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Topper's Talk - 1



Tania Rinwa

Father	- Mr. Munnalal Rinwa
Mother	- Mrs. Manju Rinwa
Graduation	- B.Tech, MNIT Jaipur (7.6 CGPA)
12 th	- Tagore International School, Kuchaman City (92.8%)
10 th	- Tagore International School, Kuchaman City (9.8 CGPA)

Question: Congratulations on your achievement in the Civil Services Examination!

Tania: Thank you!

Question: Tell us about your family background. What role did your family play in your success?

Tania: My father is the Vice Principal of a Government School and my mother is a housewife. My sister is a doctor and my brother is preparing for competitive examinations. My family supported me financially and emotionally along with guidance. My parents encouraged me after my failure in the RAS 2018 examination and did not let me feel any other kind of problem. Whenever I was under stress, I always got encouragement from my sister.

Question: Tell us about your educational background and how did it contribute to your preparation?

Tania: I did my schooling from Kuchaman City, graduation from Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur. The discipline of my school and college education and excellent teachers played an important role in my success in the RAS examination.

Question: Was your goal from the beginning to join the civil services and who were your sources of inspiration for preparing for the civil services examination?

Tania: Yes, I had a goal of joining the civil services since childhood. My grandfather and maternal grandfather inspired me to join the civil services since childhood. My parents always inspired me to do well in life and move forward. Whatever career we siblings chose, my parents always encouraged and supported us.

Question: When did you start preparing for RAS exam?

Tania: I started preparing for RAS after completing my graduation in 2018. I got 970th rank in RAS 2018.

Question: According to you, how much time is sufficient for preparing for the civil services exam?

Tania: It depends on the individual's approach and educational background, but it is important for any candidate to develop basic understanding and do sufficient revision before the exam.

Question: What is the role of coaching in the civil services exam? Can success in this exam be achieved through self-study?

Tania: Coaching plays the role of a guide in the RAS exam. Coaching is more important for candidates who do not have an educational background in humanities subjects. In 2018, I appeared for the exam by doing self-study, after that I prepared for RAS

2021 from Springboard Academy. I believe that success can also be achieved through self-study. However, continuity and discipline are necessary for both coaching and self-study.

Question: What should be the criteria for selecting an institute for coaching? Have you prepared from any coaching institute?

Tania: The criteria for selecting any coaching is how was the result of that coaching in the previous recruitment examinations, how is the quality of notes, test series and faculty? Coaching can be selected by talking to the students studying there and taking demo classes for a few days. I took admission in Springboard Academy in October 2019.

Question: What was your language medium in the exam? Tell us about the role of language medium in succeeding in civil services.

Tania: My exam medium was English. The medium in the exam should be the one in which you are confident of presenting the subject matter in a better way with facts.

Question: What suggestions would you give to improve the writing style in the main exam?

Tania: To improve the writing style, one should practice daily with test series and do self-evaluation. This helps us in both time management and presentation.

Question: What study material did you use during preparation?

Tania: In my preparation, I relied on notes of Springboard Academy along with RBSE/NCERT books and paid more attention to revision. I took help of some reference books like M-Lakshmikanth for Polity.

Question: What is the role of short notes in the preliminary and main exams?

Tania: I personally did not feel the need for short notes because I had revised it several times, which made me know when and how to study which topic?

Question: Tell us about the role of mock interview and how was your experience of interview in Public Service Commission?

Tania: I prepared well for the interview with detailed application form and educational background. Group discussion was also very helpful. Through mock interview, I identified my strong and weak points and improved them. This time my interview was fact based and rapid round, in which questions related to polity and current affairs were asked.

Question: Tell us about the contribution of teachers in your success.

Tania: My teachers at Springboard Academy helped me to get a grip on various subjects and also gave me guidance which will be helpful in my life further. I always got a family like atmosphere at Springboard Academy.

Question: What was the role of friends during preparation?

Tania: I never felt stressed during the preparation of civil services examination because of my friends. My friend Monika helped me a lot in getting a grip on the paper and my friend Deepshikha helped me in clearing my doubts related to various subjects.

Question: What challenges did you face while preparing away from home?

Tania: First of all, getting a homely atmosphere was a challenge and after that, I had to face food and health related problems because of that, but I always found the problems small in front of the goal I had chosen.

Question: What was the most difficult time during preparation?

Tania: The time between the main exam and the interview was the most difficult because there was a long time gap between them. I was satisfied with my performance in the main exam, but doubts remained due to the delay in the result. During this time, questions related to the future created stress.

Question: How did you motivate yourself to prepare continuously due to the long duration of the Civil Services Exam?

Tania: I kept myself motivated through self-motivation and the family also supported me. During preparation, one should focus on health and hobby so that one can study well while being physically and mentally healthy.

Question: What is your opinion about Plan-B?

Tania: When you are preparing, you should not think about plan-B but should only work hard and have faith in yourself. When the results are not as per your wish, instead of getting disappointed, you should try in other fields.

Question: What changes came in your life after selection in RAS exam?

Tania: First of all, I am happy that the goal for which I worked hard has been achieved and seeing the

happiness of family members gives me self-satisfaction. Along with this, I also feel a sense of responsibility towards service and society.

Question: As an officer, what changes will you work to bring about?

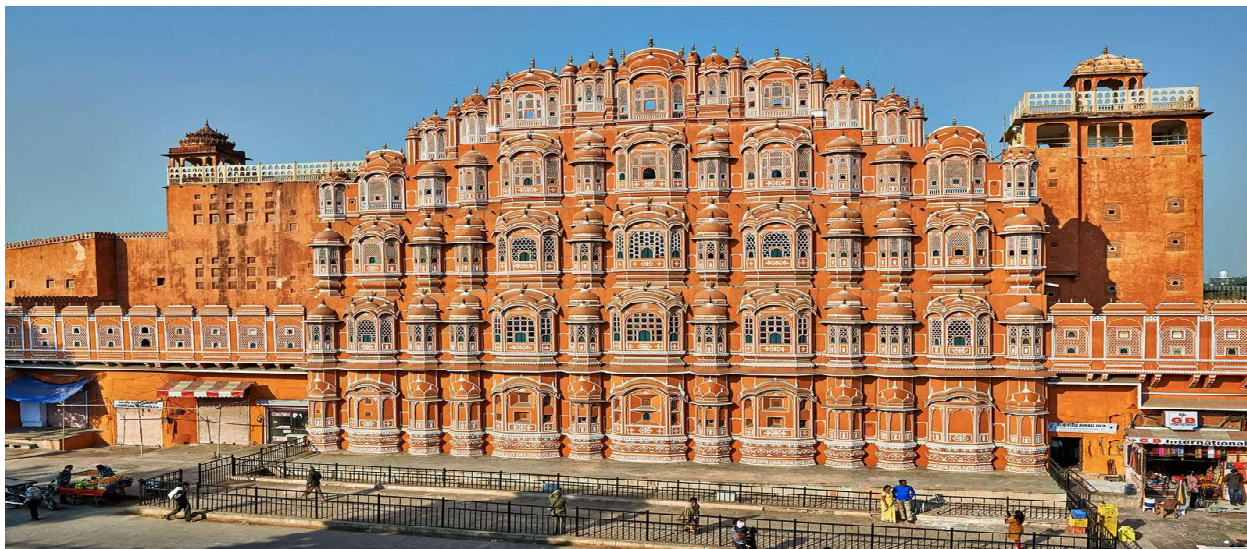
Tania: By being responsible and honest towards my duty, I want to contribute towards effective implementation of government schemes and women empowerment.

Question: What is the utility of monthly current affairs magazine for RAS exam?

Tania: Current affairs plays an important role for civil service exam from preliminary exam to interview, regular study of monthly magazine of Springboard Academy will prove to be very useful for the student.

Question: We wish you a bright future as an Administrative Officer!

Tania: Thank you!



Rajasthan

Place in News

Raika Bagh Railway Station

- ❑ Railway Ministry, Government of India has changed the name of Rai Ka Bagh Palace Junction railway station of Jodhpur division to “Raika Bagh Palace Junction”.
- ❑ The Raika community of the state had been demanding for a long time to change the name of this station.

Dungarpur

- ❑ In the geological survey, nickel and chromium have been discovered in Mathugamdapal, Deval, Rohanwada and Khanmeen of Dungarpur district and a block of fluoride has been found in Samota village.
- ❑ Quartz, clay, soap stone, feldspar are already being extracted in abundance in Dungarpur.

Kankani

- ❑ Kankani Ayushman Arogya Mandir of Luni block of Jodhpur rural district became the first quality certified center of the district by the Government of India.

- ❑ The Ministry of Medical and Health Family Welfare is running the ‘National Quality Assurance Program’ to improve the quality of hospitals.
- ❑ In the letter issued by the National Health Systems Resource Center, 8 Ayushman Arogya Mandirs of Rajasthan have been selected.

Person in News

Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde

- ❑ Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde has been appointed as the new Governor of Rajasthan. He will be the 45th Governor of Rajasthan.



- ❑ Bagde, a resident of Chhatrapati Shambhaji Nagar district of Maharashtra, was elected as Speaker of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly in 2014.
- ❑ Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court Maninder Mohan Shrivastava administered the oath to Governor Bagde.
- ❑ The provision for the oath of the Governor is mention in Article 159 of the Constitution of India.

Vijaydan Detha Sahitya Utsav

- ❑ The Rajasthan government has announced to celebrate “Sahitya Utsav” in the memory of famous Rajasthani writer Vijaydan Detha.
- ❑ Vijaydan Detha, famously known as ‘Bijji’, has written some famous work like Baaton Ri Phoolwari, Alekhu Hitler, Roonkh, Duvidha, Bapu Ke Teen Hatyaare etc.
- ❑ Detha was awarded with many national and international awards including Sahitya Akademi in 1974, Padma Shri in 2007, Rajasthan Ratna in 2012.
- ❑ He along with artist Dr. Komal Kothari established “Rupayan Sansthan” in Borunda, Jodhpur.

**Om Prakash Mathur**

- ❑ Om Prakash Mathur, a resident of Rajasthan, took oath as the 18th Governor of Sikkim.
- ❑ He replaced former Sikkim Governor Laxman Prasad Acharya.
- ❑ Om Prakash Mathur has been a Rajya Sabha member from Rajasthan.

**Ravneet Singh Bittu**

- ❑ Union Minister of State for Railways Ravneet Singh Bittu was elected unopposed as Rajya Sabha MP from Rajasthan.

Neena Singh

- ❑ Rajasthan's first woman IPS (Indian Police Service) Neena Singh retired.
- ❑ 1989 batch IPS Neena Singh retired from the post of Director General of Border Security Force.
- ❑ It is noteworthy that during her service, IPS Neena Singh was the first woman chief of CISF (Central Industrial Security Force).

**Kailash Chand Meena**

- ❑ Kailash Chand Meena has been appointed as the Acting Chairman of Rajasthan Public Service Commission (RPSC).
- ❑ Kailash Chand Meena is currently a member of the RPSC.

Ramkesh Meena

- ❑ Ramkesh Meena has been appointed as the Deputy Leader of Opposition in the 16th Legislative Assembly.
- ❑ Ramkesh Meena is an MLA from Gangapur Constituent Assembly.

Bhudev Devda

- ❑ Rajasthan industrialist Bhudev Devda has been honoured with the "Vyapar Ratna Award" by the Federation of Trade and Industry Association.

Manju Mehta

- ❑ Jaipur-born sitar player Manju Mehta passed away in Ahmedabad at the age of 79. Manju Mehta was a sitar player belonging to the 'Seniya Maihar' Gharana.
- ❑ She was the first female artist to be honoured with the Madhya Pradesh government's Tansen Samman in 2018, the Kolkata-based ITC Sangeet Research Academy Award in 2019 and the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 2022.
- ❑ She was the co-founder of the country's biggest music festival, the 13-day "Saptak", which was started in 1980.

Amritlal Meena

- ❑ Member of Rajasthan Legislative Assembly Amritlal Meena passed away.
- ❑ He was a three-time MLA from Salumber Constituent Assembly.

Schemes/Programmes in News**MukhyaMantri Ayushman Jeevan Raksha Yojana**

- ❑ The Rajasthan government has launched the 'MukhyaMantri Ayushman Jeevan Raksha Yojana' with the aim to reducing the mortality rate in road accidents in the state.
- ❑ Under this scheme, the person who takes a seriously injured person in road accidents to the nearest government or private hospital in the minimum time (golden hour) will be addressed as "Good Samaritan" and will be given an incentive amount of Rs 10,000 and a citation by the state government.
- ❑ This scheme will be implemented by the Medical and Health Department and the amount given will be borne by the 'Road Safety Fund' of the Transport and Road Safety Department.

Lado Protsahan Yojana

- ❑ The "Laado Protsahan" Yojana was launched by the Women and Child Development Department of the Rajasthan Government from 1 August 2024.
- ❑ The main objective of this scheme is to promote positive thinking towards the birth of a girl child, their proper upbringing, education and institutional delivery, reduce infant mortality rate and reduce child marriage along with promotion of higher education.
- ❑ The main objective of this scheme is to give a total of 1 lakh rupees to eligible families through saving bonds through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in 7 installments from the birth of the girl child till she turns 21 years old.
- ❑ To be eligible for this scheme, the girl child should be born in a government medical institution or a

private medical institution approved for Janani Suraksha Yojana and the girl child's mother should be a native of Rajasthan.

- ❑ The previously operated Rajshree Yojana has been merged with the Lado Protsahan Yojana. The benefit of the upcoming installments of Rajshree Yojana will be given under the Lado Protsahan Yojana as per eligibility.

MAA Voucher Scheme

- ❑ Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya (MAA) Voucher Scheme has been started by the Health Department of the Rajasthan Government from 8 August 2024.
- ❑ The objective of this scheme is to provide free sonography test facility to pregnant women living in rural and remote areas.
- ❑ If sonography machine is not available in the government hospital, pregnant women will be given a voucher for sonography.
- ❑ Through this voucher, the woman can get free sonography test done at the nearest private testing center which are identified by the government.

Gopal Credit Card Scheme

- ❑ Under the Gopal Credit Card Scheme by the Co-operative Department of Rajasthan, interest-free short term loan up to Rs 1 lakh will be given to the cattle rearers.
- ❑ This loan will be given to the cattle rearing families for animal husbandry and dairy related activities and construction.
- ❑ In the first phase, about 5 lakh cow rearing families will be given loans.
- ❑ A portal has been launched for apply in this scheme.

State Level Forest Festival (Van Mahotsav)

- ❑ On 7 August 2024, the 75th State Level Forest Festival was organized by the Forest Department at Gadota in Dudu district.
- ❑ In the festival, an intensive tree plantation program was started on Hariyali Teej under the

Hariyalo Rajasthan, 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign. Under which more than one crore plants were planted in the state.

- ❑ Under this campaign, 10000 plants will be planted in Gadota and it will be developed as "Matrivan".

Atal Pragati Path Yojana

- ❑ Under the Atal Pragati Path Yojana, 1 to 3 km long concrete roads will be built in villages with a population of more than 10000.
- ❑ The state government had announced this scheme in Budget-2024.

Advanced Cyber Security Infrastructure

- ❑ The Rajasthan government announced comprehensive measures aimed at strengthening the state's cyber security infrastructure.

Main measures

1. **CSIRT:** State Computer Security Incident Response Team (CSIRT) will be established on the lines of Indian Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT).
This agency will be dedicated to managing cyber security incidents and enhancing the defense mechanism of Rajasthan's digital landscape.
2. **Advanced threat hunting and Digital Forensic Facilities:**
These facilities will be set up at the Center of Excellence for Cyber Security (Jodhpur). These facilities will play a crucial role in identifying, analysing and mitigating cyber threats.
3. **Security Operation Centre (SOC):**
The Security Operation Centre will be set up at the State Data Centre (Jhalana, Jaipur).
The Security Operation Centre will serve as the nerve centre in monitoring, detecting and responding to cyber security incidents in real-time, thereby safeguarding the State's critical data and infrastructure.
4. **Honeypot Sensors:** The State will also implement Honeypot Sensors across its network, which are sophisticated security tools designed to attract cyber attackers by mimicking legitimate systems.

Flight Training Center (Flying School)

- ❑ The first flight training center of Rajasthan (Avyana Aviation Academy) has been started at Kishangarh Airport in Ajmer.
- ❑ It is noteworthy that in the Civil Aviation Policy-2024, it was proposed to start flying schools in Kishangarh, Jhalawar and Bhilwara.

Consumer Care Campaign

- ❑ This campaign has been launched by the Consumer Affairs Department of the Government of Rajasthan to ban the weighing of boxes with sweets on the festivals of Rakshabandhan and Janmashtami.
- ❑ Under this campaign, investigation and action is being taken under the Legal Metrology Act-2004 and Legal Metrology (Packaged Items) Rules-2011.

Shri Krishna Gaman Path

- ❑ Shri Krishna Gaman Path will be constructed under the joint venture of the Government of Rajasthan and the Government of Madhya Pradesh.
- ❑ According to the beliefs, this path will be developed by the governments of both the states by identifying the places of mythological faith through which Lord Krishna came from Mathura to receive education at Sandipani Ashram in Ujjain.

Among these, the following are the major places in Rajasthan-

- 🚩 *Shri Gokul Chandrama Ji Mandir, Kaman (Deeg).*
- 🚩 *Shri Madan Mohan ji Mandir, Kaman (Deeg)*
- 🚩 *Shri Banke Bihari Mandir, Bharatpur*
- 🚩 *Shre Madan Mohan ji Mandir, Karauli*
- 🚩 *Shri Charbhujanath ji Mandir, Bundi*
- 🚩 *Shri Mathuradhees ji Mandir, Kota*
- 🚩 *Shri Dwarikadhees ji Mandir, Jhalawar*

- ❑ Under this scheme, Deeg, Karauli, Bharatpur, Kota, Bundi and Jhalawar districts of Rajasthan will be included.

"Swasthya Dal Aapke Dwar " Campaign

- ❑ In August 2024, the Medical and Health Department launched the "Health Team at Your Door" campaign in the state for the control and prevention of seasonal diseases including malaria, dengue.
- ❑ Under this campaign, the Medical and Health Department will coordinate with other departments and conduct activities for the prevention and awareness of seasonal diseases.

Nishulk Dava Yojana

- ❑ In the ranking released by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare regarding the implementation of the Nishulk Dava Yojana, Rajasthan has secured the first position.
- ❑ It is noteworthy that the Nishulk Dava Yojana was started in Rajasthan from 2 October 2011.
- ❑ In this, the Central and State Governments bear 60 percent and 40 percent of the cost respectively.

"Netra Jyoti Abhiyan"

- ❑ Bhilwara District Collector Namit Mehta has started the Netra Jyoti Abhiyan in the district.
- ❑ Under this campaign, free spectacles are being distributed after examining the eyes of students from class 1 to 12 in government schools.

Special Summary Revision Program-2025

- ❑ As per the instructions of the Election Commission of India, Special Summary Revision Program 2025 was started in Rajasthan.
- ❑ Under this program, a survey will be conducted to add new names, make amendments and remove discrepancies in the voter lists.
- ❑ This campaign has started on 20th August and will be run till 18th October.

Atal Bhujal Yojana

- ❑ Rajasthan has secured third position in the country in the implementation of Atal Bhujal Yojana.
- ❑ Atal Bhujal Yojana has been implemented in

Rajasthan for a period of 5 years starting from 1st April 2020 till March 2025.

- ❑ The objective of this scheme is to change the behavior of the general public towards water, to prevent the falling groundwater level in the identified areas through community participation.
- ❑ For the financing of this scheme, 50% contribution is being given by the Government of India and 50% contribution by the World Bank.

Initiatives for soldier welfare

- ❑ The Rajasthan government has announced to increase the monthly pension amount of soldiers who participated in the Second World War and their brave wives from Rs 10000 to Rs 15000.
- ❑ A web-portal has been started for the automation of all the works of the Department of Sainik Welfare, through which the soldier families will get the direct benefit of all the facilities and schemes of the state government and their problems will also be resolved quickly.
- ❑ Sainik Kalyan Bhawan will be constructed in Jaipur.
- ❑ Land will be allotted to battle casualties and gallantry medal holders.

Operation Ullas

- ❑ Rajasthan Police launched "Operation Ullas" to search for missing people.
- ❑ This campaign was run from 1st August to 31st August and was monitored by Police Headquarters, Jaipur.

'Give Up' Campaign

- ❑ Under the "National Food Security Give Up Campaign" of the Rajasthan Government, a capable person can voluntarily remove his name from the Food Security Scheme.
- ❑ This campaign is being run by the Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Department of the state.

Mission Madhuhari

- ❑ The Rajasthan Government is running the 'Mission Madhuhari' campaign to spread awareness about prevention of Type-1 Diabetes.
- ❑ This mission is being run jointly by the Medical, Health

and family welfare Department of Rajasthan, National Health Mission and Clinton Foundation.

“Kulhadi Band Panchayat” Campaign

- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has made a special mention of the ‘Kulhadi Band Panchayat’ of Ranthambore Tiger Reserve of Rajasthan in the ‘Mann Ki Baat’ program.
- ❑ Under this initiative, the local communities have pledged not to carry axes in the forest area and to stop felling of trees.
- ❑ It is noteworthy that in 1991, “Kulhadi Band Panchayat” was started in about 50 villages around Kailadevi in Karauli.

Manas Abhiyan

- ❑ Under the Drug Free India Campaign, a "Manas Abhiyan" is being run in Hanumangarh district of Rajasthan.
- ❑ "Say yes to life, say no to drugs" is the tagline of this campaign. Under this campaign, "Manas Sakhi" will be made who will go from door to door to create awareness.

Award

Amrita Devi Vishnoi Smriti Puraskar

- ❑ Amrita Devi Vishnoi Awards were given in the following categories in the 75th State Level Van Mahotsav held at Gadouta (Dudu).

Year	Forest Development and Conservation Category	Wildlife Conservation Category
2019	Narayan Lal Kumawat	-
2020	Shyam Sundar Paliwal	Gajendra Singh Manjhi
2021	Abhilasha and Bacchu Singh Verma	Padma Singh Rathore
2022	Pawan Kumar Jain	Mohit Sharma and Divya Sharma

President's Police Medal

- ❑ The Union Home Ministry awarded the President's Police Medal to Rajasthan Police's Additional Director General Smita Srivastava and Binita Thakur for their distinguished services.
- ❑ This award was given on 15 August, 2024 (Independence day) in a state-level function.

- ❑ It also has been announced to award the President's Police Medal to Additional Director General of Police V. K. Singh. This award will be given to him on Republic Day on 26 January 2025.

Hindi Srijan National Award

- ❑ Ajmer's litterateur Prabhulal Prabhakar will be awarded with the 'Sahitya Shri Samman' by the Rashtriya Bhasha Hindi Prachar Samiti and Jaipur's novelist Prabodh Kumar Gomil will be awarded with the 'Hindi Srijan Award' for his novel "Tapuon Par Picnic". These awards will be given on 14 September 2024 (Hindi Day).

National Teachers Award

- ❑ Hukum Chand Chaudhary (Government Secondary School BSF, Bikaner) and Baljinder Singh (Government Secondary School Padampur, Ganganagar) were selected from the Rajasthan for the National Teacher Award for the year 2024.
- ❑ This award will be given by the Ministry of Education, Government of India in a special function organized in Delhi on Teachers' Day on 5 September.

National Institute of Ayurveda

- ❑ National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur has got the first place for maximum use of official language (Hindi) in government work in the year 2023-24.
- ❑ This award is given by the Official Language Implementation Committee of the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.

Platinum Award

- ❑ Jaipur International Airport has been awarded with the 'Platinum Award' of Green Future for its outstanding contribution in the field of environment.
- ❑ This award was given by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change in the "14th EXCEED Green Future Award Conference 2024" organized in Hyderabad.

Best IEC Award

- ❑ On the 14th Indian Organ Donation Day, the Health Ministry of the Central Government has awarded the "Best IEC Award" to Rajasthan for the implementation of the best promotional activities under the organ donation awareness campaign.
- ❑ In the same event, Mohan Foundation Jaipur Citizen Forum has been awarded with the "Supportive NGO Award".

Best Rural Development Initiative Award

- ❑ Vipra Goyal of Chhareda Gram Panchayat of Dausa district has been given the 'Best Rural Development Initiative' award for his efforts to make the country's first water self-reliant Gram Panchayat in the field of water conservation.

Miscellaneous**"Shala Swasthya Sarvekshan" Mobile App**

- ❑ The Education Department, Rajasthan has added the option of School Health Survey in the Digital Praveshotsav App for the health test of the students.
- ❑ In this survey, the student health will be examine in the government schools of the state by collaboration between the Education Department and the Health Department.

Ek Ped Maa ke Naam - World Record

- ❑ The Education Department, Rajasthan has created a world record by planting dense trees under initiative 'Ek Ped Maa ke Naam' under the Chief Minister's Tree Plantation Mahabhiyan on the occasion of Hariyali Teej (7 August 2024).
- ❑ On this occasion, a world record was created by planting 1 crore 46 lakh 89 thousand 809 plants in 12 hours.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration

- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the museum in the Rajasthan High Court campus in a program organized in Jodhpur on the

Platinum Jubilee Celebration (On the completion of 75 years) of Rajasthan High Court.

- ❑ In this program, "E-Seva Twarit App" was also launched for e-summon warrant.
- ❑ Rajasthan High Court is the first court in the country to launch e-service app.

"Rising Rajasthan" Investment Summit 2024

- ❑ The Rajasthan government will organize a global investment summit 'Rising Rajasthan' from 9 to 11 December to attract global and domestic investors.



- ❑ The Rajasthan government released its logo, launched the 'Single Point Investor Interface' and its tagline as REPLETE, RESPONSIBLE, READY.
- ❑ The first "Investor Meet" of Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit-2024 was held in Mumbai on 30 August in which MoUs worth about Rs 4.5 lakh crore were signed between the Bureau of Investment Promotion of the Government of Rajasthan and various industrialists.

State Medical Value Travel Committee

- ❑ The Rajasthan government has constituted the State Medical Value Travel Committee to promote medical tourism in the state.
- ❑ This committee will ensure policy formulation for medical tourism and its effective and timely implementation.

Subbaiah Nallamuthu

- ❑ The Indian Postal Department has issued a postage stamp on India's famous wildlife filmmaker Subbaiah Nallamuthu in Jaipur.
- ❑ Subbaiah Nallamuthu had made a film on the legendary tigress 'Machhli' of Ranthambore, Rajasthan. This film was awarded the President's 66th National Film Award in the "Best Environmental Film" category.

- ❑ For the first time in India, a postage stamp has been issued on a wildlife filmmaker.

Tiger Safari

- ❑ A tiger safari has been prepared in an area of 30 hectares near Nahargarh Biological Park in Jaipur.
- ❑ Tiger Gulab and tigress Chameli will be brought to this safari from Gorewala Zoo in Nagpur district of Maharashtra.
- ❑ After this safari, Jaipur will be the only city in the country to have five safaris. Apart from this Tiger Safari, Jaipur has Leopard Safari in Jhalana, Leopard Safari in Amargarh, Elephant Safari in Amer and Lion Safari in Nahargarh Biological Park.

Kumbhalgarh Tiger Reserve Expert Committee

- ❑ The Rajasthan government has formed an 11-member expert committee to develop Kumbhalgarh as the sixth tiger reserve of the state.
- ❑ The Kumbhalgarh Tiger Reserve is proposed to be created by combining the forest areas of Rajsamand, Udaipur, Pali and Beawar.
- ❑ It is noteworthy that the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA) gave approval for Kumbhalgarh Tiger Reserve on 22 August last year.

Sajjargarh Biological Park

- ❑ Under the Forest Department Exchange Program, a pair of Asiatic Lions was brought to Sajjargarh Biological Park, Udaipur.
- ❑ This pair (Lion Samrat and Lioness Sunayana) has been brought from Sakkarbaug Zoo in Junagadh, Gujarat.
- ❑ Under this exchange program, Rajasthan has given 14 wild animals to Sakkarbaug Zoo.

Road Safety Portal

- ❑ The Rajasthan government has developed India's first web portal to educate children about road safety through games and quizzes.
- ❑ This portal has been created by Rajasthan Road Safety Cell in collaboration with Rajasthan Knowledge Corporation Limited.

- ❑ Through this portal, children in schools will be educated about safe driving norms, traffic signals and road safety rules.

NABARD District Development Office

- ❑ The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) has opened 5 new "District Development Management Offices" (DDMOs) in Rajasthan.
- ❑ These offices have been opened in Churu, Dholpur, Dungarpur, Jalore and Kotputli-Bahror districts.
- ❑ These offices will serve as important centres for implementing NABARD's programmes and provide necessary support to farmers, rural entrepreneurs and local communities.

NABARD

- *NABARD is India's apex development bank, established by an Act of Parliament in 1982 on the recommendation of the B. Shivaraman Committee.*
- *Its objective is to promote sustainable and equitable agricultural and rural development through participatory financial and non-financial interventions, innovation, technology and institutional development to ensure prosperity.*
- *Headquarter of NABARD is located in Mumbai.*

ReNew Solar Project

- ❑ ReNew, India's leading renewable energy company, has inaugurated a 400 MW solar project in Pokaran and Bhaniyana tehsils of Jaisalmer in Rajasthan.
- ❑ This project is part of the 600 MW Power Purchase Agreement signed by ReNew with Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited (SECI) to generate clean energy in Rajasthan for the next 25 years.
- ❑ It aims to generate around 133.1 crore units of electricity annually from a 600 MW solar power plant on 2000 acres of land in Pokaran and Bhaniyana tehsils of Rajasthan.

MoU between GAIL India and RRVUNL

- ❑ A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Rajasthan Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd. (RRVUNL) and Central Public Sector Undertaking GAIL India Ltd. at the 'Rajasthan Renewable Energy Business Promotion Summit-2024' held in Jaipur.
- ❑ Through this MoU, a joint venture (JV) will be established to run the 330 MW gas based power plant installed by GAIL India in Dholpur and 270.5 MW gas based power plant installed in Ramgarh at efficient and appropriate capacity. Also, 750 MW solar power and 250 MW wind power projects will be established in the field of renewable energy.

MoU between HUDCO and Rajasthan Government

- ❑ Housing and Urban Development Corporation Ltd. (HUDCO) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Rajasthan to provide financial assistance to housing and urban infrastructure projects in Rajasthan.
- ❑ Under this agreement, HUDCO will provide financial assistance of Rs 20000 crore per year with total of Rs 1 lakh crore in 5 years to the Rajasthan Government for infrastructure projects like water, irrigation and electricity.

HUDCO

- *HUDCO is a Public Sector Undertaking under the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA).*
- *HUDCO is the premier techno-financing Public Sector Enterprise in the field of housing and infrastructure development in the country.*
- *It addresses the housing needs of the 'Deprived' i.e. economically weaker sections (EWS) and lower income groups (LIGs) and works with the Government to develop housing infrastructure in the country.*

Rajasthan Police Officers Conference

- ❑ The state level Police Officers Conference, "Policing with Excellence-The Way Forward" was organized at Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur.
- ❑ This conference was organized on the lines of All India Conference of Directors General/ Inspectors General of Police.

State Integrated Cancer Task Force

- ❑ The State Integrated Cancer Task Force has been formed with the objective to improving health services related to cancer.
- ❑ This task force will make plans for diagnosis, screening, prevention, treatment and awareness of cancer in the state.
- ❑ It will propose expansion of cancer related services, review of care policy and amendment in it.

MLA Seva Kendra-Digital App

- ❑ MLA of Sri Ganganagar Constituent Assembly Jaydeep Bihani has launched the MLA Seva Kendra Digital App.
- ❑ Through this app, common people can register the problems of the area.

Hunar Haat

- ❑ Hunar Haat was jointly organised by the Battle Axe Division of Indian Army and 191 BSF Battalion at BSF Camp and Air Force Station in Jaisalmer.
- ❑ This event is a part of the AWWA (Army Wives Welfare Association) Week 2024 celebrations, which aims to highlight the talents of military families.
- ❑ In this Hunar Haat, various stalls of handicrafts, traditional art etc. made by the wives of army personnel were set up.

Carbon Neutral Conclave

- ❑ Rajasthan's first carbon neutral conclave was organized in Jaipur.
- ❑ In this conclave, rising temperatures and climate change were discussed.
- ❑ This conclave was organized by the 'Indian Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ISHRAE).

Behavior Experimental Lab

- ❑ Indian Institute of Management Udaipur inaugurated its state-of-the-art behavioral laboratory at the Rajasthan Center for Advanced Technology (R-CAT) in Jaipur.
- ❑ It has been established in collaboration with the Department of Information Technology and Communication, Government of Rajasthan.
- ❑ This laboratory will help researchers to explore the complexities of human cognition, emotion and behavior.

Lake Conservation

- ❑ The State Wetland Authority will run a pilot project for conservation of lakes.
- ❑ The project covers five lakes of the state namely Menar, Kanwas, Khinchana, Lunkaransar and Chandlai.
- ❑ The aim of this pilot project is to store atmospheric CO₂ using carbon sequestration method.
- ❑ The lake management system will be introduced to further conserve Sambhar, Chandlai, Lunkaransar and Khinchana lakes.

Jan Poshan Kendra

- ❑ The Central Food and Public Distribution Department has started Jan Poshan Kendra in Nathawala Gram Panchayat of Shahpura in Jaipur district.
- ❑ The objective of Jan Poshan Kendra is to make the general public aware about nutrition and ensure the availability of nutritious food items.

- ❑ 15 fair price shops in Jaipur district have been selected for Jan Poshan Kendra.

Cancer Van

- ❑ In Churu district, a 'Preventive Oncology Van' has been started by the District Administration and Chief Medical Officer for screening, first aid and awareness of Cancer.
- ❑ Camps were organized by this van from 20 August to 31 August.

Jan Aadhar Model

- ❑ Arunachal Pradesh will also implement the Jan Aadhar model of Rajasthan.
- ❑ Jan Aadhar in Rajasthan is based on "one number, one card, one identity" through which the benefits of public welfare schemes are delivered to the eligible beneficiaries through direct benefit transfer.
- ❑ Jan Aadhar Yojana was started in Rajasthan on 18 December 2019.

Rajasthan-fully digital state

- ❑ In the 162nd meeting of the Bankers Committee, the Reserve Bank of India has declared Rajasthan, the largest state of the country in terms of area, as a fully digital state.
- ❑ By digitizing about 9 crore accounts, Rajasthan has become a 100% digital state in the field of banking.





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Place in News

Dumbur Dam

- During anti-government protests in Bangladesh the release of water from India's Dumbur Dam has been blamed for floods in eastern districts of Bangladesh.



- The Dumbur Dam is a hydroelectric power project on the Gumti River in Tripura, India.
- The Gumti River flows between India and Bangladesh.

Person in News

Lieutenant General Sadhana Saxena Nair

- Lieutenant General Sadhana Saxena Nair has been appointed as the Director General of Medical Services (Army).
- She is the first woman to be appointed to this post.
- Earlier, Lieutenant General Sadhana Saxena Nair has also served as the first woman Chief Medical Officer of the Indian Air Force Training Command and the first woman Director General of Hospital Services (Armed Forces).
- Lieutenant General Sadhana Saxena Nair was nominated as an expert member of the Dr. Kasturirangan Committee to draft the medical education component of the National Education Policy.



Parvathaneni Harish

- ❑ The Central Government has appointed Indian Foreign Service officer Parvathaneni Harish as the new Ambassador and Permanent Representative of India to the United Nations (New York).
- ❑ He was earlier serving as the Indian Ambassador to Germany.

B Srinivasan

- ❑ Indian Police Service officer B Srinivasan has been appointed as the Director General (DG) of the anti-terrorism force National Security Guard (NSG).
- ❑ B Srinivasan's tenure as NSG Director General will be till 31 August 2027.
- ❑ B- Srinivasan will replace the current DG Anish Dayal Singh.

Preeti Sudan

- ❑ Former Union Health Secretary and member of the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Preeti Sudan has been appointed as the Chairman of UPSC.
- ❑ Preeti Sudan is the second woman to become the Chairman of UPSC. Earlier, RM Bathew was the first woman Chairman of UPSC from 1992 to 1996.

Govind Mohan

- ❑ 1989 batch IAS officer Govind Mohan has been appointed as the new Union Home Secretary of India.
- ❑ Govind Mohan has replaced Ajay Kumar Bhalla.

Rahul Naveen

- ❑ Indian Revenue Service officer Rahul Naveen has been appointed as the Director of Enforcement Directorate (ED).
- ❑ Rahul Naveen has been appointed to this post for two years.

Yamini Krishnamurthy

- ❑ Famous Bharatnatyam and Kuchipudi dancer Yamini Krishnamurthy passed away at the age of 84.

- ❑ Yamini Krishnamurthy was awarded the Padma Shri in 1968, the Sangeet Natak Akademi Award in 1977, the Padma Bhushan in 2001 and the Padma Vibhushan in 2016.
- ❑ Yamini Krishnamurthy trained under the renowned Bharatanatyam dancer Rukmini Devi Arundale at the Kalakshetra Dance School in Chennai.

Bharatanatyam

- *Bharatanatyam is an Indian classical dance that originated in the temples of Tamil Nadu in South India.*

Kuchipudi

- *Kuchipudi is one of the classical styles of Indian dance. It is believed to have originated in Andhra Pradesh.*

General Sundararajan Padmanabhan

- ❑ Former Indian Army Chief General Sundararajan Padmanabhan passed away.
- ❑ He was the Chief of the Indian Army from September 2000 to December 2002.

Rakesh Paul

- ❑ Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Director General Rakesh Paul passed away due to heart attack.
- ❑ He took over as the 25th Director General of the Indian Air Force in July 2023.

Dr. Ramnarayan Agarwal

- ❑ Famous aerospace scientist and father of Agni missile, Dr. Ramnarayan Agarwal passed away.
- ❑ He played an important role as the first director in the long-range ballistic missile program in the country. He is also known as "AgniMan".

Marshal Arjan Singh

- ❑ Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal VR Choudhary has launched the first comic book in the series of heroes of the Indian Air Force.
- ❑ The first story in this comic book is about Marshal of the Air Force Arjan Singh and the second story is about the Battle of Boyra.

- ❑ Marshal Arjan Singh was the Chief of the Indian Air Force in the Indo-Pak War of 1965.
- ❑ Marshal Arjan Singh was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross (DFC) in the year 1944 for playing a vital role in the "Battle of Imphal" during the Second World War.
- ❑ Arjan Singh was awarded the Padma Vibhushan.
- ❑ Arjan Singh was conferred the rank of Marshal of the Air Force by the Government of India in the year 2002. He was the first and only five-star rank officer of the Indian Air Force.

Buddhadeb Bhattacharya

- ❑ Former West Bengal Chief Minister Buddhadeb Bhattacharya passed away at the age of 80.
- ❑ Buddhadeb Bhattacharya, a member of the Communist Party of India (Marxist), was the Chief Minister of West Bengal thrice.

Vasant Rao Chavan

- ❑ Vasant Rao Chavan, MP from Nanded constituency in Maharashtra, passed away at the age of 70.

Shobhana Ranade

- ❑ Senior Gandhian and social worker Shobhana Ranade passed away at the age of 100.
- ❑ Shobhana Ranade played an important role in setting up the Gandhi National Memorial Society and a training institute for women at the Aga Khan Palace in Pune.
- ❑ Shobhana Ranade established a children's village called "Bal Gram" for orphans.
- ❑ Shobhana Ranade was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 2001.

Schemes/Programmes in News**Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)**

- ❑ The Union Cabinet headed by the Prime Minister has approved the Integrated Pension Scheme for Central Government employees on 24 August.

- ❑ The UPS has been launched on the recommendation of a committee headed by the current Cabinet Secretary TV Somanathan.

Objective

- The objective of UPS is to ensure guaranteed pension, family pension and minimum pension to 23 lakh central government employees.

Implementation

- The UPS will be effective from 1 April 2025 for Central Government employees.

Features

- Assured Pension - For a minimum qualifying service of 25 years, 50% of the average basic salary received in the last 12 months before retirement will be provided as pension. It will be proportional up to a minimum of 10 years of service.
- Assured Family Pension - 60% of the pension just before the death of the employee will be provided as family pension.
- Assured Minimum Pension - A pension of Rs 10,000 per month will be given on retirement after a minimum of 10 years of service.
- Inflation Indexation: Dearness relief based on All India Consumer Price Index for industrial workers will be provided in case of service employees on assured pension, assured family pension and assured minimum pension.
- Lump sum payment in addition to gratuity on retirement - 1/10th of monthly emoluments (salary + DA) on the date of retirement will be given for every 6 months of completed service. This payment will not reduce the quantum of assured pension.

Beneficiaries

- All Central Government employees including Central Government employees covered under New Pension Scheme after 2004.

- Central Government employees retiring by 31st March 2025.
- State Governments will also have the option to adopt UPS.
- Government contribution in UPS has been increased from 14% to 18.5%.

○ *Maharashtra has become the first state to adopt the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS). The Maharashtra government has announced to implement UPS from March 1st, 2024.*

Bio E-3 (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) Policy

- The Union Cabinet on August 24 approved the Bio E-3 policy to promote high-performance biomanufacturing.
- The Bio E-3 policy will focus on the following six thematic areas:
 - (i) Biochemicals, bioenzymes and biopolymers
 - (ii) Smart proteins and functional foods
 - (iii) Precision biomedicine such as gene therapy for sickle cell anemia
 - (iv) Climate resilient agriculture
 - (v) Carbon capture and its use
 - (vi) Marine and space research
- **Key features**
 - Prioritizing regenerative bioeconomy models of green growth.
 - Strengthening government initiatives such as Net Zero Carbon Economy and Lifestyle for Environment (LiFE).
 - Putting India on the path of accelerated green growth by promoting circular bioeconomy.
 - Setting a bio-vision for "Viksit Bharat".

Vigyan Dhara Scheme

- The Union Cabinet on August 24 approved the Central Sector Integrated Scheme "Vigyan Dhara" by combining three schemes of the Department of Science and Technology.

□ Objective-

- The primary objective of the Vigyan Dhara Scheme is to promote research, innovation and technology development along with science and technology capacity building towards strengthening the science, technology and innovation ecosystem in the country.

□ Components-

- The scheme has three broad components-
 - (i) Science and Technology (S&T) Institutional and Human Capacity Building.
 - (ii) Research and Development
 - (iii) Innovation, Technology Development and Deployment

□ Proposed Outlay-

- The total proposed outlay during the period 2021-22 to 2025-26 of the 15th Finance Commission has been kept at Rs 10579.84 crore.

□ Pillars-

- There are five pillars of this scheme-
 - Internship for class 11 and 12 and Fellowship for Undergraduate, Masters, PhD and Post Doctoral Research
 - International collaboration in cutting edge research.
 - Joint research projects and joint fellowships.
 - Focus on areas that impact society such as climate change.
 - Product development in areas such as clean energy.

- All the programmes proposed under the Vigyan Dhara scheme will be in line with the 5-year goals of the Department of Science and Technology towards realising the dream of a developed India by 2047.

Million Designers, Billion Dreams Initiative

- Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission has launched the "Million Designers, Billion Dreams" initiative.

- ❑ The Million Designers, Billion Dreams initiative is designed to enhance the capacity of individuals through knowledge of system design.
- ❑ The initiative aims to equip rural leaders, frontline agents and rural entrepreneurs with the skills to find effective solutions.
- ❑ This initiative will be operated by LEAP in collaboration with Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission.

Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)

- ❑ The Union Cabinet on August 28 approved the expansion of the Central Sector Scheme “Agriculture Infrastructure Fund” to enhance and strengthen agricultural infrastructure and provide support to the farming community.
- ❑ The following new components have been included under AIF-
 - (i) Viable farming Assets
 - (ii) Integrated Processing Projects
 - (iii) PM KUSUM Component-A
 - (iv) Expansion of Credit Guarantee Coverage of Farmer Producer Organisations through NABSanrakshan Trustee Company Private Limited
- ❑ The Agriculture Infrastructure Fund was launched in the year 2020 under the Atmanirbhar Bharat package to meet the existing infrastructure gaps and increase investment in agricultural infrastructure.
- ❑ Under this scheme, a loan of Rs 1 lakh crore will be disbursed by banks and financial institutions with an interest rate of 3 percent per annum from the year 2020-21 to 2025-26.
- ❑ Assistance under this scheme will be provided for the period from FY 2020-21 to 2032-33.

Industrial Smart Cities

- ❑ The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs of the Government of India has approved 12 Industrial Smart Cities under the National Industrial Corridor Development Program (NICDP) on 28 August.

- ❑ Estimated investment - Rs 28602 crore
- ❑ These 12 new industrial smart cities will be set up in 10 states along 6 major industrial corridors.

(i)	Khurpiya	-	Uttarakhand
(ii)	Rajpura-Patiala	-	Punjab
(iii)	Dighi	-	Maharashtra
(iv)	Palakkad	-	Kerala
(v)	Agra	-	Uttar Pradesh
(vi)	Prayagraj	-	Uttar Pradesh
(vii)	Gaya	-	Bihar
(viii)	Zaheerabad	-	Telangana
(ix)	Orvakal	-	Andhra Pradesh
(x)	Kopparthi	-	Andhra Pradesh
(xi)	Jodhpur-Pali	-	Rajasthan
- ❑ These Industrial Smart Cities will form a cluster of industrial cities along the Golden Quadrilateral.

Key Points

- ❑ Catalyst for achieving the target of \$2 trillion exports by 2030.
- ❑ Developed on demand-based, plug-n-play and walk-to-work concepts as a Greenfield Smart City.
- ❑ One million direct employment and up to 3 million indirect employment through planned industrialization.

National Pest Surveillance System (NPSS)

- ❑ The National Pest Surveillance System (NPSS) was launched on 15th August by Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Agriculture Minister of India from Indian Agricultural Research Institute (Pusa), New Delhi.
- ❑ NPSS has been launched by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- ❑ NPSS is an AI based initiative that will help farmers connect with agricultural scientists and experts to control pests using their phones.
- ❑ Objective-
 - The objective of NPSS is to reduce the dependence of farmers on pesticide retailers and develop a scientific approach towards pest management among them.

□ Key Points-

- NPSS uses cutting edge technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning to provide timely and accurate advice to farmers.
- The system consists of a user friendly mobile app and a web portal.
- NPSS helps in pest identification, monitoring and management using real time data and analysis.

□ Benefits-

- Reduction in crop losses.
- Reduction in pesticide use.
- Improvement in productivity.

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)

- August 2024 marks the completion of a decade of implementation of the world's largest financial inclusion initiative "Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana".
- Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana is a national mission for financial inclusion, which was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the Red Fort on 15 August 2014.
- This scheme was launched on 28 August 2014.
- Objective-
 - The objective of PMJDY is to ensure access to financial services banking (savings and deposit accounts), remittance, loan, insurance and pension to all citizens in an affordable manner.
- Key points-
 - A basic savings bank account for a person deprived of banking facility.
 - There is no requirement to maintain a minimum balance in the account.
 - Interest on deposit amount.
 - PMJDY account holder will get an initial

accident insurance cover of Rs 1 lakh (it was increased to Rs 2 lakh after 28 August 2018) along with a RuPay debit card.

- Overdraft facility up to Rs 10,000 to eligible account holders.
- PMJDY accounts are also eligible for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT), Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana, Pradhan Mantri Suraksha Bima Yojana, Atal Pension Yojana and Mudra Yojana.

□ Achievements-

- Total 53.13 crore accounts by 14 August 2024, 55.6 percent (29.56 crore) women account holders.
- Total deposit amount under PMJDY accounts - Rs 2.31 lakh crore.

- Average deposit amount per PMJDY account: Rs 4,352.

- RuPay debit cards issued to PMJDY account holders: 36.14 crore.

- Most PMJDY accounts: Uttar Pradesh.

Agriculture-Decision Support System (DSS)

- On the occasion of National Space Day (23 August), Agriculture-Decision Support System (DSS) was launched for the use of space technology in the agriculture sector.
- Agri-DSS is the first of its kind digital geospatial platform designed specifically for Indian agriculture.
- This platform provides seamless access to comprehensive data including satellite images, weather information, reservoir storage, groundwater level and soil health information.
- This platform can be easily accessed from anywhere at any time.

Shilp Didi Program

- Under the Shilp Didi program, a marketing event "Shilp Didi Mahotsav" was organized at Delhi Haat, New Delhi from 16 to 31 August.
- The Shilp Didi program was started in June 2024 on a pilot basis for 100 days by the Office of

Development Commissioner (Handicrafts), under the Ministry of Textiles, Government of India.

❑ Objectives-

- The primary objective of this program is to promote economic empowerment and financial independence among women artisans across the country.
- A total of 30 crafts are covered under this program.
- This pilot project covers 100 women artisans from 72 districts of 23 states.

❑ Components of the program-

- (i) E-training
- (ii) E-commerce on-boarding
- (iii) Entrepreneurship development
- (iv) Regulatory and social media on-boarding
- (v) Marketing opportunities

Retired Sportsperson Empowerment Training (RESET) Program

- ❑ The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India launched the RESET program in New Delhi on the occasion of National Sports Day (29 August).
- ❑ Objective- To assist retired sportspersons in their career development by empowering them with essential knowledge and skills.
- ❑ Key Points-
 - Eligibility - Sportspersons who have retired from active sports career.
 - Whose age is between 20 to 50 years.
 - International medalist or state medalist or have participated in competitions recognized by National Sports Federations / Indian Olympic Association Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
 - Initially, the program will be of two levels based on educational qualification -
 - (i) Class 12 and above
 - (ii) Class 11 and below

- The pilot project of the RESET program will be implemented by Lakshmibai National Institute of Physical Education (LNPE) Gwalior (MP).

- The program will be conducted in hybrid mode. On-ground training and internships will be provided along with self-learning through the portal.

- ❑ Internships will be provided in sports organizations, sports competitions/training camps and Leagues.

- ❑ On successful completion of the course, placement assistance, guidance for entrepreneurial ventures etc. will be provided.

Model Solar Village

- ❑ The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy, Government of India has issued guidelines for implementation of Model Solar Village under PM Surya Ghar Yojana on 9th August.
- ❑ Under the Model Solar Village Programme, one model solar village will be built in every district of the country.
- ❑ Aim- To promote solar energy and make rural communities self-reliant in meeting their energy needs.
- ❑ Financial outlay- Rs 800 crore, Rs 1 crore grant to each selected model solar village.

PM Surya Ghar Yojana

- Commencement - 29 February 2024.
- Objective -Installation of rooftop solar on houses.
- Outlay - Rs 75021 crore.
- Duration - From FY 2024-25 to 2026-27.

Jiyo Parsi Yojana Portal

- ❑ The Union Minister for Minority Affairs, Government of India, Kiren Rijiju has launched the web portal for Jiyo Parsi Yojana.
- ❑ This portal will enable one to apply online for

Jiyo Parsi Yojana, check application status and avail financial assistance online through Direct Benefit Transfer mode.

Jiyo Parsi Yojana

- *Jiyo Parsi Yojana was launched by the Central Government in the year 2013-14.*
- *The scheme aims to reverse the declining trend of the Parsi population, stabilize their population and increase the population of Parsis in India by adopting scientific protocols and structured measures.*
- *This scheme has three components-*
 - (i) *Medical Aid - Financial assistance for medical treatment*
 - (ii) *Counseling - Counseling of couples with fertility problems and advocacy through workshops*
 - (iii) *Community Health - Financial assistance for children and dependent elderly*
- *This scheme is being implemented by the Ministry of Minority Affairs.*

Jan Poshan Kendra

- The Union Food Ministry has started a pilot project to convert 60 fair price shops into Jan Poshan Kendras. Its objective is to improve access to nutrition.
- It is worth mentioning that currently 5.38 lakh fair price shops are operating across India.

Subhadra Yojana

- Under the Subhadra Yojana, the Odisha government will provide assistance of Rs 10,000 per year in two installments (on Rakhi Purnima and International Women's Day) to more than one crore women of the state aged between 21 and 60 years.
- Under this scheme, a provision of Rs 55825 crore has been made by the state government for a period of 5 years (2024-25 to 2028-29).

- A woman receiving Rs 1500 or more monthly or Rs 18000 or more annually under any other government scheme has been excluded from this scheme.
- The assistance amount will be deposited directly into the Aadhaar enabled single holder bank account of the beneficiary.
- This scheme will be launched on 17 September on the birthday of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Lakhpati Didi Sammelan

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi distributed certificates to 11 lakh new Lakhpati Didis at the "Lakhpati Didi Sammelan" held in Jalgaon, Maharashtra on 25 August.
- At present, more than one crore Lakhpati Didis in the country are earning more than one lakh rupees annually.
- During this program, a community investment fund of Rs 2500 crore was released by the Prime Minister, which will benefit 48 lakh members of 4.3 lakh self-help groups.
- During the conference, a bank loan of Rs 5000 crore was also distributed by the Prime Minister.
- The Government of India has set a target of creating three crore Lakhpati Didis.

Unified Lending Interface (ULI)

- Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has announced the launch of the Unified Lending Interface (ULI).
- The ULI was launched as a pilot project in the year 2023. The Unified Lending Interface promoted by RBI is a digital platform designed as a unified loan interface.
- Objective-
 - The objective of ULI is to digitize India's credit sector and ensure seamless access to credit for all.
- Key Points-
 - The ULI will provide consent-based digital access to financial and non-financial data

including land records of customers to lenders.

- The ULI will reduce the time taken in credit assessment of customers.
- The ULI architecture has common and standardized APIs designed for a plug and play approach to ensure digital access to information from various sources.
- The platform will play an important role in meeting the unmet credit demand of all sectors of the economy, especially agriculture and micro, small and medium enterprise sectors.

Thalassemia Bal Seva Yojana

- ❑ According to the Ministry of Coal, Government of India, 500 bone marrow transplants have been successfully completed under the Thalassemia Bal Seva Yojana.
- ❑ The Thalassemia Bal Seva Yojana is a CSR (Corporate Social Responsibility) initiative of Coal India Limited under the aegis of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of India.
- ❑ This scheme was launched in the year 2017.
- ❑ Under this scheme, children suffering from thalassemia and aplastic anemia are provided financial assistance up to Rs 10 lakh for treatment in ten major hospitals spread across the country.
- ❑ Aplastic anemia was included in this scheme in the year 2021.
- ❑ Under this scheme, financial assistance is provided to children of families with income less than Rs 8 lakh.

Mass Drug Administration (MDA) Campaign

- ❑ The second phase of the half-yearly nationwide MDA campaign for elimination of lymphatic filariasis was launched from 10 August.
- ❑ This campaign will target 63 districts of six states (Bihar, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Odisha,

Telangana and Uttar Pradesh).

- ❑ Under this campaign, preventive medicines will be distributed door-to-door.
- ❑ The MDA campaign aims to achieve India's target of eliminating lymphatic filariasis ahead of the global deadline.

Lymphatic Filariasis (Elephantiasis)

- *Elephantiasis is a serious disease spread by the bite of female Culex mosquitoes which breed in contaminated water.*
- *Elephantiasis can cause permanent disability.*
- *Lymphatic Filariasis is targeted for elimination by the year 2027.*

Project Naman

- ❑ The Indian Army has launched the first phase of Project Naman on 30 August.
- ❑ Project Naman has been designed to provide dedicated support and services to defense pensioners, ex-servicemen and their families.
- ❑ It will focus on the implementation of SPARSH (Pension Administration Defense System) and Digital Pension System.
- ❑ 14 Common Service Centers will be established in the first phase of Project Naman.
- ❑ A tripartite agreement was signed between the Directorate of Indian Army veterans (Adjutant General's Branch), e-Governance India Limited and HDFC Bank Limited in September 2023 for the establishment of these Common Service Centers.

Award

Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar -2024

- ❑ The Government of India has awarded the first "Vigyan Team Award" to the Chandrayaan-3 team of the Indian Space Research Organisation for their contribution to space science and technology.
- ❑ The former Director of the Indian Institute of Science, Professor G. Padmanabhan has been awarded the "Vigyan Ratna" award in biological sciences.

- ❑ The Government of India has awarded the Vigyan Shri Award to 13 scientists and the Vigyan Yuva Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award to 18 scientists.
- ❑ The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar have been introduced by the Government of India from the year 2024 as the top award in the field of science, technology and innovation.
- ❑ The Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar have been given in 13 fields and 4 categories (Vigyan Ratna, Vigyan Shri, Vigyan Yuva Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar, Vigyan Team).
- ❑ The award ceremony for the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar 2024 was organized on 23 August on National Space Day.

70th National Film Awards

- ❑ The 70th National Film Awards were announced by the Directorate of Film Festivals, a section of the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The main award winners in these awards were as follows-
 - Best Film: Kantara (Kannada film, directed by Rishab Shetty)
 - Best "Feature Film": Attam (Malayalam) directed by Anand Ikarbi
 - Best Actor - Rishab Shetty (Kantara)
 - Best Actress: Nithya Menen (Thiruchitrabalam, Tamil) and Manasi Parekh (Kutch Express, Gujarati)
 - Best Director: Sooraj Barjatya (Film: Uunachi)
 - Best Lyricist: Naushad Sadar Khan (Fauja)
 - Best Playback Singer: Arijit Singh (Brahmastra)
 - Best Playback Singer: Bombay Jayashree (Saudi Velamka CC 225/2009 Malayalam film)
- ❑ The above awards have been given for those films which have been given censor certificates by the National Film Censor Board between 1 January 2022 and 31 December 2022.
- ❑ It is noteworthy that National Film Awards were started in the year 1954.

National Geoscience Awards 2023

- ❑ The National Geoscience Award for the year 2023 for Lifetime Achievement was conferred

on Professor Dheeraj Mohan Banerjee by the President of India on 20 August 2024.

- ❑ The National Young Geologist Award for the year 2023 was presented to Dr. Ashutosh Pandey.
- ❑ The President has conferred the National Geoscience Awards to 21 geologists in twelve categories.
- ❑ The National Geoscience Awards is one of the oldest and most prestigious national awards in the field of Geosciences, instituted in the year 1966 by the Ministry of Mines.

National Landslide Forecasting Centre

- *President of India Draupadi Murmu has announced the establishment of National Landslide Forecasting Centre in Kolkata at the National Geoscience Awards 2023 distribution ceremony.*
- *Its objective is to provide early warning for landslide prone areas.*

National Awards for e-Governance 2024

- ❑ 16 National Awards for e-Governance 2024 will be presented during the 27th National Conference on e-Governance to be held at Mumbai, Maharashtra from 3-4 September.
- ❑ Major National Award Winners for e-Governance 2024 -

	Project	Organization
1.	Poshan Tracker	Ministry of Women and Child Development
2.	iGOT	Karmayogi Bharat
3.	Shiksha Setu Exom	Samagra Shiksha, Assam
4.	Rajkisan Sathi Phase-II	Department of Information Technology and Communication, Government of Rajasthan
5.	Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDCS)	Department of Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Government of India
6.	Use of Tele-radiology and AI for Chest X-ray and automated approval for direct bank transfer of relief to silicosis patients	Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of Rajasthan
7.	India Hypertension Control Initiative	ICMR-National Institute of Epidemiology, Chennai

Gallantry Awards

- ❑ President of India Draupadi Murmu has approved 103 gallantry awards for Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces personnel on 78th Independence Day-
 - (i) Kirti Chakra - 4 (3 posthumous)
 - ✓ Colonel Manpreet Singh (posthumous)
 - ✓ Major Malla Ram Gopal Naidu
 - ✓ Rifleman Ravi Kumar (posthumous)
 - ✓ DSP Himayun Muzammil Bhat (posthumous)
 - (ii) Shaurya Chakra - 18 (iii) Army Medal - 63
 - (iv) Bar to Army Medal - Colonel Nitin Kumar Singh
 - (v) Navy Medal - 11 (vi) Air Force Medal - 6

Tatrakshak Medal

- *President's Tatrakshak Medal (Distinguished Service)- IG Donnie Michael*
- *Tatrakshak Medal (Gallantry) - Deputy Commandant Akil Pathan*
- *Tatrakshak Medal (Distinguished Service)*
 - (i) *DIG Balakrishnan Murugan*
 - (ii) *Girish Kumar Verma*

7th Anubhav Awards Ceremony

- ❑ The 7th Anubhav Awards Ceremony was organized by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare, Government of India in New Delhi.
- ❑ In this ceremony, five Anubhav Awards and 10 Jury Certificates were given to the employees of nine different departments and ministries.

Miscellaneous

32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE)

- ❑ The 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists (ICAE) was organized from 2 to 7 August at the National Agricultural Science Center in New Delhi.

- ❑ The conference was inaugurated by the Prime Minister of India, Narendra Modi.
- ❑ The theme of ICAE this year is "Transition towards Sustainable Agricultural Food Systems".
- ❑ The International Conference of Agricultural Economists is organized in India after 65 years.
- ❑ About 1000 delegates from 75 countries participated in this conference.
- ❑ In the conference, the Prime Minister mentioned the nearly 2000-year-old treatise "Krishi Parashar" on India's rich heritage in the field of agriculture.
- ❑ The International Conference of Agricultural Economists is organized by the International Association of Agricultural Economists on a triennial basis.

Tarang Shakti 2024

- ❑ The Indian Air Force conducted the first phase of its first multinational air exercise "Tarang Shakti 2024" from 6 August to 14 August at Sular in Tamil Nadu.
- ❑ Tarang Shakti is a biennial exercise.
- ❑ 11 countries participated in this exercise.
- ❑ The second phase of Tarang Shakti 2024 will be organized in Jodhpur, Rajasthan from 29 August to 14 September.

Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve

- ❑ The Chhattisgarh government will establish Guru Ghasidas-Tamor Pingla Tiger Reserve by combining Guru Ghasidas National Park and Tamor Pingla Sanctuary.
- ❑ At present, Chhattisgarh has three tiger reserves Indravati, Udanti-Sitanadi and Achanakmar Tiger Reserves.
- ❑ This will be the fourth tiger reserve in the state.

Standardized Agricultural Demonstration Farm

- ❑ The Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Govind Ballabh Pant University of Agriculture and Technology, Pantnagar (Uttar Pradesh) to

develop a Standardized Agricultural Demonstration Farm, the first of its kind in India.

- ❑ The farm will serve as an experimental site for testing and implementation of various agricultural practices and new technologies as per Indian standards.

Floodwatch India

- ❑ CR Patil, Union Minister for Jal Shakti, Government of India, launched the “Floodwatch 2.0” mobile app developed by the Central Water Commission (CWC) in New Delhi.
- ❑ The Floodwatch India mobile app aims to provide information related to the flood situation in the country to the public using mobile phones by providing flood forecast up to 7 days in advance on a real-time basis.
- ❑ The first version of Floodwatch India was launched by the CWC in August 2023.

Agreement for cooperation in Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector

- ❑ An agreement has been signed between India and the United States for cooperation in the Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector.
- ❑ The agreement was signed by both the countries in New Delhi.

Department of Environment and Ecology

- ❑ A new Department of Environment and Ecology has been set up by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS).
- ❑ The objective of the Department of Environment and Ecology is to formulate standards for issues related to environment and ecology.

Assembly Elections

- ❑ The Election Commission of India announced assembly elections for Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana.
- ❑ Elections for the 90 seats of the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly will be held in three phases (18 September, 25 September and 1 October)

and for the 90 seats of the Haryana Assembly, elections will be held in one phase on 5 October.

- ❑ The counting of votes for both states will be done on 8 October.
- ❑ This will be the first assembly election in Jammu and Kashmir after the removal of Article 370.

Global Traditional Medicine Center (GTMC)

- ❑ The Ministry of AYUSH, Government of India and the World Health Organization (WHO) have signed a donor agreement to operate the Global Traditional Medicine Center (GTMC).
- ❑ Under this agreement, the Government of India will donate US \$ 85 million over the next 10 years for the operation of GTMC.
- ❑ The Global Traditional Medicine Center is located in Jamnagar, Gujarat.
- ❑ The GTMC is the first and only global center for traditional medicine worldwide.

Yug Yugin Bharat Museum

- ❑ The Ministry of Culture, Government of India organized a state conference from 1 to 3 August at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi to enhance cooperation between state museums and the central government to realize the vision of *Yug Yugin Bharat Museum*.
- ❑ The Yug Yugin Bharat Museum will be set up in North and South Block as part of the Central Vista Redevelopment Project in New Delhi.
- ❑ This museum will be developed in 1,54,000 square meters. This museum will be the largest museum in the world.
- ❑ This museum will be developed with the cooperation of France.

Rashtriya Hindi Vigyan Sammelan 2024

- ❑ National Hindi Science Conference 2024 was organized on 30-31 July at Council of Scientific and Industrial Research-Advanced Materials and Processes Research Institute, Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh).
- ❑ National Hindi Science Conference 2024 is the fourth edition of this conference.

National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC)

- ❑ India and Vietnam have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to develop the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal in Gujarat.
- ❑ The National Maritime Heritage Complex will feature one of the world's tallest lighthouse museums, the world's largest open aquatic gallery and India's largest naval museum.
- ❑ The project, which was launched in March 2022, will be developed at a cost of Rs 4,500 crore.
- ❑ The National Maritime Heritage Complex will have Lothal Mini Recreation to showcase the architecture and lifestyle of the Harappan civilization, four theme parks and 14 galleries to showcase India's maritime heritage from the Harappan period to the present.

Chandragupta Ridge, Ashok Seamount and Kalpataru Ridge

- ❑ Three structures under the water surface in the Indian Ocean have been named Chandragupta Ridge, Ashok Seamount and Kalpataru Ridge on the suggestion of India.
- ❑ These structures have been discovered by scientists of the National Center for Polar and Ocean Research, Goa.

International University for the blind

- ❑ India's first International University for the blind will be established in Odisha.
- ❑ This university is named after the blind poet and 19th century social reformer Bhima Bhoi.
- ❑ Bhima Bhoi of the 19th century was a famous saint poet of Odisha. "Brahma Nirupan Geeta" is his famous work.

India International Hospitality Expo (IHE) 2024

- ❑ The seventh edition of India International Hospitality Expo was organized from 3 to 6 August at India Expo Center & Mart, Greater Noida (Delhi NCR).

- ❑ Vietnam was made the partner country of IHE 2024 and Himachal Pradesh the focus state.

Synthetic Natural Gas Plant

- ❑ A joint venture agreement has been signed between two Maharatna companies of the Government of India, Coal India Limited and GAIL India Limited, for the production of synthetic natural gas using surface coal gasification technology.
- ❑ This plant will be set up in the Raniganj area of Eastern Coalfields Limited, West Bengal.

Synthetic Natural Gas

- *It is a fuel gas consisting mainly of methane (CH₄) which is a feed stock for the production of various chemicals and fertilizers.*

Surajya Recognition and Ranking Framework

- ❑ The Quality Council of India has launched the Surajya Recognition and Ranking Framework from August 2024.
- ❑ This initiative has been launched to promote excellence among the states with the aim of improving the quality of life of the citizens.
- ❑ The Surajya Recognition and Ranking Framework has four pillars-
 - (i) Education (ii) Health
 - (iii) Prosperity (iv) Good Governance
- ❑ Only education, health and prosperity have been included in the ranking of August 2024.
- ❑ Leading States in Education, Health and Prosperity pillars of Surajya Recognition and Ranking Framework of August 2024-
 - Education - State - Uttar Pradesh, Union Territory - New Delhi
 - Health - States -
 - 1. Chhattisgarh 2. Karnataka
 - 3. Kerala 4. Rajasthan
 - ✓ Union Territory - Chandigarh
 - Prosperity - States - Gujarat, Karnataka,

Rajasthan (Zero Defect Zero Effect Certification Micro Category)

- ✓ Union Territory - Jammu & Kashmir
- ✓ Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Competitive LEAN Scheme - Maharashtra, Bihar

National Medical Register Portal

- ❑ The National Medical Register Portal was launched by Union Health Minister JP Nadda on August 23 in New Delhi for registration of all MBBS doctors eligible for registration in India.
- ❑ The National Medical Commission Act 2019 provides for the creation of a national register in electronic form by the Board of Ethics and Medical Registration which will contain the name, address and all recognized qualifications of the licensed doctor.

Justice K. Hema Committee

- ❑ On August 19, the report of the Justice K. Hema Committee constituted by the Kerala government to investigate the issues of sexual harassment faced by women in the Malayalam film industry was made public.
- ❑ The Justice K. Hema Committee was constituted by the Kerala government in the year 2017 on the demand of the "Women in Cinema Collective" (WCC), an organization of women artists of Malayalam cinema.
- ❑ The three-member committee comprises retired judge of Kerala High Court K. Hema as chairperson and KB Valsala Kumari and T Sarada as members.

Three new Ramsar sites

- ❑ The Government of India has included three wetlands of Tamil Nadu and Madhya Pradesh in the list of Ramsar sites-
 - (i) Nanjarayan Bird Sanctuary - Located on the banks of the Noyyal River in Tamil Nadu.
 - (ii) Kazhuveli Bird Sanctuary - Located on the Coromandel Coast in Tamil Nadu, it is one of the largest saltwater wetlands in South India.

- (iii) Tawa Reservoir - This reservoir, created by building a dam on the Tawa river in Madhya Pradesh, is used for irrigation, drinking water and fish farming.

- ❑ The total number of Ramsar sites in India has now become 85.
- ❑ In terms of Ramsar sites, India (85) is at the third place after Britain (175) and Mexico (144).

Ramsar sites

- Ramsar sites are wetland sites listed under the UNESCO Ramsar Convention, signed on 2 February 1971 in Ramsar, Iran.
- The Ramsar Convention is an international treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands.
- World Wetlands Day is celebrated every year on 2 February.

New districts in Ladakh

- ❑ The Home Ministry of the Government of India has announced the creation of five new districts in the Union Territory of Ladakh - Zaskar, Drass, Sham, Nubra and Chagthang.
- ❑ At present, the Union Territory of Ladakh has two districts - Leh and Kargil, which have autonomous hill development councils.

Union Territory of Ladakh

- On 5 August 2019, the Parliament of India revoked the special status of Jammu and Kashmir under Article 370 of the Constitution and divided the state into two union territories, Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh.
- Ladakh is the second largest union territory of India in terms of area.
- According to the 2011 census, the population of Ladakh is 2.74 lakh.

Regional Marine Pollution Response Centre

- ❑ The Regional Marine Pollution Response Centre was inaugurated by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh at the Regional Headquarters of the Indian Coast Guard in Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

- ❑ The Regional Marine Pollution Response Centre will ensure an integrated approach among the countries of the region for response to oil spills at sea.
- ❑ Along with this, the Coast Guard Air Enclave (Puducherry Airport) and Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre - Puducherry were also inaugurated by the Defence Minister.

Rajya Sabha By-election 2024

- ❑ In the by-election held for the 12 vacant seats of Rajya Sabha, all 12 seats have been elected unopposed-
 - Mission Ranjan Das and Rameshwar Teli - Assam (BJP)
 - Manan Kumar Mishra - Bihar (BJP)
 - Kiran Chaudhary - Haryana (BJP)
 - George Kurien - Madhya Pradesh (BJP)
 - Dhairyasheel Patil - Maharashtra (BJP)
 - Mamta Mehta - Odisha (BJP)
 - Ravneet Singh Bittu - Rajasthan (BJP)
 - Rajiv Bhattacharya - Tripura (BJP)
 - Nitin Patil - Maharashtra (NCP - Ajit)
 - Upendra Kushwaha - Bihar (Rashtriya Lok Morcha)
 - Abhishek Manu Singhvi - Telangana (Congress)
- ❑ Currently, 8 seats (Jammu and Kashmir-4, Nominated-4) are vacant in the 245-member Rajya Sabha.

Prohibition of Child Marriage (Himachal Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2024

- ❑ The Himachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly has increased the marriage age of girls from 18 years to 21 years through the Prohibition of Child Marriage (Himachal Pradesh Amendment) Bill, 2024.
- ❑ This bill amends the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

ASSOCHAM Environment and Carbon Conference

- ❑ The ASSOCHAM Environment and Carbon Conference was held on 29 August in New Delhi.
- ❑ The theme of this conference is - "Fostering a Collaborative Ecosystems for Achieving net Zero by 2070".

Aadhaar based authentication

- ❑ The Central Government has allowed the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) to use Aadhaar based authentication to verify the identity of candidates.
- ❑ This permission has been given to UPSC on a voluntary basis at the time of registration of candidates and for various stages of recruitment.

IndiaFirst Life

- ❑ IndiaFirst Life has become the first Indian life insurance company to start operations in Gujarat International FinanceTech City (GIFT City).
- ❑ GIFT City is located in Gandhinagar, Gujarat

National Task Force for Medical Professionals

- ❑ A bench headed by Chief Justice DY Chandrachud of the Supreme Court has constituted a National Task Force to ensure the safety of medical professionals.

Members

- (i) Surgeon Vice Adm. Aarti Sareen
- (ii) Dr. D. Nageswara Reddy
- (iii) Dr. M. Srinivas
- (iv) Dr. Pratima Murthy
- (v) Dr. Goverdhan Dutt Puri
- (vi) Dr. Saumitra Rawat
- (vii) Dr. Anita Saxena
- (viii) Dr. Pallavi Saple
- (ix) Dr. Padma Shrivastava

Ex-officio Members

- (i) Cabinet Secretary, Government of India

- (ii) Union Home Secretary
- (iii) Union Health Secretary
- (iv) Chairman, National Medical Commission
- (v) Chairman, National Board of Examiners

MoU to promote digital health education

- ❑ A Memorandum of Understanding has been signed between the National Health Authority (NHA) and Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) to promote digital health education in India.
- ❑ Under this agreement, Maharashtra University of Health Sciences will develop digital health programs of Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission.

Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission

- *The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 27 September 2021.*
- *The Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission aims to integrate various healthcare institutions – hospitals, clinics, laboratories, pharmacies and health insurance companies to improve patient care and access to healthcare services.*

Cyber Centre of Excellence (CCO)

- ❑ The second phase of the Cyber Centre of Excellence was inaugurated by the Minister of State for Defence, Government of India, in New Delhi.
- ❑ The Cyber Centre of Excellence is an initiative of the United Services Institution and CyberPeace, a global NGO working on cyber security.

National Workshop on Women Leadership in Panchayats

- ❑ Ahead of the 78th Independence Day celebrations, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj, Government of India organized a National Workshop on Women Leadership in Panchayats at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi.
- ❑ About 400 elected women representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions participated in this workshop.

28th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organisations

- ❑ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Government of India organized the 28th Conference of Central and State Statistical Organisations on 12th and 13th August in New Delhi.
- ❑ The Ministry of Programme Implementation and Information Technology of the Government of India has released the 25th issue of its publication titled "Women and Men in India 2023" at this conference.
- ❑ Key points of Women and Men in India 2023 report-
 - Population of India by the year 2036 - 152.2 crore (women - 48.8 percent)
 - Proportion of people below 15 years of age is estimated to decrease from the year 2011 to 2036
 - Proportion of population aged 60 years and above is estimated to increase
 - Sex ratio - from 943 in the year 2011 to 952 in the year 2036
 - Adolescent fertility rate in the year 2020 - Illiterate population 33.9 - Literate population - 11.0
 - Maternal mortality rate year 2018-20 - 97 per lakh live births
 - Labour force participation rate (15 years or more)

Year	2017-18	2022-23
Male	- 75.8	78.5
Female	- 23.3	37

- General elections Participation of women in - 2014 - 65.6, 2019 - 67.2
- Startups recognized by Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade - Women Leadership - 47.6 (55186 Startups)

Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project

- ❑ SJVN Limited, a Miniratna company of the Government of India, has successfully commissioned the 90 MW Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project.
- ❑ The Omkareshwar Floating Solar Project is located in the Omkareshwar Floating Solar Park situated in Khandwa district of Madhya Pradesh.
- ❑ The Omkareshwar Floating Solar Park is the largest Floating Solar Park in India.

High-yielding climate-resilient varieties of crops

- ❑ Prime Minister Narendra Modi has released 109 high-yielding climate-resilient and biofortified varieties at the Indian Agricultural Research Institute in New Delhi.
- ❑ These 109 varieties of 61 crops include 34 field crops and 27 horticultural crops.

Foreign visit of Indian President

- ❑ President of India Draupadi Murmu paid a state visit to Fiji, New Zealand and Timor-Leste from 6 to 10 August.
- ❑ During his visit to Fiji, the President was conferred with "the Companion of the Order of Fiji", Fiji's highest civilian award.
- ❑ The President inspected the progress of the project 'Solarization of Heads of State's Residence', an initiative of the Government of India in Fiji.
- ❑ During the visit of the Indian President to Timor-Leste, the President was conferred with the highest civilian honour of Timor-Leste, "The Grand Collar of the Order of Timor-Leste".
- ❑ This was the first visit of an Indian Head of State to Timor-Leste.

Defence Ministry's Divyangjan Expedition Team

- ❑ On the occasion of 78th Independence Day, the Divyangjan Expedition Team of the Ministry of

Defence has hoisted the largest national flag (7800 sq. ft.) on the Uhuru Peak of Kilimanjaro, Africa's highest peak.

- ❑ Under Mission Kanchenjunga National Park to Mount Kilimanjaro (Mission K2K), this expedition team was led by Group Captain Jai Kishan.
- ❑ Divyang Uday Kumar, a part of this expedition, has become the first person to successfully complete the climb of Mount Kilimanjaro with the help of crutches.

Parvat Prahar Exercise

- ❑ Indian Army's strategic military exercise "Parvat Prahar" was organized in Ladakh.

National Conference of District Judiciary

- ❑ The National Conference of District Judiciary was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 31 August at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ❑ The Prime Minister also released a postage stamp and coin to commemorate the completion of 75 years of the establishment of the Supreme Court at the conference.

Global Fintech Fest 2024

- ❑ The 5th edition of Global Fintech Fest was organized from 28 to 30 August in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- ❑ The theme of Global Fintech Fest 2024 is - "Blueprint for the next decade of finance: Responsible AI, Inclusive, Resilient".
- ❑ The Global Fintech Fest is organized by the Payments Council of India, National Payment Corporation of India and Fintech Convergence Council in the year 2020.

Agreement for Geo Coded Addressing System

- ❑ A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the Department of Posts, Government of India and National Remote Sensing Centre of ISRO on 22 August to establish a Geo-Coded

Addressing System.

- ❑ Geo-coded addressing system will streamline delivery services by making identification of different addresses easy.

Eri Silk

- ❑ North Eastern Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation under Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Government of India has received Oeko-Tex certification of Germany for Eri Silk on 78th Independence Day.
- ❑ Eri Silk is the only vegan silk in the world. For the production of Eri Silk, the moths present inside the cocoon are not killed but silk is obtained after the moth comes out of the cocoon naturally.
- ❑ Eri Silk has been granted Geographical Indication (GI Tag) in Assam.

Appointment of new Governors

- ❑ The following Governors have been appointed by the Central Government-
 - Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde - Rajasthan
 - Jishnu dev Verma - Telangana
 - Om Prakash Mathur - Sikkim
 - Santosh Kumar Gangwar - Jharkhand
 - Ramen Deka - Chhattisgarh
 - C.H.Vijayshankar - Meghalaya

- C.P.Radhakrishnan - Maharashtra
- Gulabchand Kataria - Punjab (Administrator of Union Territory Chandigarh)
- Laxman Prasad Acharya -Assam (Additional Charge of Governor of Manipur)

Call of the Gir

- ❑ Rajya Sabha member Parimal Nathwani has written the book "Call of the Gir" on Asiatic lions and their conservation efforts.

10th India International MSME (Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises) Startup Expo and Summit-

- ❑ This conference was organized on 24 August in New Delhi.

CII India Africa Business Conclave

- ❑ CII India Africa Business Conclave was organized in New Delhi.
- ❑ The theme of this conclave is - "Creating one Future".

MoU between Khadi and Village Industries Commission and Department of Posts

- ❑ Khadi and Village Industries Commission has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Posts, Government of India for verification of physical units being set up under Pradhan Mantri Rojgar Srijan Karyakram.



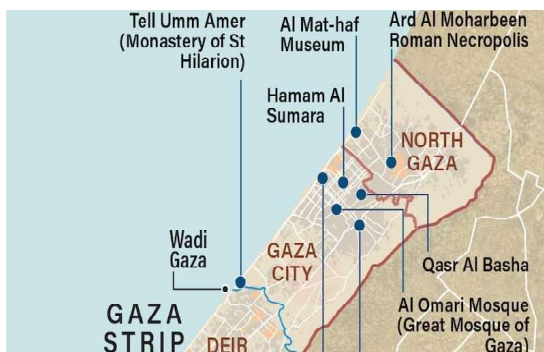


International

Place in News

Tell Umm Amer

- Tell Umm Amer, located in the Gaza Strip, Palestine, has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage Site List and the List of World Heritage in Danger during the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee held in New Delhi.



- Tell Umm Amer, also known as St. Hilarion Monastery, was founded in the 4th century by the legendary Saint Hilarion the Great in the Nuseirat municipality, 10 km south of Gaza city.

Kursk Region

- In the Russia-Ukraine War, Ukraine took control over the Kursk region of Russia.
- Kursk Region is located on the southwestern border of Russia.
- The administrative region of Kursk Region is the city of Kursk, which is located on the banks of the upper Seym River, south of Moscow.



- ❑ The Kursk region is famous for the “Battle of Kursk”, the largest tank battle of World War II (July–August 1943), in which Germany was defeated.

Person in News

Sheikh Hasina

- ❑ Recently, Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned from her post and left the country due to the student movement that started demanding the removal of reservation in civil service jobs.
- ❑ Awami League leader Sheikh Hasina won the general elections held in January 2024 and became the Prime Minister of Bangladesh for the fifth time.
- ❑ Sheikh Hasina, who has been the Prime Minister of Bangladesh for the longest time, is the daughter of Bangladesh's founder Sheikh Mujibur Rahman.



Paetongtarn Shinawatra

- ❑ Thailand's Parliament (National Assembly) has elected Paetongtarn Shinawatra as the new Prime Minister of the country.
- ❑ She is the daughter of former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra. She is the second woman leader to reach this position.
- ❑ Paetongtarn is the leader of Thailand's Pheu Thai Party.

Nicolas Maduro

- ❑ Nicolas Maduro has been elected President of Venezuela for the third consecutive time. Nicolas Maduro has won by defeating opposition candidate Edmundo Gozales.

Keven Parekh

- ❑ American smartphone manufacturer Apple has appointed Indian-origin Kevan Parekh as its Chief Financial Officer (CFO).
- ❑ Keven Parekh has been appointed in place of Luca Maestri.

Award

Distinguished Mentor of the Year Award 2024

- ❑ Dr. Jitendra Singh, Minister of Science and Technology, Government of India was awarded with the “Distinguished Mentor of the Year” award at the 9th Annual Conference of ACV India Chapter in Lucknow.
- ❑ The Distinguished Mentor of the Year Award is given by the American College of Physicians.

Miscellaneous

Cultural Property Agreement

- ❑ On the occasion of the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee, the first Cultural Property Agreement was signed between India and the United States of America to prevent the illicit trafficking of antiquities at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ❑ The Cultural Property Agreement is in line with the UNESCO Convention of 1970 which deals with the prevention of the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property.

International Chemistry Olympiad

- ❑ The Indian team has won a total of four medals (one gold, two silver and one bronze) in the 56th International Chemistry Olympiad.
 - Gold Medal - Devesh Bhaiya (Maharashtra)
 - Silver Medal - Avnish Bansal (Mumbai), Harshit Posina (Hyderabad)
 - Bronze Medal - Kashyap Khandelwal (Mumbai)
- ❑ The 56th International Chemistry Olympiad was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 21 to 30 July.

India-US Security of Supply Agreement

- ❑ The Security of Supply (SOSA) Agreement was signed between India and the US during the visit of Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh to the US from August 23 to 26.

- ❑ SOSA is a legally non-binding agreement. India is the 18th SOSA partner of the USA.
- ❑ Along with this, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed regarding the appointment of liaison officers between the two countries.

Rail Force One

- ❑ Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi traveled by train from Poland to the Ukrainian capital Kyiv during his visit to Ukraine on 23-24 August. This train has been named "Rail Force One".
- ❑ Rail Force One is operated by Ukrainian Railways (Ukrzaliznytsia), owned by the Ukrainian government.
- ❑ Rail Force One completes the 700 km journey from Przemysl Glowny in Poland to the Ukrainian capital Kyiv in 10 hours.
- ❑ Rail Force One is used by foreign heads of state traveling to Ukraine due to the closure of Ukrainian airspace during the Russia-Ukraine war.

Third India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue

- ❑ The third India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Dialogue was held on 20 August in New Delhi.
- ❑ India was led by External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Japan was led by Foreign Minister Yoko Kamikawa and Defence Minister Kihara Minoru.
- ❑ India announced the opening of a consulate in Fukuoka city of Japan during the dialogue.
- ❑ The second India-Japan 2+2 Dialogue was held in Japan in September 2022.

India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable

- ❑ The second meeting of the India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable was held in Singapore on 26 August.
- ❑ The conference was attended by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal and Railway, IT, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnav.
- ❑ The India-Singapore Ministerial Conference is a unique mechanism established to set a new agenda for India-Singapore bilateral relations.

- ❑ The six focus areas of this conference include digital connectivity, fintech, green economy, green hydrogen, skill development and food security.
- ❑ The first meeting of this conference was held in New Delhi in September 2022.

Agreement for LNG (Liquefied Natural Gas) Infrastructure Development

- ❑ Indian company Petronet LNG Limited and a private Sri Lankan company have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the development of infrastructure and supply of liquefied natural gas in Colombo.
- ❑ The agreement will include the development of an LNG-based power plant of more than 1000 MW capacity at Keralavalpitiya near Colombo as well as supply of fuel from the Kochi LNG terminal.

9th India-Brazil Joint Commission Meeting

- ❑ The 9th India-Brazil Joint Commission Meeting was held on 27 August in New Delhi.
- ❑ The meeting was co-chaired by India's Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar and Brazil's Foreign Minister Mauro Vieira.
- ❑ Brazil is currently the President of the G-20 and this year the G-20 summit will be held in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil from 18 to 19 November.

17th International Earth Science Olympiad

- ❑ The Indian team has won a total of seven medals (three gold, two silver, three bronze) in the 17th International Earth Science Olympiad.
- ❑ Teams from 35 countries participated in it.
- ❑ The 17th International Earth Science Olympiad has been organized from 8 to 16 August in Beijing, the capital of China.
- ❑ The International Earth Science Olympiad was established in the year 2003 at the meeting of the Council of the International Geoscience Education Organization in Calgary, Canada.
- ❑ India has been participating in the International Earth Science Olympiad since the year 2007. Its 10th edition was organized in Mysore, India.

International Conference on Law and Technology

- ❑ The International Conference on "Law and Technology Sustainable Transport, Tourism and Technological Innovation" was organized by the Commonwealth Legal Education Association at Kumarakom in Kottayam district of Kerala.
- ❑ The conference was jointly inaugurated by the Chief Justice of India Dr. D.Y. Chandrachud and Chief Justice of Seychelles Ronnie Govindan.
- ❑ The conference was organized by the Commonwealth Legal Education Association.

Second meeting of India-Russia Joint Commission on Emergency Management

- ❑ The second meeting of the India-Russia Joint Commission on Emergency Management signed an MoU on cooperation in the field of emergency management between the two countries for the year 2025-26.
- ❑ This meeting was held in Moscow, Russia.
- ❑ The first meeting of the India-Russia Joint Commission on cooperation in the field of emergency management was held in New Delhi in the year 2016.

Udaar Shakti 2024

- ❑ The joint air exercise Udaar Shakti between the Indian Air Force and the Royal Malaysian Air Force was held in Kuatan, Malaysia from 5 to 9 August.
- ❑ The IAF's Su-30MKI fighter jets took part in this exercise.

Green Ammonia Export Agreement

- ❑ The first agreement for green ammonia export has been signed between India and Japan.
- ❑ Along with this, a Head of Terms (HOT) agreement has also been signed between India,

Singapore and Japan to ensure the supply of green ammonia from India to Japan.

ASEAN-India Fellowship for Higher Education in Agriculture and Allied Sciences

- ❑ The ASEAN-India Fellowship for Higher Education in Agriculture and Allied Sciences was launched on 14 August by Union Agriculture and Farmer Welfare Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.
- ❑ Objective - To introduce modern research offered by Indian agricultural universities for higher education to students of ASEAN countries and prepare them for future innovations.
- ❑ Key Points-
 - Start - from the academic year 2024-25.
 - Total 50 fellowships (10 per year) to students of ASEAN member countries for 'Master's Degree' in Agriculture and Allied Sciences.
 - Approval of funding for five years under the ASEAN-India Fund, covering fellowships, admission fees, living expenses and contingency expenses for students.

ASEAN

- *The Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) was established on 8 August 1967 in Bangkok, Thailand through the Bangkok Declaration.*
- *Founding members - Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand.*
- *Current members (10) - Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Brunei, Vietnam, Lao PDR, Myanmar and Cambodia.*





Sports

Paris Olympics 2024

- ❑ The Summer Paris Olympics 2024 was held in Paris, the capital of France, from 26 July to 11 August. This is the 33rd edition of the Summer Olympics.
- ❑ The mascot of Paris Olympics 2024 is "Phryges". Phryges is based on traditional hat worn by French revolutionaries.
- ❑ The motto of Paris Olympics is "Games Wide Open".
- ❑ About 10,500 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees and the International Olympic Committee's Refugee Olympic Team participated in 329 medal events in 48 disciplines of 32 sports in the Paris Olympics.
- ❑ 4 additional sports included in Paris Olympics 2024-
 - Skateboarding ➤ Sport Climbing
 - Surfing ➤ Break Dance



- ❑ Sport included in Olympics for the first time in Paris Olympics 2024 - Break Dance (Breaking)
- ❑ Gold medal winner in Break Dance Women - Ami Yusa, (Japan), Men - Phil Vizard (Canada)
- ❑ Main medal winning countries in the medal table of Paris Olympics 2024 -

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total Medals
1.	United States	40	44	42	126
2.	China	40	27	24	91
3.	Japan	20	12	13	45
4.	Australia	18	19	16	53
5.	France	16	26	22	64
71.	India	0	1	5	6

History of Olympic Games

- The history of Olympic Games is about 3000 years old which started from Peloponnese of Greece.
- The games were organized every four years in Olympia of ancient Greece which were named as Olympics.

- *In the year 1894 Pierre de Coubertin started the plan to revive the Olympic Games and in the year 1896 the first Olympic Games of the modern era were organized in Athens.*

India's performance in Paris Olympics 2024

- The Indian contingent participating in Paris Olympics 2024 included a total of 117 athletes who competed in 69 medal events in 16 sports.
- Flag bearers of India in Paris Olympics 2024-
 - Opening Ceremony - P.V. Sindhu, Sharath Kamal
 - Closing Ceremony - Manu Bhaker, P.R. Sreejesh
- India has finished 71st in the medal tally by winning a total of six medals including one silver and five bronze.
- Medalists of India -
 - Manu Bhaker, Sarabjit Singh - Bronze Medal (Mixed 10m Air Pistol Shooting)
 - Manu Bhaker - Bronze Medal (Women's 10m Air Pistol Shooting)
 - ◆ Manu Bhaker is the first Indian woman athlete to win two medals in the same Olympics.
 - Aman Sehrawat - Bronze Medal (Men's Freestyle 57 kg)
 - ◆ Aman Sehrawat is the youngest Olympic medallist from India (21 years 24 days).
 - ◆ Earlier, P V Sindhu was the youngest Olympic medallist from India (21 years, one month, 14 days).



Performance of Indian wrestlers in Olympic Games

- *Indian wrestlers have won medals in all Olympics from Beijing Olympics 2008 to Paris Olympics 2024-*

- Beijing Olympics 2008 - Sushil Kumar (Bronze)
- London Olympics 2012 - Sushil Kumar (Silver)
 - Yogeshwar Dutt (Bronze)
- Rio Olympics 2016 - Sakshi Malik (Bronze)
- Tokyo Olympics 2021 - Ravi Dahiya (Silver)
 - Bajrang Punia (Bronze)

- Neeraj Chopra - Silver Medal (Javelin Throw - 89.45m)
- Swapnil Kusale - Bronze Medal (Men's 50m Rifle 3 Position)
- Hockey - Bronze Medal (defeated Spain)
 - ◆ This is the 13th medal of Indian Hockey team in Olympics.

Tokyo Olympics 2020

- *India finished 48th in the medal tally by winning a total of 7 medals (1 gold, 2 silver and 4 bronze) in Tokyo Olympics 2020.*
- *The 7 medals won by India in Tokyo Olympics are the highest number of medals won by India in any Olympics.*

India's performance in Olympic Games

- India has won a total of 41 medals in the Olympic Games so far, including Paris Olympics 2024.
- First Indian athlete to win a medal in the Olympic Games - Norman Pritchard (Paris Olympics 1900 - two silver)
- First athlete of independent India to win a medal in the Olympic Games - KD Jadhav Wrestling (Helsinki Olympics 1952 Bronze)
- First Indian woman athlete to win a medal in the Olympic Games - Karnam Malleswari - Weightlifting (Sydney Olympics 2000 - Bronze)
- First Indian player to win a gold medal in an individual event in the Olympic Games - Abhinav Bindra - Shooting (Beijing Olympics - 2008)

- ❑ In men's hockey, India has won a total of 13 medals including 8 gold medals, while in wrestling, it has won a total of eight medals.

Important facts about Paris Olympics-2024

- ❑ In Paris Olympics 2024, 5084 medals were made using 18 grams of iron from the Eiffel Tower.
- ❑ In Paris Olympics 2024, 4 countries (National Olympic Committees) won gold medal in Olympic Games for the first time-
 - (i) Botswana - Letsile Tebogo (Athletics - Men's 200m Race)
 - (ii) Dominica - Thea Lafond (Athletics - Women's Triple Jump)
 - (iii) Guatemala - Adriana Ruano Oliva (Shooting - Women's Trap)
 - (iv) Saint Lucia - Julian Alfred (Athletics - Women's 100m)
- ❑ In Paris Olympics 2024, 4 countries won medal in Olympic Games for the first time-
 - (i) Albania - Chermen Valiev (Bronze) Wrestling Men's 74 kg Freestyle
 - (ii) Cape Verde - David de Pina (Bronze) Boxing Men's 51 kg
 - (iii) Dominica - Thea Lafond (Gold) Athletics Women's Triple Jump
 - (iv) Saint Lucia - Julian Alfred (Gold) Athletics Women 100m
- ❑ The Paris Olympics 2024 is the first Olympics to achieve almost complete gender equality. Of the 329 medal events in the Paris Olympics, 152 are women's events, 157 are men's events and 20 are mixed events.
- ❑ The youngest athlete participating in the Paris Olympics 2024 is Zheng Haohao (11 years 11 months) - Skateboarding (China)
- ❑ The oldest athlete participating in the Paris Olympics 2024 is Juan Antonio Jimenez Cobo (65 years) - Equestrian (Spain)

Noah Lyles

- American sprinter Noah Lyles has won the gold medal in the men's 100m race at the

Paris Olympics 2024 by defeating Kishan Thompson of Jamaica by .005 seconds. This is one of the shortest distances won in Olympic history.

Rajasthan in Paris Olympics

- ❑ Rajasthan shooters Maheshwari Chauhan and Anantjit Singh Naruka secured fourth place in the mixed team event at the Paris Olympics 2024.

Cindy Ngamba

- ❑ Boxer Cindy Ngamba of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Refugee Olympic Team has won a bronze medal in the 75kg category of women's boxing.
- ❑ This is the first Olympic medal for the Refugee Olympic Team.

IOC Refugee Olympic Team

- The IOC Refugee Olympic Team has been formed by the International Olympic Committee for displaced people around the world.
- This team is formed under the "Olympic Agenda 2020+5".
- The IOC Refugee Olympic Team first participated in the Rio Olympics 2016.
- The refugee team participating in the Paris Olympics 2024 is the largest team ever.
- The IOC Refugee Olympic Team is funded by an organization "Olympic Solidarity".
- This team is managed by the Olympic Refugee Foundation (ORF). ORF acts as the National Olympic Committee for the refugee team.
- ❑ In Paris Olympics 2024, 37 athletes of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team participated in 12 sports events.

Paris Paralympics 2024

- ❑ The Paris Paralympics 2024 will be held in Paris, France from 28 August to 8 September.

- ❑ The mascot of Paris Paralympics is "The Phryes (inspired by the Phrygian cap).
- ❑ A record 84 Indian athletes will participate in 12 events in the Paris Paralympics. Of these, 32 are female athletes.
- ❑ India is participating in three new events for the first time in the Paris Paralympics -
 - (i) Para Cycling (ii) Para-Rowing
 - (iii) Blind Judo
- ❑ The Indian Paralympic Committee has appointed Satya Prakash Sangwan as the Chef de Mission (CMD) of the Indian contingent for Paris Paralympics 2024.
- ❑ Indian flag bearers at the opening ceremony- Sumit Antil and Bhagyashree Jadhav.
- ❑ Indian medal winners at Paris Paralympics 2024 (till 31 August 2024)- India has won a total of five medals (one gold, one silver, three bronze) till 31 August-



- (i) Avani Lekhara - Gold Medal (Shooting)
 - Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 event
 - Avni is the first female player to win two gold medals in the Paralympic Games.
 - Avni Lekhara has broken her own Olympic record and set a new Olympic record of 249.7 points.
- (ii) Mona Agarwal - Bronze Medal (Shooting)
 - Women's 10m Air Rifle Standing SH1 event
- (iii) Preeti Pal - Bronze medal (Athletics)
 - Women's 10m T35 event
- (iv) Manish Narwal - Silver medal (Shooting)
 - Men's 10m Air Pistol SH1 event
- (v) Rubina Francis - Bronze medal (Shooting)
 - Women's 100m Air Pistol SH1 event

Valentina Petrillo

- ❑ Italian sprinter Valentina Petrillo is the first transgender athlete to participate in the Paris Paralympics 2024.
- ❑ Valentina Petrillo will participate in the 200 and 400m races in the T12 event for visually impaired athletes at the Paris Paralympics.

Dinesh Karthik

- ❑ South Africa's South Africa-20 (SA20) League has announced former Indian wicketkeeper-batsman Dinesh Karthik as the brand ambassador of the league.
- ❑ South Africa-20 is South Africa's T20 cricket league. Its first edition was organized in the year 2023.

Asia Cup Tournament 2025

- ❑ The Men's T20 Asia Cup Cricket Tournament 2025 will be organized in India.
- ❑ The Men's T20 Asia Cup Cricket Tournament is a biennial cricket tournament organized by the Asian Cricket Council.
- ❑ The current BCCI Secretary Jay Shah is the President of the Asian Cricket Council.
- ❑ The outgoing President of the Pakistan Cricket Board Mohsin Naqvi will become the President of the Asian Cricket Council in the year 2025.
- ❑ Along with this, the hosting of the T20 World Cup 2026 has also been handed over to India.

Global Pravasi Women's Kabaddi League (GPKL)

- ❑ The Global Overseas Women's Kabaddi League will be held in Haryana in September 2024.
- ❑ Women's athletes from more than 15 countries will participate in this league.
- ❑ This league will be jointly organized by Holistic International Pravasi Sports and World Kabaddi.

Women's Volleyball Nations League

- ❑ India has won the gold medal in the fourth Women's Volleyball Nations League organized by the Central Asian Volleyball Association (CAVA).

- ❑ Nepal won the silver medal and Iran won the bronze medal in this tournament.
- ❑ The CAVA Women's Volleyball Nations League was organized at the Dasharath Stadium in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Anshuman Gaekwad

- ❑ Legendary Indian cricketer and former coach and selector Anshuman Gaekwad passed away at the age of 71.
- ❑ Anshuman Gaekwad represented India in 40 Tests and 15 ODIs from 1975 to 1987.

63rd Subroto Cup

- ❑ The 63rd Subroto Cup Junior Girls Under-17 title was won by Mother International School, Ranchi, Jharkhand by defeating Krish Shikkha Protishthan of Bangladesh.
- ❑ The Subroto Cup International Football Tournament is an inter-school football tournament held annually in New Delhi, India.
- ❑ The tournament is named after the first Indian Air Force Chief Air Marshal Subroto Mukherjee.

Pankaj Advani

- ❑ 27-time world champion Pankaj Advani has won the billiards title at the Western India Billiards and Snooker Championship by defeating S. Srikrishna.
- ❑ The Western India Billiards and Snooker Championship was held in Mumbai.

Cincinnati Open 2024

- ❑ Italian tennis player Jannik Sinner defeated American player Francis Tiafoe to win the men's singles title of Cincinnati Open 2024.
- ❑ At the same time, the women's singles title was won by Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus by defeating Jessica Pegula of America.

Men's Doubles

- Winner - Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador), Mate Pavic (Croatia)
- Runner-up - Mackenzie McDonald, Alex Michelsen (USA)

Women's Doubles

- Winner - Aasiya Muhammad (USA), Erin Routliffe (New Zealand)
- Runner-up - Leylah Fernandez (Canada), Yulia Putintseva (Kazakhstan)

Darius Visser

- ❑ Samoa batsman Darius Visser has created a world record by scoring 39 runs in 1 over against Vanuatu in an international T20 match.

Women's T20 World Cup 2024

- ❑ The International Cricket Council's Women's T20 World Cup 2024 will be held in Dubai and Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates from 3 to 20 October.
- ❑ Earlier, the Women's T20 World Cup 2024 was to be held in Bangladesh.

Dutch Grand Prix

- ❑ McLaren's Formula One driver Lando Norris has won the Dutch Grand Prix by defeating Red Bull's Max Verstappen.
- ❑ The Dutch Grand Prix was held from 23 to 25 August at Circuit Zandvoort in the Netherlands.

Badminton Asia Under-17 and Under-15 Junior Championship

- ❑ Tanvi Patri of India has won the title of Under-15 Girls Singles event in the Asia Under-17 and Under-15 Junior Championship by defeating Thi Thu Huyen of Vietnam.
- ❑ Tanvi Patri has become the third Indian player to win this championship. (Samia Imad Farooqui-2017 Tasnim Mir-2019)
- ❑ Gyan Dutt TT has won the bronze medal in the Under-17 Boys Singles event.
- ❑ The Badminton Asia Under-17 and Under-15 Junior Championship was held in Chengdu, China.

Asian Surfing Championship-2024

- ❑ India has won the silver medal by defeating Chinese Taipei in the team event "Maruhaba Cup" of the Asian Surfing Championship 2024.
- ❑ The Indian team included Kamali P, Ajeesh Ali, Srikanth D and Sanjay Selvamani.

- ❑ The gold medal of the Asian Surfing Championship 2024 was won by Japan. The Asian Surfing Championship was held at Thulusdhoo Island in Maldives.

61st National Open Chess Championship

- ❑ The 61st National Open Chess Championship title was won by Grandmaster Karthik Venkataraman.
- ❑ Surya Shekhar Ganguly finished second and Nilash Saha third in the competition.
- ❑ The 61st National Open Chess Championship was held in Gurugram, Haryana.

Shikhar Dhawan

- ❑ Indian batsman Shikhar Dhawan has retired from all forms of cricket.
- ❑ Shikhar Dhawan played his last ODI in 2022 against Bangladesh.

Jay Shah

- ❑ Jay Shah, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), has been elected unopposed as the President of the International Cricket Council (ICC).
- ❑ Jay Shah, 35, is the youngest president of the ICC.
- ❑ Jay Shah will replace Greg Barclay, who has been the President of the ICC for two consecutive terms.

Jiya Rai

- ❑ Indian para swimmer Jiya Rai has become the world's youngest (16 years) and fastest female para swimmer to successfully cross the English Channel alone.
- ❑ Jiya Rai is an international open water para swimmer and holds the world record for open water swimming.
- ❑ Jiya Rai was awarded the Prime Minister's National Bal Puraskar in the year 2022.

Women's T20 Asia Cup

- ❑ Sri Lanka women's cricket team has won the Women's T20 Asia Cup for the first time by defeating India.
- ❑ Sri Lanka's Harshitha Madavi has been named Player of the Match and Sri Lankan captain

Chamari Athapattu has been named Player of the Series.

- ❑ The final match of the Women's T20 Asia Cup was played at the Rangiri Dambulla International Stadium in Sri Lanka.

Aarti

- ❑ Indian athlete Aarti has won the bronze medal in the women's 10,000 meters walking event at the World Athletics Under-20 Championship.
- ❑ The World Athletics Under-20 Championship was held in Lima, Peru.

Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024

- ❑ The 8th Women's Asian Champions Trophy will be organized from 11 to 20 November in Rajgir, Bihar under the joint hosting of Hockey India and the Government of Bihar.
- ❑ The 7th Women's Asian Champions Trophy was held in Ranchi, Jharkhand in the year 2023.

Tegbir Singh

- ❑ 5-year-old Tegbir Singh, a resident of Ropar, Punjab has become the youngest Asian to climb Mount Kilimanjaro, the highest mountain in Africa.
- ❑ The height of Mount Kilimanjaro, located in Tanzania, Africa is 5895 meters (19340 feet).

Rajasthan Sports Specific**National Swimming Championship-2024**

- ❑ The 40th Sub Junior/50th Junior National Swimming Championship was organized in Bhubaneswar (Orissa).
- ❑ Dakshina Joshi of Jaipur won the gold medal in the 50th Junior National Swimming Championship.
- ❑ He achieved this feat in record time (2 minutes, 28 seconds, 36 ms) in the 200m butterfly event.
- ❑ In this competition, Mohammad Anas won the silver medal in 50m best stroke and Harshaditya Singh won silver in 100m best stroke.
- ❑ Surjan Singh Deol won the bronze medal in 50m best stroke and Prateek Kuriyan won the bronze medal in 200m freestyle.

Junior Girls National Football Championship 2024-25

- ❑ In the Junior Girls National Football Championship held in Belgaum, Karnataka, Rajasthan defeated Karnataka and won the gold medal.
- ❑ This is the only national title won by Rajasthan in football in the last 60 years. Earlier in 1964, Rajasthan had won the title by defeating Assam in the final of Dr BC Roy Trophy of Junior Boys National Football Championship held in Ajmer.

National Ranking Archery Tournament

- ❑ Rajasthan got three medals including gold medal in compound and recurve in the National Ranking Archery Tournament held in Guwahati, Assam.
- ❑ Pranjal Tholia of Rajasthan won the gold medal in the recurve category of sub-junior students.
- ❑ Divyansh Singh won silver and Sachin Chechi won bronze medal in the compound event.

Beach Kabaddi Championship

- ❑ Rajasthan's Kabaddi team won the gold medal in the 11th Senior Beach Kabaddi Championship held in Bodh Gaya, Bihar.
- ❑ Rajasthan defeated Uttar Pradesh in the final of the championship.

Mathuradas Mathur Cricket Awards

- ❑ Mathura Das Mathur Cricket Awards for the session 2023-24 were announced.
- ❑ Abhijeet Tomar in the senior category, Rohan Rajbhar in the junior category and Rajat Baghel in the sub-junior category were selected as the best cricketer for the session 2023-24.
- ❑ Under-16 cricketer Abhay Sharma will be honored with a special award.
- ❑ This is the 31st edition of the Mathura Das Mathur Cricket Awards which will be given on 6 September on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mathura Das Mathur.
- ❑ The selection committee headed by former Ranji player Ved Ahuja announced the above awards.

Para Olympics-2024, Rajasthan

- ❑ Out of a total of 84 players of the India in Paralympics 2024 Paris, the following 9 players from Rajasthan participated.
 - Para Shooting - Avani Lekhara, Mona Agarwal, Nihal Singh, Rudraksh Khandelwal.
 - Para Badminton - Krishna Nagar
 - Para Athletics - Sundar Gurjar, Sandeep Chaudhary
 - Para Rowing - Anita Chaudhary
 - Para Archery - Shyam Sundar Swami

Monika Chaudhary

- ❑ Monika Chaudhary of Jaipur won the gold medal in boxing in the Indo-Nepal Youth Games-2024 held in Nepal.
- ❑ He achieved this feat in the 65 kg weight category in Under-17.

Syed Shad Ali

- ❑ Syed Shad Ali of Rajasthan won the gold medal in the double trap event at the India Open Shotgun 2024 competition held in Patiala, Punjab.

Avalokit Singh

- ❑ Avalokit Singh of Jaipur won the bronze medal in the Under-19 Open Squash Championship 2024 held in Hong Kong.

Ojaswini Saraswat

- ❑ Ojaswini Saraswat of Rajasthan secured second place in the US Kids Golf World Championship 2024 held in the United States.
- ❑ Ojaswini achieved this position in the Girls Under-11 A category (18 holes).

Anantjeet Singh Naruka

- ❑ The Union Ministry of Communications has issued a postage stamp in the name of Jaipur's skeet shooter Anantjeet Singh Naruka.
- ❑ Anantjeet Singh participated in Paris Olympics where he missed winning bronze medal in mixed team skeet event by just 1 point.

Manvendra Singh

- ❑ Former MLA Manvendra Singh Jasol has been elected as the President of Rajasthan Football Association.
- ❑ The President of Rajasthan Football Association is elected for 4 years.

Kartikey Singh Gehlot

- ❑ Kartikey Singh Gehlot has been elected as the new President of Rajasthan Sports Karate Association.

Sanjay Kumar and Kiran Prajapat

- ❑ In Indo-Bhutan Test Series International Soft Hockey Championship held in Bhutan, Sanjay Kumar has been made the Captain of men's team and Kiran Prajapat has been made the Captain of women's team.
- ❑ Hockey stick and tennis ball or soft ball are used in soft hockey.

Manisha Rathore

- ❑ Manisha Rathore of Jaipur has been appointed as the coach of the Indian Youth Women's Handball Team in the Handball Women's World Championship to be held in Chuzhou, China from 14 to 25 August.

- ❑ Manisha Rathore is also the senior handball coach of Rajasthan State Sports Council.

Vineet Saxena

- ❑ Former Ranji cricketer of Rajasthan Vineet Saxena has been appointed as the batting coach of Team India 'A' for the Duleep Trophy.
- ❑ Star cricketer Shubman Gill is the captain of this team.
- ❑ Vineet has previously been the coach of the Rajasthan Ranji team.

Mahavir Saini

- ❑ Mahavir Saini of Rajasthan has been appointed as the coach of the Indian Para team in the Paris Paralympic Games.
- ❑ Mahavir Saini has previously been awarded the Dronacharya Award.
- ❑ The Paralympics will be held in Paris from 28 August to 8 September.

Suchitra Hada

- ❑ Suchitra Hada of Jaipur won the gold medal in the 0832 India Open Championship-Rifle and Pistol 2024 held in Goa.
- ❑ She won this medal in the 10 meter air rifle SH-1 category.





Science and Technology

Axiom-4 Mission

- ❑ India's National Mission Assignment Board has selected two astronauts, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla and Group Captain Prashant Balakrishnan Nair, for the Axiom-4 mission.
- ❑ In the Axiom-4 mission, Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla has been selected as the prime mission pilot and Group Captain Prashant Balakrishnan Nair as the backup mission pilot.
- ❑ The Axiom-4 mission is a mission of the American private space agency Axiom Space Inc. This is the fourth private astronaut mission to the International Space Station.

Gaurav

- ❑ The Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) has successfully completed the first test of Long Range Glide Bomb (LRGB) Gaurav from the Indian Air Force's Sukhoi-30 MK-1 aircraft.



- ❑ This test was conducted at Wheeler Island off the coast of Odisha.
- ❑ Gaurav is an air-launched, 1,000-kilogram glide bomb capable of hitting long-range targets. The Gaurav has been indigenously designed and developed by Hyderabad-based Research Centre Imarat.

Monkeypox (MPox)

- ❑ The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared the outbreak of monkeypox in Congo and several other African countries as a global public health emergency on 14 August 2024.
- ❑ Monkeypox is a viral infectious disease.

- ❑ The monkeypox virus is an orthopox virus. It is a genus of viruses that also includes the Variola virus that causes smallpox.
- ❑ Monkeypox is a zoonotic disease that spreads from infected animals to humans.
- ❑ The human-to-human transmission of the monkeypox virus is very limited. It can occur through bodily fluids, skin lesions, respiratory tract or through eyes, nose or mouth, through objects contaminated with the virus such as bedding and clothing.
- ❑ The WHO says that monkeypox cases are more common around tropical regions. Because there are species of animals carrying the virus such as squirrels, Gambian poached rats, dormice and monkeys.

- *The monkeypox virus was first discovered in monkeys in Denmark in 1958. The first case of monkeypox virus infection in humans was reported in Congo in 1970.*
- *The last case of Indian monkeypox infection was reported in March 2024.*
- *The National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC) was set up under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to deal with infectious diseases in India.*

Chandipura virus

- ❑ Recently, cases of acute encephalitis syndrome have been reported from Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan and Maharashtra. Chandipura virus (CHPV) has been confirmed in some of these cases.
- ❑ Chandipura virus is a member of the Rhabdoviridae family.
- ❑ It is spread by vectors such as sand flies and ticks.
- ❑ The disease mostly affects children below 15 years of age.
- ❑ There is no specific treatment available for Chandipura virus.

RHUMI-1

- ❑ India's first reusable hybrid rocket RHUMI-1 was launched from Chennai by Space Zone India in collaboration with Martin Group.
- ❑ The rocket was launched using a mobile trajectory with a payload of 50 pico and three cube satellites.
- ❑ The rocket flew to a height of 35 km during the test.
- ❑ The RHUMI-1 rocket uses a combination of liquid and solid fuel propellants.



Smartphone based Fluorescence Turn-on Sensor System

- ❑ Scientists at the Institute of Advanced Study in Science and Technology (IASST), Guwahati, Assam, an autonomous institute of the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, have developed a portable smartphone based Fluorescence Turn on Sensor System for the management of Parkinson's disease.
- ❑ This sensor will help in accurately detecting the concentration of L-dopa in the body which will help in prescribing the exact dosage required for effective control of the disease.

Parkinson's disease

- *In Parkinson's disease, there is a continuous decline in neuron cells, which leads to a significant decrease in the level of dopamine (neurotransmitter) in the body.*
- *To overcome the deficiency of dopamine in the body, L-dopa chemical supplements are given.*

Palyanista

- ❑ A Russian military building was attacked by Ukraine from Palyanista during the Russia-Ukraine War.

- ❑ Palyanista is a combination of missile and drone developed indigenously by Ukraine.
- ❑ Palyanista has a range of about 700 km. It uses a solid fuel booster and a jet engine.

Rufus

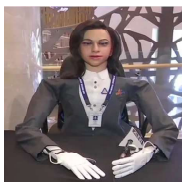
- ❑ E-commerce platform Amazon has launched its generative AI chatbot Rufus for Indian customers.
- ❑ Rufus is a "generative AI-powered conversational shopping assistant".
- ❑ Rufus is able to understand the needs of customers and recommend products and answer their questions.

Hillchol

- ❑ Bharat Biotech International Limited in collaboration with Hillman Laboratories has launched a new single strain oral cholera vaccine "Hillchol".
- ❑ Hillchol is a two-dose vaccine that is given to children above one year of age at an interval of 14 days.

Vyommitra

- ❑ The design of the humanoid robot "Vyommitra" has recently been finalized by ISRO's Inertial System Unit at Vikram Sarabhai Space Center in Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala.
- ❑ Vyommitra will be sent to space in the unmanned Gaganyaan mission of the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO).
- ❑ Vyommitra has been designed primarily for technology demonstration.
- ❑ Vyommitra has been built using aluminum alloy.
- ❑ The unmanned Gaganyaan mission is likely to be launched in the year 2025.

**Mixed Matrix Membrane**

- ❑ Scientists at the Institute of Nano Science and Technology, Mohali, an autonomous institute of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India, have developed a membrane called Mixed Matrix Membrane.
- ❑ This membrane will be used to detect the leakage of ammonia and other aliphatic amines dangerous to humans.

INS Arighat

- ❑ India's second nuclear-powered Arihant-class ballistic missile submarine INS Arighat was inducted into the Navy on 29 August at Visakhapatnam.
- ❑ India's first nuclear submarine is INS Arihant, which was inducted into the Navy in the year 2016.
- ❑ Like Arihant, INS Arighat is also equipped with a light water reactor of 83 MW capacity.
- ❑ INS Arighat has been built at the Visakhapatnam Ship Building Center.

**AI Overview**

- ❑ Tech company Google (Alphabet) has announced the launch of its AI Overview feature in six countries (UK, Japan, Indonesia, Mexico and Brazil) including India.
- ❑ In India, AI Overview has been launched in Hindi and English languages.

T-55

- ❑ On the eve of 78th Independence Day, Indian Army tank T-55 has been installed as a war trophy on Babri bypass of Gurdaspur, Punjab.
- ❑ Tank T-55 played an important role in the Indo-Pak war of 1971.

Important Days

National Handloom Day-2024

- ❑ The 10th National Handloom Day was celebrated on 7 August 2024.
- ❑ The National Handloom Day is celebrated every year on 7 August since the year 2015. On this day in the year 1905, the Swadeshi movement was started.

World Lion Day

- ❑ World Lion Day is celebrated every year on 10 August.
- ❑ World Lion Day was started by Big Cat Rescue.
- ❑ A large population of Asiatic lions is found in the Gir Sanctuary of Gujarat in India.
- ❑ The Government of India has launched "Project Lion" on 15 August 2020 for the conservation of Asiatic lions.

World Elephant Day 2024

- ❑ World Elephant Day is celebrated every year on 12 August.
- ❑ The theme of World Elephant Day 2024 is "Personifying prehistoric beauty, theological relevance and environmental importance."
- ❑ World Elephant Day was started on 12 August 2012 by Patricia Sims of Canada and the Elephant Reintroduction Foundation of Thailand.

International Youth Day

- ❑ International Youth Day is celebrated every year on 12 August.
- ❑ The theme of International Youth Day 2024 is "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development".

78th Independence Day

- ❑ On the 78th Independence Day (15 August 2024), Prime Minister Narendra Modi hoisted the flag for the 11th time from the Red Fort. The theme of this Independence Day was "Viksit Bharat" under which the target was set to make India a developed nation by 2047.



Major announcements

1. The target of organizing the 2036 Olympic Games in India.
2. Railways will be brought to the target of "net zero emission" by 2030.
3. Announcement of doing two reforms in government institutions in a year.
4. Announcement of bringing one lakh youth from non-political families into politics.

World Humanitarian Day 2024

- ❑ World Humanitarian Day is celebrated every year on 19 August.
- ❑ 19 August was declared as World Humanitarian Day by the United Nations General Assembly, after five years the death of 22 humanitarian aid workers in Iraq on 19 August 2003.

National Space Day-2024

- ❑ India celebrated the first National Space Day on 23 August 2024 to mark the country's achievements in space exploration.
- ❑ The theme of National Space Day 2024 is "Touching lives while touching the moon - India's space saga".
- ❑ National Space Day is celebrated to mark the anniversary of the successful landing of Chandrayaan-3 mission on the surface of the moon.



- *India became the fourth country in the world to soft land on the surface of the moon and the first country to land near the south pole of the moon as soon as Chandrayaan-3 landed on the surface of the moon on 23 August 2023.*
- *The Chandrayaan-3 landing site has been named Shiva Shakti Point.*
- *Recently, Chandrayaan-3's Pragyan Rover has confirmed the presence of ferroan anorthosite in the soil while examining soil samples on the moon.*
- *Ferroan anorthosite is also found in the rocks of the earth.*

National Sports Day 2024

- ❑ National Sports Day is celebrated every year on 29 August to commemorate the birth anniversary of India's hockey player Major Dhyan Chand.
- ❑ The Government of India officially started celebrating National Sports Day for the first time in the year 2012.

International Day against Nuclear Tests 2024

- ❑ International Day against Nuclear Tests is celebrated every year on 29 August.
- ❑ On 2 December 2009, the 64th session of the United Nations General Assembly declared 29 August as the International Day against Nuclear Tests.



Rajasthan Economic Review

Questions

Chapter 01 - Overview of Macroeconomic Trends

1. Consider the following statements about the Gross State Domestic Product of Rajasthan and choose the correct statements.

1. Gross State Domestic Product at current prices is estimated to be Rs. 15.58 lakh crore in the year 2023-24.
2. Gross State Domestic Product at constant (2011-12) prices is estimated to be Rs. 8.45 lakh crore in the year 2023-24.
3. A growth of 12.56% at current prices is estimated in the year 2023-24.

Select the correct code from the following.

- (a) Only 1 and 2 (b) 1, 2 and 3
(c) Only 3 (d) Only 2 and 3

Gross State Domestic Product

- ☐ At current prices = Rs 15.28 lakh crore
☐ At constant prices (2011-12) = Rs 8.45 lakh crore

Growth rate

- ☐ At current prices = 12.56%
☐ At constant prices (2011-12) = 8.03%

2. Choose the true statement about the Gross State Domestic Product of Rajasthan in the last 5 years-

- (a) Continuous growth at both current and constant prices
(b) Continuous growth at current prices and discrete growth at constant prices
(c) Discrete growth at current prices and continuous growth at constant prices
(d) Discrete growth at both current and constant prices

Year	2019-20	2020-21	2021-22
GSDP (at current prices)	Rs. 10 lakh crore	Rs. 10.17 lakh crore	Rs. 11.94 lakh crore
GSDP (at constant (2011-12) prices)	Rs. 6.78 lakh crore	Rs. 6.65 lakh crore	Rs. 7.25 lakh crore
Year	2022-23	2023-24	-
GSDP (at current prices)	Rs. 13.57 lakh crore	Rs. 15.28 lakh crore	-
GSDP (at constant (2011-12) prices)	Rs. 7.82 lakh crore	Rs. 8.45 lakh crore	-

- ☐ In Rajasthan, the Gross State Domestic Product (GSP) has been growing steadily at current prices

for the last 5 years, while discrete growth has been recorded at constant prices.

- ☐ Negative growth rate has been recorded at constant prices in the year 2020-21.

3. Rajasthan's gross state domestic product at constant prices in the year 2023-24 is estimated to be what percent of the all-India GDP?

- (a) 5.86% (b) 4.48%
(c) 4.86% (d) 5.68%

2023-24	GSDP Rajasthan	GDP All India	Contribution of Rajasthan in GDP
At constant (2011-12) prices	₹ 8.45 lakh crore	₹ 173.81 lakh crore	4.86%
At current prices	₹ 15.28 lakh crore	₹ 295.35 lakh crore	5.17%

4. What is the estimated growth rate of all India GDP at current prices in the year 2023-24?

- (a) 12.56% (b) 9.6%
(c) 8.2% (d) 8.03%

- ☐ Growth rate of GDP at current prices - 9.6%
☐ Growth rate of GDP at constant (2011-12) prices - 8.2%

5. Which sector is estimated to have the highest growth in Gross State Value Added (GSVA) of Rajasthan at constant prices in the year 2023-24 as compared to last year?

- (a) Service sector (b) Industry sector
(c) Agriculture sector (d) None of these

Projected growth rate in Gross State Value Added of different sectors

- ☐ Agriculture sector - 2.13%
☐ Industry sector - 12.43%
☐ Service sector - 6.37%

6. Select the correct order of sector-wise contribution in Gross State Value Added in the year 2023-24.

- (a) Agriculture > Industry > Service
(b) Service > Agriculture > Industry
(c) **Service > Industry > Agriculture**
(d) Industry > Service > Agriculture

Sector-wise contribution in Gross State Value Added

	Agriculture	Industry	Service
At constant (2011-12) prices	26.72%	28.21%	45.07%
At current prices	26.21%	29.84%	43.95%

7. What is the Net State Domestic Product of Rajasthan at constant prices in the year 2023-24?

- (a) Rs. 12.15 lakh crore
(b) **Rs. 7.41 lakh crore**
(c) Rs. 6.85 lakh crore
(d) Rs. 13.69 lakh crore

Net State Domestic Product

- At current prices - Rs. 13.69 lakh crore
○ At constant prices - Rs. 7.41 lakh crore

Growth rate

- At current prices - 12.70%
○ At constant prices - 8.10%

8. What is the per capita income of Rajasthan at current prices in the year 2023-24?

- (a) **Rs. 1,67,964** (b) Rs. 1,84,205
(c) Rs. 90,831 (d) Rs. 1,06,744

Per capita income	Rajasthan	India
At current prices	Rs. 1,67,964	Rs. 1,84,205
At constant prices (2011-12)	Rs. 90,831	Rs. 1,06,744

9. Gross fixed capital formation at current prices at the end of the year 2022-23 is what percent of the gross state domestic product?

- (a) **29.43%** (b) 29.53%
(c) 31.44% (d) 28.50%

- Gross fixed capital formation at the end of 2022-23 at current prices is estimated at Rs. 3.99 lakh crore which is 29.43% of the Gross State Domestic Product (Rs. 13.57 lakh crore).
○ Gross fixed capital formation grew by 12.78% in 2022-23.

10. What is the contribution of private and public sector in gross fixed capital formation in the year 2022-23 respectively?

- (a) 75.54% and 24.46%
(b) 77.30% and 22.70%
(c) **78.54% and 21.46%**
(d) 74.50% and 25.50%

- Contribution of public sector - 21.46%
○ Contribution of private sector - 78.54%

11. Which of the following sectors contributed the most to the Gross Fixed Capital Formation in the year 2022-23?

- (a) Agriculture
(b) Public Administration
(c) Residential Building
(d) **Construction**

- Order of sector-wise contribution to Gross Fixed Capital Formation → Construction > Residential Building > Public Administration > Manufacturing > Communication > Agriculture

12. Consider the following statements about the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) of Rajasthan-

- Its base year is 2011-12.
- Manufactured product group has the highest weightage in it.
- In the year 2023, 0.54% growth has been registered as compared to the previous year.

Select the correct statement/statements-

- (a) 1, 2 and 3
(b) Only 1 and 2
(c) **Only 2 and 3**
(d) Only 1 and 3

- It is released by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics.
○ Its base year is 1999-2000, while the base year of the Wholesale Price Index of the Government of India is 2011-12.
○ 154 commodities are included in the Wholesale Price Index, which includes 75 primary commodity groups, 69 manufactured product groups and 10 fuel, power, light and lubricant groups.
○ Weightage - Manufactured product group (49.85%) > Primary commodity group (33.89%) > Fuel, power, light and lubricant group (16.25%)
○ The Wholesale Price Index increased by 0.54% from 385.83 in the year 2022 to 387.90 in the year 2023.

13. Match List I with List II-

List-I (Index)	List-II (Base Year)
A. Consumer Price Index - industrial workers	1. 2012
B. Consumer Price Index - agricultural workers	2. 2016
C. General Consumer Price Index (Rural, Urban and Combined)	3. 1986-87

Select the correct code-

- (a) A-1, B-2, C-3 (b) A-2, B-3, C-1
(c) A-2, B-1, C-3 (d) A-3, B-2, C-1

- ☐ The Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers and Agricultural Workers is released by Labour Bureau, Chandigarh.
☐ The General Consumer Price Index (Rural, Urban and Combined) is released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

14. At present, which industrial centres of Rajasthan are included under the new series of Consumer Price Index?

- (a) Ajmer, Bhilwara and Jaipur
(b) Alwar, Bhilwara and Jaipur
(c) Ajmer, Alwar and Jaipur
(d) Ajmer, Alwar and Bhilwara

- ☐ At the national level, the Consumer Price Index for Industrial Workers is constructed on the basis of data received from 88 selected industrial centres across the country.

Chapter 02 - Agriculture & Allied Sectors

15. What was the compound annual growth rate (CAGR) in the Gross State Value Added (GSVA) of agriculture and allied sectors in Rajasthan at constant prices during the period 2019-20 to 2023-24?

- (a) 3.86% (b) 9.99%
(c) 4.86% (d) 8.99%

GSVA			
	2019-20	2023-24	CAGR
At Constant (2011-12) Price	Rs. 1.76 Lakh Crore	Rs. 2.05 Lakh Crore	3.86%
At Current Price	Rs. 2.61 Lakh Crore	Rs. 3.82 Lakh Crore	9.99%

16. What is the estimated contribution of agriculture and allied sectors at current prices in the gross state value added of Rajasthan in the year 2023-24?

- (a) 28.96% (b) 28.56%
(c) 26.72% (d) 26.56%

- ☐ Contribution in 2011-12 → 28.56%
☐ Contribution in 2023-24 → 26.72%

17. Match List I with List II-

List-I (subsector of agriculture)	List-II (Contribution at current prices in the year 2023-24)
(i) Crops	a. 48.58%
(ii) Livestock	b. 44.53%
(iii) Forestry	c. 0.49%
(iv) Fisheries	d. 6.40%

Select the correct code-

- (a) (i)-a, (ii)-b, (iii)-c, (iv)-d
(b) (i)-b, (ii)-a, (iii)-d, (iv)-c
(c) (i)-a, (ii)-b, (iii)-d, (iv)-c
(d) (i)-b, (ii)-a, (iii)-c, (iv)-d

- ☐ At current prices in 2023-24 = Livestock (48.58%) > Crops (44.53%) > Forestry (6.40%) > Fisheries (0.49%)

18. Which sub-sector of agriculture and allied sector recorded the highest compound annual growth in Gross State Value Added (GSVA) at constant prices between 2011-12 and 2023-24?

- (a) Forestry
(b) Crops
(c) Livestock
(d) Fisheries

- ☐ Fisheries (9.68%) > Livestock (9.46%) > Forestry (2.97%) > Crops (1.83%)

19. In the year 2022-23, the net sown area in Rajasthan is what percentage of the total area?

- (a) 46.92%
(b) 54.73%
(c) 53.74%
(d) 48.58%

- ☐ Total Reporting Area - 342.81 Lakh Hectare
☐ Net sown area - 184.23 Lakh Hectare (53.74%)

20. How much did the total number of operational land holdings increase between the year 2010-11 and the year 2015-16?

- (a) 14.11% (b) 11.14%
(c) 14.79% (d) 11.79%

- Total no. of operational land holdings in 2010-11- 68.88 lakh
- Total no. of operational land holdings in 2015-16-76.55 lakh
- Marginal holding (< 1 hectare) - 40.12%, Small holding (1-2 hectare) - 21.90%, Semi-medium holding (2-4 hectare) - 18.50%, Medium holding (4-10 hectare) - 14.79%, Large holding (> 10 hectare) - 4.69%

21. What is the area of land holdings and average size of land holdings respectively in Rajasthan in the year 2015-16?

- (a) 208.73 lakh hectare and 2.73 hectare
- (b) 211.36 lakh hectare and 3.07 hectare
- (c) 211.36 lakh hectare and 2.73 hectare
- (d) 208.73 lakh hectare and 3.07 hectare

- Total Area of land holdings - 208.73 lakh hectare
- Average size of operational land holdings - 2.73 hectare

22. What is the total number of women land holders in Rajasthan as per the year 2015-16?

- (a) 5.46 lakh
- (b) 7.75 lakh
- (c) 7.46 lakh
- (d) 8.75 lakh

- Total number of women landholders in the year 2010-11 - 5.46 lakhs
- Increase between the year 2010-11 and year 2015-16 - 41.94%

23. What is the total production of food grains likely to be in Rajasthan in the year 2023-24?

- (a) 252.80 lakh metric tons
- (b) 245.01 lakh metric tons
- (c) 248.96 lakh metric tons
- (d) 254.60 lakh metric tons

- Total food grain production in the year 2022-23 - 252.80 lakh metric tonnes
- Food grain production increased by 3.08% compared to last year

	2022-23	2023-24
Cereal	216.38 Lakh Metric Tones	208.61 Lakh Metric Tones
Pulses	36.42 Lakh Metric Tones	36.40 Lakh Metric Tones

24. In the production of which crop Rajasthan is not ranked first in the year 2021-22?

- (a) Mustard
- (b) Guar
- (c) Bajra
- (d) Groundnut

Rank of Rajasthan in production	Crops
1 st	Bajra, Rape & Mustard, Total Oilseeds, Guar
2 nd	Nutri-cereals, Groundnut
3 rd	Gram, total pulses, jowar & Soyabean

25. What is the incentive amount being given every year by the Agriculture Department, Rajasthan for PhD course for girl students studying in agricultural education?

- (a) Rs. 25,000
- (b) Rs. 50,000
- (c) Rs. 40,000
- (d) Rs. 15,000

- Incentive amount per year for higher secondary in agricultural education - Rs. 15000
- Incentive amount per year for graduation/post graduation in agricultural education - Rs. 25,000

26. What is the objective of "Rajasthan Krishi Shramik Sambal Mission"?

- (a) Providing pension to agricultural labourers
- (b) Providing insurance facilities to agricultural labourers
- (c) Providing training for skill development to agricultural labourers
- (d) Providing loan facility to agricultural labourers

- Under this mission, two-day trainings are organized for skill development and capacity building, keeping in view the importance of landless agricultural labourers in agriculture.

27. What is the ratio of funding by the Central Government and State Government for the National Food Security Mission Oilseed and tree-borne oilseeds?

- (a) 60 : 40
- (b) 75 : 25
- (c) 90 : 10
- (d) 50 : 50

- Main activities of the mission - certified seed production and distribution, integrated pest management, plant protection chemical distribution, fencing, agricultural equipment distribution etc.
- Under tree-borne oilseeds, assistance is provided for Olive, Mahua, Neem, Jojoba, Karanj and Jatropha

28. Consider the following statements about Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Mandi Shramik Kalyan Yojana-

1. Under this scheme, provision has been made for 60 days of maternity leave and 30 days of paternity leave.
2. A licensed female worker will be given an assistance amount of Rs. 1 lakh for her marriage.
3. Financial assistance of Rs. 50,000 in case of serious disease.
4. Sons/daughters of workers who score more than 75% marks will be given scholarship under this scheme.

Choose the correct statements-

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 4
(c) 2 and 3 (d) None of these

- Provision of 45 days maternity leave for female worker and 15 days paternity leave for male worker for presentation assistance.
- For marriage assistance, female worker will be provided assistance of Rs. 50,000 for her own marriage.
- Female workers will be given assistance of Rs. 50,000 for the marriage of their two daughters.
- In case of serious illness, assistance of Rs. 20,000 will be given.
- Scholarship will be provided to the sons and daughters of workers on securing more than 60% marks.

29. What is the maximum subsidy being given to marginal farmers by the state government under the fencing program?

- (a) Rs. 40,000 (b) Rs. 56,000
(c) **Rs. 48,000** (d) Rs. 45,000

- Subsidy to small marginal farmer - 50% of cost or Rs. 100 per meter or Rs. 40,000 (whichever is less)
- Subsidy to marginal farmer - 60% of cost or Rs. 120 per meter or Rs. 48,000 (whichever is less)
- Subsidy to farmer group (at least 10 farmers and at least 5 hectares of land) - 70% of cost or Rs. 140 per meter or Rs. 56,000 (whichever is less)

30. What is the amount of 'Krishak Kalyan Kosh' released by the State Government in the year 2023-24?

- (a) Rs. 5500 crore (b) **Rs. 7500 crore**
(c) Rs. 1000 crore (d) Rs. 2500 crore

- In 2019, the amount of 'Krishak Kalyan Kosh' was Rs. 1000 crore, which has been increased to Rs. 75,00 crore in the year 2023-24.

31. What is the contribution of Punjab Government and Rajasthan Government respectively for re-lining of Sirhind feeder?

- (a) 50.15% and 49.85%
(b) 55% and 45%
(c) **54.15% and 45.85%**
(d) 45.85% and 54.15%

- 54.15% finance will be provided by Punjab Government and 45.85% by Rajasthan Government.
- The Central Government will bear 60% of the contribution of Rajasthan Government.

32. With whom did Rajasthan Government enter into an agreement for preparing the DPR of Revised Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal Link Project (Integrated ERCP)?

- (a) **Government of India and Government of Madhya Pradesh**
(b) Government of India and Government of Haryana
(c) Government of India and Government of Gujarat
(d) Government of Madhya Pradesh and Government of Gujarat

- Revised Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal Link Project became a part of the National Perspective Plan for linking rivers in the country.

○ *The Central Government will provide 90% finance for this project and 5% each will be funded by Rajasthan Government and Madhya Pradesh Government.*

33. According to the latest report of the year 2023, how many ground water blocks of Rajasthan come under the over-exploited category?

- (a) 219 blocks (b) **216 blocks**
(c) 222 blocks (d) 214 blocks

○ *According to the latest report, out of total 302 ground water blocks in Rajasthan, 38 blocks are safe, 22 blocks are semi-critical, 23 blocks are critical, 216 blocks are over-exploited and 3 blocks come under saline category.*

34. Which of the following statements is/are correct for Atal Bhujal Yojana in Rajasthan?

- Atal Bhujal Yojana is being run by Rajasthan Government with the financial assistance of Government of India.
- The objective of this scheme is to improve ground water management and to stop its falling level.

Choose the correct answer-

- (a) Only 1 (b) **Only 2**
(c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2

○ *This scheme is being run from the year 2020-21 to the year 2024-25 with the cooperation of the Government of India and the World Bank (50:50 percent).*
○ *The nodal department for this scheme is the Ground Water Department.*

35. How many villages were selected in the first phase under the Chief Minister Jal Swalamban Abhiyan 2-0?

- (a) 5235 (b) **5135**
(c) 5535 (d) 5735

○ *Under the first phase, 5135 villages were selected from 349 Panchayat Samitis of all the districts of the state.*

36. According to Animal Census 2019, what is the total number of livestock in the state?

- (a) 578.01 lakh (b) 558.01 lakh
(c) **568.01 lakh** (d) 501.68 lakh

○ *According to Animal Census 2019, there are a total of 568.01 lakh livestock and 146.23 lakh poultry in the state.*

○ *10.60 percent of the total livestock of the country is available in Rajasthan.*

37. Under Kamdhenu Insurance Scheme, how many animals can each family get insured?

- (a) **2** (b) 3
(c) 4 (d) 1

○ *For each family, insurance of 2 milch cows/ buffaloes up to a maximum of Rs. 40,000 per animal is being done free of cost.*

38. Which of the following statements is/are correct about Raj Saras Suraksha Kavach Insurance Scheme?

- This scheme has been implemented from February 1, 2024.
 - Under this scheme, a milk producer is given an insurance amount of Rs 5 lakh in case of partial permanent disability.
- (a) Both 1 and 2 (b) Only 1
(c) Only 2 (d) **Neither 1 nor 2**

○ *This scheme has been implemented from January 1, 2022 and its eighth phase was started from February 1, 2024.*

○ *Under this scheme, there is a provision to give an insurance amount of Rs. 5 lakh in case of death or complete permanent disability of the milk producer in an accident and Rs. 2.50 lakh in case of partial permanent disability.*

39. For which reservoirs of the state is the "Livelihood Model" being run for the upliftment of tribal fishermen?

- Jaisamand (Udaipur)
 - Mahi Bajaj Sagar (Banswara)
 - Kadana Back Water (Dungarpur)
 - Ana Sagar (Ajmer)
- (a) Only 1, 2 and 4
(b) Only 1, 3 and 4
(c) **Only 1, 2 and 3**
(d) Only 2, 3 and 4

○ The “livelihood model”, which is a zero revenue model, is being implemented in 3 reservoirs of the state, Jaisamand (Udaipur), Mahi Bajaj Sagar (Banswara) and Kadana Back Water (Dungarpur).

40. Which scheme is being implemented to make Rajasthan a green state and increase vegetation cover?

- (a) Tree Outside Village
- (b) **Tree Outside Forest**
- (c) Tree Outside Farm
- (d) Tree Outside Pond

○ The objective of this scheme is to expand the coverage of trees outside traditional forests and increase greenery outside forest areas.

○ Under this scheme, target has been set to plant 5 crore plants every year with the cooperation of citizens and institutions.

41. Which department has been appointed as the nodal department in the state for Agriculture Infrastructure Fund (AIF)?

- (a) **Cooperative Department**
- (b) Agriculture Department
- (c) Rural Development Department
- (d) Food Processing Department

○ Central Government has announced an Agriculture Infrastructure Fund of Rs. 1 lakh crore on 15 May 2020.

○ 3% interest subsidy per annum will be payable on all loans up to a limit of Rs. 2 crore under this fund.

42. In the first phase of the Knowledge Enhancement Programme in Budget 2024-25, how many young farmers will be sent abroad for training?

- (a) 150
- (b) 200
- (c) **100**
- (d) 250

○ In the first phase, 100 progressive young farmers will be sent to other countries including Israel and also 5000 youth will be sent for training to different states of the country.

43. Match List-I with List-II-

List-I (Budget 2024-25 Processing Unit)	List-II (Location)
1. Guava	(a) Balotara
2. Pomegranate	(b) Sawai Madhopur
3. Isabgol	(c) Merta City
4. Cumin	(d) Sirohi

Select the correct code-

- (a) 1-a, 2-b, 3-c 4-d
- (b) 1-b, 2-a, 3-c, 4-d
- (c) 1-a, 2-b, 3-d, 4-c
- (d) **1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c**

○ Other processing units - Amla and Chilli (Sawai Madhopur), Spices (Jodhpur and Baran), Agro Processing Plant (Bhusavar)

44. In which city of Rajasthan a food processing park will be established in Budget 2024-25?

- (a) Jodhpur
- (b) Kota
- (c) **Bharatpur**
- (d) Sri Ganganagar

○ A food processing park will be established in Bharatpur and a food park will be established in Bhusavar.

45. As per Budget 2024-25, in which of the following cities Krishi Mandi will be established?

- 1. Ramgarh Pachwara (Lalsot)
- 2. Nasirabad
- 3. Peeplu (Tonk)
- (a) Only 1 and 2
- (b) **1, 2 and 3**
- (c) Only 2 and 3
- (d) Only 1 and 2

○ Other Mandis - Jeera Mandi (Jaisalmer), Carrot Mandi (Sadhuvali, Sriganganagar), Garlic Mandi (Manoharthana, Jhalawar)

Chapter 03 - Rural Development and Panchayati Raj

46. What is the objective of Pradhan Mantri Janjati Adivasi Nyay Maha Abhiyan (PM Janman)?

- (a) **To improve the socio-economic conditions of Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs)**
- (b) Pension scheme for tribal groups
- (c) Providing loan facility to tribal groups
- (d) None of these

- *The objective of this scheme is development of 75 Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs).*

47. What is the ratio of contribution by the Central Government and State Government under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Rural) 2024 in plain areas?

- (a) 75:25 (b) 60:40
(c) 90:10 (d) 50:50

48. At least how many ponds will be developed in each district under Mission Amrit Sarovar?

- (a) 75 (b) 100
(c) 50 (d) 25

- *Under this, Rajasthan aims to develop 2475 ponds.*

49. According to Rajasthan Budget 2024-25, which scheme was started for the regional development of remote areas of eastern Rajasthan?

- (a) Gokul Regional Development Scheme
(b) **Brij Regional Development Scheme**
(c) Mewat Regional Development Scheme
(d) None of these

- *5 districts Bharatpur, Dholpur, Alwar, Deeg, Khairthal Tijara have been included under Brij Regional Development Scheme.*

50. According to the Sixth Finance Commission, what percentage of finance is allocated for local government?

- (a) 11.75% (b) 10.75%
(c) **6.75%** (d) 8.75%

- *Out of the allocated finance, 75.10% is given for Panchayati Raj and 24.90% is given to urban bodies.*
○ *Out of the allocated finance for Panchayati Raj, 75% is given to Gram Panchayat, 20% to Panchayat Samiti and 5% to Zila Parishad.*
○ *The Chairman of the Sixth State Finance Commission is Pradyuman Singh and other members are Ashok Lahoti and Laxman Singh Rawat.*

51. Which is the nodal body for Shri Annapurna Rasoi Yojana (Rural)?

- (a) Social Justice and Empowerment Department

- (b) Food and Civil Supplies Department

- (c) **Rajasthan Grameen Aajivika Vikas Parishad**

- (d) None of these

- *Provision to provide maximum 100 plates of dinner in each kitchen in rural areas.*
○ *600 grams of food material - Chapati (300 grams), Dal (100 grams), Vegetable (100 grams), Khichdi (100 grams)*
○ *For payment in this scheme, Rs. 8 is taken from the beneficiary and Rs. 22 is borne by the State Government.*

52. When was the Swamitva Scheme launched?

- (a) 24 April, 2021
(b) 24 April, 2023
(c) 24 April, 2022
(d) **24 April, 2020**

- *This program is being implemented jointly by the Panchayati Raj Department, Survey of India Department and Revenue Department.*
○ *Digital map will be prepared through drone under the scheme and will be submitted to the concerned Gram Panchayat.*
○ *On the basis of the map, the concerned Gram Panchayat will issue a lease to the concerned person under the provision of 'Rajasthan Panchayati Raj Act 1996'.*

53. Under which sub-sectors does the Rural and Agricultural Development Agency (RUDA) mainly conduct its activities?

1. Leather 2. Minor minerals
3. Major minerals 4. Wool and textiles

Choose the correct answer-

- (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1, 2 and 3
(c) 2, 3 and 4 (d) **1, 2 and 4**

54. Match List-I with List-II-

List-I
(Geographical Indicator)

1. Pichwai Art
2. Embroidery Craft
3. Kofratgiri
4. Sojat Mehndi

List-II
(Place)

- a. Pali
b. Udaipur
c. Bikaner
d. Nathdwara

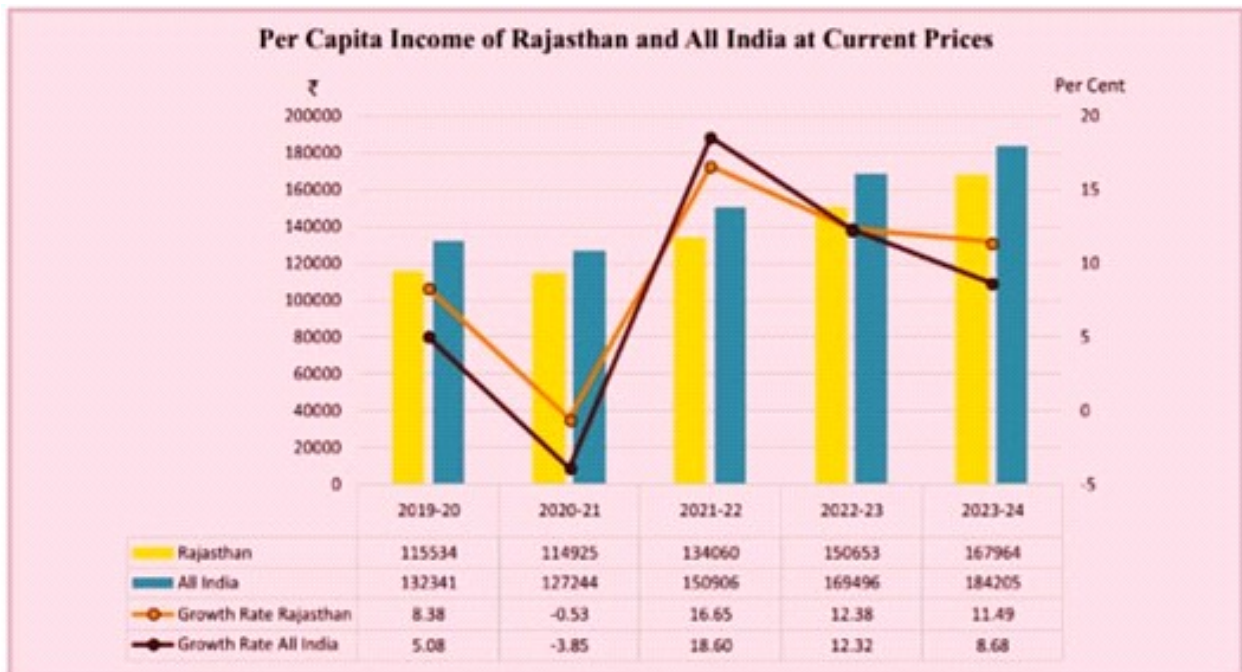
Choose the correct code-

- (a) 1-a, 2-b, 3-c, 4-d (b) 1-b, 2-a, 3-d, 4-c
 (c) 1-d, 2-c, 3-b, 4-a (d) 1-d, 2-c, 3-a, 4-b

○ 21 items of Rajasthan have got geographical indicators.

55. What was the overall rank of Rajasthan in the country in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra?

- (a) First (b) Second
 (c) Third (d) Fourth



Analytical Issues

Bangladesh Crisis and its Impact on India

Why in the News : Sheikh Hasina resigned as Bangladesh's Prime Minister amid violent protests.

Syllabus Linkage : Paper-3, Unit-I → India's relation with Neighboring countries

- ❑ Sheikh Hasina resigned as Prime Minister following intense protests by students and fled from Bangladesh, seeking asylum in India.
- ❑ Nobel laureate Dr. Muhammad Yunus has been sworn in as the chief advisor of the interim government.
- ❑ Student protest leaders, Nahid Islam and Asif Mahmud have been appointed to major roles in the interim government.
- In 1996, Sheikh Hasina, daughter of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman became Prime Minister.

Causes behind Bangladesh Crisis

Key Facts

- Sheikh Mujibur Rahman, an emblem of Bangladesh's liberation, played a pivotal role in freeing the people of East Pakistan from West Pakistan's oppression.
- He is called as "Father of the Nation" for his leadership in the independence movement, he is globally revered with the honorific title "Bangabandhu".
- In 1973, the first parliamentary elections were held and Mujibur Rahman led Awami league won a landslide victory.
- In 1975, there was a military coup, where founding president Sheikh Mujibur Rahman and most of his family members were killed.
- After this Bangladesh spent 15 year under military rule and democracy was restored in 1990.
- In 1991, Khalida Zia, leader of Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) became Prime Minister.

- ❑ Reservation Policy
 - On September 5, 1972, a system of 30% reservation in government and semi-government posts for freedom fighters and 10% for women was established.
 - After the assassination of Sheikh Mujibur Rahman in August 1975, these quotas were abolished until 1996.
 - When Sheikh Hasina became Prime Minister in 1996, benefits of the freedom fighters quota were extended to their children and later to their grandchildren in 2011.
 - In 2018, Sheikh Hasina led government decided to abolish the freedom fighter and other quotas which was challenged in court.
 - On July 21st, 2024, Supreme Court ordered 93% of the government jobs to be allocated on a merit based system and 7% jobs reserved for freedom fighters and others.
- ❑ Political Causes
 - Sheikh Hasina led Awami league won a third consecutive elections in January and the election was boycotted by opposition party alleging electoral fraud.
 - Many opposition leaders were arrested in last decade during Sheikh Hasina led government.

❑ Cultural and Ideological causes

- Bangladesh is divided between secular nationalists and Muslim nationalists who didn't support the liberation war of 1971.
- Sheikh Hasina called student Protesters as 'razakars' which paved the way for resurgence of Islamist and pro-Pakistan sentiments in Bangladesh.

Key Aspects of India-Bangladesh Relation**❑ Historical Ties**

- The liberation war of 1974 which led to the birth of Bangladesh, marked a significant milestone in relationship of both countries.
- India played a crucial role in supporting the millions of Bangladesh refugees.

❑ Cultural Cooperation

- The Indira Gandhi Cultural Centre and the Indian Cultural Centre in Dhaka serve as platforms for celebrating the shared cultural heritage between India and Bangladesh.
- Bangladesh Youth Delegation 2022 was launched to attract Bangladeshi talent, followed by a 100 member delegation visiting India in February 2024.

❑ Economic Cooperation

- Bangladesh is the largest trade partner for India in south Asia with total bilateral trade of USD 13 billion in FY2023-24.
- India is the largest export destination for Bangladesh in Asia.
- India provided duty free quota access to Bangladesh on all tariff lines except tobacco and alcohol under South Asian Free Trade Agreement (SAFTA)

❑ Development and Connectivity Cooperation

- Inauguration of the Akhaura-Agartala cross border rail link and Khulna-Mongla port rail line.

- Five operational bus routes between India and Bangladesh connecting Kolkata, Agartala and Guwahati to Dhaka.
- Agreement for the usage of the Chittagong and Mongla port to ease the movement of cargo between mainland India and the Northeast.
- India's extension of three lines of credit to Bangladesh since 2016 amounting to \$ 8 billion for the development of road, rail, shipping and port infrastructure.

❑ Land Boundary Agreement (100th CAA, 2015)

- India and Bangladesh swapped the disputed islands and allowed the inhabitants to choose their country of residence.

❑ Power and Energy Cooperation

- The India-Bangladesh friendship pipeline, connecting Siliguri in West Bengal and Parbatipur in Bangladesh, will transport one million metric tonnes per annum of high-speed diesel to Bangladesh.
- In 2018, a memorandum was signed among Russia, Bangladesh and India to collaborate on the implementation of the Rooppur Nuclear Power Plant Project.

❑ Defence Cooperation

- Both countries are engaged in joint military exercise such as 'Sampriti' for the army and "Bongo Sagar" for the navy to enhance defence cooperation.

❑ Medical Cooperation

- Bangladesh accounts for more than 35% of India's international medical patients and contributes to more than 50% of India's revenue from medical tourism.

Impact of Recent Crisis on India

- ❑ Sheikh Hasina's departure after 17 years means India has lost a trusted regional partner.

- ❑ The disruption in political stability could affect bilateral trade.
- ❑ A disruption in Indo-Bangladesh ties can restrict India's access to the Northeast.
- ❑ India's strategic interest are at stake, including counter terrorism efforts and regional stability.
- ❑ Resurgence of Islamist extremism could pose significant challenge on Hindu minority.
- ❑ A surge in refugees similar to the 1972 crisis could create resource deficiency in bordering states of India.
- ❑ Smuggling, entry of illegal migrants, militancy and radicalism are internal security challenges for us.
- ❑ There may be challenge of border security as India shares the longest border with Bangladesh (4096.7 km)
- ❑ There is challenge of transboundary river water management because of 54 rivers between the two nation that are important for millions of people of both countries.
- ❑ Concern over infrastructure and connectivity project such as Khulna-Mongla port rail line and Akhaura-Agaratala rail link.

Supreme Court Verdict on SC Sub-Categorization

Why in the News : The constitution bench of supreme court delivered a landmark verdict allowing states to sub-classify reserved category groups.

Syllabus Linkage : Paper-3, Unit-I → Supreme Court

- ❑ In a significant 6-1 majority ruling, a seven-judge constitution bench of the supreme court declared that scheduled castes (SCs) and scheduled tribes (STs) do not form a socially homogenous group.
- ❑ The Supreme court affirmed that states have the authority to sub-classify SCs/STs to provide reservation for the more disadvantaged groups within the category.

Facts related to SCs and STs

- Article 341 of the constitution empowers the president to designate certain 'castes, races or tribes' as scheduled castes based on historical injustice related to untouchability.
- According to the census 2011 the population of SCs and STs are approximately 16.6% and 8.6% respectively.
- Scheduled castes groups collectively receive 15% reservation in education and public employment.

Historical Background of Sub-categorization

- ❑ In 1975, the Punjab government issued a notification dividing its 25% SC reservation into two categories-
 1. Valmiki and Mazhabi Sikh Communities
 2. The rest of SC Communities.
- ❑ A similar law, the Andhra Pradesh Scheduled Castes (Rationalization of Reservation) Act, 2000 was enacted in Andhra Pradesh.
- ❑ In the case of 'E.V. chinnaiah v/s State of Andhra Pradesh 2004', a five judge bench struck down the law introduced by Andhra Pradesh government.
- ❑ In 2006, Punjab & Haryana high court in 'Dr. Kishan Pal v/s State of Punjab' struck down the notice of 1975 of Punjab government.
- ❑ In 2006, the Punjab government brought back the law by passing the Punjab Scheduled Caste and Backward Classes (Reservation in Services) Act, 2006.

- ❑ In 2010, the High Court once again struck down this provision.
- ❑ In 2010, Punjab government moved to the Supreme Court against the High Court ruling.
- ❑ In 2014, the Supreme Court in 'Davinder Singh v/s State of Punjab' referred the appeal to a five-judge constitution bench.
- ❑ In 2020, the constitution bench headed by justice Arun Mishra held that the Supreme Court's decision in EV Chinnaiah case required reconsideration.
- ❑ Some communities are more backward and have less representation than other.
- ❑ A five judge bench headed by justice Arun Mishra has directed the states to give preferential treatment to the weakest among the scheduled castes.
- ❑ The court has noted that 'historical and empirical evidence indicates that scheduled castes are not a homogenous class'.
- ❑ The Union government has formed a committee of secretaries to evaluate a method for the equitable distribution of benefits to the most backward communities amongst the over 1200 scheduled castes across the country.

Recent Verdict of Supreme Court

- ❑ A seven judge bench, led by Chief Justice of India, overturned the 2004 decision of Supreme Court.
- ❑ The new ruling permits states to create sub-classification within the SC and ST categories.
- ❑ This sub-classification aim to provide wider protection to the most backward communities within SCs and STs.
- ❑ The decision recognizes that not all SCs and STs face identical level of disadvantage.
- ❑ Justice B.R. Gavai advocated for introducing 'Creamy Layer' exception for SCs and STs.
- ❑ The 'Creamy layer' concept sets an income ceiling for reservation eligibility.

Significance of Recent Judgment

- ❑ The main argument for sub categorization is the graded inequalities among SC communities. The marginalized communities have lesser access to basic facilities.

Challenges Associated with the Sub Categorization of Caste

- ❑ According to the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST), the backward scheduled castes are lagging far behind and a separate quota would not help.
- ❑ The Supreme Court held that the states did not have power to unilaterally sub-categories communities in the list of SCs or STs.
- ❑ The population data related to SCs and STs are not updated since the 2011 census and it hampers the scientific basis for subcategorisation.
- ❑ The social and educational backwardness can't be applied to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes because the special treatment is given to the SCs due to untouchability.



Waqf Amendment Bill, 2024

Why in the News : The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024 was brought in the Lok Sabha recently.

Syllabus Linkage : Paper-3, Unit-I → Parliament

- ❑ The Union Minority Affairs Minister introduced the waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024 in Lok Sabha during the ongoing monsoon season.
- ❑ The bill proposes major changes to the Waqf Act, 1995 for governance and regulation of Waqf in India.
- ❑ The bill has been referred to a joint committee of Parliament.
- ❑ Change in definition of Waqf - Only lawful property owners who have practiced Islam for at least five years are authorized to create Waqf properties through the execution of formal deeds.
- ❑ The bill states that any government property identified as waqf will cease to be so.
- ❑ The collector of the area will determine ownership in case of uncertainty and submit a report to state government. If deemed to be a government property, he will update the revenue records.

About Waqf

- ❑ A Waqf is a personal property given by Muslims for a specific purpose such as religious, charitable or private purpose.
- ❑ The concept of Waqf was introduced in India with the advent of Muslim rule.
- ❑ During the Mughal and Sultnate periods, waqf management was centralized and theocratic in nature.
- ❑ A waqf can be formed through a instrument or orally. A property can be deemed to be waqf if it has been used for religious or charitable purpose for a long period of time.
- ❑ Once a property is declared as waqf, its character changes forever and it can't be reversed.
- ❑ Ownership of Waqf property is implied to be with God (Allah).
- ❑ Waqf board is a body under the state government which works as a custodian for waqf properties across the state.
- ❑ The bill proposes the inclusion of non-Muslim in Key waqf institutions- The Central Waqf Council, State Waqf Boards and Waqf Tribunals.
- ❑ The Bill removes provisions deeming finality to tribunal's decision. Tribunals orders may be appealed in the high court within 90 days.
- ❑ The Bill empowers the central government to make rules regarding
 - Registration
 - Publication of accounts of Waqf
 - Publication of proceedings of Waqf boards
 - Audit of Accounts by the CAG or designated officer.
- ❑ The Bill also allows separate waqf boards for Aghakhani and Bohra sects.

Significance of the Bill

Key Features of Bill

- ❑ The bill seeks to change the name of parent Act from Waqf Act, 1955 to the Unified Waqf Management, Empowerment, Efficiency and Development Act, 1995.
- ❑ The Bill includes provision to digitize records which will enhance transparency.
- ❑ Administrative reforms proposed in the bill will lead to efficient management of waqf properties.
- ❑ The bill aims to protect waqf properties by regulating lease and preventing encroachments.

- ❑ Inclusion of Muslim women and non-Muslim in waqf board is a step towards more inclusive governance.
- ❑ The new dispute resolution mechanism will resolve conflicts more effectively.

Arguments Against the Bill

- ❑ The following arguments are being given by the critics against the bill-
 - It violates the constitutional values and religious rights.
 - It will undermine the autonomy of Waqf.
 - Inclusion of non-Muslims, undermines the integrity of these religious bodies.
 - Excessive government control is against the principles of economic liberalization.
 - The bill has been criticized for being drafted without adequate consultation.

Governor's Power of Sanctioning Prosecution

Why in the News : Karnataka Governor sanctioned the prosecution of the Chief Minister.

Syllabus Linkage : Paper-3, Unit-II → Governor

- ❑ The Governor of Karnataka sanctioned the prosecution of the Chief Minister in a case of alleged corruption in Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam.
- ❑ Governor has granted sanction for an investigation under section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption (PC) Act, 1988. This sanction allows the investigating agency to probe the allegation against Chief Minister.
- ❑ The governor has also granted sanction under Section 218 of the Bhartiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023. This provision allows court to take cognizance of alleged offences directly based on available evidences without necessarily conducting a preliminary investigation.
- In 2004, the governor of Madhya Pradesh granted sanction to prosecute two ministers despite the cabinet's refusal. The Supreme Court supported the Governor's decision.

Implications of the Governor's Decision

- ❑ This decision challenges the conventional practice where the governor follows the advice of Council of Ministers.
- ❑ The Governor's action has intensified the tussle between the Governor's office and the state government.
- ❑ Frequent conflict between Governors and Chief Ministers can disrupt the governance.
- ❑ The issue questions the effectiveness of Section 17A of Prevention of Corruption Act, 2018 which requires prior approval before investigations can proceed.

Governor's Discretion v/s Ministerial Advice

- In 1982, the Supreme Court ruled in favor of the Governor's discretion in the prosecution of Chief Minister of Maharashtra.
- In 1995, the Governor of Tamil Nadu granted sanction for CM's prosecution on corruption charges. The Madras High Court upheld the Governor's decision.

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Voice of Global South Summit

Why in the News : India hosted the 3rd Voice of Global South Summit.

Syllabus Linkage : Paper-3, Unit-I → Regional Organizations

- ❑ India hosted the 3rd Voice of Global South Summit in a virtual format.
- ❑ The Voice of Global South Summit is an extension of India's philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" (One Earth, One Family, One Future)
- ❑ The Summit serves as a platform for countries from the Global South to come together, discuss shared challenges and forge a collective path forward.
- ❑ India proposed the Global Development Compact (GDC) to address development finance concerns, focusing on trade, sustainable growth and technology sharing.
 - Global Development Compact comprising four elements-
 - Trade for Development
 - Capacity Building for Sustainable Growth
 - Technology Sharing
 - Project specific concessional finance and grants
- ❑ India will launch a USD 2.5 million Fund for Trade Promotion and Trade Policy Training Fund of USD 1 million for capacity building.

What is Global South

- The term "Global South" was coined by Carl Oglesby, an American political activist
- The phrase "Global South" refers to the regions of Latin America, Asia, Africa and Oceania separated by the Brandt line.
- The Brandt line is a visual representation of the world's economies divide between the rich north and the poor south based on GDP per capita.
- According to the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Global South countries often face lower development levels, high income inequality and rapid population growth.

India's Role in Global South

- ❑ India has raised the issues that were concerning the Global South countries on the international forums and at the United Nations meetings and conference.
- ❑ African Union were admitted as a full member in the G20 under India's presidency.
- ❑ "India-UN Capacity Building Initiative" was launched to share the country's best practices with partner countries in the Global south.
- ❑ Inauguration of "DAKSHIN" as a global centre for excellence for the Global South countries.
- ❑ During the COVID-19 pandemic, India distributed vaccine doses across 96 countries under the "Vaccine Maitri."
- ❑ India will contribute USD 25 million in "Social Impact Fund" for accelerating Digital Public Infrastructure in Global South.
- ❑ India launched "Global South Young Diplomat Forum" to promote education and capacity building.

Key Highlights of the 3rd Voice of Global South Summit

- ❑ The Summit was held in virtual format and was structured into Leaders session and Ministerial sessions
- ❑ 123 countries participated in this summit and China and Pakistan were not invited.
- ❑ The theme of the summit was "An Empowered Global South for a Sustainable Future."

India-Ukraine Relation

Why in the News : Indian Prime Minister visited Ukraine amid Russia-Ukraine war.

Syllabus Linkage : Paper-3, Unit-I → India's relations with other countries

- ❑ Indian Prime Minister visited Ukraine amid Russia-Ukraine war.
- ❑ He was the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Ukraine since its independence in 1991.

Key Outcomes of the Visit

- ❑ Political Relation
 - Leaders expressed mutual interest in working towards elevating bilateral relations from a comprehensive partnership to a strategic partnership in the future.
 - The participation of Ukrainian official delegations in the "Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024" and "Raisina Dialogue 2024" was appreciated.
- ❑ Commitment to Peace and International law
 - The leaders reiterated their readiness for further cooperation in upholding principles of international law.
 - Indian Prime Minister reiterated India's support for peace, mentioning that India is not neutral but is in favor of peace.
- ❑ Economic, Scientific and Technical Cooperation
 - The leaders emphasized the importance of the Indian-Ukrainian Intergovernmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technical, Industrial and Cultural cooperation.
 - The leaders discussed enhancement of cooperation in areas such as Trade and Commerce, Agriculture, Pharmaceuticals, Defence, Education, Science and Technology apart from exploring a stronger partnership in domains such as Digital Public Infrastructure, Industry, Manufacturing, Green Energy etc.
 - India and Ukraine signed four agreements to provide for cooperation in Agriculture, Medicine, Culture and Humanitarian assistance.
- ❑ Defence Cooperation
 - The leaders agreed to hold the 2nd meeting

of the Indian-Ukraine Joint Working Group on Military-Technical Cooperation, established under the Defence Cooperation Agreement of 2012.

❑ Cultural Cooperation

- The sides agreed to explore the possibility of mutual opening of branches of higher education institutions to meet the educational needs of citizens of both countries.
- India presented 4 BHISHM cubes to Ukraine, which include medical equipment and supplies for emergency treatment and surgery.

BHISHM

- It stands for Bharat Health Initiative for Sahyog Hita & Maitri.
- It is a mobile hospital aimed at providing emergency medical care.
- It was initiated under the umbrella of project Aarogya Maitri which provide medical supplies to developing nations.

Significance of PM's visit

- ❑ It is a sign of change in India's traditional foreign policy as India has been closely aligned with Soviet Union since cold war.
- ❑ This will enhance India's credibility as a more active participant in resolving the conflict.
- ❑ This visit will restore and enhance India's ties with Ukraine.
- ❑ It is instrumental for India's intention to play a more proactive role in shaping global power dynamics, especially in Europe.
- ❑ It shows India's attempt to de-hyphenate Russia and Ukraine relations.
- ❑ It will enhance trade as Ukraine is the biggest source of sunflower oil for India.

India-Malaysia Relation

Why in the News : The Prime Minister of Malaysia visited India.

Syllabus Linkage : Paper-3, Unit-I → India's relation with neighbouring countries.

- ❑ Prime Minister of Malaysia, Dato's Seri Anwar Ibrahim visited India.
- ❑ During this visit, India-Malaysia relations were upgraded to Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
- ❑ Malaysia's strong criticism on Citizenship Amendment Act and Reorganization of Jammu and Kashmir has created tensions between two countries.
- ❑ Malaysia's rejection of India's request for extradition of Zakir Naik, who is wanted in India on hate speech, is one of major challenge in relations between both countries.
- ❑ The increase in Chinese influence in the politics and economy of Malaysia creates geopolitical challenges for India.
- ❑ There are concerns of exploitation of workers and human trafficking surrounding the Indian diaspora.

Key Outcomes from this Summit

- ❑ The existing Enhanced Strategic Partnership, which was established in 2015, was upgraded to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership.
- ❑ Multiple agreements were signed between both countries in the areas of worker mobility, digital technology, culture, tourism, sports and education.
- ❑ MoU was signed to streamline the processes related to the movement and management of workers between the two countries.
- ❑ MoU was signed for cooperation in the field of Ayurveda and other traditional system of medicine.
- ❑ India has agreed to support Malaysia's interest in joining BRICS.
- ❑ Both leaders emphasized the need to tackle extremism and radicalism.
- ❑ India and Malaysia have agreed to work on connecting India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) with Malaysia's PayNet for digital transactions.
- ❑ India and Malaysia have agreed to support ASEAN-India Trade in Goods Agreement (AITIGA) and make it more effective.

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Challenges in India-Malaysia Relation

- ❑ The economic relationship between India and Malaysia faces challenges such as higher import tariffs and trade restriction.

NITI Aayog's Report on Electronics Sector

Why in the News : NITI Aayog launched the report titled "Electronics : Powering India's Participation in Global Value Chains".

Syllabus Linkage : Paper-1, Unit-II → Industrial Sector

- ❑ NITI Aayog launched the report titled "Electronics : Powering India's Participation in Global value chains" to make India an electronics powerhouse.
- ❑ The report extensively analyses India's electronics sector, emphasizing its potential and challenges.
- ❑ It also outlines specific interventions needed for India to emerge as a global manufacturing hub for electronics.

State of India's Electronics Manufacturing

- ❑ India's electronics sector has experienced rapid growth, reaching USD 155 billion in FY23.
- ❑ Production in electronics sector nearly doubled from USD 48 billion in FY17 to USD 101 billion in FY23 which primarily driven by mobile phones which now constitute 43% of total electronics production.
- ❑ During the period between 2017-2023, India has transitioned from importing 80% of smartphones to a current scenario where 99% of smartphones are domestically manufactured.
- ❑ Presently India's electronics production primarily focuses on the final assembly of electronics goods.
- ❑ The government has undertaken a number of measures such as Make in India, Digital India, Phased Manufacturing Program, Production linked Incentives and India Semiconductor Mission to address the entire ecosystem of electronics manufacturing.
- ❑ India, currently exports approximately USD 25 billion annually, representing less than 1% of the global share despite 4% share in the global demand.

India's Presence across the Electronics Value Chain

- India's smartphones assembly sector has seen substantial growth, with around 2 billion units assembled between 2014 and 2022.
- The IT hardware sector in India is heavily import dependent with over 80% of laptops being imported.
- The telecom equipment sector in India imports over 40% of its total requirement from China.
- The automotive electronics sector is about 65% import dependent despite India has significant automotive manufacturing capabilities.

Challenges before India's Electronics Sector

- ❑ Relatively high import tariffs
 - The strategy of increasing duties to foster domestic manufacturing has proven to be effective for finished products but not as effective for building supply chains for components.
- ❑ Lack of robust electronics component system
 - Indian component manufacturer currently do not have access to the latest technologies and machines being used globally.
- ❑ Lack of access to global demand
 - India's domestic market currently stands at USD 155 billion is not enough to fulfill India's electronics manufacturing ambitions.
- ❑ High cost of capital
 - High cost of financing in India which ranges from 9% to 13% whereas countries like China, Vietnam and Taiwan enjoy much lower interest rates of 2% to 7%
- ❑ Inadequate Infrastructure Facilities

- The high cost of land lease, logistics and last mile connectivity pose significant challenges.
- ❑ Lack of R&D and design ecosystem
 - India's expenditure on R&D is less than 1% of GDP which is significantly low as compare to the R&D expenditure by the USA & China which exceeds 2.5%
- ❑ Inadequate Talent and Skilling
 - India faces a significant shortage of skilled engineers and a trained workforce necessary for electronics component manufacturing.
- ❑ Fiscal disabilities for manufacturing in India
 - India's electronics manufacturing faces a cumulative cost disability of 10-14% for assembly and 14-18% for components manufacturing due to several factors.
 - Logistics issues contribute an additional 2-3% cost.
 - India has a 1.5% advantage in conversion costs due to lower labour and utilities expenses.

Policy Initiatives and Reforms to help India in achieving its ambition

- ❑ To achieve India's vision of reaching USD 500 billion in electronics production and USD 200-225 billion in exports, both finished goods and components are expected to play crucial roles.
- ❑ It is expected that finished goods will contribute approximately USD 350 billion while components will account for around USD 150 billion.

Reforms as Fiscal Interventions

- ❑ Fiscal incentives for component manufacturing
 - Opex (operating expense) support for

scaling-up manufacturing of locally produced components.

- Capex support for high complexity components.
- ❑ Product/System design ecosystem
 - Innovative scheme to promote R&D centres of Indian firms to invest in product design.
 - Scale up scheme to promote scale for electronics 'designed in India.'
- ❑ Scale up Industrial India
 - Develop large-size scaled clusters.
 - Provision for localized regulation and cluster governance.
 - Improve the overall attractiveness of clusters through duty free imports.
 - Worker's housing facilities.

Reforms as Non-Fiscal Interventions

- ❑ Tariffs simplification and rationalization of Taxes
 - Rationalize tariffs/duties on inputs to improve competitiveness of finished goods for exports.
 - GST and Income tax rationalization.
- ❑ Soft Infrastructure (Human Resource Skilling)
 - Attract overseas high-level talent for high precision manufacturing and design.
 - Supporting Industries for skilling and setting up electronics skills training hubs.
- ❑ Technology Transfer and Business enablement
 - Simplify the process of Tech transfer and fast track approvals required for components manufacturing.
 - Lowering compliance cost and streamlining regulations.



SSLV-D3/EOS-08 Mission

Why in the News : The Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) launched the EOS-08 Earth Observation Satellite.

Syllabus Linkage : Paper-2, Unit-II → Indian Space Program

- ❑ The Indian Space Research Organization launched the EOS-08 Earth Observation Satellite onboard the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle (SSLV)-D3 from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota.

About EOS-08

- ❑ The EOS-08 is an Earth observation satellite built on ISRO's microsat/IMS-1 bus platform.
- ❑ It is designed to operate in a circular Low Earth Orbit (LEO) at an altitude of 475 km and has a mission life of one year.

Objectives of Mission

- ❑ To design and develop a microsatellite, creating payload instruments compatible with the microsatellite bus.
- ❑ To incorporate new technologies required for future operational satellites.
- ❑ Demonstration of repeatable flight performance of SSLV system.

Payloads

- ❑ The EOS-08 satellite carries three key payloads
 - Electro Optical Infrared Payload (EOIR) – The EOIR captures images in the mid-wave infrared (MIR) and long-wave infrared (LWIR) bands. It operates day and night, supporting applications like satellite based surveillance, disaster and environmental monitoring.
 - Global Navigation Satellite System Reflectometry (GNSS-R) Payload - It demonstrates remote sensing using GNSS-R for applications like measuring ocean surface winds, detecting soil moisture.

- SiC UV Dosimeter – It measures UV radiation.

About SSLV

- SSLV is designed to launch mini, micro or Nano satellites (10 to 500 kg) into a 500 km orbital plane.
- SSLV is a three stage launch vehicle with all solid propulsion stages and liquid propulsion based Velocity Trimming Module (VTM) as terminal stage.
- SSLV-D3 is the third developmental flight of SSLV.
- It has a lift off weight of about 120 tones and is 34 meters in length and 2 meters in diameter.

Significance of SSLV

- ❑ It promotes seamless launches of small satellites.
- ❑ SSLV is perfectly suited for launching multiple microsatellite at a time.
- ❑ SSLV will shift the burden of commercial launches from Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV).
- ❑ SSLV are best suited for commercial and on demand launches.
- ❑ Design drivers of SSLV are of low cost and having low turn around time.

Landslide

Why in the News : Waynad of Kerala faced a devastating landslide.

Syllabus Linkage : Paper-2, Unit-III → Major Environmental Issues.

- ❑ The landslide are geological phenomenon that involves the sudden and rapid movement of a mass of rock, soil and debris under the influence of gravity.
- ❑ In India, the entire Himalayan tract hills/ mountains of North-East India, Western Ghat and Konkan areas are landslide prone.
- ❑ According to ISRO's landslide Atlas of India, India is among the top four countries with highest landslide risk.
- ❑ According to India Landslide Susceptibility Map, Kerala is the most vulnerable state with over 14% of its landmass in the 'very high susceptibility' category.

Factors behind the Waynad landslide

- ❑ Waynad witnessed 140 mm of rainfall, with some areas reporting more than 300 mm of rainfall. This rainfall is about five times more than India Meteorological Department's (IMD) projection.
- ❑ Overflow in the Chaliyar river swept more sediment downstream.
- ❑ Infrastructure development and construction activities have compromised ecosystem ability to cope with changing natural conditions.
- ❑ Cut down of large native trees due to monocropping.
- ❑ According to a study, waynad has lost 60% of its forests between 1950 and 2018.
- ❑ Climate change has been leading to gradual warming of Arabian sea which intensify deep cloud formation over the Western Ghat.

Government's Initiatives

- ❑ **National Landslide Susceptibility Mapping (NLSM)**
 - GSI initiated this program in 2014 to map the landslide areas on a macro scale.
- ❑ **National Landslide Risk Management Strategy**
 - It address all the components of landslide disaster risk reduction and management including hazard mapping, early warning system etc.
- ❑ **National Disaster Management Authority Guidelines**
 - It proposes measures that should be taken to avoid or mitigate the risk posed by landslide hazards.
- ❑ **National Institute of Disaster Management**
 - It is a premier institute that provides capacity building support to various national and state level agencies in the field of Disaster Management and Disaster Risk Reduction.

Current Affairs Questions

1. **Where was the 32nd International Conference of Agricultural Economists held recently?**
 (a) Chennai (b) Jaipur
 (c) Shimla (d) New Delhi
2. **Who among the following has been appointed as the Chairman of the Union Public Service Commission?**
 (a) Preeti Sudan (b) Deepak Gupta
 (c) Manoj Soni (d) Rajiv Goba
3. **Which of the following famous Indian dancer has recently passed away?**
 (a) Sudha Chandran (b) Saroj Khan
 (c) Yamini Krishnamurthy (d) Geeta Kapoor
4. **Who among the following has been entrusted with the hosting of T-20 Asia Cup 2025?**
 (a) India (b) Australia
 (c) Pakistan (d) South Africa
5. **India has signed a 'Cultural Property' agreement with which of the following country to prevent illegal smuggling of antiquities?**
 (a) United States of America (b) China
 (c) Russia (d) Japan
6. **Where was the first phase of the first multinational exercise 'Taranga Shakti' of the Indian Air Force has been organized?**
 (a) Tamil Nadu (b) Jaipur
 (c) Chennai (d) Delhi
7. **Which of the following Indian astronauts has been selected as the 'Prime Astronaut' for the AXIOM-4 mission?**
 (a) Prashant Nair (b) Sudhanshu Shukla
 (c) Rakesh Sharma (d) Angad Pratap
8. **'Tell Umm Amer', included in the UNESCO World Heritage Site list, is located in which of the following country?**
 (a) Palestine (b) Israel
 (c) Kazakhstan (d) Afghanistan
9. **Who among the following is the first woman to be selected as Director General in the Medical Services of the Indian Army?**
 (a) Lieutenant General Anu Sharma
 (b) Lieutenant General Meera Kapoor
 (c) Lieutenant General Rekha Sharma
 (d) Lieutenant General Sadhana Saxena Nair
10. **'Subhadra Yojana' for women is an initiative of which of the following state?**
 (a) Odisha (b) Tamil Nadu
 (c) West Bengal (d) Kerala
11. **Which of the following players has won the bronze medal in the Under-19 'Open Squash Championship 2024' held in Hong Kong?**
 (a) Sanjay Kumar (b) Kiran Prajapat
 (c) Avlokit Singh (d) Manu Bhaker
12. **In which of the following districts of Rajasthan was the "Manas Abhiyan" organized under the Drug Free India Campaign?**
 (a) Sikar (b) Churu
 (c) Hanumangarh (d) Ajmer
13. **Which of the following Indian states was given the 'Best IEC Award' by the Union Health Ministry under the organ donation awareness campaign?**
 (a) Rajasthan (b) Kerala
 (c) Goa (d) Tamil Nadu
14. **In which of the following district the 'Rising Rajasthan Investment Summit 2024' will be organized?**
 (a) Kota (b) Jaisalmer
 (c) Jaipur (d) Jodhpur
15. **Who among the following has been awarded Fiji's highest civilian award 'Companion of the Order of Fiji'?**
 (a) S. Jaishankar (b) Narendra Modi
 (c) Smt. Draupadi Murmu (d) Amit Shah
16. **In which of the following district has the first aircraft flying training center of Rajasthan state been built?**
 (a) Airport Sri Ganganagar
 (b) Kishangarh Airport, Ajmer
 (c) Kota Airport
 (d) Jaisalmer Airport
17. **Which of the following Indian state has got the first position in the implementation of free medicine scheme?**
 (a) Assam (b) Andhra Pradesh
 (c) Rajasthan (d) Punjab
18. **Which of the following airports of Rajasthan has been awarded with the 'Platinum Award' of Green Future-**
 (a) Maharana Pratap Airport, Udaipur
 (b) Civil Airport, Bikaner
 (c) Jaipur International Airport
 (d) Greenfield Airport

19. In which of the following cities has the Indian Army organized the strategic military exercise 'Parvat Prahar'?
(a) Chennai (b) Visakhapatnam
(c) Ladakh (d) Jaisalmer
20. International Tiger Day celebrated on:-
(a) 29th July (b) 30th July
(c) 20th July (d) 28th July
21. In which of the following states Sajjangerh Biological Park is located?
(a) Goa (b) Gujarat
(c) Maharashtra (d) Rajasthan
22. Which of the following Indian Institute of Management inaugurated the 'Behavior Experimental Lab' in Jaipur?
(a) IIM Lucknow (b) IIM Indore
(c) IIM Calcutta (d) IIM Udaipur
23. Who wrote the book named "The call of the Gir"?
(a) Parimal Nathwani (b) Chetan Bhagat
(c) Amish Tripathi (d) Shashi Tharoor
24. Guru Ghasi Das Tamor Pingala Tiger Reserve is located in which state?
(a) Gujarat (b) Goa
(c) Chattisgarh (d) Rajasthan
25. Anshuman Gaikwad, who recently passed away was associated with which game?
(a) Cricket (b) Volleyball
(c) Football (d) Badminton
26. Who among the following took oath as the 18th Governor of Sikkim?
(a) Om Prakash Mathur
(b) Gulab Chand Kataria
(c) Ramen Deka
(d) Vishnu Dev Verma
27. Who has been appointed as the Governor of Rajasthan recently?
(a) Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde
(b) Laxman Prasad Acharya
(c) C.P. Radhakrishnan
(d) Santosh Gangwar
28. Who among the following is the first woman IPS officer of Rajasthan?
(a) Neena Singh (b) Kiran Bedi
(c) Marine Joseph (d) Vimal Mehra
29. Who among the following has been appointed as the coach in the Women's Handball World Championship held in China?
(a) Manisha Rathore (b) Diksha Thakur
(c) Shailja Sharma (d) Nidhi Sharma
30. Which of the following Indian player has won the gold medal in boxing in the Indo-Nepal Youth Games-2024 held in Nepal?
(a) Monica Choudhary (b) Mary Kom
(c) Pooja Rani (d) Nikhat Zareen
31. Who among the following female swimmer won the gold medal in the National Swimming Championship held in Orissa?
(a) Dakshina Joshi (b) Manna Patel
(c) Shivani Kataria (d) Bhakti Sharma
32. What is the mascot of Paris Olympics 2024?
(a) The Phryges (b) Vinicius
(c) Wenlock (d) Miraitowa
33. Which of the following sport was included for the first time in Paris Olympics 2024?
(a) Break Dance (b) Judo
(c) Golf (d) Handball
34. What was the position of India in the medal tally in Paris Olympics 2024?
(a) 71st (b) 61st
(c) 70th (d) 50th
35. Which of the following Indian player has won two medals in the same Olympics in Paris Olympics 2024?
(a) Manu Bhaker (b) Neeraj Chopra
(c) Swapnil Kusale (d) Vinesh Phogat
36. Which of the following Indian scientists has been awarded with the Vigyan Ratna Award 2024?
(a) Professor Govindarajan Padmanabhan
(b) Raj Reddy
(c) Dr. P.S. Goyal
(d) V.K. Saraswat
37. Where was the 56th International Chemistry Olympiad has been organized?
(a) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
(b) Moscow, Russia
(c) Tirana, Albania
(d) Beijing, China
38. National Space Day celebrated in India on:-
(a) 23th August (b) 30th August
(c) 25th August (d) 18th August
39. Consider the following statements.
1. Dambur Dam is located in Tripura.
2. It is situated on Gumti river.
3. Gumti river flows between India and Nepal.
Which of the above statements is correct?
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 3
(c) 1 and 3 (d) All of the above

40. Which of the following country has been given the hosting rights of Women's T20 World Cup 2024?
 (a) Bangladesh (b) United Arab Emirates
 (c) India (d) Pakistan
41. Recently, India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with which of the following country for the purpose of developing the National Maritime Heritage Complex?
 (a) Vietnam (b) Malaysia
 (c) Australia (d) Russia
42. The Indian Paralympic Committee has appointed who among the following as the Chef de Mission (CMD) of the Indian contingent for the Paris Paralympics 2024?
 (a) Satya Prakash Sangwan
 (b) Ravi Shastri
 (c) Devendra Jhajharia
 (d) Sachin Tendulkar
43. India has signed a supply system security agreement with which of the following country?
 (a) Sri Lanka (b) Ukraine
 (c) Myanmar (d) USA
44. Where India's first International Blind University will be established?
 (a) Odisha (b) Maharashtra
 (c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Assam
45. Consider the following statements.
 1. Three structures under the water surface in the Indian Ocean have been named Chandragupta Ridge, Ashok Seamount and Kalpataru Ridge on the suggestion of India.
 2. These structures have been discovered by scientists of National and Ocean Research Centre, Bengaluru.
 Which of the following statement is/are correct?
 (a) Only 1 (b) Only 2
 (c) Both 1 and 2 (d) Neither 1 nor 2
46. What is the current position of Rajasthan in the implementation of Atal Bhu-Jal Yojana?
 (a) Seventh (b) Fourth
 (c) First (d) Third
47. Which of the following famous sitar player died recently?
 (a) Manju Mehta (b) Manilal Nag
 (c) Anushka Shankar (d) Harvinder Sharma
48. Consider the following statements with reference to the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS):
 1. UPS will be implemented from 1 April 2025.
 2. The benefit of this scheme will be given to the employees of government and private sector.
 3. The Unified Pension Scheme has been approved on the recommendation of the committee headed by the current Cabinet Secretary T.V. Somanathan.
 4. A pension of Rs 10,000 per month will be given on retirement after a minimum of 10 years of service.
 Which of the following statements is incorrect?
 (a) Only 2 (b) 1, 3 and 4
 (c) 1 and 2 (d) All of the above
49. Who among the following has been appointed as the new President of Venezuela?
 (a) Vladimir Putin
 (b) Nicolas Maduro
 (c) Hassan Sheikh Mohamud
 (d) Joe Biden
50. Who among the following is the first transgender athlete to participate in Paris Paralympics-2024?
 (a) Valentino Petrillo (Italy)
 (b) Dutee Chand (India)
 (c) Nienke Brinkman (Netherlands)
 (d) Courtney Dauwalter (USA)



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36	37	38	39	40
a	a	a	a	b
41	42	43	44	45
a	a	d	a	a
46	47	48	49	50
d	a	a	b	a

GI-Tag in Rajasthan

The map of Rajasthan is divided into districts, each associated with a specific GI tag. The districts and their corresponding GI tags are as follows:

- Bikaner: Bikaneri Bhujia
- Kashidakari Craft (Kashida)
- Usta Kala Craft (Usta Kala)
- Pokaran Pottery (Pokaran)
- Jodhpuri Bandhej (Jodhpur)
- Sojat Mehndi (Sojat)
- Pichwai Art (Pichwai)
- Molela Clay (Molela)
- Makrana Marble (Makrana)
- Blue Pottery (Blue Pottery)
- Bagru Print (Bagru)
- Sangneri Print (Sangneri)
- Kota Doria (Kota)
- Thewa Art (Thewa)

Toppers Talk - 2



Paramjeet Singh

Father	- Mr. K.S. Chauhan
Mother	- Mrs. Seema Kanwar
Graduation	- B.A.M.S. Rajasthan Ayurveda University, Jodhpur (70%)
12 th	- Shri Mahesh Higher Secondary School, Jodhpur (74%)
10 th	- Government Secondary School, Jojawar, Pali (78%)

Question: Congratulations on your brilliant success in the Civil Services Examination!

Paramjeet: Thank you very much.

Question: Tell us about your family background. What role did your family play in your success?

Paramjeet: My family background is basically rural. I studied in a government school till class 10th. My family has contributed a lot to my success. My parents, my elder brother who is a lecturer in a government school, and along with him, my wife also contributed a lot to my success.

I studied in a government school in village Jojawar (Pali) till class 10th. After class 12th, I took admission for graduation in Ayurveda (B.A.M.S.) as per result of the PMT exam. BAMS, being a different type of course, didn't directly contribute to RAS exam preparation, but it instilled a hard work tendency in me.

Question: When did you start preparing for RAS exam? And how much time do you think is sufficient to prepare for this exam?

Paramjeet: I started preparing for RAS in the beginning of the year 2017 and gave my first attempt in the RAS exam in year 2018 and I got 753rd rank in this year.

For the RAS exam, one and half to two years before the exam is sufficient, but during this time you have to prepare with full dedication.

Question: Was it your aim from the very beginning to join the civil services and who was your source of inspiration for preparing the civil services exam?

Paramjeet: Yes, from very beginning, the goal was to join the civil services, but I started preparing only after getting the appropriate environment. During college and school time, I used to keep myself updated through reading newspapers.

The initiatives made by Dr. Samit Sharma (IAS) inspired me a lot during my preparation. I also felt that I too can do something different for the society by joining the administrative services.

Question: What is the role of coaching in the civil services exam? Can self-study also help in getting success in this exam?

Paramjeet: In today's competitive era, the role of coaching has increased a lot. Coaching reduces the time it takes to understand the subject matter. Self-study can definitely lead to success but it requires the highest level of discipline and hard work.

Question: What should be the criteria for selecting an institute for coaching? Have you prepared from any coaching institute?

Paramjeet: I did my preparation from Springboard Academy, Jaipur. Before selecting any institute, the teaching environment, the behavior of the teachers towards the students, and the systematic approaches

of coaching towards RAS Syllabus should all be checked thoroughly, along with this factors like quality teaching are also important.

Question: What was your medium? Tell us about the role of language medium in getting success in civil services?

Paramjeet: My medium during the RAS exam was English. For success, language is just a medium of your expression, If your writing style, content and presentation are good, then good marks can be obtained in any medium.

Question: What suggestions would you give to improve writing style in the main exam?

Paramjeet: To improve writing style, you should practice writing repeatedly. For this, the mock test series organized by the institute is a good medium through which you can improve various dimensions of writing style such as writing speed, content and presentation etc.

Question: What study material did you use during preparation?

Paramjeet: During preparation, I mainly revised the class notes of Springboard Academy, apart from this I also read newspapers and NCERT books.

Question: What is the role of short notes in the preliminary and main examination?

Paramjeet: Not much in the preliminary examination, but short notes are very useful in the main examination. Because short notes can be effectively revised in less time during the examination, but short notes should be precise and should include only the key-points.

Question: Tell us about the role of mock interview and how was your interview experience in Rajasthan Public Service Commission?

Paramjeet: Mock interviews play an important role in your preparation, it increases your confidence and you are able to perform better on the day of the actual interview. My interview went well, it was the board

of the then Chairman Sanjay Shrotriya Sir, there were a little difficult questions for the first few minutes, but later the board seemed impressed with my answers. Most of the questions were from my Ayurveda medical background. Apart from this, many questions were asked on political science and contemporary issues.

Question: Tell us about the contribution of teachers in your success?

Paramjeet: Dilip Sir and Manohar Sir (Springboard Academy, Jodhpur) contributed the most to my success. After not getting selected in the 2018 exam results, Dr. Manohar Sir encouraged me a lot.

Question: What was the role of friends during preparation?

Paramjeet: Friends have a vital role during preparation. When a feeling of despair comes during preparation, friends lift you from this situation. During preparation, we 3-4 friends (Pankajraj Singh, Anil Vishnoi, Mukesh Garg) encouraged each other.

Question: What challenges did you face while preparing away from home?

Paramjeet: When you stay away from home, the challenges increase. Challenges at the mental level bother more than physical, such as lack of concentration, depression, etc. But if you keep studying without thinking too much, then all these challenges are resolved.

Question: What was the most difficult time during preparation?

Paramjeet: After not getting selected in the 2018 exam result, it was the most difficult time to recover and start preparing again.

Question: How did you keep yourself motivated to prepare continuously due to the long duration of the Civil Services Examination?

Paramjeet: The most important thing to keep yourself motivated is confidence. Certainly, it is impossible to achieve success in such a long period without

confidence. If the student works hard with complete discipline, then success can be achieved.

Question: What is your opinion about Plan-B?

Paramjeet: Certainly a student should also make a Plan-B, Since the period of preparation is so long that the student feels discouraged at a time, In such situation, Plan-B does not act as an obstacle to achieve Plan-A, but it helps.

Question: What changes have come in your life after selection in RAS exam?

Paramjeet: Definitely, there has been a lot of change. After success, not only has the outlook of people changed but social prestige has also increased.

Question: As an officer, what changes will you work to bring about?

Paramjeet: As an RAS officer, I want to contribute especially to the effective implementation of government schemes on the ground, along with health and girls education.

Question: What is the utility of monthly contemporary magazine for RAS exam?

Paramjeet: Monthly contemporary magazine is very useful material for the students for RAS exam. This not only gives students information about contemporary issues, but also improves writing skills. This magazine proves to be very useful for all three stages - preliminary, main exam and interview.

Question: Tell us the key of your success?

Paramjeet: The key of success is to keep working hard without losing confidence and be straight forward towards your goal.

Question: How did you manage your time during preparation?

Paramjeet: Since I was in government service, I faced a lot of problems in time management in the initial phase but later I managed to study for 6 to 8 hours regularly early in the morning and after duty hours in the evening.

Question: We wish you a bright future as an administrative officer!

Paramjeet: Thank you!
