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Ghar Ghar Aushadhi Yojana

Why in News

- On August 01, 2021, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched the 'Ghar-Ghar Aushadhi Yojana' and the **72nd Van Mahotsav** under the 'Nirogi Rajasthan Campaign'.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister launched the scheme by planting a **medicinal plant of Giloy** at his residence. Along with this, under the **72nd Van Mahotsav**, the vehicle carrying Peepal and other plants was flagged off for planting in Bilaunchi village of Jaipur.
- On this occasion, the Minister of State for Forest presented the first kit of medicinal plants to the Chief Minister. The CM also released posters, brochures and booklets prepared for wide publicity of 'Ghar-Ghar Aushadhi Yojana'.
- Rajasthan is probably the first state, which has implemented such a unique scheme on a large scale to **spread awareness about medicinal plants**.
- It is noteworthy that under the scheme, with a view to protecting the health of the people of the state and for the protection and promotion of medicinal plants, kits of 8 plants of Tulsi, Giloy, Kalmegh and Ashwagandha with medicinal properties will be provided free of cost to each family by the Forest Department.
- It is worth mentioning that in order to make future generations aware of the importance and use of these medicinal plants to realize the resolve of healthy Rajasthan, it was announced to start 'Ghar Ghar Medicinal Scheme' in the budget of the year 2021-22.

Early Cancer Detection Van

Why in News

- On August 3, 2021, Rajasthan Medical and Health Minister Dr. Raghu Sharma launched the **Early Cancer Detection (Preventive Oncology Mobile) Van**.

Key Points

- The van, which is connected online from the State Cancer Institute in Jaipur, will go to remote villages

to test the patients and also provide the report at the same time.

- The van will have facilities for mammography machines, digital X-rays, colposcopy, pap smear, and video endoscopy for head and neck checks.
- The van, worth about Rs 1.25 crore, has been funded from the CSR of Rajasthan State Electricity Broadcasting Limited.
- He said there was no preventive oncology unit in Rajasthan so far. Tele consultancy facility will also be provided from this van. At the same time, research data on people's health will be available.

Chief Minister Mass Marriage and Grant Scheme 2021

Why in News

- On July 27, 2021, the Rajasthan government started **Mukhyamantri Group Marriage and Grant Scheme 2021** to reduce wastage in marriages and **encourage mass marriages** in the state.

Key Points

- Under this, the organization, application and payment of mass marriage has been **simplified and made online**, with the aim of giving maximum benefit to the beneficiaries and the organizing institutions.
- **About:**
 - The application (for getting permission to organize marriage) to be made at least 15 days before the date of marriage should be done **online instead of offline**.
 - Time for marriage registration increased from 15 days to 60 days.
 - The period for submission of bank account details by brides has been reduced from 15 days to 60 days.
- An **IFMS (Integrated Financial Management System)** to be used for the transfer of Rs. 10 thousand to the bride's account on the day of marriage and later an amount of Rs. 5 thousand on production of the marriage registration certificate and other documents within a period of 60 days.
- Dispute redressal at the **district collector level** for speedy disposal of issues.

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Salgaon Dam Project

Why in News

- On July 28 2021, the long proposed '**Salgaon Dam Project**' was approved providing a permanent solution to the drinking water problem of Mount Abu.

Key Points

- Salgaon dam project **was proposed in 1977** at an estimated cost of Rs. 27 lakh but now it is estimated to cost Rs. 250 crore.
- Since Mount Abu **depends completely on rain** for its water supply, the government of Rajasthan had long ago **approved Salgaon Dam scheme** to facilitate **rain water storage**.
- The total catchment area of the Salgaon dam in this project is 777.90 hectares and the total filling capacity is estimated at 155.56 million cubic feet.
- The total submergence area of the dam is 52.55 hectares, out of which 5.96 hectares is reserved forest land and 46.59 hectares is private and government land.
- **Upper Kodra and Lower Kodra are the main sources of drinking water** for the present water projects in Mount Abu. They provide about 42.62 MCFT water annually whereas the present water demand for Mount Abu is estimated at 85.21 MCFT (including schools, army, tourist population).

Be an Exporter Mission

Why in News

- The '**Be an Exporter Mission**' was launched by **Industries Minister Shri Parsadi Lal Meena** in Rajasthan, On July 29, 2021.
 - It is worth mentioning that in the **Export Preparedness Index (EPI) 2020**, the state has been **ranked first** in the category of **Land Locked State** and **fourth** in the **entire country**.

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- **About:**
 - Under this mission, such traders and product manufacturers will be encouraged, who are willing

to export and want their products to reach the foreign market.

- **Training and guidance** of technicalities in getting an export license.
- Throughout **support** from the process of getting an export license to sending the first consignment.
- The registration and membership fee of the **Rajasthan Export Promotion Council (REPC)** will also be discounted.
- **Need:**
 - In view of the **huge export potential** in the state and with the aim of encouraging the willing exporters.
- **Eligibility:**
 - Proprietorship, partnership and companies covered under the Companies Act and MSMEs, manufacturers and retailers of any type of product, self-help groups working in Rajasthan and individuals associated with startups can become exporters.

Ghushmeshwar Gatha

Why in News

- The first copy of the book '**Ghushmeshwar Gatha**' was presented to **Governor Kalraj Mishra** at Raj Bhavan on July 30, 2021.

Key Points

- The book is published by Shivad Samaj Jaipur and is authored by senior journalist Harish Parashar.
- In '**Ghushmeshwar Gatha**', detailed information has been given about the antiquity of **Ghushmeshwar Mahadev, a holy pilgrimage site located in Shivad of Sawai Madhopur district**, and the numerous Shivlings found here.
 - Ghushmeshwar Mahadev is recognized as the 12th Jyotirlinga of Lord Shankar.
- In the book, along with the mythological, historical facts of Shivad, detailed information has been given on the supernatural events related to this place and the nearby places of interest.
- In this book of religious and historical importance, important information about other temples, ponds, wells and unexplored aspects also related to history in the Ghushmeshwar temple during the reign of the kings.

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Committee to Examine the Demands of Employees and Officers Organizations

Why in News

- On August 05, 2021, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the formation of a high-level committee to examine the demands of various employees and officers organizations of the state.

Key Points

- This committee will discuss the demands of various officer and employee organizations, such as Patwari, Ministerial and Constable etc. in the context of salary discrepancy, pay reform, promotion opportunities, etc. in other states. Comparative study, analysis and testing with the prevailing systems will make necessary recommendations.
- The committee will be chaired by retired IAS officer Khemraj Chaudhary. Retired IAS officer Vinod Pandya will be the member of the panel and the joint secretary, finance (rules) will be the member secretary, according to an official statement.
- It is noteworthy that in response to the discussion on the Finance and Appropriation Bill 2021-22, Chief Minister Gehlot had announced to constitute a high-level committee regarding the demands of employee-officer organizations.

Ba-Bapu Amrit Festival Tree Plantation Campaign

Why in News

- On August 6, 2021, Rajasthan's Minority Affairs Minister Shale Mohammad launched the **Ba-Bapu tree plantation campaign** in Jaisalmer's Gram Panchayat Lathi.

Key Points

- Under the Amrit Mahotsav, on the occasion of the 150th birth anniversary year of the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi and 75th anniversary of independence, the Minority Affairs Minister launched it by planting saplings in the courtyard of the Government Higher Secondary School Lathi.

- Along with this, he also launched the development work of Seven Pasture Grass to be prepared in Gram Panchayat Lathi.

Sports Literacy Mission

Why in News

- On August 9, 2021, Governor Kalraj Mishra oversaw the '**Sports Literacy Mission Vehicle**' at the Raj Bhavan to create awareness about the Olympic Games and to connect the new generation with it.

Key Points

- The Rajasthan Government launched this vehicle to create awareness about the Olympic Games across the villages through '**Sports a Way of Life**' organisation. This organisation is also creating awareness through '**Khel Praveshika**'.
- Governor Mishra said that sports culture should be developed at all levels. He described such efforts as important to connect the young generation with sports and encourage it at all levels.

66th Rajasthan State Senior Table Tennis Competition

Why in News

- The 66th Rajasthan State Senior Table Tennis Competition was organized on 7th and 8th August at Moolchand Chauhan Indoor Stadium, Ajmer in Rajasthan.

Key Points

- In this competition, **Nandini Nagori of Jaipur** won the women's title by defeating Radhika Sharma of Ajmer in the final of the women's category. In the men's final, **Harsh Srivastava of Ajmer** defeated Vivek Bhargava of Jaipur to win the men's title.
- In the two-day competition, a total of 86 contestants from Jodhpur, Sirohi, Pali, Alwar, Bikaner, Jaipur, Churu, Chittorgarh, Bhilwara, Jalore, Udaipur, Ganganagar, Bharatpur, Dausa have won prize money of about Rs 25,000.
- It is noteworthy that the Table Tennis Association of India and the Rajasthan Table Tennis Association are among the few sports federations in the country

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and the state, which successfully organised all state and national competitions even during the severe global pandemic.

Launch of Online Portal for Biofuel Outlet Application

Why in News

- On August 10, 2021, **Rajasthan Rural Development Department**, launched the **online registration portal** for Biofuel Stakeholders on the occasion of **World Biofuel Day**.

Key Points

- With the launch of this online portal, the registration process for the application of biofuel producers, suppliers and retail outlets will be simple, accessible, transparent for the general public and the registration work will be completed within a stipulated time period.
- Chief Executive Officer of **Rajasthan State Biofuel Authority**, **Mr. Surendra Singh Rathod** informed that by visiting the authority's website **www.biofuel.rajasthan.gov.in**, any person from any corner of the state can complete the registration process by clicking on online registration.

Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Governance and Social Sciences

Why in News

- On August 11, 2021, the Chief Secretary of Rajasthan, Niranjan Arya, through video conferencing set up the **Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Governance and Social Sciences** at Kanak Bhawan, Central Park in Jaipur, from October 2.

Key Points

- This institute is being started on the lines of the **Tata Institute of Social Sciences** and **Maharashtra Institute of Technology School of Governance** at a cost of Rs.100 crore in compliance with the budget announcement of the Chief Minister.
- Efforts have been made to develop this institute as a center of excellence for teaching, research and

innovation keeping in mind the changing social and economic scenario.

- This institute will prove to be important in preparing the youth to play a role in social work by imbibing the teachings of the Father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi.
- The aim of this institute is to access the philosophy of life and social values of Mahatma Gandhi to every section of society through education and research.

Review Meeting of Beggary Free Campaign

Why in News

- On August 11, 2021, a review meeting was held in the auditorium of the Directorate of Social Justice and Empowerment at Ambedkar Bhawan, under the chairmanship of O.P. Bunkar, Director of Social Justice and Empowerment Department of Rajasthan, to **make Jaipur city free from begging**.

Key Points

- In the meeting, Additional Director-Social Security Suvalal Pahadia, while giving detailed information about the campaign, said that those below 18 years of age, women and men between 18 to 55 years of age and above 55 years of age-old and handicapped peoples, category-wise persons involved in begging have been identified.
- For this, 25 points have been marked in the city, where people involved in begging are found. The details of persons involved in begging at such marked places shall be recorded in a format by the volunteers. After counseling them, they will be given admission in destitute children's homes, women's houses, old age homes and disabled rehabilitation homes as per the requirement.
- He said that youth in the age group of 18 to 55 years have been taken as the target category in the campaign. Any youth who is involved in begging and wants to do some work or he wants to get some kind of skill training, getting him rehabilitated by training according to his interest is an important part of this campaign.

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'Home Minister's Excellence Medal for Investigation' 2021

Why in News

- On August 12, 2021, nine policemen of the state, including Additional Superintendent of Police Ananth Kumar, Udaipur, Rajasthan, have been given '**Home Minister's Excellence in Investigation Post**' for the year 2021.

Key Points

- The medal was **instituted in the year 2018**, with the objective of encouraging high professional standards in the investigation of crimes and to recognize the hard work of investigating officers who make excellent investigations.
- Ananth Kumar, who received the '**Home Minister's Investigation Excellence Medal**', was the investigating officer of Rajasthan ATS in the case of investigating terrorist activities of Indian Mujahideen in Rajasthan. On the information of Delhi ATS, Rajasthan ATS started investigation of these terrorists by registering FIR on March 28, 2014.
- Ananth Kumar and his team conducted an excellent investigation keeping in mind the high professional standards and succeeded in apprehending those 12 terrorists. In this case, those 12 terrorists were sentenced to life imprisonment and fine.
- Additional Superintendent of Police Ananth Kumar along with Deputy SP Suresh Sharma, Inspector Anil Doria, Inspector Dinesh Lakhawat, Inspector Darjya Ram, Inspector Ashok Anjana, DCP Dharmendra Singh, Inspector Arun Kumar, Head Constable Bhavani Singh were also awarded Home Minister's Investigation Excellence Medal 2021.

Divyangjan Rights Act implemented in the state

Why in News

- On August 13, 2021, the state government issued a circular and implemented the **Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016** to provide **equal opportunities** to the **differently-abled in the state**.

Key Points

- Under this act, provision has been made by the state government to provide equal opportunities to persons with disabilities, to utilize the potential of persons with disabilities by providing a suitable environment, not to discriminate against persons with disabilities on the basis of disability, etc.
- Similarly, the provision that they should not be deprived of their personal liberty on the basis of disability is also included in the Act.
- The State Government has taken necessary steps to ensure the availability of proper accommodation to persons with disabilities, measures and provisions have been made to protect persons with disabilities from torture, inhuman, degrading treatment.
- According to the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, all the departments, corporations, boards and commissions will ensure its compliance. If the Act is not followed by the department, corporation, board and commission, then there is a provision to take necessary action against the concerned body as per rules.

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Plantation in Central Jail

Why in News

- On the occasion of Independence Day on August 15, 2021, the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority, Jaipur, inaugurated the **intensive tree plantation program** in the Central Jail, Jaipur.

Key Points

- The said program was organized in the Central Jail, Jaipur, following Covid-19 protocols. On this occasion, 300 seedlings (shade and fruit-bearing) were planted by the authority.
- Similarly, an intensive plantation program was organized in Legal Services Authority, Jaipur Metropolitan Second Jurisdiction, Amer and Chaumu, where 110 saplings were planted in Chaumu Court and 55 saplings in Amer Court.
- District Legal Services Authority, Jaipur Mahanagar II Secretary Vikram Singh Bhati informed that this program is being done by the District Legal Services Authority all over Rajasthan.

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Siliserh Tiraha-Garwaji Road

Why in News

- On August 16, 2021, Rajasthan's **Minister of State for Labor, Tikaram Julie**, laid the foundation stone for the widening and strengthening work of **Siliserh-Garwaji** road in **Alwar**.
 - The length of this road to be built at a **cost of Rs. 840 lakh** will be 14 km.

Key Points

- The **Siliserh Lake and Garwaji** are major tourist destinations of the district and the construction of a road here would facilitate the movement of people.
- The Minister of State also talked about installing road lights on this road and planting saplings on both sides of the road. This will attract a large number of tourists and the development of the tourism sector will increase employment opportunities for the local people.
- Along with this, he also announced for the convenience of the common man on the demand of the villagers, for the convenience of the common man, to do single pace boring on the Siliserh Tirahe and to connect the remote villages of the Siliserh area with rural bus service.

Draft 'Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme'

Why in News

- On August 16, 2021, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the draft of '**Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme, 2021**' for self-employment and everyday needs of the **street vendors of urban areas** and the youth and unemployed of the service sector.

Key Points

- Taking a sensitive decision to provide financial resources for employment, self-employment and daily needs in urban areas in view of the global pandemic Covid-19, Chief Minister Gehlot had announced the implementation of '**Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme**' in this year's budget.
- The goal of the scheme is to connect with street vendors, hairdressers, rickshaw pullers, khatis,

potters, cobblers, masons, tailors, washermen, dye-painters, electricians, plumbers, and other people in the unorganized sector, including unemployed youth and provide them financial assistance.

- Under this, beneficiaries will be provided with interest free loans up to Rs 50,000 that is also without any guarantee. Nearly 5 lakh beneficiaries living within the limits of Municipality, Municipal Council and Municipal Corporation will be provided assistance under this scheme.
- The implementation of the scheme will be done through the **Department of Autonomous Government**. For the beneficiaries belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes of urban areas the scheme will be implemented by the Scheduled Castes Corporation.
- The scheme will be applicable for one year and new loans can be sanctioned till March 31, 2022. The loan moratorium period will be 3 months and loan repayment period will be 12 months.
- The District Collector will be the nodal officer for effective implementation and review of the scheme.

New Police Stations

Why in News

- On August 18, 2021, **Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot** inaugurated the **new building of 15 police stations** prepared at a cost of about Rs 34 crore and inaugurated the newly created 9 police stations through video conference.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister inaugurated new buildings of police stations one each in Jaipur, Jhunjhunu, Tonk, Hanumangarh, Pali, Chittorgarh and Rajsamand, two in Udaipur and three each in Bhilwara and Nagaur. Apart from this, two police stations each in Jaipur East and Dungarpur, one each in Churu, Hanumangarh, Udaipur, Alwar and Chittorgarh were inaugurated.
- The Chief Minister said that the State Government is trying to **increase the number of police stations in the State in a phased manner** keeping in view the jurisdiction. In this direction, along with setting up of new police stations on priority basis, police posts are also being upgraded into police stations, so that people do not have to travel far to lodge complaints.

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- The Chief Minister said that a **Heinous Crime Monitoring Unit** has been set up at the state and district level to investigate serious and heinous crimes.
- The area of police stations, administrative buildings is being increased. In addition, CCTNS rooms, cyber rooms, police research rooms, women barracks, rest rooms, reception rooms etc. are being constructed in police stations.
- The Chief Minister also interacted with the public representatives, police officers-personnel, village guards, security friends, CLG members etc. present in the newly constructed police stations- Hanumangarh Sadar, Jahajpur (Bhilwara) and Mahila Police Station (Nagaur) on this occasion.
- He said that the State Government has innovated the construction of reception halls in the police stations for the hearing of the general public in a proper environment. Reception rooms have been constructed in about 454 police stations and work is in progress in the remaining.
- Principal Secretary Home Abhay Kumar said that in the last two and a half years, one police district, two additional superintendent of police offices, 21 police stations, 2 cyber police stations, 32 outposts, 2 ATS posts, have been created in the state to improve law and order. For action, two field units of SOG and one anti-narcotic unit have been formed. Also, 2422 head constables and constables have been given the powers of minor research.

Pushkar and Jaisalmer will be Developed as Solar City

Why in News

- On August 18, 2021, Energy Minister Dr. B.D. Kalla said that by developing **Pushkar and Jaisalmer as solar cities**, all the electricity related requirements of both the cities would be met through renewable energy.

Key Points

- The Energy Minister gave this information while addressing the review meeting of the Renewable Energy Project at the Secretariat.
- He said that efforts would be made to eliminate the dependence of electricity obtained through traditional methods by **operating rooftop solar systems,**

solar parks, power generation from waste materials, installation of solar street lights, electric vehicles etc.

- Chairman and Managing Director of Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation (RREC), Dr. Subodh Agrawal informed that for the implementation of **Solar City Scheme of the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India, RREC will act as the nodal agency of the Central Government,** which will be coordinating with the departments to give a concrete shape to this plan.

National Award to Pramod Kumar Shukla

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- On August 18, 2021, **National Award** will be given to **Pramod Kumar Shukla, lecturer of Eklavya Model Residential School** of Karpawand-Bakawand in Bastar district of Chhattisgarh. The Department of School Education and Literacy, Ministry of Education, Government of India has today declared the list of National Awards to be given to teachers for the year 2021.

Key Point

- This year 44 teachers from across the country have been selected for the President's Award, which will be honored on **National Teacher's Day**. Pramod Shukla is the only teacher in the state to be honored with this award.
- Pramod Shukla has been selected in the EMRS quota under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.
- Apart from these, the Education Department from Chhattisgarh had selected the names of three teachers and sent them for the President's Award, but the National Jury did not select them.
- It is noteworthy that Eklavya Model Residential School is run by the Tribal and Scheduled Caste Welfare Department in the state.

Inauguration of New Projects in Kota District

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- On August 20, 2021, Rajasthan's Medical and Public Relations Minister Dr. Raghu Sharma and Autonomous

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Government Minister Shanti Dhariwal inaugurated new works worth Rs 16.53 crore, giving a new gift to Kota district in the field of medicine.

Key Points

- He dedicated the following works-
 - Inaugurated the newly constructed MDRU Lab costing Rs 525 lakh in the medical college, on which Rs 47.44 lakh will be spent for one year operation.
 - Flagged off Ambulance with negative pressure with 3 life saving equipment costing Rs 99.75 lakh.
 - In the budget announcement the Chief Minister inaugurated the newly constructed Kidney Transplant Unit at the Medical College Hospital itself at a cost of 800 lakhs.
 - Plantation was also done by inaugurating the Oxygen Generation Plant constructed at a cost of 115.94 lakh in the Super Specialty Hospital.
 - Inaugurated the newly installed 4-D color Doppler sonography machine at JK Lone Hospital at a cost of Rs.65 lakhs. With this, the malformation of the baby in the womb, especially the congenital organs, will be checked, it will be facilitated in the diagnosis of diseases related to women and the child, and it can also be done sonography of muscles and joints.
- Shanti Dhariwal said that now medical facilities will be available in Kota similar to SMS Hospital Jaipur. This will directly benefit the patients coming from the state of Madhya Pradesh including the entire Hadoti.
- Dr. Sharma said that the infant mortality rate in Kota has come down due to expansion of medical facilities. The mortality rate was 7.62 percent in 2014, which was 6.84 percent in 2020 and the neonatal mortality rate has come down from 19 percent to 17.63 percent.

Chief Minister Baghel Inaugurates Shaheed Smarak English Medium School

Why in News

- On August 20, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel dedicated a refurbished Shahid Smarak English Medium School in Raipur.

Key Points

- Earlier it was a municipal corporation-run Hindi medium school, which has now been brought under Swami Aatmanand Utkrishtha Vidyalaya Scheme.
- The building has been refurbished and the school has been transformed not only qualitatively but aesthetically too.
- The school now has a modern library, laboratories and a big playground.

Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana

Why in News

- On August 20, 2021, Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel transferred Rs 1,522 crore as the second installment to 21 lakh farmers of the state under the 'Rajiv Gandhi Kisan Nyay Yojana'.

Key Points

- In a function organized on 'Sadbhavana Diwas', the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi, Baghel E-transferred Rs 1 522 crore to the bank accounts of 21 lakh paddy and sugarcane growing farmers of the state.
- Out of the amount released to the farmers, an amount of Rs 1500 crore was transferred to the account of paddy growing farmers and Rs 22 crore three lakh was transferred to the account of sugarcane growing farmers.
- Apart from this, he also transferred a total amount of Rs 9.03 crore online to the cow dung purchased from animal farmers and collectors and to the Gothan Samitis and women self-help groups under the 'Rajiv Gandhi Godhan Nyay Yojana'.

Manendragarh is named as 'Manendragarh-Chirmiri - Bharatpur'

Why in News

- On August 21, 2021 Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel announced that Manendragarh, one of the four new districts announced recently, will now be known as 'Manendragarh-Chirmiri-Bharatpur'.

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- Chief Minister Baghel made this announcement while addressing a delegation of people from **two newly declared districts- 'Manendragarh' and 'Shakti'** at his official residence.
- He said that the main idea behind the announcement of new districts was **to work fast in the areas of education, health, employment and other sectors.**
- He said that **Chhattisgarh is the ninth largest state in the country geographically**, where there is a sparse population in many areas. Due to the geographical locations, the government faces difficulties in taking the government schemes to the general public. The creation of new districts will **reduce the distance between the administration and the people** and will help in strengthening the governance.
- Significantly, on August 15, 2021, Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel had announced the formation of four new districts including Manendragarh by reorganizing the districts in the state.

Raigarh Became the First District of the State to have 100% Vaccination

Why in News

- On August 21, 2021, it was officially announced by the state government that Raigarh has become the first district in Chhattisgarh where all adults have received the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine.

Key Points

- An official statement said that the target of the first dose of vaccination in the district was met on August 20, which was announced on August 21.
- According to the target, out of the total population of 16 lakh 94 thousand 234 in the district, 10 lakh 42 thousand 625 people were to be administered the first dose of Covid-19 vaccine, which has been completed.
- Here as per the target, the first dose of Covid-19 **vaccine has been given to 100% of the people above the age of 18 years.** The health department and district administration took 217 days to complete the target.
- According to the Health Department, since the start of the vaccination campaign, Raigarh **has been the leader**

in the entire state. On June 26, a mega-vaccination drive was carried out in the district, in which a record 1.43 lakh adults were vaccinated in a single day.

Best Tehsildar Samman

Why in news

- Recently, the Rajasthan government has decided to give the **best Tehsildar Samman** to **one Tehsildar from every district** for the best services rendered during the discharge of the responsibilities in the revenue sector.

Key Points

- A district level selection committee will be constituted for the selection of one Tehsildar from each district of Rajasthan. Additional District Collector (Administration) will be the convener in this committee, while the sub-divisional officer (headquarters) and another sub-divisional officer nominated by the district collector have been nominated as members.
- This committee will select the name of a Tehsildar and send it to the Revenue Board under the remarkable services rendered on the basis of the parameters laid down during the last financial year.
- On the basis of the proposals received from the districts, the selected Tehsildars would be honored with the best Tehsildar Samman by organizing a state level felicitation ceremony.

Payment Portal under Chief Minister Corona Sahayata Yojana

Why in News

- Recently the **Social Justice and Empowerment Department of Rajasthan** launched a centralized payment portal for quick and online payment of the **assistance amount due under the Chief Minister's Corona Sahayata Yojana.**

Key Points

- Till now, the orphan children, widows and their children marked by the **corona** epidemic were paid the due assistance directly by issuing offline approval at the level of the district collector.

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- Now the **Chief Minister Corona Sahayata Portal** has been developed by the department for quick approval and regular payment to such victim children and widows directly through their bank account.
- Now, by feeding all the beneficiaries paid offline by the department on the portal, the amount received from the **Chief Minister's Assistance Fund will be paid in a lump sum** and monthly dues through the online process.
- With this, all the beneficiaries will be able to get the amount regularly in their bank accounts every month. As soon as the amount is transferred to the account, SMS will also be sent by the portal to the concerned beneficiary's mobile number.
- It is worth mentioning that the **Chief Minister Corona Sahayata Yojana has been implemented by the Social Justice and Empowerment Department** to provide **economic, social and educational support to orphan children, widows and their children** due to the global corona epidemic.

Villages Declared as "Lacking" in Rajasthan

Why in News

- The Rajasthan state government has declared **85 villages in 11 districts as "Lacking"** on the basis of regular **Girdawari reports** of hailstorms in the year 2020-21.

Key Points

- According to Disaster Management Assistance and Civil Defense Department, one village from Alwar district, two from Barmer, four from Bikaner, nine from Bharatpur, two from Chittorgarh, two from Churu, nineteen of Hanumangarh, twenty eight from Jhunjhunu, eight from Kota, six from Sawai Madhopur and villages from Tonk district have been declared as "Lacking".
- It is noteworthy that on the basis of reports of hailstorms during Rabi crops (2020-21) received from Alwar, Barmer, Bikaner, Bharatpur, Chittorgarh, Churu, Hanumangarh, Jhunjhunu, Kota, Sawai Madhopur and Tonk, these 85 villages have been **notified as "lacking" by the state government.**

- This provision shall remain in force in such affected villages **till 30th September, 2021** from the date of publication of this notification.

MoU between Rajasthan Energy Development Corporation and SECI

Why in news

- **Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam** has signed an agreement with **Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI)** for procurement of 1,200 MW wind power at tendered rates.

Key Points

- This **wind energy** would be available to the state in the next 18 months.
- To buy 1,200 MW of wind power for the three power distribution companies of Rajasthan, SECI started the process of selecting wind power generation companies in December 2020.
- As a result of the better policies of the state government, according to the norms set during the tender process, the department received the lowest bid of Rs 2.77 per unit for 300 MW and Rs 2.78 per unit for 900 MW wind power, which is much less than the state average average power purchase cost of Rs 4.61 per unit in 2020-21.
- On commissioning of these projects, the average purchase rate of the state will come down further, which will directly benefit the consumers of the state.
- In its budget the Rajasthan government announced an increase in power generation in the state from non-conventional sources.
 - In order to increase power generation through non-conventional sources and to encourage investors in the state, the state government has also **released a renewed solar and wind energy policy in the year 2019.**

"Idea Wall"

Why in News

- On August 27, 2021, **Governor Kalraj Mishra** signed the **'Idea Wall'** built by the Regional Public Relations Bureau of the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** under the **Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav.**

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Key Points

- Governor Kalraj Mishra initiated the writing of ideas and suggestions for the creation of a new India on behalf of **75 dignitaries** of the state on the 'Idea Wall' at the Raj Bhavan.
- Regional Public Relations Bureau Director Ritu Shukla and Additional Director General Pragya Paliwal Gaur told that **75 selected suggestions** would be sent to the **Ministry of Information and Broadcasting** by collecting the views and suggestions of the dignitaries on the 'Idea Wall' under the Amrut Mahotsav of Azadi.
- A **15 stand mini mobile exhibition** focused on the fighters and events related to the freedom movement was also initiated.
- Simultaneously, the Governor flagged off a medical mobile van from Raj Bhavan for the purpose of **creating awareness about the corona vaccine**.
- It is worth mentioning that promotional and cultural programs will be organized at about 200 places in Jaipur, Kota, Ajmer, Bharatpur and Bikaner divisions by mobile van being run on Jhalawar and Jaipur to Sri Ganganagar route for 30 days. A 15 stand mini exhibition on the Amrut Mahotsav of Azadi is also being taken in these vehicles, which will be displayed for the general public from place to place.

'Har Ghar Nal Connection'**Why in News**

- On August 27, 2021 in a meeting of the **State Level Plan Approval Committee (SLSSC)**, 145 projects were approved at a cost of Rs 203.83 crore under **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** in rural areas of the state under the regular wing and major projects.

Key Points

- With this, 38,503 'Har Ghar Nal Connections' will be given in 173 villages. Apart from this, proposals of Rs 268.60 lakh for **preparation of survey and DPR in Chittorgarh and Udaipur** under major projects and Rs 297.55 crore for **support activities under the annual plan of JJM** were also approved in the meeting.
- In the meeting, 29 rural schemes were approved for 36 villages of **Dholpur** under the regular wing at a cost of Rs 47 crore. With this 9673 'Har Ghar Nal Connections' will be given.

- In **Jhalawar**, 31 rural schemes were approved for 34 villages at a cost of Rs. 24.49 crore. With this, 6008 'Har Ghar Nal Connections' will be given.
- In **Karauli**, 36 rural schemes have been approved for 43 villages at a cost of Rs 41.80 crore, out of which 9274 'Har Ghar Nal Connections' will be given.
- Approval of Rs 2.34 crore was also issued for 'Har Ghar Nal Connection' in a rural project in **Bundi district**.
- Apart from this, 47 rural schemes have been approved for 46 villages in **Alwar** at a cost of Rs 54.10 crore, out of which 11859 'Har Ghar Nal Connections' will be given.
- Under **Major Drinking Water Projects**, Rs 34.10 crore has been approved for **Singola Anicut based drinking water project** in Baran district. In this, 1367 'Har Ghar Nal Connections' will be given in 10 villages.
- For the work of survey and preparation of DPR, Rs 156.32 lakh was given for 36254 'Har Ghar Nal Connection' in 265 villages from **Chambal river based drinking water project** in Chittorgarh. Approval of Rs 112.28 lakh has been given for 26041 'Har Ghar Nal Connection' in 164 villages from **Som Kamla Amba Dam** in Udaipur.

MyBookLo App**Why in News**

- On August 28, 2021, **Rajasthan's Minister of State for Higher Education** launched the **MyBookLo app**, a digital library in **Jaipur**, to make study material easily available to college students.

Key Points

- Through this app, students will be able to prepare for competitive exams along with getting study material for their course. Under this, different categories of coaching will be given to the students.
- This innovation done by the College Education Department will prove to be helpful in giving a new direction to the higher education system of Rajasthan in the coming times.
- An MoU has been signed between the Commissionerate College of Education and **MyBookLo** Company to provide curriculum wise digital study material to the undergraduate and postgraduate level students studying in the college. This app will be a digital library for college students. Through which they can get video and PDF notes.

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Helicopter Joyride in Nathdwara

Why in News

- On August 28, 2021, the Speaker of the Assembly, Dr. C.P. Joshi launched the helicopter joyride at Nathdwara in Rajsamand district.

Key Points

- Through this, new heights will be given to tourism development in the region and efforts will be made to attract domestic and foreign tourists to the area with the coordinated efforts of the government, administration and public representatives.
- Joshi said that the tourists visiting Nathdwara will get a chance to see the scenic beauty of **Udaipur-Nathdwara-Kumbhalgarh** through helicopter and they will be able to enjoy tourism by staying in Nathdwara for two-three days instead of one day, which will help in tourism development of the area. Including economic development of the people here will also be possible.
- He said that keeping in view the passenger load, the number of helicopters can also be increased and in the coming days two engine helicopters will also be used.

Success in Paralympics

Why in News

- In the Paralympic Games being played in Tokyo, the players of **Rajasthan** have brought golden success to the state and the country.
 - **Avani Lakhera won gold medal in shooting while Devendra Jhajharia won silver medal and Sunder Singh Gurjar won bronze medal in javelin throw.**

Key Points

- **Avni Lakhera** of Jaipur won the gold medal in the **women's 10m Air Rifle (Class SH-1)** final by scoring **249 points**.
 - She is the **first Indian female athlete to do so.**
- In javelin throw, Devendra Jhajharia of Rajasthan won silver by throwing javelin **64.35 meters** away and Sunder Singh Gurjar won bronze by throwing **64.1 meters** away. It is noteworthy that earlier in **Paralympics Devendra Jhajharia has won gold medals for two times.**
- It is worth mentioning that **Avani Lakhera**, who won gold medal in shooting competition, is working as **ACF in Rajasthan Forest Department**.
 - **Devendra Jhajharia and Sunder Singh Gurjar** are also working as **ACF in the Forest Department.**
- The state government will give **prize money of Rs 3 crore, 2 crore and 1 crore** to the **players who win gold, silver and bronze medals respectively.**
- In the **budget of 2020-21**, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot announced that the amount given for winning gold, silver and bronze medals in Olympic Games will be increased **from Rs 75 lakh to Rs 3 crore, 50 lakh to Rs 2 crore and 30 lakh to Rs 1 crore respectively.**
 - The purpose of increasing the prize money is to encourage the players in the state.
- Similarly, the prize money given to the winners for winning gold, silver and bronze medals in **Asian and Commonwealth Games** has also been increased **from Rs.30 lakh, Rs. 20 lakh and Rs. 10 lakh to Rs.1 crore, Rs. 60 lakh and Rs. 30 lakh respectively.**
- In order to **promote sports**, medal winners in the state are being given appointments in government services **on the basis of out-of-turn policy.**
 - Avani Lakhera, Devendra Jhajharia and Sunder Singh Gurjar, who won medals in Tokyo Paralympic Games, have been appointed by the State Government as Assistant Conservator of Forests in the Forest Department on out-of-turn basis.



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