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Approved for Strengthening the Traffic Management System in Approval of Rs 100.99 crore the state

Why In News?

On January 31, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved an additional financial provision of Rs 100.99 crore to strengthen the Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS) to curb the increasing traffic pressure on the roads and road accidents in the state.

Key points

- According to the proposal, the Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS) will play an important role in taking prompt action against drivers violating traffic rules and driving under the influence of alcohol on highways and main roads of the state.
- Apart from this, road accidents due to over speed and overloaded vehicles will also be curbed.
- Recently, the State Road Safety Institute has been opened by the state government at Harishchandra Mathur Public Training Institute in Jaipur. Rajasthan Public Transport Authority is also proposed to be formed under the Road Safety Act.
- Under ITMS, various works including automatic traffic monitoring and violation detection system, speed violation detection system, red light violation system, various insignia, CCTV surveillance system, traffic monitoring center and e-challan will be done.
- The main objectives of ITMS include timely and efficient disposal of invoices, curbing serious road accidents and bringing various departments of the state on one platform in coordination for better functioning.

Center for Cyber Security, Counter Terrorism and Anti-Insurgency will be Established in the State

Why In News?

On January 31, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the Center for Cyber Security, Counter Terrorism and Anti-Insurgency being set up by the

Rajasthan Government with the aim of prevention of crimes in the state and awareness among the general public in order to further strengthen cyber security. 18.40 crore was approved for the equipment's.

Key points

- With this approval of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, state level, range/Commissionerate level and district level labs will be developed under the center. In the lab, software will be developed for the state by contacting government agencies present in different states and countries for cyber security, crime intelligence, research and prevention.
- Setting up of the centre will new malware, threats help in updating about, viruses. Also, training will be done in the state level lab for the latest updates about cyber-crime.
- It is noteworthy that the state government has established cyber police stations in all the districts of the state. Necessary equipment for investigation of crimes has also been provided in these police stations.

Release of Rules of Education Department

Why In News?

On January 31, 2023, Pawan Kumar Goyal, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of School and Sanskrit Education, Rajasthan, released the Departmental Rules, 2021 of the Education Department at the Government Secretariat, Jaipur.

Key points

- It is noteworthy that the rules of the Education Department were earlier released in the year 1997.
- Additional Chief Secretary of School and Sanskrit Education Department Pawan Kumar Goyal said that the Departmental Rules, 1997 of the Education Department have now been republished with adequate amendments and updated rules.
- He informed that all the service rules, departmental structure etc. have been compiled in 17 chapters in the 508-page manual specified under the aegis of the Rajasthan State Education Policy Committee in the Departmental Manual of the Education Department, 2021.

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Students will get Information about Flagship Schemes in Coaching Institutes

Why In News?

According to the information received from the Rajasthan Information and Public Relations Department on February 1, 2023, the information about various flagship schemes of the state government, the publicity being done through Sujas mobile app and social media platforms will be conveyed to the youth.

Key points

- According to the information, a special campaign will be launched from February 2 to 9 for the promotion of government schemes among the students studying in coaching institutes. This campaign will be conducted as per the instructions of Director Information and Public Relations Department.
- Two teams have been formed for this. These teams will reach various coaching centers and colleges and give information about all the flagship schemes of the state government.
- Information and Public Relations Department will provide information regarding Sujas Mobile App, Sujas e-Bulletin, Video Bulletin and Sujas Voice in these coaching institutes.
- This innovative initiative of the department will not only give wide publicity to the flagship schemes of the government among the students but will also reach the benefit of the public welfare schemes of the government to the common people.

Industry Minister Inaugurated New Sector Portal and Departmental Websites of Industry and Commerce sector

Why In News?

On February 1, 2023, Rajasthan's Industry Minister Shakuntala Rawat inaugurated the new sector portal of industry and commerce sector and the website of related departments at Udyog Bhawan. Along with the new

industries sector portal, the website of all the 15 departments of this sector has been created by the WebMyWay framework.

Key points

- The Industries and Commerce Minister informed that the information of 15 departments related to the industry and commerce sector has been displayed simultaneously on the New Industries Sector Portal.
- This portal includes information related to all state schemes, flagship schemes, services, projects, state documents and programs of all departments of industry and commerce sector.
- The sector portal has been linked to the Chief Minister's Information System, from where information about the budget announcements of the state government, chief minister's announcements, cabinet decisions and public manifestos and their compliance has been displayed to the general public.
- Information about the achievements and innovations of departments in the field of industry and commerce is displayed on the portal. Press releases related to the sector, latest updates and tenders are also displayed on the sector portal.
- All websites created from the WebMyWay framework are identical and the information is inscribed only once, and the same information can be displayed on different portals as needed.

Cooperative Societies will be Formed with Priority in Gram Panchayats that fulfil the Prescribed Criteria

Why In News?

On February 2, 2023, Cooperative Minister of Rajasthan, Uday Lal Anjana told that the Gram Panchayat which fulfills the minimum number of members including 300 and other criteria and deposits the share amount of Rs 3 lakh, There Village Service Cooperative Society (GSS) will be formed on priority.

Key points

- Cooperative Minister Uday Lal Anjana said that efforts are being made by the state government to form cooperative societies in each gram panchayat.

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GSS The prescribed criteria for the formation of the organization are minimum number of members 300, share amount Rs 3 lakh, deposit amount Rs 1 lakh and Rs 75 thousand for lamps.

- He said that action is taken to form new Village Service Co-operative Societies as per rules on fulfilling the above prescribed criteria and receiving the proposal including the recommendation of the District Level Committee.
- The Cooperation Minister informed that there are a total of 71 Gram Panchayats in Vallabh Nagar Assembly constituency, out of which Village Service Co-operative Society is yet to be formed in 38 Gram Panchayats.
- He informed that under the budget announcement for the year 2022-23, new GSS will be formed in the remaining 4171 gram panchayats of the state in the next two years. Under this announcement, the remaining gram panchayats of Vallabh Nagar assembly constituency will also be filled with new G.G. S. S will be installed.

MoU Signed Between Aus Heritage and PDCOR to Preserve the Splendor of the Pink City

Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, a one-day workshop organized under the joint auspices of Aus Heritage, a partner organization of PDCOR, JDA, Municipal Corporation Jaipur Heritage, Jaipur Smart City Ltd and newcomer Australia, in Jaipur to preserve the pink city of Rajasthan as a historical heritage. An MoU has been signed between Aus Heritage and PDCOR.

Key points

- Under this MoU, the Ace Heritage Organization will provide services using modern and traditional ancient methods in the core area of mutual interest for the conservation and promotion of the archaeological wealth of Jaipur city.
- It is noteworthy that Jaipur, the pink city established by Raja Sawai Jai Singh 35-40 to live happily for in 1727 forty thousand people, which has been declared as a World Heritage by UNESCO and as a Craft City in 2015.

- In the concluding session of the workshop, Reema Huja, President of Jaipur Heritage Foundation and Director of City Palace said that children will also have to become heritage warriors to save the city's heritage as well as the climate.
- G.S. Sandhu, Advisor to the Government of Rajasthan for Urban Development and Housing, presented a memento and a book on UNESCO World Heritage Jaipur Development Plan to the President and participants of Aus Heritage.

Renewable Energy Conclave

Why In News?

On March 3, 2023, renewable energy conclave was organized in Jaipur under the joint aegis of RRECL, Rajasthan State Power Transmission Corporation Limited and Economic Times.

Key points

- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that Rajasthan is at the first place in the country in the field of renewable energy due to the investment-friendly policies of the state government.
- He informed that investors are coming forward to set up wind power, hybrid plants and green hydrogen projects along with solar energy in the state. The state government is committed to manufacture the necessary equipment for renewable energy plants in Rajasthan itself so that along with environmental protection, employment can also be created at the local level.
- The Chief Minister said that Rajasthan has immense potential in the field of renewable energy. The country's largest solar park is in Bhadla (Jodhpur). Rajasthan has been given the National Energy Conservation Award in the year 2022 due to outstanding performance in renewable energy across the country and RRECL has been awarded by the Ministry of Renewable Energy at the national level.
- MoU's were signed between the state government and investors during the conclave. The MoU signed between the state government and Torrent Power Limited in the renewable energy sector create will bring investment of Rs 37,000 crore in the state and 6150 jobs.

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- Apart from this, the MoU signed between Welspun New Energy Limited and the state government in the renewable energy sector provide employment to will bring an investment of Rs 50,000 crore in the state and 2250 people.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister launched the Energy Sectoral Portal. Through this portal, all information related to energy will be available in one place. Data of 11 departments is available on the portal and it has been created by the IT team of the Chief Minister's Office.

MoU Signed Between Banasthali Vidyapeeth and RCAT in the Program organized on International Women's Day

Why In News?

On March 9, 2023, at the event organized by Rajiv Gandhi Center for Advanced Technology (RCAT) on International Women's Day, an MoU was signed between RCAT and Banasthali Vidyapith, under which RCAT will provide training to students and teachers of Banasthali in the field of advanced technology and provide support to students interested in working in the field of advanced technology with its industrial partners.

Key points

- A graphic designing course for rural and self-help group women was also launched by RCAT's industrial partner computer software company Adobe.
- On this occasion, Chief Secretary Usha Sharma said that health remarkable work has been done in the fields of education, security, IT etc. in Rajasthan. Mahatma Gandhi English Secondary School, IM Shatti Udaan Scheme and free check-up and medicine scheme related to women's health by the state government are examples all over the country.
- The Chief Secretary informed that Rajasthan is making unprecedented progress in the field of IT. The state's Jan Aadhaar Scheme, Incubation Center, Data Center etc. are typical examples of this, which the whole country is proud of. RCAT has emerged as the best finishing school by signing MoU's with high-end companies.

- Speaking on the occasion, Information and Technology Commissioner and RCAT MD Ashish Gupta said that RCAT 70 conducts courses in more than areas of robotics, blockchain etc. and soon RCAT will be started in every divisional headquarters.
- RCAT Executive Director Jyoti Luhadiya informed that RCAT is providing opportunities to engineering students as well as general graduates, women. Companies like Microsoft, Apple will also be associated with RCAT in the upcoming sessions.

30,000 Students of the State will get the Benefit of 'Chief Minister's Anuprati Coaching Scheme'

Why In News?

On March 9, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot the 'Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Scheme' approved the proposal to increase the number of beneficiaries under 15 thousand to from 30 thousand. For this scheme, the Chief Minister has approved a financial provision of Rs 56.40 crore.

Key points

- With this decision of the Chief Minister, the economically weaker students of the state will get opportunities to get free quality coaching to prepare for various professional courses and competitive examinations.
- It is noteworthy that this scheme was started with the aim of providing free preparation for professional courses and competitive examinations to the students with weak economic background of the state.
- Seeing the success of the scheme as expected, the number of beneficiaries was increased from 10 thousand to 15 thousand in the budget of the financial year 2022-23, which has been increased to 30 thousand in the budget of the financial year 2023-24.

Rajasthan Millets Conclave 2023 organized under International Year of Millets

Why In News?

On March 9, 2023, Principal Secretary, Agriculture and Horticulture, Dinesh Kumar informed that Rajasthan

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Millet Conclave will be organized in the state on March 13 and 14, 2023 at the State Institute of Agricultural Management, Durgapur, Jaipur under the International Year of Millets.

Key points

- Principal Government Secretary, Agriculture and Horticulture Dinesh Kumar said that this event is being organized with the cooperation of millets producers, agribusinessmen, startups, FPOs, voluntary organizations, agricultural scientists and agricultural officials. More than 100 stalls of millets startup and agro processing will be set up in this conclave.
- Secretary Dinesh Kumar said that Rajasthan has the first place in the country in terms of area and production of millet. Rajasthan's share in millet area in the country is 57.10 percent and share in production is 41.71 percent. Similarly, the state ranks third in the area and production of jowar in the country.
- He said that Rajasthan millets the year 2022-23 to encourage millets in Rajasthan mission was announced by the Chief Minister in the budget for, under which several strategies are being adopted to encourage millet and jowar cultivation, increase production, promote domestic consumption and promote main promotion.
- Under this, seed minikilt's have been distributed. Also, a Centre of Millets Excellence has been set up in Jodhpur for increase in production, post-harvest management and value addition.
- Principal Secretary said that in order to increase the consumption of millets, an action plan has been made to organize year-round events throughout the state under the International Millets Year to publicize its health benefits and popularize the products of millets.
- He informed that state-level seminars on nutritional importance of millets and conclave on agro-processing are being organized, in which concrete strategy is being developed through dialogue between millets producers, agricultural businessmen, startups, FPOs, voluntary organizations, agricultural scientists and officials. Is.
- It is noteworthy that the year 2023 declared by the United Nations General Assembly is being celebrated as the International Year of Millets. Under this, the general public will be made aware about the nutritional value and health benefits of various millets like Bajra,

Jowar, Ragi, Kodo, Kutki and Sawa. Along with this, their production, productivity and marketing opportunities will be encouraged.

Approval of Proposal to organize International Rajasthani Conclave in Jaipur

Why In News?

On March 9, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to organize International Rajasthani Conclave in Jaipur on September 23-24, 2023. The Chief Minister has also approved the proposal for an additional budget provision of Rs 5 crore for this mega event to be held under the auspices of the Industries Department and Rajasthan Foundation.

Key points

- The Chief Minister had announced to organize international Rajasthani Conclave in the budget for the year 2023-24 with the aim of uniting migrant Rajasthani's.
- In this two-day conclave to be held in September, interesting sessions will be organized on subjects like Rajasthani pride, literature, business, tradition, music, art, culture, social welfare, enterprise, food and entertainment etc.
- It will include a special session on entrepreneurship and investment opportunities. Overseas entrepreneurs from all over the world will participate in it. The Pravasi Samman Award announced in the NRR policy will also be launched in this conclave.
- It is noteworthy that in the year 2000, realizing the importance of Rajasthani diaspora, the International Rajasthani Conclave was organized for the first time under the leadership of Chief Minister Gehlot. To organize an international conference only for its diaspora was a unique initiative for the Central Government or any State Government at that time. Pravasi Bharatiya Divas was organized by the Government of India on the same lines in the year 2003. Other states have also adopted this model.
- In the last three years, the role of Rajasthan Foundation has been very important in strengthening

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the relationship with the Pravasi Rajasthani's. The Foundation has been regularly organizing various programs to connect the migrant Rajasthani's with their motherland. Even during the Kovid epidemic and the Russia-Ukraine war, Rajasthan Foundation played a big role in helping the migrants.

Social Justice and Empowerment Department got the Honor at the National Level

Why In News?

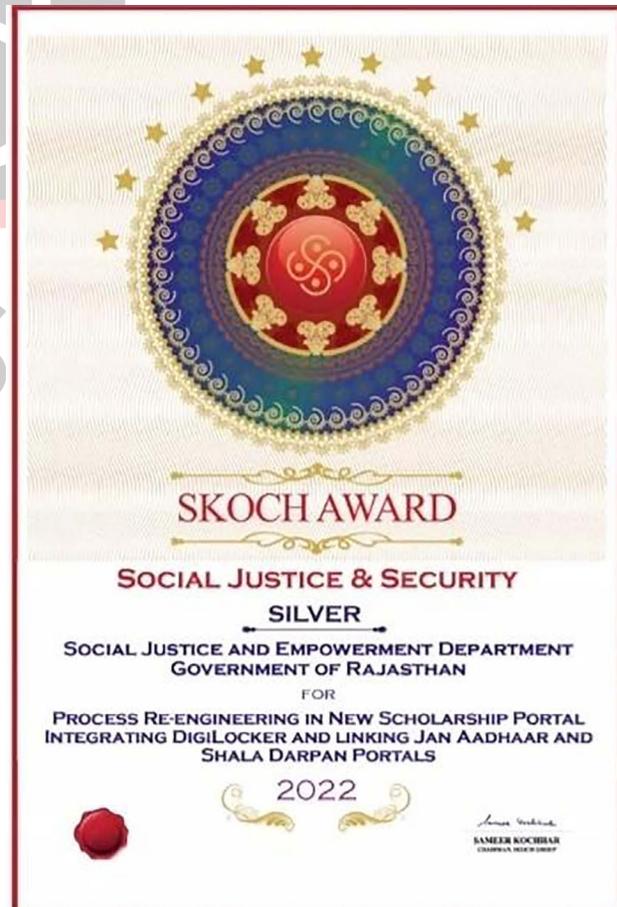
On March 10, 2023, the Social Justice and Empowerment Department of the state has received national honours at the national level scotch award digital ceremony held in Jaipur, Rajasthan, under which the department received two awards.

Key points

- Government Secretary, Social Justice and Empowerment Department of Rajasthan. Samit Sharma received these honours.
- Government Secretary Samit Sharma said that the schemes run by the state government in the field of social security are being appreciated not only in the state but across the country. Rajasthan has emerged as a model state in the country through its various schemes.
- He said that the department was given digital certificates and citations by the Scotch Award team for its innovations.
- Dr. Samit Sharma told that three important schemes of the department got these awards. Palanhar Yojana was awarded Gold Award, North Matric Scholarship with Silver Award and Mukhyamantri Kanyadan Yojana with Silver Award.
- The department is working to simplify and digitize the facilities to reach the beneficiaries of the schemes through technological innovations using information technology.
- These are the innovations in the schemes -
 - In the post-matric scholarship scheme, the student's caste certificate, domicile certificate and income proof are automatically obtained from the Jan

Aadhaar database. Class 10th and 12th mark sheets are being received directly from RBSE and CBSE through e-vault service. Mark sheets of other boards are retrieved based on DigiLocker availability.

- In order to ensure scholarship of students in scheduled caste, post matric scholarship scheme, provision of free ship card (ensuring scholarship to the student) has been made on the portal.
- In the Palanhar Yojana too, on the lines of the Pension Scheme, through a centralized system, bills will be prepared from the directorate level itself and paid through a single treasury, which will ensure timely payment of assistance to the children associated with the Palanhar Yojana. Standard operating procedure has been issued for this.
- Government Secretary Dr. Samit Sharma said that three other schemes of the department, Corona Sahayata Yojana, Social Security Pension Scheme and Mukhyamantri Anuprati Coaching Yojana, have been awarded with Order of Merit certification.



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Increase in the Amount of Assistance Received under Palanhar Yojana

Why In News?

On March 10, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to increase the amount of assistance given to beneficiaries of the category other than orphan category under the Palanhar Scheme. This decision of the Chief Minister will benefit more than 6.5 lakh children of the state.

Key points

- According to the proposal, the monthly assistance of Rs 500 to Rs 750 and Rs 1000 to 6 to 18 years will be increased for children in the age group of 0 to 6 years, except the orphan category. 1500 has been made to Rs.
- This increase in assistance amount will be effective from July 1, 2023. Its implementation will put an additional financial burden of about Rs 411 crore on the state government.
- It is noteworthy that this proposal has been approved in connection with the announcement made by the Chief Minister in the Budget 2023-24.
- Under the Palanhar Yojana run by the state government, assistance of Rs 1500 and Rs 2500 is being given to the children of the orphan category. With this, now other categories of children will also get the benefit of more assistance.
- It is worth mentioning that in this scheme, orphan children up to 18 years of age, destitute pension eligible or remarried widowed mother, divorced/abandoned mother and children of distant mother, especially abled, HIV or leprosy and death penalty/life imprisonment mother. / Father's children are given monthly financial assistance by the state government for economic, social and educational development.

Increase in Remuneration of Redeployed Retired Personnel

Why In News?

On March 10, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved a proposal to increase the rates of

monthly consolidated remuneration of retired personnel on re-employment in service.

Key points

- As per the proposal, of the Rajasthan Civil Services (Revised Pay) Rules-2017 and the multiples of consolidated remuneration amount has been fixed in pay matrix the Rs 100 by adding 50 percent of the first cell of the pay-level existing dearness allowance of 38 percent.
- This has almost doubled the rates of monthly consolidated remuneration.
- With this decision of the Chief Minister, the re-employed retired personnel will get an increased monthly consolidated remuneration amount. This will increase their income on one hand, while retired employees will also be easily available to the state government.
- It may be mentioned that after almost 5 years, the consolidated remuneration of the re-employed retired personnel has been increased.

Behavioural Lab to Be Set Up in Jaipur

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Public Relations, Information and Language Department of Rajasthan on March 12, 2023, Behavioural Lab will be established at Harishchandra Mathur Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration located in Jaipur district. For this, the Chief Minister has approved a financial proposal of Rs 1.22 crore.

Key points

- The behavioural lab will be set up at Patel Bhawan of Rajasthan State Institute of Public Administration. This will be the first behavioural lab being built with state-of-the-art technology in the country.
- The lab, to be set up in an area of about 2665.04 sq. ft, will be managed and operated by IIM Udaipur.
- The faculty of IIM Udaipur will provide training on experimental methods. Here P.H.D Level certificate courses will be conducted. International experts will also be involved in conducting experiments and workshops.

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agriculture sector. A historic initiative was taken across the country by presenting a separate agricultural budget twice in the Assembly.

- He said that strong infrastructure is available in the state to increase the production capacity of millets and agricultural research. About 42 agricultural colleges have been established, which are providing opportunities to the younger generation to take higher education in the agriculture sector and shape their future. Recently, veterinary university has also been announced.
- The Chief Minister said that agricultural research will benefit the farmers in preparing their crops for the future. The conclave will showcase important suggestions for better production, management and marketing of millets.
- On this occasion, he informed that a provision has been made in the budget to provide 2000 units of free electricity per month to the farmers. This will benefit approx.12 lakh farmers.
- At the Rajasthan Millets Conclave-2023, the Chief Minister launched the Rajkisan Suvidha App. In this, the application of the schemes and their status can be known. Apart from this, he also released a booklet related to success stories of Rajasthan Agro Processing, Agribusiness and Agricultural Export Promotion Policy-2019. A short film titled 'Samridha Kisan-Khushal Rajasthan' was also screened.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot congratulated Bhupendra Singh from Hanumangarh, Patasi Devi from Nagaur, Dinesh Kumar Chaudhary, Ghasiram Jat from Jaipur, Vishnu from Bhilwara, Kuresh Bagidora from Banswara, Hanumanram from Sikar, Suraj Bhan from Alwar and Jitendra Singh Sankhla from Jodhpur. He was awarded the State Level Farmer Award.



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Rs. 14200 crores Approved for Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP)

Why In News?

On March 11, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved a financial proposal of Rs 14200 crore for the construction of Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP).

Key points

- Rs.14200 crore various works including Navnera-Galwa-Bisalpur-Isarda With the financial sanction of Link Project, construction of under-construction Navnera Barrage and Isarda Dam, Ramgarh and Mahalpur Barrage, Installation of Pumping and Power Stations in Navnera Barrage, Mej anikat and Galwa Dam and storage of flood water will be completed.
- In addition, the height of Bisalpur dam has been increased by 0.5 meters and increased to 202.42 km. Work can also be done to develop a long water transport system.
- Under the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP), water management works can be done keeping in view the additional drinking water requirements of Jaipur, Ajmer and Tonk districts and the additional demand of 16.82 TMC drinking water for the remaining rural areas of Jaipur district by the year 2040.
- It is notable that ERCP is an ambitious project to solve the problem of irrigation and drinking water in 13 districts of eastern Rajasthan. Under this, the excess water available in the rivers of the state, which flows wastefully into the sea every year through Yamuna River, will be used in the state after stopping it through dams.
- It is known that Ashok Gehlot had made the budget 2023-24 a provision of Rs 13 thousand crore for various works under this project. This approval has been given in compliance with this budget announcement.

IT Day-2023 Festival

Why In News?

According to the information given by the Rajasthan Public Relations, Information and Language Department on March 14, 2023, IT Day-2023 will be organized from



March 19 to 21 at Rajasthan College, Commerce College and Jawahar Kala Kendra campus in Jaipur to increase the skills of the youth of the state in the information technology sector, create employment and explore the upcoming possibilities in the interest of the state.

Key points

- It is notable that Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has given approval of Rs 36.82 crore for organizing information technology related activities.
- The IT Fest will also feature panel discussions among renowned experts in the country as well as live pitching sessions for startups.
- A job fair will be organized in the commerce college campus by the state government, committed to provide employment opportunities to the youth in the IT Fest. More than 400 employers from across the country will participate in it. About 20 thousand youth are likely to get employment. These include IT sector, BPO, engineering telecom, civil, banking and finance consulting, retail, electrical and multi-profile jobs.
- There will be a 36-hour offline hackathon from March 19 to March 21 in Rajasthan College on IT Day. In this, 3000 participants will solve the problems of daily life of the common people and solve the knots of many subjects for the development of the state and the country.
- It aims to inculcate a culture of innovation, problem-solving and out-of-the-box thinking among the students. Also, the online hackathon will be held from March 19 to March 20 with more than one lakh participants.
- The winner will get Rs 25 lakh, the second winner will get Rs 20 lakh, and the third winner will get Rs 15 lakh.
- A 'smart village' will be built at Shilpgram of Jawahar Kala Kendra. In this, all the technologies that fulfil the concept of Smart Village including the ideal outline of the rural area, agricultural machinery, drone, sprinkler system, GIS, watershed, digital transaction, e-Mitra, e-Mitra plus machine will be seen. There will be 7D, Augmented Reality, Virtual Reality based activities for children.
- A startup/IT expo and market will also be organized by the state government in the IT Day event. In this, renowned startups from all over the country will be able to display their products and sell them. From here the youth will also get to learn how to start a new startup.
- Youth Film Festival will also be organized at Jawahar Kala Kendra, in which various short, documentary films from across the country including Rajasthan will be screened.

Sambhar Festival-2023

Why In News?

On February 15, 2023, Upendra Singh Shekhawat, Deputy Director, Rajasthan Tourism Department told that the Sambhar Festival-2023 will be organized by the department from February 17 to 19 at Sambhar Lake.

Key points

- Upendra Singh Shekhawat said that continuous innovations are being made by the Tourism Department to promote tourism and tourism in the state. Also, major fairs and festivals are being organized in the state. In this sequence, Sambhar Festival-2023 is being organized by the department.
- He told that like other fairs and festivals, the Sambhar festival will also be a center of attraction for domestic and foreign tourists. Various cultural programs will be organized in the festival to attract tourists.
- In the three-day Sambhar Festival, various celebrities and famous folk artists will give their colourful performances in the cultural evening every evening.
- The festival will start with an adventure bike ride. The rally will start from Jaipur and end at the Sambhar Lake venue. Under the Star Night Gazing event, at night tourists will get a chance to see the stars in the open sky of Sambhar.
- Various adventure activities like para sailing, ATV ride, motorcycle rally along with kite flying and camel ride will also be organized during the festival.
- Deputy Director Shekhawat told that along with organizing Deepotsav and Celebrity Night at Devyani Kund located in Sambhar, cultural presentations presented by folk artists will also be the center of attraction for the tourists. A talk show will also be organized to acquaint tourists with the historical importance of Sambhar and interesting information about birds.

Note:

State Ground Water Conservation and Management Authority will be Formed

Why In News?

On February 15, 2023, Rajasthan's Ground Water Minister Dr. Mahesh Joshi told in the assembly that the State Ground Water Conservation and Management Authority will soon be constituted by the state government to control ground water exploitation in the state.

Key points

- Ground Water Minister Dr. Joshi was replying to supplementary questions asked by the members in this regard during the Question Hour in the Vidhan Sabha.
- He informed that in compliance with the budget announcement for the formation of Ground Water Conservation and Management Authority for the proper use of ground water in the state and for the convenience of the industrial units of the state, the draft bill has been prepared by the department. After incorporating the suggestions received from the Law Department, the draft bill has been sent to the Finance Department for approval.
- He said that the situation of ground water exploitation in the state is worrisome and 151 percent exploitation is taking place in the state. At present, any decision regarding ground water exploitation is taken by the State Government based on the guidelines of the Central Ground Water Authority.
- Earlier, the Ground Water Minister said in a written reply to the original question of MLA Rajendra Rathore that in compliance with the policy decision, the State Ground Water Department conducts regular surveys every year and after a regular interval, the ground water resources of the state are assessed.
- He said that in this sequence, the Central Ground Water Board and the Ground Water Department have jointly prepared the latest assessment report 2022 of the state's ground water resources at the joint level and issued it after approval from the inter-departmental state level committee.

- Dr. Joshi said that at present latest ground water assessment report on 31 March 2022, according to the out of 295 blocks and seven urban areas of the state, 219 blocks have been classified as hyper-exploited category, 22 sensitive, 20 semi-sensitive, 38 protected. Ground water 3 assessment of ground water in remaining in the report as it is saline blocks has not been made.
- He also placed on the table of the house the details of seven urban areas – Ajmer, Jaipur, Jodhpur, Jaisalmer, Kota, Udaipur and Bikaner.

Release of the Booklet 'Saal Ek: Faisle Anek'

Why In News?

On February 14, 2023, on the successful completion of one year of the tenure of Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation Chairman Dharmendra Rathore, a booklet 'Saal Ek: Faisle Anek' on RTDC's achievements and policy decisions was released.

Key points

- Rajasthan Tourism Minister Vishvendra Singh and Food and Civil Supplies Minister Pratap Singh Khachariyawas released the booklet in a program organized at Hotel Gangaur.
- Tourism Minister Vishvendra Singh said that RTDC management has done works like re-operation of royal train 'Palace on Wheels', restoration work of RTDC hotel, helicopter joyride which will prove to be helpful in the development of tourism in Rajasthan.
- He said that the state government has made a budget provision of 1500 crores to promote tourism. Rajasthan Film Tourism Promotion Policy-2022 has been implemented to give industry status to tourism in the state, which gave a new direction to the tourism sector.
- On this occasion, Tourism Minister Vishvendra Singh, Food and Civil Supplies Minister Pratap Singh and RTDC Chairman Dharmendra Rathore inaugurated the renovation work of Hotel Gangaur under the ongoing renovation works by RTDC.
- RTDC Chairman Dharmendra Rathore said that hotel Gangaur will regain its old glory with renovation works and will be ready to compete with private hotels.

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Rajasthan Appropriation (No-1) Bill, 2023 Passed by Voice Vote

Why In News?

On February 16, 2023, the Rajasthan Assembly passed the Rajasthan Appropriations (No.1) Bill, 2023 by voice vote.

Key points

- Minister in-charge Shanti Kumar Dhariwal introduced the Rajasthan Appropriation (No.1) Bill, 2023 in the House.
- He said that this bill has been brought to authorize the payment and appropriation of certain more amounts from the consolidated fund of the state for the financial year 2022-23.
- Shanti Kumar Dhariwal said that with the passage of this bill, an amount of Rs 48,332 crore 27 lakh 3 thousand rupees will be disbursed and utilized.

7834 Villages of 15 Districts of the State have been Declared Poverty-Stricken.

Why In News?

On February 17, 2023, the state government issued a notification declaring 15 districts of villages in 7834 the state as drought affected. This notification will be in force till March 31, 2023.

Key points

- Based on Kharif crop-2022 (Samvat 2079) regular/special Girdawari reports received from District Collectors, notification has been issued for the villages of these districts to provide relief to the farmers in case of crop damage due to floods.
- According to the notification issued by the Disaster Management, Relief and Civil Defence Department, 1231 villages of Baran district, 957 of Bharatpur, 517 of Bundi, 58 of Dhaulpur, 02 of Sriganganagar, 1597 of Jhalawar, 13 of Karauli, 347 of Nagaur, 347 of Sawai Madhopur Relief has been provided to 14 villages,

716 in Tonk, 766 in Kota, 717 in Banswara, 625 in Pratapgarh, 47 in Jodhpur, 227 in Ajmer.

Agricultural Produce Market will be Announced soon in Sarada Subdivision of Udaipur

Why In News?

On February 17, 2023, Rajasthan's Minister of State for Agricultural Marketing Murari Lal Meena said in the assembly that in the second phase of mandi construction in the state, an announcement would be made to set up an agricultural produce market in Sarada subdivision of Udaipur district. Along with this, a secondary market will be made in Chawand as soon as the land is acquired.

Key points

- Minister of State Murari Lal Meena was replying to supplementary questions asked by members in this regard during the Question Hour. He said that in the state by the state government in the last four years 88 mandis were declared, but the process had slowed down after the new laws were enacted in the middle.
- in the first phase in a phased manner Now the department is working on 50 mandis and in the second phase 38 agricultural produce markets will be announced and, in this phase, agricultural produce market will be announced in Sarada considering the income and area.
- He said that Chawand Secondary Market was declared in the year 1979. Its land has not yet been allotted, which is in process. He said that as soon as the land is received, a secondary market will also be built in Chawand.
- Earlier, the Minister of State for Agriculture Marketing said in a written reply to the original question of MLA Amritlal Meena that the agricultural produce market in Sarada, a subdivision of Salumbar assembly constituency, was not announced in the budget year 2020-21. However, in the budget year 2020-21, it has been announced to make secondary market Salumbar an independent market.

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'Rose Show-2023' to be Organized at Jaipur's Famous City Park

Why In News?

On February 17, 2023, Housing Commissioner Pawan Arora told that the 48th 'Rose Show-2023' will be organized by The Rose Society of Rajasthan on February 26 at Jaipur's famous City Park.

Key points

- The office bearers of the society held a meeting with Housing Commissioner Pawan Arora and shared the action plan of the programme. Commissioner Pawan Arora said that more than 500 varieties of roses will be displayed in the 48th Rose Show.
- He said that the area of 'Jaipur Flower Show' was developed earlier in City Park, which has become a major attraction among the people. Every year in the month of February, the 'Rose Show' will be organized by the Society in City Park itself, which will also become a center of attraction for tourists in the coming days.
- Ishwar Chandra Srivastava, a retired IAS officer and patron of the society, said that every year the society has been organizing daily shows in Central Park and Youth Hostel, but this time this grand show will be organized in the city park, which has become the heartbeat of the city.
- He said that the general public can also participate in the show with an advanced variety of rose pen. Varieties of good roses will also be honored. Apart from this, many other creative and cultural programs including painting competition will also be held.

Nathdwara Temple (Amendment) Bill, 2022 and Shri Sanwaliyaji Temple (Amendment) Bill, 2022 Passed by Voice Vote

Why In News?

On February 17, 2023, the state assembly passed the Nathdwara Temple (Amendment) Bill, 2022 and the Shri Sanwaliyaji Ji Temple (Amendment) Bill, 2022 by voice vote.

Key points

- Devasthan Minister Shakuntala Rawat presented both the bills in the House for discussion. After the discussion on the bills in the House, the Devasthan Minister, while highlighting the objectives and reasons of the bills, said that both the bills have been brought as per the directions of the Supreme Court.
- He said that before this amendment, deaf, dumb and leprosy patients could not become members in the board of both the temples. There was frustration in their minds because of this. He said the two bills will respect their sentiments and end their inferiority complex.
- Minister Shakuntala Rawat said that with the passage of these bills, deaf, dumb and leprosy patients will also be able to become presidents and members in the boards of these temples and participate in religious rituals.
- He said the state government has increased the honorarium of priests. Moksha-Kalash Scheme was run during Corona through Devasthan Department and pilgrimage is being done to the people of the state through senior citizen pilgrimage scheme.
- Earlier, the proposal to publicise the two bills for public opinion by members was rejected by the House by voice vote.

Rajiv Gandhi Lift Canal Phase-3

Why in News?

On February 19, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot laid the foundation stone of the Rs 1799 crore 'Rajiv Gandhi Lift Canal Phase III Project' at Umaid Stadium in Jodhpur district of the state.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that there will be no financial shortage in the completion of the third phase of Rajiv Gandhi Lift Canal. The project has been designed keeping in mind the drinking water requirements for the year 2054.
- Minister of Public Health Engineering Joshi said that the third phase of the Rs 1799 crore Rajiv Gandhi Lift Canal Project has been targeted to be completed by the year 2025. With this, there will be no shortage of water in Jodhpur, Pali, Barmer for the next 30 years.

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- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that in the third phase, the proposed plan of pipeline and four pump houses in the entire length parallel to the main canal is to be completed. On completion of the work, a total of 1030 MLD of water can be supplied by the existing Rajiv Gandhi Lift Canal and the proposed pipeline.
- With this, a total of 2,167 villages including 1,830 villages of Jodhpur city, Phalodi, Pipad, Bilara, Bhopalgarh and Samaddi towns and Jodhpur district, 211 villages of Barmer and 126 villages of Pali with a population of 80 lakh will be benefitted by 2054. This will meet the net drinking water demand of more than 69.79 crore litres per day.
- On completion of phase-III, the water withdrawal capacity from Indira Gandhi Canal will increase to 420 cusecs. The project will provide drinking water demand of 4.93 crore litres per day for institutional and commercial sector under Jodhpur district, 3.72 crore litres per day for Department of Defence, 4.30 crore litres per day for industrial (REICO) sector and 6 crore litres for Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor being developed in Rohat.
- The Chief Minister said that the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) is very important for the availability of drinking water and irrigation in 13 districts of Eastern Rajasthan. The state government has provided a budget of Rs 13,500 crore for this.

25th National Lokanuranjan Mela

Why in News?

On February 18, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the 25th Lokanuranjan Mela organized by Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Akademi at Ashok Udyan in Jodhpur district of the state on the birth anniversary of Sher-e-Rajasthan Jinarayan Vyas.

Key Points

- Referring to the famous artists, folk artists, literary personalities of the state, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot appreciated their incomparable role in preserving cultural traditions.
- He said that the state government is working for the welfare of folk artists. In this direction, a provision of Rs 100 crore has been made for the artists and these

artists are being given honorarium by providing 100 days of work.

- Remembering the famous artists and personalities dedicated to the upliftment of the art world, the Chief Minister said that literature awards will be given by organizing a festival in Jodhpur for the awards announced in their name by the government.
- He described the artists as the people of Marwar and Rajasthan, through which the coming generations get opportunities to learn about folk culture and traditions.
- The Chief Minister also released the 29th issue of the Academy's quarterly magazine 'Rangayoga' at the event.

Pawan Arora Honoured with 'Visionary Leader' and 'Global CSR Excellence and Leadership' Award

Why in News?

On February 20, 2023, Pawan Arora, senior IAS officer from Rajasthan and Commissioner of Rajasthan Housing Board, was honoured with the prestigious 'Visionary Leader' award by the Times Group's World HRD Congress and the 'Global CSR Excellence and Leadership' award by prestigious World Sustainability Organization in Mumbai.

Key Points

- On behalf of Rajasthan Housing Divisional Commissioner Pawan Arora, Additional Chief Engineer Amit Agarwal, Deputy Housing Commissioner JS Bugalia and Dr. Dilip Sharma received the award.
- It is noteworthy that under the leadership of Housing Board Commissioner Pawan Arora, Rajasthan Housing Board has become a case study for management gurus across the country. Many states of the country are preparing to adopt this model.
- In the last four years under the leadership of Housing Commissioner Pawan Arora, the board has received a total of 12 awards. These include prestigious awards like World Book of Records in Home Sales, Skoch Award-2021, Award of Excellence, Honor by National Real Estate Development Council, National Housing Award, IBC and 'Star of Governance-Gold Award'.

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CM inaugurates Vyas Medicity

Why in News?

On February 20, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated Vyas Medicity in Jodhpur district of the State.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot said that all possible steps have been taken in the medical field to realize the concept of a healthy Rajasthan. The state government is committed to provide better health services to the common man.
- The Chief Minister said that the state government has taken full care of development works in every area in Jodhpur. Probably all the prestigious institutions are established in Jodhpur. Prestigious institutions like AIIMS, National Law University, Ayurveda University, Sardar Patel Police University, MBM Engineering University have been established here.
- He said that announcement has also been made to open Marwar Medical University and Mahatma Gandhi Divyang University for Divyangjans in Jodhpur.

MoU Signed Between Jodhpur Discom and National Highways Logistics Management Limited

Why In News?

On February 22, 2023, an MoU was signed between Jodhpur Discom and National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML) in a meeting held at the Government Secretariat Complex in Jaipur under the chairmanship of Rajasthan Chief Secretary Usha Sharma.

Key points

- Under the MoU signed between Jodhpur Discom and National Highways Logistics Management Limited (NHLML), 11 solar power plants will be developed at a total of six places in three districts of Hanumangarh, Bikaner and Jodhpur on the Amritsar-Bhatinda-Jamnagar Expressway in the state.

- These power plants with a total capacity of 27.43 MW will be set up under the Saur Krishi Aajeevika Yojana (PM Kusum). These power plants will come up at Kolha village in Hanumangarh district, Malkisar-Gopalyan road, Naurangdesar and Rasisar villages in Bikaner district and Bhikamkor village in Jodhpur district and will cover 8 substations.
- It is noteworthy that the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has prepared this action plan through the National Highways Logistics Management Limited, in which solar panels are to be installed along national highways and express highways. This scheme will be developed on PPP mode (Public Private Partnership) basis.

Basemetal in Sikar Dariba and Potash Deposits in Hanumangarh Satipura Area

Why In News?

On February 22, 2023, Dr. Subodh Agarwal, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Mines, Petroleum and Water Resources, Rajasthan, said that the Geological Survey of India has found mineral base metal deposits in Dariba in Sikar district during mineral exploration and Jokhia South Block in Hanumangarh district. And potash reserves have been found in Khunja North Block.

Key points

- Dr. Subodh Aggarwal said that GSI has completed exploration of G2 level in Sikar area and G3 level in Hanumangarh area, due to which auction proceedings for mining lease can be done after completing necessary formalities of auction in these areas. .
- He said that according to the report of GSI, there is a possibility of 2.81 million tonnes of reserves of 0.33 per cent copper basemetal as a result of G2 level exploration in Dariba block of Sikar district and on the other hand, in Satipura sub-basin of Hanumangarh of Nagaur-Ganganagar basin. 3's exploration has resulted in reserves of about 340 million tonnes of the mineral potash.
- Dr. Subodh Agarwal has instructed the officers to prepare a time-bound action plan and complete the necessary process of auction of these blocks on priority so that precious minerals like base metal and potash can be exploited, dependence on imports from

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foreign countries can be reduced and the revenue of the state can increase.

- It is noteworthy that during the meeting of the joint working group of the state and central government, the Deputy Director General of the Geological Survey of India Ramjeevan gave the exploration report to ACS Mines.
- Geological Survey of India's Deputy Director General Ramjeevan said that along with the mineral exploration work in the state, exploration reports are submitted by the Central Government's organizations including GSI, MECL, IBM, along with the Mineral Department.

New Website of Rajasthan Civil Services Appellate Tribunal Launched

Why In News?

On February 22, 2023, Ashwini Bhagat, Chairman, Rajasthan Civil Services Appellate Tribunal launched the new and updated website of the State Civil Services Appellate Tribunal.

Key points

- It may be mentioned that the tribunal hears the service-related promises of the employees of the state. This website has been launched by the Government of Rajasthan for the dissemination of information with speedy justice and transparency to the common people.
- Tribunal's Registrar Pankaj Ojha said that the website has been developed by the Information and Technology Department.
- In this website facility of alert through SMS, online registration of cases of Jodhpur Bench, facility of uploading all types of stays and decisions, division of cause list into benches according to case purpose, information of advocates, case re-open Facility of case linking and tagging, facility of roster maintenance, facility of MIS preparation and entry of more than one private party have been included.

'Return of the Costume Treasure' Exhibition on Protection and Restoration of

Cultural Property Inaugurated in Khajuraho

Why In News?

On February 22, 2023, Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar, Union Culture Minister G. Kishan Reddy, Minister of State for Culture Meenakshi Lekhi inaugurated an exhibition titled 'Return of Costume Treasures on Protection and Restoration of Cultural Property' at Maharaja Chhatrasal Convention Hall at Khajuraho in Chhatarpur district of the state.

Key points

- A re-address returns off (treasures) was also released on the occasion.
- It is noteworthy that 2014 from to 2022, the Government of India has brought back 229 countries and returned rare items related to heritage. Selected items from these are displayed in the exhibition.
- The objective of this exhibition is to showcase the spirit, need and future of repatriation of cultural wealth through select examples of successful return of cultural heritage in India and around the world. The exhibition has become a medium to showcase cultural objects, their history and the stories surrounding their successful return.
- Under the aegis of The Ministry of Culture, Government of India, the Archaeological Survey of India and the National Institute of Museums and the National Museum have jointly Re-Dress organized the exhibition Treasure Return.
- The exhibition has been made part of the G20 Culture Working Group (CWG) meetings held across India by the Ministry of Culture. Among the most important pieces on display at the exhibition is the woman who was brought back to India from Canada in 2015. It is now housed at the ASI Site Museum in Khajuraho.
- Around 26 antiquities from across India are featured in the exhibition, complemented with photographs and visuals of antiquities returned to India so far, along with some encouraging examples of repatriation from other parts of the world.
- It is known that so far, a total of 242 antiquities from different countries have been repatriated to India. Many others are still in the process of returning.

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- Global efforts towards bringing back cultural wealth are excellent examples of cultural and international cooperation between countries. These pieces of art and antiquity, past victims of illegal trafficking are now being exhibited as cultural ambassadors and advocates of the repatriation of cultural heritage.

Chief Minister Inaugurated Cultural Village Adivart in Khajuraho

Why In News?

On February 22, 2023, Chief Minister of Madhya Pradesh Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated Tribal and Folk Art State Museum of Madhya Pradesh, Cultural Village Adivart on the occasion of organizing the G-20 Culture Working Group meeting at Khajuraho in Chhatarpur district of the state.

Key points

- Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan informed that Adivart has been envisaged as Madhya Pradesh Tribal and Folk Art State Museum by the Culture Department. In the first phase of the cultural village Adivarta, the landscape of the village of 7 tribes has been included.
- In Adivart, Gond, Baiga, Bhil, Bharia, Korku, Kol and Saharia along with the major tribes of the state, respectively, five cultural zones, Baghelkhand, Bundelkhand, Malwa, Nimar and Chambal respectively, were displayed by building houses and life-useful items.
- Culture director Aditi Kumar Tripathi told that tribal artists will get a better chance to sell local products and paintings etc. through Adivart Museum. This will also strengthen the livelihood of the artists.

Special Campaign for Inspection of Schools Started to Check the Rights and Schemes of Specially Abled Children

Why In News?

Recently, Rajasthan's Special Qualified State Commissioner Umashankar Sharma has started a special campaign to inspect schools to check the legal rights and

adherence to schemes of specially abled students. Under his leadership, the campaign started from Udaipur district of the state.

Key points

- State Commissioner Umashankar Sharma said that it started with the inspection of three schools in Udaipur city by a joint team of social justice and empowerment department and child empowerment department of the state.
- The buildings and arrangements of all government and private schools are being inspected. During the inspection, it is being seen how favorable the buildings and arrangements of the schools are for specially abled children.
- Under this, toilets, cafeteria, seating, entrance gate, lift, arrangements, drinking water, emergency evacuation and ramp arrangements 75 parameters including classroom complex of schools are being thoroughly examined. During the inspection, instructions are being issued to the school management to take full care of the specially qualified children.
- Umashankar Sharma said that during the investigation, the admission of specially abled children in schools under the Right to Education Act-2009 is also being examined and schools are being banned from admitting specially abled children under this Act as per rules.
- He said that orders have been given to inspect all the schools by the Chief District Education Officer in Udaipur. According to the order, all PEOs in the district must inspect their subordinate schools. Action will be taken against the school which is not found suitable for the specially qualified children.
- The objective of this campaign is to make all the schools of the state suitable for specially qualified children so that they can also easily get education and become capable citizens.
- The Special Eligible People Commissioner said that for the first time such a campaign has been started in the state, under which efforts are being made to make every school child friendly.

Increased Scope of Employment Guarantee Scheme in Cities

Why In News?

On February 23, 2023, days to provide employment to every hand in cities under the Indira Gandhi Urban

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Employment Guarantee Scheme Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal to increase employment from 100 days to 125.

Key points

- It is noteworthy that under the budget announcement of the Chief Minister for the year 2022-23, Indira Gandhi Urban Employment Guarantee Scheme was implemented on the lines of MNREGA. Last year, a budget of Rs 800 crore was allocated to provide 100 days of employment per family under the scheme.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has agreed to amend the approved guidelines of the scheme. This amendment will be effective from April 1, 2023. Providing 25 days of additional employment to the urban unemployed is expected to cost about Rs.1100 crore.
- It is noteworthy that an announcement in this regard has been made by the Chief Minister in the budget 2023-24. In this scheme, 125 days of employment will be available per family.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had launched the 18th, from Khania Ki Bawdi in Jaipur, built in 9 the scheme on September 2022 century.
- In the scheme, the needy families can demand employment by making a job card through Jan Aadhar card. This scheme has been launched by the state government against unemployment by providing employment guarantee to the urban unemployed.
- The scheme allows various types of works including environmental protection, water conservation, heritage conservation, sanitation, service, convergence and prevention of property defacement.
- Important points of the plan-
 - More than 4.51 lakh job cards have been made so far.
 - More than 6.94 lakh members have joined the scheme so far.
 - Employment has been demanded by 3.09 lakh families so far.
 - Over 1.13 lakh online muster rolls released.
 - Rs. 259 per day wages of unskilled workers.
 - Rs. 271 per day wages of semi-skilled workers/mats.
 - Rs. 283 per day wages of skilled workers.
 - ages of 18 People between the and 60 can work.
 - Facility of free registration through Jan Aadhaar card through E-Mitra also.

The President Honored Rajasthan's Pantomime Artist Vilas Janve with the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award

Why In News?

On February 23, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu awarded the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2021 to Rajasthan's senior artist Vilas Janve at a function held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. On this occasion, 128 artists of the country were honored with the Academy Award.

Key points

- As a reward, Vilas Janve was given a copper letter, one lakh rupees and a garment.
- It is noteworthy that 68-year-old Vilas Janve has been associated with pantomime for the last five decades. He has also received senior fellowship in the field of pantomime from the Ministry of Culture in 2001.
- He is the fifth artist in the country to receive this prestigious award in pantomime. Earlier this award Guru Yogesh Dutta of Bengal, Padma Shri Niranjan Goswami, Moinul Haque of Assam and Sapan Nandi of Tripura have got it.
- It is known that Vilas Janve, along with his wife Kiran Janve, has performed in national pantomime festivals since 1998, as well as directed pantomime workshops for art academies and educational institutions in Gujarat, Maharashtra, Goa, Chandigarh, Delhi and Rajasthan.
- Besides assisting his mentor Padmashree Niranjan Goswami in pantomime workshops, he has composed many pantomimes on historical and social themes. He has also demonstrated his art on many forums of the country.
- Janve, who was Program Officer for 28 years at the Western Zone Cultural Center, Udaipur, also worked as a consultant at the CCRT Regional Center, Udaipur. He has also given training in pantomime at the Central Jail, Udaipur.
- Vilas Janve has also innovated by pantomiming the poems of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's Nobel Prize composition 'Gitanjali'.

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Rajasthan got Best Emerging Destination and Most Scenic Road Award

Why In News?

On February 24, 2023, Rajasthan was selected for the Best Emerging Destination and Most Scenic Road Award at the Tourism and Survey Award ceremony organized by The India Today Group in Delhi.

Key points

- Rajasthan has been selected for this award by the India Today Group keeping in view various parameters.
- In the category of most scenic roads in the country, the road between Udaipur and Jodhpur in Rajasthan has received the Most Scenic Road Award for the most scenic road in the country.
- Union Culture Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal presented the award to Gayatri Rathore, Principal Government Secretary, Tourism Department.

'Rose Show-2023'

Why In News?

On February 26, 2023, the 48th 'Rose Show-2023' was organized by The Rose Society of Rajasthan at City Park, which has become a hot destination in Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan.

Key points

- State's Housing Commissioner Pawan Arora said that the City Park, which has become famous in the country and the world, was buzzing with the fragrance of 400 varieties of roses. The 48th Rose Show organized by The Rose Society of Rajasthan attracted not only local but also tourists from outside.
- He said that the popularity of City Park among the general public can be gauged from the fact that the Society has decided to organize the 'Rose Show' held in the month of February in the City Park every year.
- In 'Rose Show-2023', the common people also participated with an advanced variety of rose pens. Varieties of good roses were also felicitated. Apart from this, many other creative and cultural programs including painting competition were also organized.
- Various plants by Neelkamal, Tulip, Home Garden Nursery were also exhibited in the exhibition. More than 1 to 3 in groups 400 varieties of colourful roses were exhibited in the show and were also honored for the best variety of roses.
- Emperor of the Show Secretary JDA, Empress of the Show Maya Balan, King of the Show Ramchandra Saini, Queen of the Show Secretary JDA, Prince of the Show Ramlal, Princess of the Show Maya Balan and Best Exhibitor of the Show. Hotel was given to Rambagh Palace.

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