

Rajasthan Specific Monthly Current Affairs-February 2021

1. Intensified mission Indradhanush

- Rajasthan government has launched Intensified Mission Indradhanush in 24 districts of the state starting from Bhilwara on 22nd February 2021.
- This mission has been launched under the Universal Immunisation Program.
- It aims to 100% immunization target in the state so that no pregnant woman or child below 2 years is deprived of Immunization.

2. GEF Funded green agriculture project

- To conserve Biodiversity and forest landscape in the desert national park a
 Green Agriculture Project is being launched in the state of Rajasthan.
- The project steering committee is headed by the chief secretary of Rajasthan
 Mr. Niranjan Arya.
- The project is being funded through Global Environment Facility of the Food and Agriculture Organization.
- The overall cost of the Project is estimated to be around 30 Crores.

Desert National Park: It is located in the district of Jaisalmer and Barmer in the state of Rajasthan. It is only location in Rajasthan where the State Bird (Great Indian Bustard), State animal (Chinkara) and State tree (Khejri) and State flower (Rohida) are found naturally.

3. Maru Desert Festival

- Rajasthan government has announced the annually held Maru Desert Festival will begin from February 25. It is going to be organized in the district of Jaisalmer.
- One can witness folk performances, fascinating competitions, and beauty
 pageants during the three-day-long annual festival at Jaisalmer. Apart from
 this, exquisite handicrafts will be displayed at the fair.

4. "Aayog Aapke Dwar" Campaign



- An awareness campaign called "Aayog Aapke Dwar has been launched from the Nagaur district by the Rajasthan State's Child Commission. The campaign aims to increase awareness among people about the child rights.
- Under the campaign the children will also be educated on the "Good touch and Bad touch".

5. Complete Electricity Cover to schools in the Nagaur District

- Nagaur district has become the first state in the district to have all the schools in it to be electrified.
- More than 800 schools have been provided with electricity through a drive called "Ujaas" by the District collector of the district.
- Under the drive campaigns were run to mobilise donors, gram panchayat offices and General public to achieve the target.

6. Rajasthan Excise and temperance policy 2021-22.

The Rajasthan State Excise department has released the **Rajasthan Excise and temperance policy 2021-22.** Under the policy the following points are noteworthy:

- The total number of liquor stores in the state is 7665 and no change has been made in this number for the upcoming year.
- The liquor stores will now be allotted through e-auctions instead of the lottery system.
- A person can not be allotted more than 5 shops in the state or more than 2 shops in one district.
- Additional Excise duty on beer has been reduced by 10% by the department.
- Advanced deposit percentage has been reduced from 14.5% to 8%.
- For the first time the state government has allowed the local establishments to set up micro-breweries in the premises.

7. Electricity Supply code Regulations, 2021

Rajasthan Electricity Regulation Commission (RERC) has released the following regulations for the year 2021:





- All the services by the DISCOMS including supply, meter replacement etc must be provided in a timely manner.
- The faulty meters must be replaced within 24 hours in the Urban areas and within 72 hours in the rural areas.
- Applications can be made online and hard copy has been made noncompulsory.
- The connections which have been disconnected due to non-payment of the electricity bill must be fixed within 6 hours of the repayment of dues.

8. Experts to review GIB breeding

- And expert team from Wildlife Institute of India will visit Jaisalmer from February 8 to February 10 to review the Great Indian Bustard's Breeding program.
- The purpose of the team is to identify the habitat areas of the state bird to check the feasibility of shifting the electricity wires underground as per the guidelines of the Government of India.
- A recent surge in population of the Great Indian Bustard has been noted in the state after the establishment of a hatchery centre at the Desert National Park in the Jaisalmer District.

Great Indian Bustard: It is the state Bird of Rajasthan. It is put under the Critically Endangered category of the red list of IUCN.

9. Schemes to provide employment to the youth in the state

The state government has launched the following schemes to provide employment to the youth of the state:

Samarth Scheme: It is a 100% state funded scheme, under which
entrepreneurship skills will be provided to the women, disabled and person
belonging from marginalised sections. The age limit for free training facilities
has been kept from 15 to 50.



- Saksham Scheme: A free skill development training will be provided to
 person from the age of 15 to 45 years, so that they can become self-reliant
 and capable of setting up their own business.
- Rajvik Scheme: Under this scheme, the youth will be provided with marketoriented skills to enhance their employment opportunities. The age limit has been kept at 15 to 35 years with a 10-year relaxation for women and specially abled persons.

10. School Health and Wellness Program

- With the co-ordination of health and education departments and technical expertise from the UN Population Fund, the school health and wellness program has been launched across 7 districts of the state.
- The project is aimed at increasing the awareness regarding mental and physical health among the students.
- The program is launched in the 5 aspirational districts- Baran, Dhaulpur,
 Jaisalmer, Karauli and Sirohi. The other two districts included in the program are Bundi and Udaipur.

11. Jaipur Literature Festival 2021

 The 14th edition of 10-day long event of Jaipur Literature festival was held in the month of February online. In a first, augmented reality has been used to give the readers an immersive experience.

12. Ajmer Smart City Project

- Under the smart city plan a theatre has been constructed in the city of Ajmer with a cost of 1.03 crores over an area of 1073 sq-m in the premises of Suchna Kendra.
- The Theatre is an attempt to provide a platform for performance by artists and showcasing the culture of Rajasthan.



13. Yudh-Abhyas

- The 16th edition of joint military exercise of India and USA has been organized at Mahajan Field Firing Range in the the district of Bikaner.
- The Indian Army in 'Yudh Abhyas' will be represented by the 11th battalion of Jammu and Kashmir Rifles, who are part of the South Western Command.

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