

## Rajasthan DigiFest and Job Fair

## Why In News?

 On November 13, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot concluded the Rajasthan DigiFest and Job Fair at government polytechnic college campus in Jodhpur.

## **Key Points**

- On the occasion of the closing ceremony, Ashok Gehlot, while laying the foundation stone of Rajiv Gandhi Fintech Digital Institute, said that this institute will be built at a cost of Rs 672.45 crore, in which youth including students and startups will get a world-class platform.
- On this occasion, he released the Rajasthan Startup Policy-2022, which will encourage startups in the state, increase employment opportunities and also expand the investment sector. In this, special care has been taken for every category including SC-ST.
- The Chief Minister also inaugurated I-Start Nest Incubator Center at Jodhpur and Pali (virtual) for entrepreneurship, skill development among students. During this, the Chief Minister distributed symbolic checks of Rs 41.15 lakh as prizes to the winners of the School and Rural Innovation Challenge.
- It is notable that earlier incubator centers have been established in Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Ajmer, Kota, Bikaner, Bharatpur and Churu in the state.
- The Chief Minister also distributed funds of Rs 1 crore to 12 startups of the state at the function. It is noteworthy that more than 3000 startups are registered under i-START, in which an amount of Rs 30 crore was distributed to them, which has brought investment of up to Rs 200 crore in the state and more than 21 thousand people have got employment.
- He said that more than 23 thousand youth participated in the three-day job fair in Jodhpur. In this, more than 3500 youth have been selected for employment by various companies. More than 9200 youth have also been shortlisted here, which is a big achievement. Packages worth lakhs of rupees have also been given to the youth in this fair.
- Principal Secretary, Information Technology and Communication Department, Akhil Arora said about Digifest-2022 that Jodhpur has immense potential for information technology and communication and the youth of Rajasthan have proved their talent in the country and the world with the far-reaching thinking and innovations of the government in the field of startups.

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