetah Minor Water Users Association and Doyata Minor Water Users Association will be the first, second, third.

- Similarly, Dattatreya Minor Water Users Sangam, Dattatreya Sub Minor Water Users Sangam of Ramgarh Tehsil under Mir Ka Tar Water Distribution Committee; Meer Ka Tar Distributorship Water User Sangam; GDM-5 Water Users Association; Manuhaar Minor Water User Association; GDM-6 Water User Association; Navatala Distributory Water Users Sangam; GDM-7 Water Users Association and SS Minor Water Users Association.
- GDM-8 Water Users Sangam of Ramgarh Tehsil under Dhanana Jal Distribution Committee; Rablau Distributory Water Users' Sangam; GDM-9 Water User Association; Bhuwana Distributory Water Users Sangam; Dhanana Distributory Water Users Sangam I, II, III; Sankhla Minor Water Users Association; Dhanana Minor Water User Sangam I, II; Dhanana Sub Minor Water Users' Association; Gurukanya Minor and Sub Minor Water Users Sangam and GDM-10 Water Users Sangam have been included.
- It is noteworthy that about 60 thousand 146 hectares of irrigated area will be benefited from the water user associations included under these three water distribution societies.

Preparing for Prospecting in Bhilwara, Chittorgarh and Rajsamand

Why in News?

- On June 15, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary, Mines Department of Rajasthan State Dr. Subodh Agrawal informed that places have been identified for the work of exploration of Copper, Gold, Lead, Zinc and Silver at three places of the state.

Key Points

- The discovery of minerals in Bhilwara, Chittorgarh and Rajsamand districts of the State will be carried out by Rajasthan State Mineral Exploration Trust (RSMET) in financial collaboration with National Mineral Exploration Trust (NMET).
- Copper and gold in about 700 hectares at Devtalai in Bhilwara; Copper in about 500 hectares at Bhagal in Chittorgarh; Lead and zinc in 600 hectares in Amargarh, Bhilwara; Five plots will be set up for

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mining by exploring copper in 200 hectares at Karauli in Rajsamand and about 3500 hectares in Sindesar in Rajsamand.

- He said that this fund will also encourage innovations and also ensure participation of students from universities and technical institutions in the survey work so that the students get the opportunity to study practically.
- He said that efforts will be made to get RSMET the status of National Exploration Agency so that RSMET can become a national identity as an expert body in mineral exploration and mining.
- Director of Mines K.B. Pandya informed that through RSMET, structural tools are being provided to the departmental laboratory and the drilling wing. This will give further impetus to mining exploration work in the state.

Inauguration of the Five Days 'Handloom Exhibition-Cum Sale'

Why in News?

- On June 15, 2022, Rajasthan State Handloom Development Corporation (RHDC) launched a five-day 'Handloom Exhibition-cum Sale' at its office at Chomu House.

Key Points

- RHDC CMD Neha Giri informed that handloom exhibition is being organized from June 15 to 19 with the objective of giving proper marketing promotion to the handloom and handicrafts textile industry of the state which is facing the problems of post covid epidemic.
- He said that arrangements have also been made for showcase and sale of products in the exhibition. Designer Kota Doria, Zari sarees, hand block printed sarees, cotton dress material, bed sheets, artistic dohars, dairies, kurtas, palazzos and shirts etc. will be displayed and sold in the exhibition.
- It will showcase the textiles and garments of national awardees, outstanding weavers and artisans of the state. A special discount of up to 50% will be given on the products in the exhibition.

'Drone Expo-2022' Held in Jaipur Under 'iStart Rajasthan'

Why in News?

- On June 16, 2022, 'Drone Expo-2022' was organized at Techno Hub, Jhalana Institutional Area under 'iStart Rajasthan' of the Department of Information Technology and Communications, in which more than 50 drone manufacturers showcased the capabilities of their drones.

Key Points

- While one of the drone manufacturers demonstrated to be a lifesaver of drones in flood or under-sea emergencies, someone showed the capabilities of the drone to be helpful in irrigation and farming by showing aerobatics in the sky.
- According to the chief minister's budget announcement, the state government is planning to buy 1,000 drones for various departments this year.
- Akhil Arora, Principal Secretary, Department of Information Technology and Communications, inspected the drone exhibition and directed the departmental officers to ensure the use of drones.
- Commissioner Sandesh Nayak underlined the importance of drone technology for farmers and said that drones can not only help the cultivators in irrigation and pesticide spraying, but will also help the agriculture department in surveying the losses and losses due to adverse weather and conditions.
- He said drones can help the police department, water resources department, wildlife and other departments in surveillance and security.
- It may be mentioned that 'iStart Rajasthan' is the flagship scheme of the state government under the Department of Information Technology to promote entrepreneurship and innovation in the state, where more than 1700 startups are currently registered and 200 startups are incubated. More than 300 startups have been provided financial assistance by the state government.
- The department has partnered with NITI Aayog, HDFC Bank, PHD Chambers of Commerce and FICCI FLO, ICICI Bank, Amazon (AWS) to expand the startup ecosystem in the state.

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Devnarayan Pashupalak Housing Scheme

Why in News

- On June 19, 2022, Rajasthan's Autonomous Government Minister Shanti Dhariwal gave home entry to the allottees by handing over possession of the Devnarayan Integrated Housing Scheme, prepared for the first time for cattle herders equipped with unique and modern facilities across the country.

Key Points

- It was announced by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot to develop Devnarayan Integrated Housing Scheme for the orderly educational, economic and social development of cattle herders of Kota city at a cost of Rs.300 crore.
- The foundation stone of the project was laid by the Chief Minister on August 17, 2020, in which 501 houses have been allotted by the Urban Development Trust Kota after completing the construction of 738 houses in the first phase.
- The scheme provides for 1227 large residential plots for cattle herders. Out of these, construction of 738 houses has been completed and allotted to 501 cattle herders. The rear part of these plots has two rooms, kitchen, toilet, bathroom, verandah, fodder storage facility in an area of about 40 square meters. A shed has been constructed for animals in the front of the plot.
- For the convenience of cattle owners, school building, veterinary hospital, society office, police post, power sub-station, high water reservoir, sewer line, park, drain, roads, STP, cattle fair ground and milk market were also constructed in the scheme. Apart from this, Primary Health Center, community building, theatre have been constructed according to the future requirement.
- In the scheme, a biogas plant is being set up by the Urban Development Trust for the disposal of cow dung from about 15,000 animals, which will lead to the disposal of cow dung as well as the production of organic manure.

Appointment of New Chief Justice of Rajasthan

Why in News?

- The notification regarding the appointment of

Justice Shinde Sambhaji Shivaji as the Chief Justice of Rajasthan was issued by the Central Government on January 19, 2022.

Key Points

- The Central Government has approved the appointment of a new Chief Justice within a month of the recommendation made by the Supreme Court Collegium headed by Chief Justice of India N.V. Ramanna.
- Article 217 of the Constitution states that a Judge of the High Court shall be appointed by the President in consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI) and the Governor of the state concerned.
- The Chief Justice of the High Court is consulted in the matter of appointment of a Judge other than the Chief Justice.
- At present, appointment of high court judges is recommended by a collegium, which consists of **the CJI** and two senior-most judges. However, the proposal for appointment of Judges is initiated by the Chief Justice of the concerned High Court in consultation with the two senior-most colleagues.

The Construction Work of Lav-Kush Vatika

Why in News?

- On June 21, 2022, Principal Secretary, Rajasthan Forest Department, Shikhar Agrawal informed that the construction work of Lav-Kush Vatikas to be constructed at a cost of about Rs. 2 crore each in each district of the state would be started from July 1, 2022.

Key Points

- The purpose of construction of these gardens is to educate and make the public aware about environment conservation and to promote forest experience in them.
- Agarwal informed that these gardens will be planted with local environment and eco-friendly local flora like fruits, flowers, medicinal and shady trees and plants so that people can get the local forest experience there.
- On the other hand, Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Forest Force Chief Dr. D.N. Pandey directed the District Deputy Conservator of Forests about the structure and shape of the construction of Lav-Kush Vatikas and said that maximum natural materials

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should be used in their construction, so that people can feel the nature. Prove to be a gardener.

One Lakh Solar Pumps will be Set up in Rajasthan

Why in News?

- On June 22, 2022, Chief Secretary of Rajasthan Usha Sharma instructed to install 1 lakh solar pumps under the scheme in a review meeting on Solar Agriculture Livelihood Scheme (Sky) under Prime Minister Kusum-Component-C (Feeder Level Solarization).

Key Points

- The Chief Secretary also directed to increase the proposed strength of 33/11 kV GSS beyond 80 to ensure implementation of the scheme.
- In the meeting, Principal Secretary, Department of Energy, Bhaskar Atmaram Sawant said that for the successful implementation of the proposed sky scheme, a portal will be launched soon, through which farmers will be able to register and lease their land for up to 25 years to set up gss.
- He said that through the online portal, interested developers will also be able to select the land and construct solar power plants. A work award of 4.24 MW has been awarded under a pilot project in Tonk, under which 656 farmers will get solar energy.
- The key features of the Sky Scheme are-
 - The farmer will be given attractive lease money for the land.
 - 80,000 per hectare on land up to Rs.8 lakh (as per DLC rate) to farmers.
 - Lease rent upto Rs. 1 lakh 60 thousand per hectare on land above Rs. 20 lakh.
 - 5% increase in lease rentals every two years.

Single-Use Plastic Items Banned in State Offices

Why in News?

- Recently, the Rajasthan government has banned the use of single-use plastic items from July 1 in all government offices. Orders in this regard have

been issued by the Department of Environment and Climate Change.

Key Points

- Shikhar Agarwal, Principal Secretary, Government of Environment and Climate Change informed that the banned items include all types of plastic carry bags, plastic/thermocool (polystyrene) disposable cutlery, such as bowls, trays, containers, etc., which are used for serving eatables/drinks and artificial flowers, banners, flags, vases and belly bottles.
- The order states that no government office shall use the above single-use plastic items and can use options like compostable plastic, bio-degradable plastic, natural fabrics, recycled paper material etc. which have less impact on environment.
- The department has issued the present order in accordance with the rules imposed earlier. The order states that the Plastic Waste (Management and Handling) Rules, 2016 have been notified for management of plastic in an environment-friendly manner.
- In order to comply with the provisions of these rules, the State Government has issued a notification on 21st July, 2010 to ban plastic carry bags completely in the State.
- The central government issued a notification on August 12, 2021, banning single-use plastic items with effect from July 1, 2022.

Naming Process of Government Schools of Jodhpur and Dungarpur Districts

Why in News?

- On June 21, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to name one government school in Jodhpur and Dungarpur districts after the freedom fighters.

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- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved the proposal to rename the Government Model Higher Secondary School, Gilakaur of Saikala Panchayat Samiti of Jodhpur district after freedom fighter late Mangal Singh.

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- Similarly, the Chief Minister also approved the proposal to rename the Government Higher Secondary School, Karawada of Jhoothri Panchayat Samiti in Dungarpur district after freedom fighter late Dhulji Bhai Verma.
- With this decision of the Chief Minister, the younger generation will be able to take inspiration from the sacrifices, struggles and life ideals of the brave fighters who awakened the spirit of freedom.

Karauli District got Second Place in the Country in the Field of MSMEs

Why in News?

- Recently, Karauli district of Rajasthan has been ranked second in the category of 'Aspirational District' in the National MSME Award-2022.

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- Giving this information through a letter to the Karauli District Collector, Deputy Director General of the Union Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, D.P. Srivastava said that this award will be given to the district for making excellent contribution in the development and promotion of MSME sector.
- He said that the award under the Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi will soon be held at a function.
- Sirohi, Dholpur, Jaisalmer and Karauli districts of the state have been selected under the 'Aspirational District' programme, out of which Karauli district has secured the second position for its best work.
- The 'Aspirational Districts' programme is an ambitious scheme of the Government of India, through which the progressive districts of the country are honoured for their outstanding work in a particular region.
- It may be recalled that the National MSME Awards were instituted in 1983 to honour outstanding performers in the fields of entrepreneurship (manufacturing and services), product quality, innovation, export and manufacturing techniques .
- National Award winners have the right to use the award insignia in their letterheads and their employees may wear a label, pin, tie or other distinctive badge bearing this insignia.

Administration Campaigns with Cities

Why in News?

- On June 23, 2022, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot told in the review meeting of 'Administration with cities' campaign that camps of this campaign would be organized ward wise from July 15 in all the municipal bodies of the state.

Key Points

- In these, the distribution of pattas will be done after completing all kinds of administrative process on the spot.
- Before launching the campaign, workshops will be organized for the councilors of the municipal bodies in which they will be made aware of the new format along with complete information of the campaign and the simplifications and exemptions made by the state government so that the councilors can help the people of their area get the lease.
- Principal Secretary, Urban Development and Housing Department, Kunji Lal Meena, while making a presentation, explained about the works, including leases issued during the drive, that 3 lakh 36 thousand 61 leases have been issued under the Campaign with The Administration Cities, 2021.

'Chief Minister Bal Gopal Yojana'

Why in News?

- On June 23, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary of education department Pawan Kumar Goel informed that on the initiative of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, children of classes 1 to 8 in the state will be provided milk two days a week under the 'Mukhyamantri Bal Gopal Yojana'.

Key Points

- Under the scheme, about 69 lakh 21 thousand children studying in government schools will be provided with powdered milk two days a week on Tuesdays and Fridays.
- Milk will be made available on the next academic day when these days are holidays. 150ml of milk will be

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distributed to children of classes 1 to 5 and 200ml to children of classes six to eight.

- It is worth mentioning that this scheme was announced in the state budget for the financial year 2022-23. With the implementation of this scheme, the nutrition level of the children of classes 1 to 8 will improve and the enrolment and attendance in government schools will increase and the dropout of students will also be stopped.
- For this, powder milk will be procured from Rajasthan Co-operative Dairy Federation and district wise allocation of powder milk will be done through Mid-Day Meal Commissionerate. Door step delivery of powdered milk will be done to the schools as per the allocation by RCDF itself.

Rural Tourism Units will Get the Benefits of RIPS-2019

Why in News?

- Recently, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to give benefits of Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS)-2019 to rural tourism units under Rajasthan Rural Tourism Scheme-2022.

Key Points

- As per the proposal, rural tourism units will be able to get the benefit of stamp duty exemption under RIPS-2019. Rural tourism unit will also be defined among the units of tourism sector as defined under RIPS-2019 .
- The minimum limit for investment of rural tourism units can be kept at Rs 1 crore to provide full benefits of RIPS-2019 to rural tourism units. At the same time, there will also be 100 percent recharge of SGST payable and deposited for 10 years.
- The chief minister's approval will create new jobs through tourism units in villages, promote handicrafts and enable tourists to get acquainted with the rural traditions of Rajasthan. It is worth mentioning that the tourism industry has also been given the status of thrust sector under RIPS-2019 .
- It may be recalled that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had announced the Rajasthan Rural Tourism Scheme-2022 in the budget for the year 2022-23 to promote rural tourism in the state.

Rajasthan's entry into the field of Uranium Mining

Why In News?

- With the issuance of Letter of Intent (LoI) for uranium mining in the state on June 26, 2022, Rajasthan has entered the field of uranium mining.

Key Point

- The LOI has been issued for a mining lease to Uranium Corporation of India for mining of uranium ore at Rohil in Khandela tehsil near Sikar.
- It may be recalled that huge reserves of uranium have been found in an area of 1086.46 hectares at Rohil in Khandela tehsil of Sikar district. According to initial estimates, the reserves of about 12 million tonnes of uranium are likely to be in the region.
- Uranium is currently being excavated in the country in Jajagoda of Singhbhum in Jharkhand and andhra pradesh.
- The highest uranium production globally takes place in Kazakhstan, Canada and Australia. Apart from this, uranium minerals have also been found in Russia, Namibia, Uzbekistan, USA and Ukraine.
- Uranium is mainly used to make electricity. However, apart from nuclear energy, uranium is also used in medicine, defense equipment, photography among others.

'Mission Buniyaad'

Why In News?

- On June 27, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Secretary Usha Sharma has directed the **Children's Investment Fund Foundation (CEEF)** to work out a revised proposal to implement the '**Mission Buniyaad**' programme based on **digital education** in all districts of the state.

Key Point

- At present, 'Mission Buniyaad' is being operated in six districts of the state - Bhilwara, Dholpur, Sikar, Karauli, Sirohi and Udaipur.
- Usha Sharma has directed the representatives of the (CEEF) Foundation to send a proposal in this regard so that the programme can be conducted in all the 33 districts of the state at the earliest.

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- Under this Mission, tablets are being provided to girl students from 8th to 12th standard to study.
- According to research, the use of tablets has improved the learning level of girl students by 20 percent.

Festival of Innovations and Technologies of Rajasthan

Why in News?

- On June 28, 2022, in the meeting of the State Innovation Council, which was chaired by the Chief Secretary of Rajasthan, Usha Sharma, it was decided that on the occasion of World Creativity and Innovation Day every year on 21st April, 'Festival of Innovations and Technologies of Rajasthan' in the state, will be organized.

Key Point

- It was also decided to honor the best innovations that take place in the districts of the state on 15th August and 26th January every year with the objective of promoting innovations and making them show-case at the national and international level.
- The Chief Secretary also directed to ensure proper budget availability to promote innovation in the State.
- Letters have also been written to encourage innovations in the districts and to identify the best innovations so that the state can move faster in the field of innovation.
- It is worth mentioning that the state has a lot of potential for innovations in agriculture, animal husbandry, education, medicine, industry, science and technology and other sectors.

New Youth Policy of Rajasthan

Why in News?

- On June 29, 2022, Rajasthan's Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports, Ashok Chandna and Rajasthan Youth Board President Sitaram Lamba informed about

the formulation of a new youth policy in the state, focusing on skill sports and art-culture.

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- This new youth policy will be framed on the basis of the interaction by communicating with the youth at the block level and submitting the feedback received in this dialogue to the State Government.
- Minister of State for Sports Ashok Chandana said that creating employment opportunities for the youth is the biggest need at present. For this, special attention is being paid to skill development among the youth and connect them with employment.
- Through sports also, positive change can be brought about in the youth. Empowering the youth can be helped by highlighting the hidden arts of the state.
- Therefore, with a special focus on these three disciplines, the new Youth Policy will be implemented through the Youth Board.
- Expressing concern over the increasing trend of drugs among the youth, Chandana said that a 'de-addiction' campaign will be launched to protect the youth from the evil of drugs.
- He said the possibility of providing priority employment to the youth of the state in the industries will also be considered.
- Referring to the development of sports in the state, he said that there has been a massive expansion of sports facilities and a unique initiative has been taken in the form of rural Olympic sports.
- Sitaram Lamba, president of the Rajasthan Youth Board, said the state government is paying special attention to taking the youth forward. In this order, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has announced to make the upcoming budget youth-centric, which is a good initiative.
- He said that the Youth Board is working on formulating a youth policy of their choice for the youth. For this, dialogue programmes have been organized at the division level and in most of the districts, in which thousands of youth have been interacted.



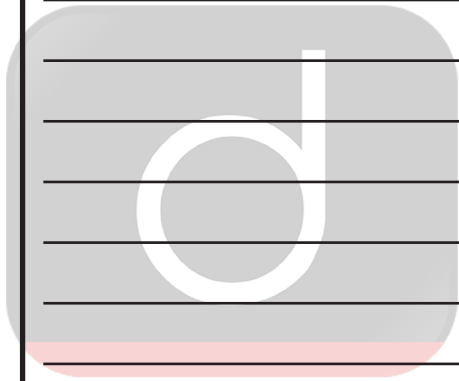
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