

Rajasthan Current Affairs August 2021

Important News: Places

2400 million potassium reserve found in Bikaner, Hanumangarh

Potassium:

- Main ore of potassium is silvanite.
- Total potassium reserve in Rajasthan is largest in the country (91%).
- Recently, 240 crore tonne potassium reserve have been found in Nagaur-Ganganagar basin of Rajasthan which is spread over 30,000 sq. km.
- Which can be five times of the total known potassium reserve in the world.
- These reserves are in Nagaur, Ganganagar, Hanumangarh and Bikaner districts.

24 sq. km. belt of Manganese have been discovered in Banswada and Rajsamand of Rajasthan.

Manganese

- Manganese is iron metallic mineral which is found in Dharwad rocks/Aravali hilly state.
- Main ore of manganese is Pyrolusite which is mainly found in Banswada, Rajasthan.
- Manganese is called 'Jack of all trades' because it foundation of industrial units in India.

- Manganese is used in steel making, chemical industry and dry cells.
- As far as production and storage is concerned Rajasthan has 8th place in the country.
- **Main places of manganese in Rajasthan-** Banswada, Lilwana, Talwada Naradia
- Rajsamand- Nagedia
- Udaipur- Chhotisaar, Badi Saar

Important News: Polity

Chief Minister demanded special status for Rajasthan

What is special category state?

- Some criteria have been determined for giving special status to a state, so that by exact evaluation of its backwardness status can be given.

What is the advantage?

- States which fulfill these criteria are given central monetary help under which 90 percent amount is grant and 10 percent amount is loan.
- Other states under central help are given 70 percent amount as loan and 30 percent amount as grant.
- After giving special state status central government has given these states many reliefs in the form of special package facility and tax relief.



- Because of this private sector is encouraged to invest in these areas which provides employment opportunities and ensures development. First article of 12th part of constitution is related to centre-state financial relations.
- Rajasthan veterinary and animal science university Bikaner
- Foundation -13 May, 2010
- (Under section (3) of section 1 of Rajasthan veterinary and animal science university act 2010)
- Purpose- To produce trained human resource, appropriate technology and in order to raise the income of farmers and stockmen transfer of new technical knowledge to stakeholders.

Other important facts -

- Right now 11 states of the country have been accorded special status.
- Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, Tripura, Jammu-Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- Jammu-Kashmir, Assam and Nagaland was given special status in 1969, Himachal Pradesh was given in 1971, Manipur, Meghalaya and Tripura was given in 1972, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh and Mizoram was given in 1975 and Uttarakhand was given special status in 2001.
- Till now states which have been given special status, main logic behind is there inaccessible geographical position and social-economic inequalities prevailing there.
- Central Sheep Research Centre is situated in Avikanagar (Tonk).
- Sheep and Wool Training Institute is situated in Jaipur.
- Buffalo Research Centre is situated in Vallabgarh (Udaipur).
- Central Goat Research Centre is situated in Avikanagar (Tonk).

PROFESSOR INDIRA VYAS HAS BEEN GIVEN LIFE TIME MARU RATNA AWARD

- Under the joint aegis of Environment protection Institute (DEKO) and Women PG College, Jodhpur Life time Maru Ratna 2021 award was given to Professor Indira Vyas of Udaipur.
- President of Deko is Dr. S L Harsh.
- Smt. Indira Vyas is retired principal of Mira Girls PG college and has been awarded for excellent service in environment for 50 years.

Important News: Person in News

Doctor Satish Kumar Garg has been appointed as vice chancellor of Rajasthan veterinary and animal science university, Bikaner



Economy

New chairman of Rajasthan Revenue Board Rajeshwar Singh took his charge.

Erstwhile Chairman and Managing Director of Rajasthan state road transport corporation Rajeshwar Singh has been made chairman of Revenue zone. Dr. R Venketeshwaran has been appointed as Director General of Harish Chandra Mathur Rajasthan state public administration institute and honorary additional chief secretary training.

Ecology

On the occasion of World tribal day during state level function chief minister inaugurates 228 development works

- Chief Minister Gehlot on Monday through video conferencing addressed state level function on world tribal day.
- On this occasion he inaugurated 43 works of Rs. 166.90 crore and laid the foundation of 185 works.
- For tribal participation scheme, community forest rights development scheme and in

order to give community forest rights letter he inaugurated forest right abhiyan which will run for three months.

Forest Rights Abhiyan 2021

- From 9 August to 9 November 2021
- Run by Tribal regional development department.
- Purpose - Boost to ancient culture of tribal community and their overall development
- Minister of State for Tribal regional development department- Arjun Singh Bamriya
- Secretary-Shikhar Agarwal

Plentiful water lifts up Ghana bird sanctuary -

Keoladev Ghana Bird Sanctuary National Park:-

- Second national park of the state.
- It is situated at the confluence of Banganga rivers in Ghambiri in Bharatpur district
- In 1956, it was given the status of sanctuary
- In 1981, it was declared National park.
- Keoladev Ghana bird sanctuary was declared Ramsar site in 1983
- In 1985, it was included in UNESCO's World Natural Heritage site list.



- This park gets its water from Ajan dam
- As far as area is concerned, it is smallest national park in Rajasthan
- This national park was named after Keoladev Shiv temple
- Dense forest of Kadam and Acecia trees here attracts the birds and Python point is situated here.

Important Days

Under the aegis of Weaver service centre Jaipur 7th National Handloom Day was celebrated on 7 August

- National Handloom Day is celebrated on 7th August in the country
- On this day in 1905 Swadeshi Movement was initiated
- On this day during a public meeting in Townhall of Calcutta Swadeshi Movement was formally launched.
- To commemorate, Indian government every year on 7th August celebrates National Handloom Day
- On 7 August 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Shatabdi corridor of College of Madras in Chennai inaugurated National Handloom Day, after which it is celebrated every year.
- On 7 August 2021 7th National Handloom Day was celebrated.
- Aim- To demonstrate contribution of Handloom in social economic reform of India.

World Biofuel Day celebrated on 10th August

- **Tagline- Creation of better Earth through clean and green fuel**

Rajasthan Biofuel Authority

- Mission launched on 4 September. Chairman is Chief Minister. First state which introduced Biofuel policy. Realizing the potential of biofuel, state government announced the policy
- On 10th August 2019, rules were laid down for development of biofuel
- Programme for planting of Ratanjot in 12 states and Karanj plants in 8 eastern states.

Achievements of Biofuel authority in Rajasthan

- Under the MNREGA in 12 biofuel districts of state in convergence 20 lakh Ratanjot plants were planted under the programme.
- Training of plantation technique was imparted in 8050 blocks
- In order to raise the income of Women self help groups through



livelihoods, Ratanjot plantation and seed collection training was imparted

- Production of more than 400000 litres of biofuel every day in state
- First state to provide diesel to consumers through mobile retail outlets

Birth anniversary of Durgadas Rathod celebrated in Marwad on 13 August

- Durgadas Rathod was a brave Kshatriya warrior
- Durgadas Rathod was born on 13 August 1638
- Veer Durgadas was son of Minister of Jaswant Singh, Askaran
- Who defeated Mughal emperor Aurangzeb in battle
- He rescued Ajit Singh from Mughals
- He facilitated treaty between Mewar and Marwar
- In 17th century after the death of Jaswant Singh he is given the credit of maintaining Rathod dynasty in Marwar
- Ajit Singh exiled Durgadas
- Durgadas died in Ujjain
- His Chhatari (Monument) is built on the banks of Kshipra river in Ujjain

Art and Culture

Gavri dance main part of primitive culture

- Regular custom of folk dramas in Rajasthan began in first part of 18th century
- Ancient folk drama of Rajasthan is Meru
- Gavri dance of Mewar is famous
- It is related to mythology and fold life. It is mainly based upon story of Shiv and Bhasmasur.
- Shiva danced with the bhils when Bhagwan Vishnu killed Bhasmasur which became famous as Gavri.
- This is mainly performed by Bhils of Udaipur, Dungarpur and Banswada districts.
- Bhils who live in Aravali areas celebrate Gavri function for 140 days.
- It is pure religious folk drama. This can be performed by Bhils only and not by anybody else.
- In this folk drama males play female roles and there are four kind of characters- Gods, demons, men and animals. This signifies victory of gods over demons.
- Its superhero is a old man who is Budhiya
- A charater called Jhamatya recites poem in folk language. Khatkaya repeats it and Khatkaya is the stage manager.



- Other characters of Gavri are called Khela.
- Main play instruments are manjira, chimata, madal and thali.
- This function is organized in and around Udaipur at the end of Monsoon.

1048 year before Harshnath was installed in Savan-

Harshnath Temple- Raivasa (Sikar)

- Harshnath is a historical temple situated near Sikar district in Rajasthan.
- Harshnath village is situated at the base of Harshgiri hill.
- Built by- Guvak.
- Harshnath is worshipped as Bhairav. Dedicated to Shiva.
- Family deity of Chahaman rulers- This Shiv Harshnath temple is situated in Harshgiri.
- In the ruins of temple many artistic images and pillars have been found. Most of them are preserved in Sikar Museum.
- This temple is built in Mahameru style.

Miscellaneous

To monitor and disposal of the complaints related to women,

Rajasthan government has set up three tier committee

- Through committees to dispose matters related to women, groups have been formed from social justice and jurisdiction, women jurisdiction, police, labour, medical and industry departments.
- In this through Sakhi and One stop centers cases will be disposed related to women.
- At the second tier are Women security and counselling centers, Garima Helpline.
- These two committees would be constituted at the district level.

Statelevel Kalvin Shield tournament from August

- This year Rajasthan Cricket association will start its domestic cricket session from 24 August. It will organize state level senior cricket tournament (Kalvin Shield) at various district cricket association centers.

Rajasthan Cricket Association (RCA)

- Rajasthan Cricket Association was established in 1931 in Ajmer.
- Earlier it was also known as Rajputana Cricket Association.
- It started participating in Ranji Trophy tournaments from 1935-36.



- In November 1956, headquarter of association was transferred from Ajmer to Udaipur.
- In 1957 name of association was changed to Rajasthan cricket association.
- Headquarter office was transferred to Jaipur.
- Secretary of RCA Mahendra Sharma.

With 1 lakh cusec water in Chambal, 25 years record broken

- Chambal (Chambal) river: Chambal river is tributary of central India Yamuna.
- Name in Vedas: Charmavati
- Origin: It originates from Bachu point Mau in Janapav hill of Madhya Pradesh.
- Entry in Rajasthan: In Chaurasigarh of Chittorgarh
- Districts where it flows- Karauli, Dhaulpur, Chittorgarh, Kota, Bundi, Sawai Madhopur
- Tributaries :- Banas, Kshipra, Mej, Bamani, Seep Kali Sindh, Parvati, Chhoti Kalisindhu, Kuno, Brahmani, Parwan, Bagedi, Gambhir, Khan etc are tributaries of Chambal river.
- Note : It demarcates boundaries of Rajasthan and Madhya Pradesh

- Termination of river: It merges with Yamuna in Muradganj

Water starts flowing in Medium irrigation project Chanvali dam in Jhalawad district

- Chanvali dam: Medium irrigation project
- District: Jhalawad
- River: Chanvali (tributary of Kalisindh river)

Kalisindh river :-

- Origin: From hills of Bagli village near Devas, Madhya Pradesh
- Length: Total 278 km., in Rajasthan 150 km.
- Tributaries: Ahu, Parwan, Niwaj, Ujaad and Chavali
- Drainage area in Rajasthan: Jhalawad, Bara, Kota

