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## Pratapgarh District Tops in Covid Vaccination | Rajasthan | 14 Oct 2021

### Why in News

Recently, in the latest report released at the state level, Pratapgarh district has topped in Covid Vaccination. **Pratapgarh** has left behind all the districts in terms of vaccination in 33 districts.

### Key Points

- According to the report, 91.2% people of Pratapgarh district have got the first dose and 48.6% people have got the second dose. On the other hand, Sikar is at second place and Hanumangarh district is at third place.
  - It is noteworthy that for the last 10 days, Pratapgarh district was running at the eighth position at the state level, but the district has come first in the five-day vaccination campaign.
  - Analyzing the data from the Covid-19 app, it was found that the medical department team administered 687 doses every hour. In the five-day campaign, the teams applied more than 85 thousand doses.
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## Amendment in Rajasthan Electricity (Fee) Rules, 1970 | Rajasthan | 14 Oct 2021

### Why in News

On October 13, 2021, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the amendment in the **Rajasthan Electricity (Fee) Rules, 1970**.

### Key Points

- After this decision of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot, the Finance Department has also issued a notification in this regard, which will be **effective from October 31**.
- It is noteworthy that in the budget for the year 2021-22, the Chief Minister had announced to simplify the important processes in the revenue earning departments and make them online.
- In this sequence, an online facility has been given by simplifying the procedures related to electricity duty. Under this, every person, who generates energy from captive power plants for his own use, consumption or free supply to others, will be able to take advantage of the facility of registration through the departmental website, so that the dealer would not need to be present in the departmental office. Registration certificate will be issued within three days of submission of application.
- Along with this, a facility has also been provided to submit quarterly returns electronically through the website of the department within 30 days from the end of the quarter.

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## M-Passport App | Rajasthan | 14 Oct 2021

### Why in News

Recently, the **Chief Secretary of the State Niranjana Arya** launched the **M-Passport App under the joint aegis of the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and the State Home Department**. Mapping has been done by **connecting all the police stations of the state with the app**.

### Key Points

- Principal Secretary Home Abhay Kumar told about the M-Passport app that, in this app, most of the **questions for police verification are recorded in 'yes' or 'no'**.
- This process is more transparent and convenient. With its introduction, the period of police verification for passports will be reduced from two weeks to one week. He said that after 'pilot run' at some places in the state, it is now being implemented in the entire state.
- Prabhat Kumar, Additional Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs said that the use of the M-Passport app in the police verification process will not only make it easier for Indian citizens to obtain passports, but also this will be useful in getting 'Police Clearance Certificates' for Indians living abroad and people of Indian origin.
- **Director General of Police Intelligence Umesh Mishra** said that to **reduce the time taken in police verification**, capacity building of policemen is being done (up to the constable level). This facility will improve the service quality of the police in the passport issuance process.

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## Connecting Mount Abu, Pushkar, Nathdwara and Pilani in RUIDP | Rajasthan | 14 Oct 2021

### Why in News

Recently, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot approved the proposal sent by the Department of Autonomous Government to connect **Mount Abu, Pushkar, Nathdwara and Pilani** in Tranche-2 of Phase-4 of **RUIDP under Rajasthan Secondary Towns Development Sector Project (RSTDSP)**.

### Key Points

- Various development and beautification works will be done in these four cities linked in RUIDP Phase-4-Trench-2 **funded by [Asian Development Bank](#)**. These development works will strengthen the infrastructure in these areas and tourism will also get a boost.
- Under the proposal, works of drinking water supply, road strengthening and renovation of two ponds of the Nathdwara city will be done at a cost of Rs 80 crore. Besides, tourism development, urban beautification and other development works will be done in Mount Abu, Pushkar and Pilani cities at a cost of Rs. 25 crores.
- It is worth mentioning that in Phase-4 of **RUIDP**, works related to sanitation, drainage, drinking

water supply and beautification of tourist places are already underway in 14 cities.

- After linking the four new cities, the **DPR** of the proposed works regarding infrastructure development and beautification of these cities **will be prepared by the respective urban bodies**.

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## Rajasthan Social Security Special Persons Pension Scheme | Rajasthan | 14 Oct 2021

### Why in News

On October 13, 2021, an order was issued by the Social Justice and Empowerment Department of Rajasthan to give the **benefits of pension scheme to all the special persons with [21 types of disabilities](#)** under the '**Rajasthan Social Security Special Persons Pension Scheme**' in the state.

### Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that this step has been taken by amending the **Social Security Special Persons Pension Rules, 2013**, considering **all 21 types of disability categories of the state as special persons** in the state.
- Secretary, Social Justice and Empowerment Department, Dr. Samit Sharma informed that earlier, the benefit of social security pension scheme was given only to the special persons having dwarfism of 3 feet 6 inches in height, including 7 types of categories of special persons mentioned under the Persons with Disabilities Act, 1995.
- He said that due to the effect of **Right of Persons with Disabilities Act-2016**, considering 21 types of disability category as special persons in the state, all the differently abled persons with **[21 types of disabilities](#)** would be able to get the benefits of pension scheme.

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