

Rajasthan Democracy Fighters Honor Bill 2024

Why in News?

On 21st March 2025, the Rajasthan Legislative Assembly passed the "Rajasthan Loktantra Senani Samman Bill, 2024" by voice vote.

Key Points

About the Bill:

- The Bill aims to honour the fighters who fought to protect democracy during the Emergency (June 25, 1975 March 21, 1977) and their families.
- This Bill recognises the sacrifice and martyrdom of those who fought to protect democratic values.

Main provisions:

- Monthly Pension: All eligible Loktantra Senani will be given Rs 20,000 monthly pension.
- Medical Aid: Each beneficiary will be provided with Rs 4,000 monthly medical aid.
- Free Transport Facility: Loktantra Senani will get free travel facility in government transport services.
- **Benefits to dependents**: After the death of a democracy fighter, his/her husband/wife will be given **honorarium and medical assistance for life**.
- Special Invitation on National Festivals: Loktantra Senanis and their families will be invited as special guests on national events like <u>Independence Day</u> and <u>Republic Day</u>.

Importance:

- This bill reflects the government's commitment to those who safeguard democracy.
- This will provide economic and social support to those families who were most affected during the Emergency.
- This initiative will also serve to inspire future generations to protect democracy.

Emergency

Introduction:

It refers to legal measures and provisions under the constitution or law of a country that enable the government to respond quickly and effectively to extraordinary situations, such as war, insurrection or other crises that threaten the stability, security or sovereignty of the country and India's democracy.

Constitutional Provisions:

- These provisions are mentioned in Articles 352 to 360 under Part XVIII of the Constitution .
- The emergency provisions in the Indian Constitution are inspired by the Weimar Constitution of Germany .

Types of Emergencies:

- National Emergency (Article 352)
- State Emergency (Article 356)
- Financial Emergency (Article 360)

