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## Rajasthan Premier League starts from August 19

### Why in News?

On August 1, 2023, the Rajasthan Cricket Association formally announced the start of the Rajasthan Premier League (RPL) on the lines of the Indian Premier League i.e. IPL in Jaipur from August 19.



### Key Points:

- RCA president Vaibhav Gehlot said that six teams will participate in the IPL starting in Jodhpur from August 19. For this, bidding for the purchase of the team will be started from August 1. The team will have to bid to buy.
- Vaibhav Gehlot said that big industry houses will bid for six teams - Jaipur, Jodhpur, Sikar, Kota, Bhilwara and Udaipur.
- In these teams, seven international players and 10 IPL players will also be seen playing with Rajasthani players.
- All the matches will be of international level, which will be played in the stadiums of Jaipur and Jodhpur. There will be two matches in a day. One will be played in daylight and the other under lights. A total of 34 matches will be played, each match will be of 20 overs.
- Vaibhav Gehlot said that the IPL trophy is also of international standard, for which gold work has been done on the silver trophy.

## Governor launches 'Read the Constitution and Live' campaign

### Why in News?

On August 2, 2023, the Governor of Rajasthan Kalraj Mishra started the 'Read the Constitution and Live' campaign of Sanskriti Yuva Sanstha at Raj Bhavan.

### Key Points:

- Governor Kalraj Mishra also inaugurated the message 'Preamble of the Constitution and Basic Duties' printed in 2 lakh numbers by Sanskriti Yuva Sanstha.

- He said that the intention behind the construction of the Constitution Garden in the Raj Bhavan has been to display the original copy of the Constitution and its clauses in a simple, easy way. He said that the original copy of the Constitution was prepared by Nandal Bose, a renowned artist of Shantiniketan and his fellow artists. Late Kirpal Singh Shekhawat of Rajasthan also had a great contribution to this.
- Pandit Suresh Mishra of Sanskriti Yuva Sanstha said that the Constitution Awareness Fortnight is being celebrated to learn the objectives of the Constitution and to follow the basic duties. Under this, the Preamble and Fundamental Duties of the Constitution have been published along with the Governor's message in two lakh copies. It will be disseminated door-to-door as part of the 'Read the Constitution and Live' campaign.



## The state tops in the whole country in 'Tarbandi Yojna'

### Why in News?

On August 2, 2023, Rajasthan's Agriculture Minister Lalchand Kataria told the assembly that the state is on top in the country in terms of benefiting farmers under the 'Tarbandi Yojana' to protect farmers' crops from stray cattle and other animals.

### Key Points:

- Agriculture Minister Lalchand Kataria while answering the supplementary questions asked by the legislators in this regard during the Question Hour said that a total provision of Rs 444.40 crore has been made in the year 2023-24 for the purpose of benefiting the farmers under the fencing scheme.
- He said that till now more than Rs. 4 crore has been spent under the scheme. He assured that efforts will be made to fulfil the targets set after harvesting.

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- He said that being impressed by this scheme, now the scheme is being started in Uttar Pradesh as well but at present, under the fencing scheme, the state is on top in the whole country in providing assistance from the state government to farmers for protection of their crops from animals by fencing around their fields.
- Earlier, in response to the original question of MLA Narendra Nagar, the Agriculture Minister said that from the year 2017-18 to the year 2022-23, a total of 69 crore 66 lakh 42 thousand rupees have been spent.
- Kataria said that in 3 years, 127 farmers have benefited under the wire fencing scheme in Khanpur assembly constituency. He placed the year-wise numerical details of the benefited farmers on the table of the House.

## Organ Donation Campaign started

### Why in News?

On August 3, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched and released a poster of the organ donation campaign launched by the Medical and Health Department at the Chief Minister's residence with the aim of making people aware of organ donation.

### Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister laid the foundation stone and inaugurated 249 works worth Rs 771 crore. The Chief Minister also flagged off 10 Chiranjeevi, 104 Janani Express ambulances and 25 mobile food testing labs.
- He said that the health infrastructure has been strengthened by opening new district hospitals, primary health centres, community health centres, and sub-health centres continuously in the state. Rajasthan is the only state in the country to implement the Right to Health Act.
- He said that medical colleges are being opened in 30 districts of the state. In the remaining three districts, the government has decided to open medical colleges at its own expense. Rajasthan is the first state in the country to approve medical colleges in all districts.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister extended the scope of free registration under the Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme to all EWS. Announced to do so. According to this, the premium amount of families with an income of less than Rs 8 lakh will be paid by the state government for all categories

including general, other backward classes, extremely backward classes, Scheduled Castes and Tribes.

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot felicitated the family members of organ donors and doctors who have done excellent work in the field of organ transplantation. A short film based on the theme of Model State Rajasthan in the field of health was also screened at the event.
- On this occasion, Medical and Health Minister Parsadi Lal Meena said that 88 percent of the families have been covered under Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme in the state. The insurance premium of 1.38 crore families is being paid by the state government.



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## National Handloom Week-2023

### Why in News?

On August 3, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the National Handloom Week-2023 being organized through video conference with an aim to promote and encourage weavers, handloom & khadi sector products in the state.

### Key Points:

- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that the handloom products of the state reflect the culture, heritage and history of the state. Handloom and Khadi also played an important role in the freedom struggle. This is the first time such an event is being organized in the state to give world-class recognition to these products and to give them a better platform.
- It is known that National Handloom Week-2023 is being organized from August 3 to 7 at Jawahar Kala Kendra.
- The Chief Minister said that the state government is working with commitment to increase the income and upliftment of handloom artisans. In this sequence, it was provided in the MSME Policy-2022 that such an event will be organized every year.
- This will attract buyers at the national and international levels towards the state's handloom products. Also, handloom weavers of the state and various Khadi products will be encouraged.
- He said that here handicrafts and artisans from different states of the country will be able to display and sell their artworks. This event will prove to be a better opportunity in terms of marketing.
- The Chief Minister said that Rajasthan's first Handicrafts Policy-2022 has been released for the upliftment of the products of handicrafts and the handloom sector and the artisans associated with them. This policy will create about 50 thousand new employment opportunities in the handloom sector in the state.
- Industries and Commerce Minister Shakuntala Rawat said about 85 percent of the weavers' population belongs to scheduled castes and minority communities. For their upliftment, many schemes and programs are being run through the Government's Department of Industry & Commerce, Rajasthan Handloom Development Corporation, Weavers Association, Khadi Board, RUDA etc.

- Vishwakarma Kamgar Kalyan Yojana-2023 has been implemented by the state government. Under this, financial assistance is being provided to 1 lakh youth of women, workers, handicrafts, hairstyles, pottery and nomadic class to start their own employment.
- Additional Chief Secretary (Industries) Veenu Gupta said that direct purchasing companies, buying agents, retailers associations, and national & international level marketing companies have been invited to the National Handloom Week-2023 to arrange sustainable marketing for handloom and Khadi products in the state.
- During this five-day event, 80 stalls have been set up to showcase handloom and khadi products, out of which 70 stalls will sell and display khadi and handloom products of the state and 10 stalls will sell and display excellent products of other state weavers.
- The event will also see the presence of 10 National Weaver Awardees who will showcase and sell their extraordinary creations.
- During the National Handloom Week, buyer-seller meets, exhibitions, theme pavilions, talk shows, quiz competitions, workshops and seminars as well as 'fashion shows' will be organized at the Rajasthan International Centre.



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## India International Travel Mart – Rajasthan gets the Best Heritage Tourism Destination of the Year Award

### Why in News?

Rajasthan has been awarded the Best Heritage Tourism Destination of the Year Award, represented by the Department of Tourism, at the India International Travel Mart held in Chennai on August 6, 2023.

### Key Points:

- Deputy Director Ajay Sharma and Tourism Officer Siraj Qureshi received the award on behalf of the Rajasthan Tourism Department at the ceremony.
- It is known that Rajasthan is known on the world stage for its art-culture, historical heritage, religious places, famous temples, ancient forts, palaces, delicious cuisine, natural beauty and tourist places.
- Through a powerpoint presentation by the Rajasthan Tourism Team, the steps taken by the state government in the tourism sector, information about new schemes and tourism promotion films were also displayed.



## Rajasthan State Guru Gorakhnath Board formed

### Why in News?

Orders in this regard have been issued by the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment after Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal of the Rajasthan State Guru Gorakhnath Board on August 5, 2023.

### Key Points:

- The Board will have 5 non-official members (Chairman, Vice-Chairman and 3 Members). Also, Department of Industries, School Education (Primary/medical) & Sanskrit Education, Department of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Department of Labour, Department of Devasthan, Department of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government Secretary/Commissioner/ Joint Director or their representatives will be on the Board as Government Members.
- A Deputy Director level officer of Social Justice and Empowerment Department will be the Secretary in the Board.
- The Managing Director of the Rajasthan State Other Backward Classes Finance and Development Cooperative Corporation Limited or his representative will be a special invitee to the Board.
- The Administrative Department of the Board will be the Social Justice and Empowerment Department.
- The Rajasthan State Guru Gorakhnath Board will identify the problems of Jogi, Yogi, Nath castes & give suggestions to the state government on the basis of authentic survey report to provide basic facilities to these classes and remove backwardness.
- Suggestions will be given by the Board to propose various schemes for the welfare of the society, coordination with various departments in respect of ongoing schemes, promotion of employment, educational and economic upgradation of the society, promotion of traditional business of the society beyond the existing norms.
- Along with this, other suggestions including strengthening & renovation of the religious and cultural heritage of the society & monasteries, research on articles, texts, literature etc. related to the society, taking concrete measures against social evils will also be presented to the state government.

## 'Maharaja Hanwant Singh Marwar Sangeet Ratna Award'

### Why in News?

On August 07, 2023, Governor Kalraj Mishra felicitated world-famous bamboo player Pandit Hariprasad Chourasia with the 'Maharaja Hanwant Singh Marwar Sangeet Ratna

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Award' at the Mehrangarh Museum Trust and Swar Sudha at Rajmata Krishna Kumari Girls Public School, located in Rai Ka Bagh, Jodhpur.

### Key Points:

- The Governor rewarded Pandit Hariprasad Chaurasia with a shawl, quince and a check of one lakh rupees.
- Gaj Singh, former chairman of Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation, said that it has been a tradition of this award that it has always been conferred by the Governor.
- Debopriya and Suchismita Chatterjee, two disciples of Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia and tabla musician Ashish Ragwani (Mumbai) participated on this occasion.
- Referring to the special aspects of Pt. Hariprasad Chaurasia's personality and creativity, the Governor said that the way he has enriched Indian classical music with his flute is the heritage of our country. Chaurasia has continuously enriched the ancient heritage of musical melody and traditional raga-music.
- It is known that Maharaja Hanwant Singh had done the work of strengthening democracy in the era of monarchy and by introducing the amazing Karmayog, he became the favorite of the people by getting immense popularity.
- It was during his reign that the revolutionary, progressive work of first introducing the Marwari Tenancy and Land Revenue Act took place, due to which lakhs of farmers became permanent tenants of their fields in a single day.
- Hanuwant Singh had many eccentricities including music love, land revenue, faith & contribution towards democracy and trend towards polo match.



## Jan Aadhaar Yojana won the Gold Award in the Category 'Digital Transformation in Social Sector'

### Why in News?

On August 5, 2023, Rajasthan government's important flagship Jan Aadhaar Yojana to provide good governance through e-governance won the Gold Award in the category 'Digital Transformation in Social Sector' at the three-day Economic Times Government Digi-tech Conclave and Awards 2023 held in Goa.

### Key Points:

- On behalf of the department, the award was received by Bhanwar Lal Bairwa, Director, Department of Economic and Statistics and Sitaram Swaroop, Joint Director, Jan Aadhaar Authority.
- It is worth mentioning that this award is one of the prestigious e-Governance awards of the national level, which has been instituted with the aim of recognizing and honoring digital experiments and innovations being made in the field of e-governance.
- Its jury members include current and former technical officers of the central and state governments.
- Sitaram Swaroop, Joint Director, Jan Aadhaar Authority, said the Jan Aadhaar scheme received the award from over 300 entries received from across the country.
- Janadhar is a basic database through which all the benefits are transferred to the eligible beneficiaries of the state government's public welfare schemes through a single platform without any human intervention.
- Janadhar also facilitates auto intimation and auto approval of beneficiaries through its database.

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## Rajasthan Prakrit Language and Literature Academy will be formed

### Why in News?

On August 8, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to set up the Rajasthan Prakrit Language and Literature Academy.

### Key Points:

- Rajasthan Prakrit Language and Sahitya Academy will work for the publication of folk literature of Jainism including the restoration & preservation of archaeological heritage and temples of Jain community.
- The Academy will undertake several works for the restoration, preservation and promotion of Prakrit and Jain language literature, including preparing a directory of high-quality texts, manuscripts, literature corpus, vocabulary and texts, translating Prakrit language into Indian languages.
- Apart from these, literary conferences, seminars, symposiums, poet conferences, lecture series, camps, exhibitions and all publicity related activities are organized, honouring litterateurs for their outstanding works, etc.
- The Academy will establish libraries, reading rooms and center's of study and discussion, formulate plans for the upliftment of Prakrit language and literature and carry forward the objectives of the Academy.
- The Academy will have four officers including president, vice-president, treasurer and secretary. They will be appointed by the state government.

- Along with this, there will be a general meeting of the academy, in which the above four officers including the Department of Art, Literature, Culture and Archeology, Department of College Education, Department of School Education (Primary / Secondary), Deputy Government Secretary / Joint Government Secretary of Rajasthan Oriental Vidya Pratishthan Jodhpur /Commissioner/ Director or his representative.
- Apart from these, there will be 6 Prakrit language litterateurs nominated by the state government, 3 representatives nominated by the state government of reputed institutions working for the promotion and development of Prakrit language and 7 persons nominated by the General Assembly.
- It will be headquartered in Jaipur or Rajasthan Prachya Vidya Pratishthan Jodhpur.
- The administrative department of the Academy will be the Department of Art, Literature, Culture and Archaeology and the Principal Secretary of Government or his representative (Joint Government Secretary / Deputy Government Secretary level officer) will act as an official member in the Academy till the Constitution/ Rules of the Academy are framed.

## Water Resources Department Received ET Government Digi-Tech Award 2023

### Why in News?

The Water Resources Department of Rajasthan was awarded the ET Government Digi-Tech Award 2023 in the category of Digital Initiatives at the three-day Economic Times Government Digi-Tech Conclave & Awards 2023 being held in Goa on August 8, 2023.

### Key Points:

- Dr. Subodh Agarwal, Additional Chief Secretary, Water Resources and IGNP received the award at the function.
- During the program, the Additional Chief Secretary told about the innovations in information and technology happening in the department and the state.
- Rajasthan has received this award at the national level for outstanding use of digital technology in the field of water.
- It is worth mentioning that the Water Informatics Centre run by the Department of Water Resources,

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Government of Rajasthan has received this award in the category of 'Digital Initiative in Making Climate/ Disaster Resistant States/Cities'.

- This award is one of the prestigious national level e-Governance Awards, which has been instituted with the objective of recognizing and recognizing the digital experiments & innovations being done in the field of E-Governance.



## Incubation and Innovation Center to be set up at Govind Guru Tribal University, Banswara

### Why in News?

On August 8, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved a financial proposal of Rs 6.89 crore for setting up an Incubation & Innovation centre at Govind Guru Tribal University in Banswara district of the state.

### Key Points:

- With this decision of the Chief Minister, this Incubation & Innovation Center will be established to encourage the students and youth of the tribal area to increase the innovation skills. Also, the youth of the tribal area will get a boost in the field of innovation and entrepreneurship.
- The incubation centre will provide incubation space, lab, auditorium, tinkering lab, AR/VR setup with state-of-the-art infrastructure for entrepreneurs.
- The primary objective of this Incubation and Innovation Centre is to encourage and facilitate students to solve real-life problems using scientific theories and technologies learned through interaction with mentors.

- It is worth mentioning that an announcement in this regard was made by the Chief Minister in the budget for the year 2023-24.

## World Tribal Day celebration in Mangarh Dham

### Why in News?

On August 9, 2023, World Tribal Day celebrations were organized at Mangarh Dham in Banswara district of Rajasthan, in which Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot made several announcements for the tribal area.

### Key Points:

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that it is the dream of the state government to ensure the all-round development of the tribal areas. The state government has ensured that every person is benefited by running public welfare schemes for a particular area while fulfilling the responsibility towards the tribals.
- He said that if Mangarh was not declared a national monument by the Central Government, now the state government would spend Rs 100 crore for the development of Dham.
- It is known that thousands of tribals sacrificed their lives under the leadership of Govind Guru for the independence of the country. A state holiday has been declared by the state government for his martyrdom.
- Also, works have started at a cost of Rs 135 crore for other works including a bridge at Beneshwar Dham in the area.
- The construction work of an additional high level canal worth Rs 2500 crore has started for the farmers and the common man.
- Scholarships worth Rs 200 crore have been distributed to students of tribal areas. Also, thousands of students are living in 219 hostels and shaping their future.
- Chief Minister's announcements for tribal areas:
  - A bridge will be built on Bhairavji temple located in Mangarh area. It will cost Rs 37 crore.
  - The state government has decided to transfer 2000 outstation teachers working in the TSP area. This will now give teachers in this field an opportunity to teach.

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- Along with the TSP area, Maa-Wadi centers will also be opened in other places of the state.
- One lakh children of the state, including tribal areas, will be able to study in hostels. For this, the number of hostels will be increased.
- At the function, MP Rahul Gandhi unveiled the logo of Annapurna Food Packet & Smartphone Scheme and handed over packets & smartphones to a beneficiary.



## Inauguration of 'Indira Gandhi Smartphone Yojana'

### Why in News?

On August 10, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched the 'Indira Gandhi Smartphone Scheme' by pressing the remote button and providing smartphones to beneficiary women at Birla Auditorium auditorium in Jaipur.

### Key Points:

- 'Indira Gandhi Smartphone Scheme' will become a major medium for empowerment of women with a revolution in the IT sector. Through the scheme, almost every woman of the state will have a mobile in her hand.
- The Chief Minister also released the Digital Sakhi Handbook 'Seekho Digital, Sikhao Digital' at the event. All the information related to the use of mobile in the handbook has been included with color pictures.
- A short video film related to Indira Gandhi Smartphone Scheme was also screened on the occasion.
- Under the scheme, 1.35 crore women of Chiranjeevi families will be given smartphones with 3 years of internet connectivity. In the first phase, smartphones have been given to 40 lakh women and girl students.
- Under the scheme, DBT of Rs 6800 is being given to the beneficiaries for each smartphone and initially 20 GB data is being provided.

- Now smartphones will be provided to women in the camps without any problem. Also, they will get information about how to operate mobile phones in the camp.
- The Chief Minister said that in the second phase of the scheme, smartphones would be made available to 80 lakh women. Making smartphones available to women is not a cesspool but a means of women empowerment. There are many uses of mobile, which make life easier.
- He said that this scheme has been brought on the theme of 'Knowledge is Power'. Through smartphones, access and engagement of women will be ensured with welfare schemes. Along with benefiting themselves, they will also be able to do social service by making women aware.



## Rajasthan got to host National School Competitions in 6 sports

### Why in News?

On August 10, 2023, the School Games Federation of India released the 67th National School Games Calendar for the year 2023-2024, handing over six national school competitions to Rajasthan in tennis, basketball, judo, weightlifting, softball and kabaddi.

### Key Points:

- This will be the first time that national competitions of half a dozen sports will be organized simultaneously in the National School Games calendar in the state.
- According to the schedule proposed by the School Games Federation of India, tennis tournaments (Under-17 and Under-19 girls category) are proposed

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to be held in Jodhpur in the first week of December 2023, basketball (Under-14 girls category) in Barmer in the second week of December 2023.

- Apart from these, judo (under-19 boys and girl category) tournaments are proposed to be held in Sri Ganganagar in the first week of February 2024, softball (under-17 boys and girls category) in Bikaner in the first week of November 2023, kabaddi (under-17 girls category) in Jaipur in the first week of January 2024 and weightlifting (under-19 boys and girls category) in Bikaner in the first week of November 2023.
- Education Minister Dr. BD Kalla and Minister of State for Education Zahida Khan said that it is historic that the state is hosting these six national competitions simultaneously. This will further boost the school sports activities under the department and establish new dimensions of progress in all sports in the state.
- It is noteworthy that in the 66th National School Games held in New Delhi, Bhopal and Gwalior recently, players from Rajasthan under the banner of the State School Education Department performed brilliantly by winning 8 gold, 9 silver and 15 bronze medals in individual and team events.
- According to the information received from the officials of the Sports Division from the Directorate of Education, Bikaner, so far in the past years, national events related to school games have been held in the state on 6 occasions.

## **1000 Franchisee Scheme for Specially Abled, Single Women & other Deprived Sections**

### **Why in News?**

On August 10, 2023, Rajasthan Industries and Commerce Minister Shakuntala Rawat informed that a new scheme is being started by the state government to provide employment opportunities in the retail sector to specially-abled, single women and other disadvantaged sections.

### **Key Points:**

- In the scheme, the state's specially-abled people, single women, unmarried women (age above 30 years), abandoned, divorced, widows and other deprived sections, including other backward classes

(except creamy layer), scheduled castes, scheduled tribes, economically weaker sections, Below poverty line candidates will be eligible.

- To provide employment opportunities to them, reputed private firms in the retail sector such as proprietorship/partnership firms/limited liability partnerships/companies/Hindu Undivided Families are involved in the scheme.
- Private firms in this category do business through ready-to-do business models, franchises, dealership models. Through these, 1000 franchises will be opened. For this, this scheme is being started to provide training to selected persons as well as to provide a grant of one lakh rupees per franchise.
- It is worth mentioning that this scheme was announced by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot in the budget presented for the financial year 2023-24.
- The draft scheme has been uploaded on the website <https://industries.rajasthan.gov.in/> of the Department of Industry and Commerce by the Department of Industry and Commerce to give concrete shape to the scheme on the ground.

## **Beginning of Rajasthan State Mahavriksh Competition**

### **Why is News?**

On August 11, 2023, the Rajasthan State Biodiversity Board has launched the Rajasthan State Mahavriksha Competition with an aim to promote conservation of local trees.

### **Key Points:**

- Through the competition, the common people can win cash prizes by nominating a living big tree. The last date for receipt of nominations is September 15, 2023.
- Board Member Secretary Rajiv Chaturvedi said that efforts are being made to find large trees of different species through the competition. For this, entries of locally and culturally valuable tree species have been invited by the general public.
- It lists 113 species of trees including Peepal, Banyan, Rohini, Mango, Chironji, Sitaphal, Dates, Kaira, Kalpa Tree, Amla, Shisham, Googgal, Akashneem, Rohida, Mulberry, Beelpatra, Kadamb, Teak, Amaltas, Tamarind, Neem, Khejri.

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- The general public can send the entries offline with photos of the big old tree of these species. Online entries can be sent by e-mail to the applicant at rsbblargetree@gmail.com or by WhatsApp at 6350697765.
- The committee constituted by the Board will select the big tree and prizes will be given to the winners.
- Out of the listed species, the largest tree at the state level will be awarded Rs 1500, the largest tree at the district level will be given Rs 1500, the largest tree covered with canopy in terms of area will get Rs 3000 and the best ten trees with different and special morphological characteristics will be given Rs 1500 per tree.
- Also, an amount of Rs 11,000 will be given to the department, NGO, agency or BMC under a special award to spread awareness about this program.

## Inauguration of 'CM Free Annapurna Food Packet Scheme'

### Why is News?

On August 15, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched the 'Chief Minister Free Annapurna Food Packet Scheme' in the state on the auspicious occasion of Independence Day at a program organized at Birla Auditorium in Jaipur and also released the poster of the scheme.

### Key Points:

- Under this scheme, free Annapurna food packets will be distributed every month to more than 1.04 crore families in the state.
- In order to fulfill the resolution that no one sleeps hungry in the state, 1 kg of chana dal, sugar & iodized salt, one litre of soybean refined edible oil, 100-100 grams of chilli powder & coriander powder and 50 grams of turmeric powder will be available free of cost in this Annapurna food packet to be distributed through POS machines.
- It is known that due to the government of India fixing the limit of maximum beneficiaries in the National Food Security Scheme (NFSA), many needy families are deprived of its benefits. During the Covid pandemic, about 32 lakh NFSA and non-NFSA families were given

financial assistance of Rs 5500 after conducting a survey of destitute families.

- The Chief Minister said that non-NFSA families who were given financial assistance in Covid will also be provided free ration kits in the Annapurna Ration Kit Scheme.
- He has also urged the Central Government that instead of extending the period of ration distribution by 6-6 months, it should be implemented regularly.
- The commission received by ration dealers on distribution of Annapurna food packets has been increased from Rs 4 to Rs 10 per packet.
- At the same time, the Chief Minister announced to give commission to ration dealers in the state on the basis of telescopic rate and no fee will be charged from ration dealers without pos machines.



## Inauguration of Satellite Hospital Chittorgarh

### Why is News?

On August 15, 2023, Rajasthan Heritage Authority Board Chairman, Minister of State Surendra Singh Jadawat and District Collector Piyush Samaria inaugurated the Satellite Hospital in Chittorgarh district.

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**Key Points:**

- Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that the demand for a satellite hospital in Chittorgarh had been there for a long time, which the Chief Minister immediately approved.
- This satellite hospital will cover about 35 wards of the city. This will reduce the burden on the government hospital.
- The state government has started appointing doctors and paramedical staff in the satellite hospital. Indoor facilities will also be started here soon.
- A police outpost in the satellite hospital premises will also be started soon.



## 7 Proposals approved in the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Investment

**Why is News?**

On August 16, 2023, in the fifth meeting of the Board of Investment held in Jaipur, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved giving customized packages to 7 projects to encourage investment of Rs 24 thousand 681 crore in the state.

**Key Points:**

- Employment opportunities will be created for more than 10,000 people with the proposals approved in the meeting.
- In the meeting, the proposals regarding package, concession, exemption and other facilities for the enterprises were approved by the board. The approved

proposals are mainly related to solar cells and modules, auto components, juice and dairy products, and cement sectors.

- It is worth mentioning that the chief minister is the chairman of this board, constituted to provide speedy approval and permission to investment proposals under the One Stop Shop system, while the Industries Minister is its vice-chairman.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that many important policies and programs have been implemented by the state government in the last four and a half years to increase investment in the state.
- Various facilities are being provided to entrepreneurs and investors in Rajasthan through MSME Policy, Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme (RIPS-2019), RIPS 2022, Rajasthan Industrial Development Policy-2019, One Stop Shop System and Single Window System. This has increased investment and employment in the state.
- He said that the state government has resolved to include Rajasthan in the leading states under Mission 2030 and industrial development and increase in investment have an important role in this. By the year 2030, the state government aims to increase the state's GDP by about two and a half times to Rs 35.71 lakh crore.
- It is known that in the year 2018-19, the state's GDP was around Rs 9 lakh 11 thousand crore, which has now increased to around Rs 14.14 lakh crore.
- It is known that the state has immense possibilities for solar energy. Solar parks are being set up for this. Possibilities should also be explored to set up production units of components to be installed in the solar park in the state. With this, the revenue of the state will increase, employment will increase and modules and components will be easily available to the units setting up solar parks.
- **The following proposals were approved in the meeting:**
- **Project of Kamlesh Metacast Pvt Ltd:** It will consist of 1.65 MTPA clinker, 2.2 MTPA cement and a 35 MW captive solar plant. Its investment amount is Rs 1715 crore. Under this, 825 people will get employment. For this, the place has been selected in Pindwara of Sirohi district.

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- **Project of Hindustan Zinc Fertilizer Pvt Ltd:** It will have a 0.51 MTPA Fertilizer Complex [Di-Ammonium Phosphate (DAP), & NPK]. Its investment amount is Rs 1655 crore. Under this, 820 people will get employment. For this, the place has been selected in the Gangrar of Chittorgarh district.
- **Project of Vari Energies Limited:** It will consist of ingots, wafers, solar cells and solar modules (12 GW capacity in two phases). Its investment amount is Rs 15,750 crore. Under this, 3800 people will get employment. For this, the place has been selected in the Kankani industrial area of Jodhpur district.
- **Project of JSW Renewable Technologies Limited:** It will consist of ingots, wafers, solar cells and solar modules (1 GW capacity). Its investment amount is Rs 1674 crore. Under this, in 1880 people will get employment. For this, the place has been selected in Barmer.
- **Project of Baxi Group:** It will involve auto components. Its investment amount is Rs 1005 crore. Under this, 2000 people will get employment. For this, the place has been selected in Bhiwadi and Neemrana industrial areas.
- **Kandhari Global Beverages Pvt Ltd's project:** It will include an integrated ultra mega facility for Coca-Cola brand juices, and dairy products. Its investment amount is Rs 1010 crore. Under this, 805 people will get employment. For this, the place has been selected in Bundi district.
- **Project of Shree Cement Limited:** It is an integrated project of 3 MTPA Clinker, 4.4 MTPA Cement Plant. The investment amount in this is Rs 1872 crore. Under this, 500 people will get employment. For this, the place has been selected in Jaitaran of Beawar district.



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## Rajasthan State Balinath Board will be formed

### Why is News?

On August 16, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved the formation of Rajasthan State Balinath Board in the state.

### Key Points:

- On August 16, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the formation of Rajasthan State Balinath Board in the state.
- **Key Points:**
  - This board will give suggestions to the state government to provide basic facilities to these classes and to remove their backwardness based on authentic survey reports along with taking stock of the condition of Barwa, and Berwa caste classes.
  - The board proposes various schemes for the welfare of the society, coordination with various departments concerning the various ongoing schemes, taking forward the traditional business of the society with the present methods, promoting employment and educational and economic upgradation of the society. Suggestions will be given in this regard.
  - Along with this, other suggestions including taking concrete measures against social evils and evils will also be presented to the state government.
  - The Board will have 5 non-official members (Chairman, Vice-Chairman and 3 Members).
  - Apart from these, the Government Secretary/Commissioner/Director or their representative of the Industries Department, School Education (Primary/Secondary) and Sanskrit Education Department, Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Department, Labor Department, Social Justice and Empowerment Department or their representatives will be on the board as official members.
  - A Deputy Director level officer of the Social Justice and Empowerment Department will be the Secretary of the Board.
  - The Managing Director of the Rajasthan State Scheduled Caste Finance and Development Cooperative Corporation Limited or his representative will be a special invitee to the Board.
  - The Administrative Department of the Board will be the Social Justice and Empowerment Department.



## 'Asia's Best Employer Brand' Award-2023 to Housing Board and 'Exemplary Leadership' Award to Housing Commissioner

### Why is News?

On August 16, 2023, Asia's Best Employer Brand Award-2023 has been awarded to Rajasthan Housing Board and 'Exemplary Leadership and CSR Initiative Award' to Housing Commissioner Pawan Arora by The World HRD Congress at a glittering event held at Hotel Pan Pacific, Singapore.

### Key Points:

- Like every time, this time also the Housing Commissioner did not go himself and sent the senior officials of the team abroad to get the title. Additional Chief Town Planner Anil Mathur, Additional Chief Engineer Vijay Aggarwal and Deputy Financial Advisor OP Butoliya received the award on behalf of the commissioner.
- Housing Commissioner Pawan Arora said that 4 years ago the recommendation for closure of the board was started. The same officers of the Board are now going to the country and abroad and collecting awards in different fields.
- It is worth mentioning that in the last four years under the leadership of Housing Commissioner Pawan Arora, the board has received a total of 35 awards. These include World Book of Records in House Sales, SKOCH Award-2021, Award of Excellence, Honor by National Real Estate Development Council, National Housing Award, IBC and 'Star of Governance-Gold Award' and 'Real Estate Conclave', 'OMG-Book of Records' among others.

## NLC India Ltd. signs long term power use agreement with Rajasthan for 300 MW solar project

### Why is News?

On August 17, 2023, NLC India Limited (NLCIL), a Navratna Central Public Sector Undertaking under the administrative control of the Ministry of Coal, has entered

into a long-term power use agreement with Rajasthan Urja Vikas Nigam Limited (RUVNL) for supply of 300 MW solar power under CPSU scheme in Rajasthan.



### Key Points:

- A capacity of 300 MW solar project is being implemented at Barsingsar in Bikaner district of Rajasthan. The EPC contract for the project has been awarded to M/s Tata Power Solar Systems through competitive bidding.
- The project will generate 750 million units of electricity annually and the total green power generated will be supplied to Rajasthan. The project will help Rajasthan meet its renewable energy purchase obligation targets.
- The power generated from this project will help reduce 0.726 million tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions every year. With regard to renewable energy, NLCIL is expanding this capacity to other states for the first time in addition to the existing 1.40 GW capacity in Tamil Nadu.
- NLCIL currently has a capacity of 1,421 MW of renewable energy. According to the company's corporate plan, it is looking at installing 6,031 MW capacity by 2030.
- The company has achieved 510 MW solar project capacity in Link-III of CPSU Scheme Phase-II initiated by Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency (IREDA) through competitive bidding.

## Noor Shekhawat became the 1<sup>st</sup> Transgender of Rajasthan to have a Jan Aadhaar card

### Why is News?

According to the information given by the Information and Public Relations Department of Rajasthan on August 20, 2023, Noor Shekhawat, a transgender studying in Rajasthan University, has become the first transgender of Rajasthan to have a Jan Aadhaar card.

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**Key Points:**

- For the 1<sup>st</sup> time in the state, the Jan Adhaar Authority has issued a Jan Adhaar card to a transgender, setting a new precedent.
- Joint Director of Rajasthan Jan Adhaar Authority Sitaram Swaroop said that this is the first time that a Jan Adhaar card has been issued in the name of a transgender.
- He said Noor Shekhawat had met him and explained her problem that she did not have her own Aadhaar card due to rejection by the family, due to which she was not able to take advantage of any scheme run by the state government.
- According to the rules, only a woman above 18 years of age or a man above 21 years of age can be made the head of any Jan Aadhaar family. So far, no transgender has been made the head of the family nor has any transgender approached the authority so far and applied for the post of head of the family. For this reason, Noor Shekhawat was also disappointed in her efforts.
- When contacted by Noor, Sitaram Swaroop directed his technical team to make changes in the software and handed over an E-copy of the Jan Aadhaar card to Noor Shekhawat by enrolling her in Jan Aadhaar.
- With the receipt of Jan Aadhaar card, Noor will now be able to easily get the benefits of various schemes of the state government like other beneficiaries.



- Presiding over the conference, the Lok Sabha Speaker said that the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association was established in the year 1911, when there were 57 countries in it. After this it continued to expand. This Sangh has made unprecedented contributions in strengthening the democratic institutions.
- In the conference, the Chief Minister said that CPA India is playing an important role in the direction of public welfare through ideas and innovations by organizing various activities for the strengthening of the democratic system.
- Through the conference, the knowledge of public representatives will be enhanced with the views of experts, due to which democracy and good governance will be stronger.
- The main objective of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) is to strengthen democracy. Through this, the Speaker of the Parliament and the heads of the legislatures of various states, people's representatives, etc. together brainstorm for the strengthening of democracy. Make a common policy and implement it, it helps in strengthening democracy.
- There will be brainstorming through CPA as to how to run the House smoothly, so that policies and rules can be determined according to the interests of the common man.
- The guests also released a coffee table book based on the various programs and workshops organized by the Rajasthan branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly.
- Similarly, a documentary based on the programs of the Rajasthan branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association was also screened in the programme.

## 9<sup>th</sup> CPA India Region Conference begins in Udaipur

**Why in News?**

On August 21, 2023, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh and other guests inaugurated the 9th India Region Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) by lighting the lamp in the city of lakes, Udaipur.

**Key Points:**

- In the conference, brainstorming started on important points like strengthening of democratic institutions, making people's representatives more accountable and good governance through digital empowerment.

## One District One Project (ODOP) Display Window

**Why in News?**

On August 21, 2023, Rajeev Arora, Chairman of Rajasthan Small Industries Corporation and Rajasthan Export Promotion Council, inaugurated the ODOP display window at Rajasthali Emporium in New Delhi under the 'One District One Project' (ODOP) of the Government of India.

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**Key Points:**

- Speaking on the occasion, RAJSICO Chairman said that ODOP through its display window has the potential to promote social and economic development of artisans, craftsmen & farmers of Rajasthan.
- It is known that this initiative conceptualized by Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has already started giving results as industrial units are flourishing under the MSME policy of the state. In addition, the ODOP mission will give a big boost to export opportunities through the Become an Exporter scheme.
- The Chairman described the specialty of Blue Pottery Gems and Jewellery of Jaipur while describing the famous products of different districts of Rajasthan.
- The occasion showcased Jodhpur's Wood & Iron Handicrafts, exquisite creations of Jodhpur artisans painstakingly made from wood & wrought iron, showcasing their skill and creativity.
- The RAJSICO Chairman said that the Kota Doria of Kota, the delicate and distinctive Kota Doria textiles known for their light & intricate weaves, reflect the true essence of the artistic heritage of Rajasthan.
- Nagaur's marble products, skilled hands and craftsmen shape lasting beauty by transforming pristine marble into breathtaking art. Theva Art of Pratapgarh: The mesmerizing Theva technique, a fusion of gold and glass, unfolds captivating stories through its intricate motifs.
- Similarly, this display of excellence extends to innumerable other products, including cumin & leather products from Jalore, honey & edible oil from Bharatpur, jute carpets from Dausa, terracotta from Rajsamand, textile embroidery from Barmer and diverse offerings from various districts. Each product captures the essence of Rajasthan's heritage.
- The state government aims to ensure that Rajasthan's products are exported directly, eliminating the need for intermediary procurement from other states or cities. This will not only empower the local artisans and farmers of the state but will also increase the global presence of Rajasthan.
- At the inauguration ceremony, Additional Chief Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, Government of Rajasthan, Veenu Gupta said that the inauguration of ODOP Display Window in Delhi will prove to be a milestone, increasing the income of artisans, craftsmen & farmers.

- RAJSICO Managing Director Dr. Manisha Arora said that with the growing demand for Rajasthan's exquisite handicrafts, timeless gems & Jewellery, exclusive textiles, abundant agricultural produce, state-of-the-art machinery, delectable marble creations & aromatic spices in the G-20 countries and across the globe, RAJSICO has taken this step-in response.
- A state-of-the-art ODOP display window has been carefully crafted at Rajasthali Emporium, New Delhi, harmoniously blending contemporary aesthetics with traditional charm.



## The Chief Minister gave Approval for the Construction and Renovation of 150 Anicuts & 100 Canals in the State.

### Why in News?

On August 21, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the construction & restoration of 150 anicuts & 100 canal systems related to canals, water & irrigation projects to continuously work for the

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development and strengthening of irrigation systems in different areas of the state.

### Key Points:

- It is known that the Chief Minister had announced construction & renovation works of 100 anicuts and 100 canal systems in the state at Rs 800 crore.
- Given the importance of suggestions and works received from the people of the state about anicuts, instead of 100 these works have been increased and approval has been given for the construction/strengthening works of 150 anicuts. Availability of water will be ensured in more areas than this.
- It is worth mentioning that in the budget year 2023-24, the Chief Minister announced the renovation of various anicuts and canals in the state.

## Rajasthan Mission-2030

### Why in News?

On August 22, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched the ambitious 'Rajasthan Mission-2030' in the direction of making Rajasthan the leader of India in every field by the year 2030.

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- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said at the inauguration ceremony of the mission at Birla Auditorium in Jaipur that every person's participation will be ensured in speeding up the state's progress 10 times.
- The state government will take advice and suggestions from 1 crore people for Rajasthan of their dreams. Based on these, the 'Vision-2030 Document' will be prepared and released.
- The Chief Minister interacted with experts, officials, non-governmental organizations, youth, women, students and the public in the programme. Everyone gave their expectations, ideas and suggestions for the progress of the state.
- Girls have made Rajasthan a leader in terms of women/girls' safety, expansion of Udaan Yojana, self-reliant economy, promotion of e-marketing, career-oriented training in schools and colleges, making maximum attendance of students mandatory in higher education, UPSC Many suggestions were given including the release of calendar of RPSC, promotion of agri-tourism, agri-farming.

- People's representatives, officers and common people from all 50 districts joined the VC. During this, the Chief Minister also announced the upgradation of Udaipur's Government Meera Kanya Mahavidyalaya to post-graduation.
- In the journey of vision document, suggestions and ideas will be taken through website mission 2030. rajasthan.gov.in, toll free number, video messages, contests, essay competitions. The Chief Minister himself will also interact with various stakeholders and experts. Programs will also be held at divisional and district level. Departmental officers will also have to give suggestions.
- Face to face surveys will be done by Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Mitra and Mahatma Gandhi Preraks. After this, first the departmental document will be issued, then the vision-2030 document of the state will be presented in front of the country under the leadership of Chief Minister Rajasthan Economic Reform Advisory Council. Wide public participation will be ensured in this.
- Planning Minister Mamta Bhupesh said in the program that participation of every person in Mission-2030 will be ensured. He said that at present the state has become a model state of the country with its welfare schemes and this progress will continue.
- Chief Secretary Usha Sharma said that Rajasthan has become the first state in various sectors including providing health insurance, opening maximum number of new medical sub-centres, PHC, CHC, medical colleges, new colleges, starting peace and non-violence department first in the country, OPS restoration, giving social security pension, solar energy, milk, wool, cereals, oilseeds, pulses, millet, gram production, giving maximum employment in Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, best in tourism sector, solving public shortage-prosecution, RTH, implementation of Gig Workers Welfare Act, Udaan scheme, Indira Rasoi Yojana, providing gas cylinders for Rs.500 etc



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- Also, the state ranks second in the country in GDP growth rate of 11.04 percent. He said that with sensitive, transparent and accountable good governance, the state has created a unique identity by establishing new dimensions of development.

## Ravindra Manch of Jaipur will become a Multicultural Center

### Why in News?

On August 22, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the financial proposal to develop Jaipur's Rabindra Manch, the heart of cultural activities, as a multicultural center and to modernize the Jaipur Kathak Center.

### Key Points:

- Rs 4 crore will be spent by the state government for the beautification, strengthening and modernization of both the centres.
- Development work will be done on Rabindra Manch at a cost of Rs 3 crore, while Jaipur Kathak Kendra, the head of Kathak dance style, will be modernized at a cost of Rs 1 crore.
- It is worth mentioning that the Chief Minister had made an announcement in this regard in the budget for the year 2023-24.



## Chief Minister Released Three Directories of 'No Bag Day'

### Why In News?

On August 23, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot released three directories of 'No Bag Day', which include 'Ankur-Pravesh' for classes 1 to 5, 'Disha' for classes 6 to 8 and 'Kshitij-Unnati' for classes 9 to 12.

### Key Points:

- Along with this, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot also unveiled the logo of the 'Safe School Safe Rajasthan' campaign.
- It is known that 'No Bag Day' is an ambitious program run by the state government. With this, students are being led towards their overall development along with academic development.
- Every Saturday is celebrated as 'No Bag Day' in the government schools of the state. Rajasthan is a leading state in the country to do this. In this, students are given important information about road safety, information against tobacco, good touch bad touch awareness and personality development.
- Naveen Jain, Secretary, School Education Government said that 'Safe School Safe Rajasthan' is an innovative initiative. Under this, the students studying in government and private schools of the state will be informed about 'good touch bad touch' and measures to be taken to avoid such situations.
- On the coming Saturday (26 August 2023), more than 65 lakh students in more than 65 thousand government schools across the state will be informed about 'Good Touch Bad Touch' under this campaign.



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## 33 Centers of Khelo India Inaugurated in Rajasthan

### Why In News?

On August 23, 2023, Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports, Anurag Singh Thakur inaugurated 33 centers of Khelo India in the state of Rajasthan at Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur.



### Key Points:

- The Union Minister announced that a National Center of Excellence along with a dedicated Sports Science Center will be set up in 18 other Khelo India centers in Rajasthan. Thus, the total number of Khelo India centers in the state will be 51.
- Along with this, it was also announced that competitions would be organized between Khelo India centers, while the 'Coaching the Coach' program would be extended to 'Khelo India' centres. The coaches and the coaches at the Khelo India Center will be trained in association with national and international coaches.
- It is known that more than 17,000 athletes are currently training at Khelo India Centers (KICs) and 699 former champion athletes are already on the job across the country.
- At present the total number of Khelo India centers notified across India is 960, out of which 715 are operated by KIC. The total number of notified KICs in Rajasthan is 33, out of which 32 KICs are functional. These KICs are specialized training centres, focused on sports disciplines such as cycling, basketball, wushu, hockey etc.
- The small Khelo India centers help in strengthening the sports eco-system at the grassroots level by enhancing the utilization of existing sports related infrastructure available in schools, organizations and other eligible agencies at the block or district level.
- Former champion athletes become coaches and mentors for the youth at KIC, autonomously running sports training centers and earning their livelihood. Under the Khelo India scheme, along with these former champions, initial and annual financial assistance is also provided to these centers for sports training, coaching and operations.



## Several Important decisions were taken in the 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the State Wetland Authority

### Why in News?

On August 24, 2023, the sixth meeting of the State Wetland Authority was organized under the chairmanship of Rajasthan's Forest and Environment Minister Hemaram Chaudhary, in which many important decisions were taken for wetland conservation.

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- Important decisions taken in the meeting:
  - Presently 67 wetlands are notified in the state, these will be increased to 100.
  - At present, there are 2 Ramsar sites of international fame in the state, Sambhar Lake and Keoladeo National Park. Now the proposal to include Chandlai (Jaipur), Khichan (Jodhpur), Lunkaransar (Bikaner), Minar Talab (Udaipur) and Kanwas Bird Sanctuary

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(Kota) in the list of Ramsar sites will also be sent to the Government of India.

- During the meeting, an amount of Rs 9 crore was approved for the demarcation, digital map, management plan and other conservation and development works of Sambhar Lake Wetland, Keoladeo National Park and notified wetlands.
- The details of the conservation works of Sambhar Lake Wetland were presented in the meeting. Here, decisions were taken regarding setting up a permanent treatment centre for birds, preparing a plan for tourism and removing encroachments related to illegal salt production in mission mode.



## Notification issued for formation of Directorate of Handicrafts & Handlooms

### Why is News?

On August 24, 2023, Industry and Commerce Minister Shakuntala Rawat said that for the implementation of the Rajasthan Handicrafts Policy 2022, a notification has been issued for the formation of the Directorate of Handicrafts and Handlooms by the Industries and Commerce Department.

### Key Points:

- The headquarters of the Directorate of Handicrafts and Handlooms will remain at Jodhpur.
- With the formation of the Directorate of Handicrafts and Handlooms, it will be easy to revive the extinct traditional handicrafts in the state and new employment opportunities will be available in the field of handicrafts.
- Industry and Commerce Minister said that according to the intention of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, work will be done in a planned manner for the economic

upliftment and development of handicraftsmen and handloom weavers of the state.

- Along with this, along with arranging better marketing for the products, help will be given to the artisans and weavers to make them exportable.
- With the smooth operation of the directorate, the products will be recognized at the international level and the state's participation in the export of these products will also increase.
- Important events, decisions and works will be done according to the action plan for the upliftment of handicraftsmen and handloom weavers in the state.

## Rajasthan Premier League Starts in Jodhpur

### Why in News?

On August 27, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot launched the Rajasthan Premier League (RPL) organized by the Rajasthan Cricket Association at the Barkatullah Khan Stadium in Jodhpur.

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- On this occasion, Governor Kalraj Mishra, Rajasthan Assembly Speaker CP Joshi and Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot unveiled the Rajasthan Premier League trophy.
- Addressing the launch ceremony, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that Rajasthan Premier League is a historic step in the field of sports. Through RPL, talented cricketers from all over the state will get a suitable platform to showcase their talent.
- The Chief Minister honored the brand ambassador of RPL and former Indian cricket team captain Kapil Dev by presenting him a memento.
- Singer Ravindra Upadhyay sang the theme anthem of RPL along with the captains of all the six teams in the ground.



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## Rajasthan's Asha Rani Suman & Sheela Asopa Selected for National Teacher Award

### Why in News?

According to the information given by the Information and Public Relations Department of Rajasthan on August 27, 2023, two teachers of the state, Asha Rani Suman and Sheela Asopa, have been selected for the National Teacher Award for the year 2023.



### Key Points:

- According to the information, Asha Rani Suman is a teacher of Government Higher Primary School Kharkhanda, (Rajgarh) Alwar and Sheela Asopa is a teacher of Government Girls Higher Secondary School, Shyam Sadan, Jodhpur.
- Education Minister Dr. BD Kalla and Minister of State for Education Zahida Khan have congratulated both the teachers while expressing happiness on receiving the National Teachers Award. They said that this glorious achievement of Asha Rani Suman and Sheela Asopa is a matter of pride not only for the teaching community of Rajasthan and the education world, but also for the people of the entire state.
- Both these teachers of the state will be awarded in a special function organized in New Delhi on Teacher's Day (September 5, 2023). They will be given a certificate of merit, an amount of Rs 50,000 and a silver medal under the National Award.

## State Animal Welfare Board will be Named after Amrita Devi

### Why in News?

On August 26, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, while addressing the 14th meeting of the State Animal Welfare Board, announced the renaming of the State Animal Welfare Board after Amrita Devi.

### Key Points:

- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that commendable decisions are being taken in Rajasthan regarding forest and wildlife conservation. Due to the policies of the state government, today the number of tigers in the state has increased to more than 100.
- He said that due to the efforts of the State Government, the rating of Ranthambore and Sariska Tiger Reserves has improved in the review report released by the National Tiger Conservation Authority in 2022. Of the total 29 conservation reserves in the state, 16 have been created during the tenure of the current government.
- He said that former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi encouraged environmental protection in the country through the Wildlife Protection Act, Project Tiger etc. Kailash Sankhla of Jodhpur was appointed as the first Project Director in Project Tiger.
- Former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi made innovations in this direction like the Environmental Protection Act, Ganga Action Plan and Wasteland Development Board. The previous central government brought the National Green Tribunal Act. In this sequence, the state government is also working to preserve the forests and wildlife of the state.
- He said that out of 6 tiger reserves in the state, 3 were created during the tenure of the present government. More than 10-thousand-hectare grassland is being developed in the state. 741 families have been rehabilitated from various tiger reserves, which has reduced man-wild conflict.
- Under 'Project Godavan', the second generation of children hatched from the eggs of Godavan have also been born through artificial hatching in the Incubation Center.

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- Announcing the renaming of the State Animal Welfare Board after Amrita Devi, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that Amrita Devi's sacrifice inspires everyone to protect the environment.
- It was informed in the meeting that decisions like arrangement of drinking water supply in the forests by installing solar pumps, construction of corridors for wildlife, formation of 18 new protected areas, establishment of special tiger protection force have been taken. The protected areas have increased from 11243 sq km (about the area of Connecticut) to 13595 sq km as compared to 2018.
- It was informed in the meeting that approvals have been obtained from the National Tiger Conservation Authority for the expansion of the core and buffer areas of Mukundara, Sariska and Ranthambore tiger reserves. Along with this, in-principal approval has been received for the Kumbhalgarh Tiger Reserve.
- Shikhar Agarwal, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest and Environment Department, said that 53 wetlands have been notified by the state government in the last few months. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Hoff) Munesh Kumar Garg said that there has been an unprecedented increase in the budget allocated to the Forest Department, due to which work is being done in new areas like grassland, wetland etc.
- Chief Animal Warden Arindam Tomar said that translocation of different species is being done after feasibility analysis in different sanctuaries of the state. Their population growth is being monitored by experienced veterinarians. The state is a leader in the country in conservation-breeding of wolves.



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## MICE Center to be Built in Jodhpur

### Why in News?

According to the information given by the Information and Public Relations Department of Rajasthan on August 26, 2023, MICE center will also be constructed in Jodhpur district, famous for hosting national & international events.

### Key Points:

- MICE (Meeting Incentive Conference and Exhibition) centers will play an important role in promoting art and business tourism in the state.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has given financial sanction of Rs 25 crore for the construction of the center. This decision has been taken in the commitment to become Sirmour in the tourism sector. This will give impetus to MICE tourism.
- At present, the MICE center will be constructed on 5,650 square meters out of the total 65,000 square meters of land allotted to the Women's Polytechnic College campus by the Jodhpur Development Authority. Exhibition Hall, Central Block (G+2) will be constructed here in the first phase.
- This block will have various functions including registration and information center, administration block, VIP lounge, meeting space for trade and business center, parking area.

### Seven Panoramas will be Built in the State

#### Why in News?

On August 26, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot gave financial approval of Rs 35 crore for making panoramas at 7 places in the state.

#### Key Points:

- The state government is taking important decisions to take the glorious history of the state to the younger generation. Panoramas are being constructed in different districts. In this sequence, the Chief Minister has given financial approval of Rs 35 crore for making panorama at 7 places.
- With the approval of the Chief Minister, Prithviraj Chauhan Panorama will be made in Ajmer, Indira Mahashakti Bharat Panorama in Pokaran of Jaisalmer, Maharaja Surajmal Panorama in Deeg of Bharatpur,



Panorama of freedom fighters in Jaipur. The Chief Minister has given in-principle consent of Rs 23 crore for their work.

- Along with this, a panorama of Bagdawat Sawai Bhoj in Bhilwara's Asind, Kaila Devi Panorama in Karauli, Veeramdev Kanhaddev Chauhan in Jalore will also be prepared. Financial approval of Rs 12 crore has been given by Chief Minister Gehlot. This amount will be spent from the tourism development fund through the tourism department.
- Through these panoramas, the general public will get information about the unforgettable sacrifice, sacrifice, courage, self-respect and social concerns of their inspirations. These panoramas will prove to be a source of inspiration for future generations.

## CM approved the Draft of 'Rajasthan Part Time Contractual Hiring Rules-2023'

### Why in News?

On August 25, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the draft of 'Rajasthan Part Time Contractual Hiring Rules-2023'. Under these rules, a retirement assistance package of Rs 2-3 lakh will be ensured for the honorarium workers.

### Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that the state government is constantly taking important decisions to ensure social security of part-time honorarium workers in the state. In this sequence, the Chief Minister has approved this draft.
- Retirement benefits will be given to the part time workers coming in the rules after completion of prescribed service period, in the event of termination of service, death or retirement after getting the consent of the Cabinet to the draft.
- 2 lakh on completion of 10 years of service, 2.50 lakh on completion of 15 years of service, 2.75 lakh on completion of 20 years of service and 3 lakh on completion of 25 years of service by the personnel is proposed. Similarly, an amount of Rs 3 lakh is proposed to be given on the retirement of the personnel (irrespective of the time period).

- It is worth mentioning that in the budget year 2023-24, the Rajasthan Part Time Contractual Hiring Rules-2023 has been made with a view to provide proper protection and financial support to honorarium workers working on part time basis, such as Anganwadi workers, helpers, cooks, farrash etc. was announced.

## CM approved various proposals of the Tourism Department

### Why is News?

On August 28, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot gave administrative approval to various proposals received from the Tourism Department in the implementation of the budget announcement to give industry status to tourism in the state. This approval will facilitate the functioning of tourism units.

### Key Points:

- With the approval given by the Chief Minister, the entitlement certificate can be issued in favour of the tourism units on the basis of the documents approved earlier as well as other documents.
- Under this, self-declaration of executive director of units of RTDC and RSHC, self-declaration of Director Archaeology and Museum Department for state museum under the state government is proposed.
- Apart from this, it is also proposed to issue entitlement certificate on the basis of self-declaration of the senior-most officer posted in the state of the Ministry related to the State Museum under the Central Government, land allotment order in respect of plots allotted for hotel purposes in REICO industrial areas and land conversion order by the Revenue Department/ District Collector in rural areas.
- According to the approval of the Chief Minister, it will be mandatory to take Business Registration Number (BRN) from all the units. At the same time, hotels with 10 or more rooms, budget hotels and motels will also be included as tourism units.
- Also, a notification issued by the Finance Department in February, 2022, provides for approval from the Union Ministry of Tourism or Department of Tourism regarding the market rates of lands being converted or used for tourism purposes.
- Further, the new clarification will be replaced by provision of EC under RIPS-2022.

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## Important decision by CM - There will be an increase in the minimum wages by Rs 26 per day

### Why is News?

On August 28, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved a proposal to increase the minimum wage rates by Rs 26 per day for each category, taking an important decision to give economic and social support to the workers.

### Key Points:

- After the approval of the Chief Minister, now the unskilled worker will get Rs 285 per day or Rs 7410 per month instead of Rs 259, the semi-skilled worker will get Rs 297 per day or Rs 7722 per month instead of Rs 271.
- Apart from this, skilled workers will get wages of Rs 309 per day or Rs 8034 per month instead of Rs 283 and highly skilled workers will get Rs 359 per day or Rs 9334 per month instead of Rs 333.
- Keeping in view the economic interest of workers and labourers, the revised rates have been made effective from January 1, 2023.
- It is to be noted that under the Minimum Wages Act, 1948, a proposal was sent to the Finance Department by the Labour Department to increase the minimum wage rates by Rs 26 per day in accordance with the 687-point increase in the Consumer Price Index from July, 2021 to December, 2022 in 56 employments.
- The last hike in minimum wage rates at Rs 7 per day was implemented from July 1, 2021.

## State Council of Ministers meeting: Review of 'Rajasthan Mission-2030'

### Why is News?

On August 29, 2023, a meeting of the State Council of Ministers was held at the Chief Minister's residence under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. In this, a review was held regarding 'Rajasthan Mission-2030' and smooth power supply in the state.

### Key Points:

- In the meeting, the Chief Minister directed the council of ministers to prepare the 'Vision-2030' document for their respective departments by September 2023. He said that the ministers should discuss with the stakeholders and experts related to their departments and give suggestions for the Vision-2030 document.
- The Chief Minister said that a campaign will be launched for Rajasthan Mission-2030 and suggestions will be taken from one crore people including economists, writers, journalists, students, government employees, lawyers, farmers, laborers, women, youth, intellectuals, sportspersons. The state government will incorporate these and release the vision document of Mission-2030. This will pave the way for the progress of the state and Rajasthan will become the leading state of the country by the year 2030.
- A presentation was made by the Planning Department regarding the mission. It was informed that the vision document of the state will be prepared on the basis of the vision documents of the departments. It is worth mentioning that the Chief Minister had announced the preparation of vision-2030 document in his Independence Day address on August 15.
- The Chief Minister directed the Energy Department to ensure smooth power supply in the state. He said that the state government is committed to provide regular power supply in every area.
- It was informed by the department in the meeting that the estimated demand in September 2023 will be 34.46 lakh units per day. The department has made arrangements for supply as per the demand. In this, 5400 MW power will be provided by the State Power Generation Corporation. The remaining availability will be made by other contracted power plants. Even after this, the remaining shortfall has been arranged through short term tender. Arrangements have also been made for power supply from October to December 2023.

## Important decision of the Cabinet

### Why is News?

In the meeting of the State Council of Ministers chaired by Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot on August 29, 2023, important decisions like approval of 'Rajasthan Part

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Time Contractual Hiring Rules-2023', establishment of Gem Bourse in Jaipur and allotment of land to various institutions were taken. Along with this, a big decision was also taken to rename the Animal Welfare Board as 'Amrita Devi State Animal Welfare Board'.

### Key Points:

- The Cabinet has approved the draft 'Rajasthan Part Time Contractual Hiring Rules-2023'. In this, part-time employees will get a financial assistance package ranging from 2 to 3 lakh rupees on completion of service.
- These benefits will be given to part-time employees working in the departments on termination, death and retirement. With the formation of these rules, there will be transparency in the recruitment of part-time personnel and they will also get financial support.
- It is worth mentioning that in the budget of the year 2023-24, the Chief Minister had announced 'Rajasthan Part Time Contractual Hiring Rules-2023' with the objective of providing financial assistance on retirement to part-time honorarium workers like Anganwadi workers, helpers, cooks, sweeper etc.
- **State's first Gem Bourse will be built in Jaipur:** The Cabinet has approved a proposal to provide about 44 thousand square metres of land at reserve rate for the establishment and development of Gem Bourse in Jaipur.
- This land will be allotted to Jaipur Gem and Jewellery Bourse (SPV) formed for the establishment of Gem Bourse on a 99-year lease at the rate of 3 times the industrial reserve rate.
- This will give a boost to the export of gems. About 60 thousand people will get direct and indirect employment opportunities. This will have a positive impact on the economic development and progress of the state.
- **Animal Welfare Board is now named as Amrita Devi State Animal Welfare Board:** The cabinet has named the State Animal Welfare Board to make the sacrifices and dedication towards animals made by Amrita Bishnoi for the protection of animals and forests accessible to the general public. An important decision has been taken to set up 'Amrita Devi State Animal Welfare Board'. This will inspire the common man for the welfare of animals and animals.

- **9 project directors of District Women Development Agencies will now be considered as state employees:** The Cabinet has approved the personnel selected/ appointed under Rajasthan Civil Services (Special Selection of Project Directors, Project Officers and other officers in Women Development Project and special conditions of service) Rules, 1984. It has been decided to regularize from the date of appointment.
- With this, 9 project directors of District Women Development Agencies will be considered as regular state employees from the date of appointment. Along with this, they will be able to get salary, allowances and other benefits along with consequential benefits like state employees.



## RPSC: 10 minutes extra time will be given in the Examinations conducted by the Commission

### Why is News?

On August 29, 2023, the Secretary of Rajasthan Public Service Commission informed that candidates will be given 10 minutes extra time in the objective examinations to be conducted by the Commission.

### Key Points:

- The Commission Secretary said that in an additional time of 10 minutes, the candidates will be able to ensure that the OMR answer sheet has been filled by selecting one of the 5 options given in all the questions.
- The Commission Secretary said that earlier a provision was made to give 5 minutes extra time for this. The additional time given while overdoing it has been increased to 10 minutes.

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- It is worth mentioning that in the upcoming objective recruitment examinations conducted by the Commission, now the 5th option will also be given in the question paper and OMR sheet. If the candidate does not want to answer a question then he has to select the fifth option.
- The candidate will have to fill only one of the 5 shells on the OMR sheet with a blue ball point pen while specifying the correct answer. It will be mandatory to fill one option of each question. If the candidate does not want to answer the question, then the 5th option will have to be selected and filled.
- If you do not select any option, 1/3 marks will be deducted per question. If the candidate does not select any option in more than 10 percent of the questions, then he will be disqualified for that examination.



## Scholars and institutions doing remarkable work in the field of Sanskrit language were honoured

### Why is News?

On August 29, 2023, Rajasthan Sanskrit Education Minister Dr. B.D. Kalla felicitated scholars and institutions for their outstanding work in the field of Sanskrit language at the state-level Sanskrit scholars ceremony held at Birla Auditorium.

### Key Points:

- Dr. Kalla also released the Shravani-Patrika (New Education Policy Special Issue) published by the department.
- In the program, the selected scholar Pandit Sanwar Mal Sharma was given a prize money of One lakh rupees and Dr. Digharam Ramsnehi and Dr. Gajanan Mishra were given prizes of Rs 51,000 each for Sanskrit Sadhana Samman.

- Dr. Vishwambhar Dayal Joshi, Dr. Sheetal Chand Jain, Prof. (Mrs.) Bhagwati Sudesh, Kaushal Dutta Sharma, Pt. Gaurishankar Sharma and Dr. Devendra Chaturvedi were awarded Rs. 31,000 each.
- Also, 12 scholars from Sanskrit young talent were given Rs 21,000 each and three personnel from the Ministerial Service Award were given Rs 11,000 each as prizes. Three scholars were awarded with Vishisht Seva Samman and one person with Bhamashah Motivational Award.
- Students who scored the best marks in Sanskrit language universities, board of secondary education and senior school examinations were also felicitated at the function. Also, the institutions with the highest number of nominations and the most new entrants were honoured.
- Sanskrit Education Minister Dr. B.D. Kalla informed that the present state government has opened 20 new Sanskrit colleges in this year, which is providing opportunities to the youth to get higher education and employment in Sanskrit language.
- More than 2 lakh students are studying in Sanskrit language in the state. Also, the department has opened 30 new primary Sanskrit schools.
- He said that in the budget year 2023-24, a provision of Rs 465 crore has also been made for opening yoga and meditation centers in every Sanskrit college of the state.



## Rajasthan Udyog Ratna Awards announced

### Why is News?

On August 30, 2023, the Industries and Commerce Department of Rajasthan announced awards in various categories under the Rajasthan Udyog Ratna Award Scheme for the year 2022-23. Under this, 9 entrepreneurs will be given Rajasthan Udyog Ratna Awards.

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**Key Points:**

- Rajasthan Industries and Commerce Minister Shakuntala Rawat said that a total of 9 entrepreneurs in the micro, small and medium enterprises category will be awarded the Rajasthan Udyog Ratna Award by the department.
- Udaipur's Lotus Hi-Tech Industries will be awarded in the micro-enterprise category, Sarda Metal Powders L.L.P. Jaipur in the small enterprise category, Suvidhi Rayons Pvt. Ltd. Bhilwara and Uniclean Healthcare Pvt. Ltd. Jaipur in the medium enterprise category.
- Blue care Systems Pvt. Ltd. Bhilwara in micro enterprise category, Cultivator Natural Products Pvt. Ltd. Jodhpur



- in small enterprise category and Ananta Medicare Ltd. Sriganganagar in medium enterprise category will be given Udyog Ratna award for best business practices.
- Shekhawati Impex Jaipur in the Small Enterprise category and Plastivive Industries L.L.P. Udaipur in the Medium Enterprise category will also be given the Udyog Ratna Award for Best Women Entrepreneur.
- Shakuntala Rawat informed that Rajasthan Weaver Ratna Award and Rajasthan Handicraft Ratna Award will also be given to encourage weavers and handicrafts.
- The best weaver award will be given jointly to Jebu Nisha of Kaithoon district Kota and Mohammad Yasin of Baran and the Handicraft Ratna award will be given to Inder Singh Kudrat of Jaipur.
- All the awards will be given at a state-level function to be held in Jaipur on September 17 on MSME Day.



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