

Rajasthan Specific Monthly Current Affairs- December

> Demoiselle Crane

- A Demoiselle Crane has covered a record distance of 4032 kms in 151 days. It was tagged in Mongolia and reached Khichan in Jodhpur after the journey.
- The bird was tagged under a multi-country initiative called 1000-Crane Project to track migrations of multiple populations and species and impacts on climate change etc.
- This is the longest recorded flight of a Demoiselle Crane.

> New Environment friendly sewage treatment plant by CAZRI

- Central Arid Zone Research Institute has developed a new eco-friendly Sewage treatment plant based on the principle of plant-microbe interactions which is aimed at recycling 90% of the wastewater in arid and semi-arid areas of the country.
- CAZRI is in the Jodhpur city of Rajasthan.
- It was established in 1952 as Desert Afforestation Research Station and was renamed as CAZRI in the year 1959.

EV stations in Jaipur

- In pursuit of making electric vehicles viable, it has been decided to set up Electric Vehicle charging infrastructure at 75 locations across the city of Jaipur.
- Out of the 75, 54 stations will be set up by Rajasthan Electronics and Instruments Ltd (REIL).
- The other 21 will be established by Energy Efficiency Services Ltd.
- The locations will be identified by Jaipur Development Authority.

Excavations at Kalibangan

- Over 400 relics dated from 2500 BC to 1700 BC have been excavated by the Archaeological Survey of India outside the limits of Kalibangan Site.
- The relics that have been excavated are kilns, pottery, figurines, terracotta bangles, beads of semi-precious stones etc.
- This is the first excavation outside the limits of well-defined site where existence of settlement has been found.

> Automated Bank Note Processing Centre in Jaipur.

 An Automated Bank Note processing centre will be established in Jaipur by RBI for receipt, storage and dispatch of currency notes.





• Other functions of the Note processing centre will include processing of notes received from currency chests and bank branches, and the the destruction of soiled notes in an automated manner.

> Control Rooms to curb wildlife crime

- Control rooms have been set up at Sariska Tiger Reserve and Ranthambore National Park to curb wildlife crime.
- Any person who witnesses a wildlife crime or any illegal activity in the forest area can report the same by contacting the control rooms.

> Embryo Technology for cows

- Rajasthan University of Veterinary and Animal science which is located in Bikaner has signed a MoU with National Dairy development Board for implementation of Embryo implantation technology in the indigenous breeds of Cows in the state.
- There are four main breeds in Rajasthan- Gir, Sahiwal, Tharparkar and Rathi.

Corona-Free Ward Strategy

- The city of jodhpur is implementing the "Corona-free Ward strategy" which is aimed at identifying high risk patients, identifying the areas for containment zones.
- Under the campaign, Auxiliary Nurses, ASHA and Anganwadi workers and Police constables will reach out to every house in Jodhpur.

> National Consumer Rights Day

- On 24th December (National Consumer Rights Day), the chairman of state consumer disputes redressal commission Kamal kumar Bagdi, launched a facebook page for redressal of grievances of the consumers.
- Notices can be issued for the complaints registered on the page.

Pura Kaam, Pura Daam Campaign

- CM Ashok Gehlot has launched the "Pura Kaam, Pura Daam" Campign in the state which is aimed at mobilising at motivating the workers under MGNREGA to finish their respective work so that they can be paid full wages.
- The campaign will run run in the state for 2 months and will improve the worksite management.





Abhay Command Centres

- CM Ashok Gehlot has launched 5 new Abhay Command Centres in the state at Sawai Madhopur, Jhalawar, Churu, Chittorgarh and Rajsamand.
- Abhay Command Centres one stop high-tech centres which are connected to security cameras for surveillance and are integrated with a response system to fight the crime efficiently.

Police Station Survey

- Through a survey by Ministry of Home Affairs for the Police Stations across the country Nongpok Sekmai Police station in Manipur has emerged as the best Police Station in the country out of the 16,671 Police stations that were surveyed.
- **Mahajan Police Station from Bikaner** was the top ranker from the state of Rajasthan.

India's first organ donor memorial inaugurated in Jaipur

- On the occasion of National Organ Donation Day 27 November, Rajasthan chief minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the country's first organ donor memorial in Jaipur, Rajasthan.
- The memorial has been built by the Mohan Foundation Jaipur Citizens Forum and the Jaipur Municipal Corporation.
- The organ donor memorial, built near SMS Hospital, is dedicated in honour of those who have given life to hundreds of others.
- The memorial is inspired by the famous Jantar Mantar of Jaipur and has been designed by Sameer Wheaton. It depicts life looking towards the cosmic heavens in gratitude, compassion and love.

Note: "Organ donation is only 0.08 per cent in India while in Spain it is 35 per cent, in the US it is 21 per cent and in the UK it is 15 per cent.

World Bank Signs \$500 Million funding for 'Green' Highway Corridor Project in India

- India and the World Bank signed a \$500 million project to build safe and green national highway corridors in the states of Rajasthan, Himachal Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Andhra Pradesh.
- The Green National Highways Corridors Project will support the ministry to construct 783 km of highways in various geographies by integrating safe and green technology designs such as local and marginal materials, industrial by-products, and other bio-engineering solutions.
- The project will help reduce GHG (greenhouse gas) emissions in the construction and maintenance of highways.

