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Topper's Talk - 1



**Rank - 24
RAS 2021**

Narendra Jangid

Father : Shri Mohan Lal

Mother : Smt. Bhagawati Devi

Graduation : B.A.(Hons.), from Banaras Hindu University - 75%

12th : Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Pachpadra (83%)

10th : Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya (JNV) Pachpadra (83%)

Question: Congratulation! On your achievement in Civil Services examination.

Narendra : Thank you so much.

Question : Tell us about your family background. How did your family support you in your civil services preparations ?

Narendra : I come from Patau Khurd, a small village in Balotra District. I am the first member of my family to be selected for a government job. As far as the role of family is concerned, my family always supported me financially and mentally in my success and never let me feel disappointed at any stages during my entire preparation.

Question: Can you discuss your educational background. How it has prepared you for this career?

Narendra : I did my schooling from Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalaya at Pachpadra, in Balotra district. I did my graduation from Banaras Hindu University at Varanasi and post-graduation from Jai Narayan Vyas University at Jodhpur. After this, I gave the UGC NET exam in which I cleared JRF in History subject. Education background contributed a lot in my preparation for RAS. For example, I never face any problem in the so called difficult subjects of pre & mains examination like Maths, Reasoning, Science, English, Economics, Public Administration etc. and scored well in them.

Question: Was your aim is to become a civil servant from the beginning ?

Narendra : My inclination towards civil services increased after class 11th due to the periodic visits of the divisional commissioner, district collector, SDM and other officials in Navodaya Vidyalaya. Due to this, despite having PCM (Physics, Chemistry, Math's) I did not try for IIT and took admission in BA (H).

Question: Who was your inspiration for Preparing for Civil Services Examination ?

Narendra : All my family members, my friends, selected senior officers and teachers of Springboard Academy acted as a source of inspiration for me.

Question: When did you start your Civil Services preparation ?

Narendra : I started preparing for RAS in 2018 after completion of my graduation in 2017 and this journey was completed in the November of year 2023.

Question: According to you how much time is sufficient to prepare for Civil Services Examination?

Narendra : All three pillars (pre, mains and interview) are important in RAS preparation, so a good preparation requires at least one and a half or to two years minimum.

Question: What is the role of coaching in the Civil Services examination ? Can success be achieved in this examination even through self study ?

Narendra : I think coaching plays a vital role in preparation and coaching makes your preparation easier. Because the main thing that troubles the candidates during the preparation of RAS is how to prepare and what method should be adopted to qualify the Civil Services examination. Every candidate wants that he/she should get the right guidance, proper material should be available on time, good results should be achieved in the less time. For this, I joined **SPRINGBOARD ACADEMY**. Which played a very significant role in my Civil Services examination preparation and it also helped me to complete the entire syllabus of RAS in less time period.

If I talking about getting success in RAS through self study, It is quite possible too in some extent if the candidate uses good material like **Springboard Academy's** notes, Rajasthan Board books and other standard sources in his/her preparation. One negative side of self study is that it takes a long time to cover the syllabus and practice cannot be done as per demand of the exam.

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

Narendra : The criteria of any good coaching is what has been the result of that coaching in the previous recruitment exams. one should check what is the reliability of faculty and quality of notes and test series which is provided by the Institute. I did my entire preparation including foundation course, test series and mocks interview from Springboard Academy at Jodhpur.

Question: Is Medium of language important in this examination, what was your medium ?

Narendra : My medium of exam was Hindi. According to me, in civil Services examination mainly content, facts and writing skills play an important role as per the demand of the question rather than the medium of language. Therefore, candidates should not be confused by such linguistic rumors.

Question: What suggestion would you give to improve the writing skills in the mains examination?

Narendra : Writing skill plays an important role in Civil Services mains examination, because actually it is a test of your writing skills. Students should practice answer writing on daily basis and give tests regularly so that one should prepare as per the exam pattern. To improve answer writing skill, students should observe topper's copies, read daily newspapers and add maps, diagram, charts and current relevant topics in their answers.

Question: What study material did you use during preparation ?

Narendra : I mainly studied from Springboard Academy's notes and for the 4th paper, I took the help of Raghav Prakash's Navin Hindi Vyakaran and B.K Rastogi's English Grammar book.

These books and notes were very useful to me for this exam.

Question: What is the importance of short notes in Prelims and mains Examination ?

Narendra : Short notes helped me a lot in both prelims and mains examination. It helped me to quickly recall the entire syllabus. I believe short notes should be made so that things can be revised well near the time of the exam.

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

Narendra : Mock interview helps to reduce the hesitation and mistakes that occur in the actual Interview. I gave mock interviews in Springboard Academy only. My real interview was in the board of late Jaswant Ji Rathie Sir and lasted for about 23 minutes and overall it was a good experience. Questions were asked about the problems of the districts, advantages and disadvantages of formation of new districts, history subject & related to Banaras.

Question: How Teachers Contributes in your Journey to success ?

Narendra : Teachers play a crucial role in shaping students overall life and personality. In my success both school & **Springboard Academy's** teachers played a vital role in ensuring that I could achieve academic and career success; especially Dilip sir founder of **Springboard Academy**, infused some very motivating thoughts that lasted with me forever other teacher's like Manohar Sir and Narendra Sir who always supported me like a younger brother.

Question: What was the role of your friends in your preparation ?

Narendra : My friends always motivated me while preparing for during my preparation because many times we faced disappointment, set backs which is quite normal and obvious so, at such times my friends Gopal, Mahendra pal, Ramnivas, Shivilal, Preeti etc. were very supportive to me and always encouraged me to prepare effectively they took my mock interviews and also we had group discussions on various topics.

Question: What challenges did you face while staying away from home during preparation ?

Narendra : Staying away from home brought many problems like cooking food, arranging things, living life in a small room from a big house, etc. but success is not possible without struggle.

Question: What was the most difficult moment during the preparation ?

Narendra : For me, The most difficult time during the preparation was the day of the result. Because on that day the final result of your many years of hard work is about to come. For example the final result in RAS 2018 ended with 745 Rank in which I was disappointed but finally I got success in RAS 2021 with good rank.

Question: Due to the long journey of civil services examination how did you keep your self motivated to prepare continuously ?

Narendra : The feeling of frustration is common but I never resorted to any motivational video or class to get motivated. Always kept myself motivated during preparation with the help of inner motivation, friends and continued the preparation with full joy. The day you start enjoying the preparation understand that success is not far away.

Question: What do you think about having plan-B ?

Narendra : According to me, one should give RAS a try with full dedication. After that one should also have a plan-B like I did MA in History along with RAS preparation and cleared NET JRF.

Question: What changes have happened in your life after selection in Civil service examination ?

Narendra : After becoming a RAS, people's perspective and attitude towards you automatically changed. People look at you with respect. Your advices are heard. I believe that it would be better if this success is taken as a responsibility.

Question: As an Officer, what changes will you aim to bring in the society ?

Narendra : The post of RAS gives you an opportunity to serve in various fields. Through this post, I will work to deliver the benefits of government schemes to the deprived, solve the problem of the area through public hearing, make people aware about women's safety and education.

Question: What is the usefulness of monthly current affairs magazine for RAS examination ?

Narendra : Through a good monthly magazine, one remains aware of current issues and is able to keep the subjects updated as per the demand of the exam. For example in RAS pre-exam, about 20 questions of current affairs are asked.

Question: What you consider as key mantra of your success ?

Narendra : The basic mantra of success is that do not get influenced by the words of people, stay away from various rumors, work hard honestly and use your time properly. Just like a mountain is beautiful, but also scares you. The RAS exam is also exactly like that. You have to climb with a speed, otherwise the slope will pull you and if you slip a little, you will fall straight down. Also, do not get caught in any kind of hurry. Preparation and knowledge acquisition is a sadhana. It requires patience. Trust the formula of overnight success only at your own risk.

Question: How did you manage time during your Civil preparation ?

Narendra : Time management plays the most important role in the success of RAS. Keep revising the content well and take the help of short notes and quick revision near the time of the exam and keep the difficult and more factual topics pasted in front of the table for revision so that they can be seen again and again.

Question :Wishing you even more success in the future !

Narendra : Thank you!

Demographic Dividend

On the World Population Day, observed on July 11th. United Nation's World Population Dashboard shows the global population trends as in 2011, the global population reached the 7 billion mark, it stands at almost 7.9 billion in 2021, and it expected to grow around 8.5 billion in 2030, 9.7 billion in 2050, and 10.9 billion in 2100.

On the occasion of the World Population Day, A report "World Population Prospect Report-2024" released by United Nation Department Of Economic And Social Affairs (DESA) noted that India's population will most likely peak at 1.7 billion in the early 2060s gradually increasing from 1.45 billion in 2024.

Amid of this, with India an average age of 29, it has one of the youngest population globally in comparison to china (39), US (38), and Japan (49). At this vast resources of young citizens enters the workforce, it could create a "Demographic dividend".

India – Historical Population Data		
Year	Population	Growth Rate
2024	1,441,719,852	0.92%
2023	1,428,627,663	0.81%
2022	1,417,173,173	0.68%
2021	1,40,563,842	0.80%
2020	1,396,387,127	0.96%

India's Demographic dividend

- A demographic dividend is defined by the United Nation Population Fund (UNFPA) as economic growth resulting from a shift in population's age structure, mainly When the working-age population (15 to 64 year old) is larger than the number of dependents (14 or younger and 65 or above).
- Around 62.5% of India's working age population is aged between 15 to 59 years, ensuring that India will have a demographic advantage all the way to 2055.

Median Age (As per cia world factbook)	
India	29.5
China	39.8
USA	38.5
EU	47
Japan	49.5

- Acc. to UNFPA population distribution as per their age in India.

0-14 year	24%
15-64 year	68%
above 65 year	7%

- The above table shows the demographic dividend of India with 68 percent population distribution in the age group of 15-64 years.

Factors triggered Demographic dividend in India

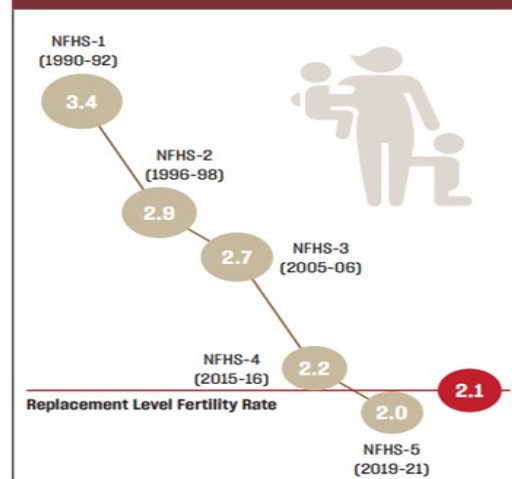
1. Low Birth Rate :-

- Birth rate continuously decline due to better Health care and Increased child survival rate.

2. Low Total Fertility rate :-

- In 2021, India's TFR was at 1.91 children per women and is projected to go down to 1.29 by 2051, As per Lancet(an England's journal); which shows demographic shift towards young population.

Total fertility rate of women from 1990-92 to 2019-21



For women in the age-group of 15 to 49 years;
Source: NFHS Rounds 3 – 5

Women in the reproductive age now have a fertility rate lower than the replacement level fertility rate

Total Fertility Rate (TFR)

The total fertility rate is the average number of children that a woman will have during her lifetime. It is measured in terms of children per woman.

3. Decreased Death Rate :-

- Due to better government policies towards health care and sanitation, In India, life expectancy at birth (year) has improved by 5.2 year from 62.1 year in 2000 to 67.3 year in 2021 as per WHO.

4. Rapid pace of economic development :-

- Rapid pace of economic development leads to increase in Per Capita Income which ensured greater purchasing power, leads Investment in health thus reduced child mortality which decreased the dependency ratio.

5. Rise in women education :-

- Education ensured better reproductive health in women which helped in reducing TFR below replacement level fertility 2.1. (In India TFR is 2, as per NFHS-5 2019-20).

6. Government policies :-

- Government programs like Universal Immunization, 100% Institutional delivery, Reproductive And Child Health (RCH) programs increased survival rate of children.

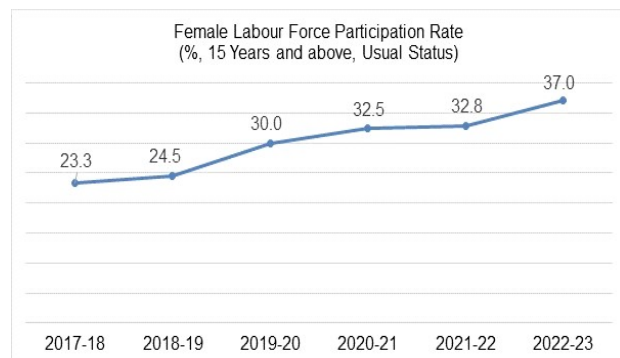
Potential of Demographic dividend

- Demographic dividend could add about 2% point per annum to India's Per Capita GDP Growth over the next two decades, as per IMF (International Monetary Fund).
- India's demographic dividend could boost India's GDP Growth from current \$3 trillion to \$9 trillion by 2030 and \$40 trillion by 2047 As Per Confederation of Indian industry (CII) report.
- 21st century belong to Asia, India with it demographic dividend could be a major actor, as predicted by Asian development Bank (ADB) report.

Advantages of Demographic dividend

1. Increased in Labour Force :-

- With most population in working age ensures more participation in work which leads to surplus cheap labour, along with it also seen rising in women participation that associated with decline in fertility and less need of child care.



2. Accelerated economic growth :-

- A large share of working adults in population leading to an overall surplus income and so increased purchasing power which can be accelerate economic growth and lead to positive inter-generational transfer.

3. Re-distribution in Population Age Structure:-

- It would affect the age distribution of the population which increasing the fraction of Labour force in the population with 68% of population aged between 15-65 year age bracket.

4. Increased Labour Productivity :-

- More youth in Labour force ensures better productivity as in terms of their working capacity (per hour) and consistency.

5. Better resource Utilization :-

- With the decline of child birth (TFR) there is an increase in median age. This would increase the amount of Capital resources and infrastructure available in per Capita term thus would ensure better resource utilization.

6. Shifting in sectoral distributions :-

- Due to more youngster in the working age there could be seen in shifting of workforce from traditional activities like agriculture to modern growing field in Industries and service sectors.

7. More saving :-

- increased in Labour force participation will generate more income which leads to more saving and further investment.

8. Techno-savvy :-

- Youth having good knowledge and understanding of modern technologies ,especially computers which can be utilize in modern growing technologies like AI, IoT, virtual reality etc.

Challenges**1. Inter-state disparity in Median Age :-**

- Average Age associate with TFR and it also shows the North-South divide in term of median age as South India approaching toward population stabilization having more Older population than North India.

2. Jobless growth :-

- As per NSSO's Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) 2017-18, India's Labour force participation rate for 15 to 59 year old is only 53% it means almost half of the Working age Population is Jobless.

3. Skill Gap :-

- Skill of Indian people is not as per required by Industries and sectors of economy. According to ASSOCHAM Only 20-30% of engineer find a job suited to their skill.

4. Low female labour force participation :-

- Female constitute half of the population of the country, India's female labour force participation is 37% , as against to 78.5% male as per PLFS 2022-23.

5. Low at Human Development Index(HDI) :-

- In HDI 2023-24, with 134th rank of India among 193 countries in the world showing India's inadequate investment in health and education sector.

As per UNDP report (HDI)	
China	75
Sri Lanka	78
Bangladesh	129
India	134

6. Increasing dependency ratio :

- Older population (60+ years of age) in India was about 8% in 2015 while it projected to be 20% by 2030 will lead the higher dependency ratio in future.

How can reap the benefit of Demographic dividend**1. Human Capital Formation :-**

- There is needs in increasing investment to ensure better, education and skill. Thus skill gap can be reduce.

□ Human capital are people in society who are well educated, sufficiently trained and who can contribute to the economic growth of the nation.

2. Allocation of Resources :-

- Substantial resources Can be allocated to technical & professional education to achieve demographic dividend .

3. Increase in Capital investment :-

- More investment in manufacturing and infrastructure will absorb the increased labour force as well as have Spill over effect on other sector too in line of economic growth.

4. Generate more jobs :-

- Pace up and add new invention & technology in programmes like “skill India”, “make in India” etc. due to which more jobs will be created with growth in new dimensions..

5. Academia- Industry Collaboration :-

- It need to be assure Academics industry collaboration in synchronous with modern industrial demand, along with it is also need a trained workforce posses the required skill & employability suited to these industries.

6. Invest in new techological dimension :-

- Regular upgrading and new inventing Technologies like AI, IOT, Blockchain, cloud computing, Big-data etc. required skill & Training towards new India.

7. Develop Entrepreneurial culture :-

- As Government can't give the job to all Population of India thus there is need to develop a entrepreneurial culture to increase the tendency of self-employment in youth, this way demographic dividend could be save from turning into demographic disaster.

8. Increase saving :-

- As more workforce in this time in working age, It should focus on increase the Saving for further investment and for social security in old age.

- India needs to focus on investing heavily in education and health to ensure that its growing young population is adequately employed, as IMF suggest.
- There is need of forward looking good Government policies to best utilization of demographic dividend and to save it to turn into demographic disaster.

Way Forward

- The Asian Development Bank (ADB) predicts that the 21st century belongs to Asia, in which India being a major leader shall emphasize on regional and spatial redistribution of the workforce, skill development and increasing the work participation rate of women which will compensate for the declining share of the working age group in the population in the future.

RAJASTHAN

SCHEMES/PROGRAMMES IN NEWS

Civil Aviation Policy-2024

- ❑ The State Cabinet has approved the Civil Aviation Policy, 2024 with the aim of improving regional air connectivity and promoting tourism in the state.
- ❑ The policy focuses on expanding aviation training facilities, aviation transportation services and developing aerospace activities.
- ❑ Under this, flying schools will be opened in Kishangarh, Jhalawar and Bhilwara and a greenfield airport will be built in Kota.
- ❑ Aerocity will be built in Jaipur, in which various infrastructure facilities including hotels and restaurants will be developed.
- ❑ Cargo facility will be started at various airports in the state.
- ❑ The old airstrips of the state will be repaired and made airworthy again.

A Help Scheme

- ❑ A- HELP-Accredited Agent for Health and Extension of Livestock Production.
- ❑ A-Help Scheme being implemented by the Animal Husbandry Department of the Government of Rajasthan, is another initiative of the government towards the empowerment of women. The objective of this scheme is to train accredited agents (Pashu Sakhi) for health and expansion of livestock production.
- ❑ This scheme is a joint initiative of the Union Ministry of Fisheries and Ministry of Rural Development. Rajasthan is the second state in North India to implement this scheme. At present this scheme is operated in 11 states of the country.
- ❑ Under this scheme, a Pashu Sakhi will be trained in almost every Gram Panchayat to assist the animal farmers, through which all the information related to animal husbandry will be available to the animal farmers.

- ❑ Under this, Rajasthan has set a target to train 9000 Pashu Sakhis.

Chief Minister Stop Diarrhea Campaign-2024

- ❑ In order to prevent deaths in children due to diarrhea related diseases. Stop Diarrhea campaign will be conducted from 1st July to 31st August.
- ❑ Under this campaign, health workers will go door-to-door and provide health counselling, ORS packets and zinc tablets to children up to five years of age to prevent diarrhoea.

Ayushman Bharat Health Account (Abha ID)

- ❑ Rajasthan Medical Department will ensure the creation of Abha ID of the common people in the next 2 months (July-August).
- ❑ With the help of 14 digit Abha ID, the people will be able to easily share their old records with any health service provider in a secure and digital form and avail health services effectively.

National Pulse Polio Campaign

- ❑ Under the National Pulse Polio Campaign, the target is to administer pulse polio vaccine to 1.07 crore children in 50 districts of Rajasthan.
- ❑ This campaign was run for 3 days from 30 June to 2 July.

Sampoornata Abhiyan

- ❑ This campaign has been started by NITI Aayog across the country from 4th July 2024. This campaign is being run in 112 districts of the country selected in the Aspirational District Program (ADP) and 500 blocks of 329 districts selected in the Aspirational Block Program (ABP). Through this campaign, programs are being organized to achieve perfection in 6 key indicators.
- ❑ 5 districts of Rajasthan are included in the Aspirational District Program (ADP) and 27 blocks are included in the Aspirational Block Program (ABP). Various activities are being organized here under Sampoornata Abhiyan.
- ❑ Under this campaign, efforts are being made to provide essential government services in health, education, nutrition, sanitation, agriculture and other areas for social development.

- ❑ This campaign will run from 4th July to 30th September 2024.

- *Districts of Rajasthan included in the Aspirational District Program – Baran, Jaisalmer, Dholpur, Karauli, Sirohi.*
- *The Aspirational Block Program includes 1 block each from 27 districts of Rajasthan.*

Mukhyamantri Rojgar Utsav

- ❑ The first state level Mukhyamantri Rojgar Utsav was organized in Jaipur.
- ❑ In this program, Rajasthan Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma gave appointment letters to newly appointed government employees.
- ❑ It is noteworthy that on the lines of Prime Minister Rojgar Utsav, the state government has started Mukhyamantri Rojgar Utsav.

Door-step Ration Delivery

- ❑ This is a new initiative of the state government which has been started under the National Food Security Scheme for such families of the state who are unable to bring ration from the ration shop. In this, the ration dealers themselves will distribute food grains door to door to disable individuals or families who are below 18 years or above 60 years.

Road Safety Plan

- ❑ A 10-year road safety plan is being made in the state, the aim of which is to reduce road accidents in the state by 50 percent by 2030.
- ❑ Rajasthan will be the first state in the country to make such a plan.
- ❑ In this road safety plan, Integrated Road Accident Database (iRAD) software in which data will be used together, through which the causes of road accidents will be identified and accordingly, solutions to the causes of accidents will be found.

Poshit Laado

- ❑ Baran district administration has started 'Poshit Laado' campaign from July 15 with the help of various departments to free the girls studying in various hostels of the district from anemia.
- ❑ This campaign is being run to fulfill the goals identified under the 'Shashakt Baran – Power to Progress' campaign.

Operation Seema

- ❑ Sri Ganganagar administration and district police have jointly launched Operation Seema on June 26, 2024 to combat drug trafficking.
- ❑ Under this, properties of drug smugglers are being confiscated.

PERSON IN NEWS

Justice Shree Chandrashekhar

- ❑ Acting Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court Shree Chandrashekhar has been transferred to Rajasthan High Court.
- ❑ After this, the number of judges in Rajasthan High Court has increased to 33 including the Chief Justice.
- ❑ The total number of judges including the Chief Justice in Rajasthan High Court can be maximum 50.

M L Lather

- ❑ Rajasthan Governor Shri Kalraj Mishra has appointed former Director General of Police of the state M.L. Lather as Chief Information Commissioner.
- ❑ Suresh Gupta, Mahendra Parakh and Tikaram Sharma have been appointed as new members of the state information commission.

Shaurya Chakra Award

- ❑ President Draupadi Murmu has posthumously awarded Shaurya Chakra to Martyr Major Mustafa Bohra of Udaipur and Martyr Major Vikas Bhambu of Hanumangarh.

'The Personal is Political'-Book

- ❑ The book 'The Personal is Political' written by social activist Aruna Roy was launched in Jaipur on July 21.

Dr. Deepa Singh

- ❑ Dr. Deepa Singh from Udaipur district of Rajasthan has been honored with the 'Recognition of Mastery in Medical Aesthetics and Laser' award in the British Parliament.
- ❑ Deepa Singh has been given this award for creating the second world record in the field of 'Clinical Cosmetology and Medical Aesthetics'.

AWARD

Spark Award

- ❑ State Mission Director and Hanumangarh Municipal Council were honored with SPARK Award (Systematic Progressive Analytical Real Time Ranking) for their excellent performance under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana National Urban Livelihood Mission.
- ❑ This award was given by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs in New Delhi.

Rajasthan Housing Board

- ❑ Rajasthan Housing Board was awarded 2 prestigious IBC Awards for Excellence 2023-24 of the Indian Building Congress.
- ❑ Housing Board has received the trophy for Fountain Square along with Exposition Ground in Mansarovar Jaipur. Also received a commendation certificate for All India Service Residency in Pratap Nagar, Jaipur.

Philip Thomas

- ❑ Air Vice Marshal Philip Thomas, posted at the Air Force Headquarters, has been awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal by the President.
- ❑ It is noteworthy that Philip Thomas, a resident of Jodhpur was appointed Commodore Commandant of No. 4 Squadron of MiG 21 Bison deployed at Barmer Air Base last year.
- ❑ He has made a record of 1000 hours flying on MiG 21 Bison aircraft.

SPORTS

Aashi Upadhyay

- ❑ Aashi Upadhyay of Jaipur secured first position in the three-day state level Under-17 Chess Championship held in Bhilwara.
- ❑ In this 5 round competition, Aashi has been selected for the national competition by scoring four and a half marks.
- ❑ Aashi represented Rajasthan in the National Chess Championship on July 15 in Chandigarh.

Tejaswi Gehlot

- ❑ Tejaswi Singh Gehlot has been elected as president of Rajasthan Olympic Association and Surendra Singh Gurjar has been elected to the post of General Secretary.

Shobhana Gurjar

- ❑ Shobhana Gurjar won the gold medal by securing first position in the Senior Master Category 50 meters in the Rajasthan State Shooting Championship held at Jagatpura Shooting Range in Jaipur.

Ramesh

- ❑ Javelin thrower Ramesh from Rajasthan has been selected in the Indian team for the 1st World Deaf Youth and 5th World Deaf Athletics Championships to be held in Taipei, China.

Tulip Osa

- ❑ Tulip Osa of Jaipur won the gold medal in the junior category (46 kg) in the National Junior Taekwondo Championship.
- ❑ Vishal Jat won the bronze medal in this competition.
- ❑ This competition was held at JLN Stadium in Cuttack, Orissa.

Lokesh Bagra

- ❑ Jaipur Police Constable Lokesh Bagra has won silver medal in Penchak Silat (Indonesia Martial Art) in the 9th All India Police Judo Cluster Competition organized by Assam Police in Guwahati.

Manju Bala and Sanjay Kumar

- ❑ Manju Bala (hammer throw 63-66 meters) and Sanjay Kumar (20 km walk in 1 hour 26 minutes 13 seconds) have won gold medals in the 63rd National Inter State Senior Athletics Championship held in Panchkula, Haryana.

Pawan Kumawat

- ❑ Pawan Kumawat of Jaipur won the gold medal in the Incline Bench Press in the 11th World Strength Lifting Championship held in Kazakhstan.

- ❑ He achieved this feat in 76 kg weight category by lifting 245 kg weight.

Bharat Singh

- ❑ Rajasthan's Bharat Singh has been appointed the coach of the Under-20 Indian volleyball team for the Asian Volleyball Tournament to be held in Surabaya, Indonesia from July 23.

Archana Bilonia

- ❑ She won two medals in the 11th World Strength Lifting and Incline Bench Press Competition held in Kazakhstan.
- ❑ Archana won the gold medal in the senior women's strength lifting category in the 80 plus kg category by lifting a weight of 292.5 kg and won the silver medal in the bench press by lifting a weight of 107.5 kg.

Sushil Kumar Meena

- ❑ Sushil Kumar Meena won the gold medal in the trap shooting para event in the 22nd Rajasthan State Championship held at Jagatpura Shooting Range, Jaipur.
- ❑ The 22nd Rajasthan State Championship was a 15 day championship in which more than 5000 shooters from Rajasthan participated.

Juhi Kumawat

- ❑ Juhi Kumawat of Jaipur achieved double success by winning gold and silver medals in the Rajasthan Youth Karate Championship held at Vidyadhar Nagar, Jaipur.
- ❑ Juhi achieved this success in the age group of 11 and 12 years.

State Level Wushu Competition

- ❑ Ridhi Pareek of Jaipur (Taichi girls category) and Shivram of Jodhpur (Taichi boys category) won gold medals in the 18th Junior State Level Wushu Competition.
- ❑ This competition was held at Bhinmal, Jalore.
- ❑ Kiran Pareek of Jaipur won gold medal in 45 kg weight category in this competition.

PLACE IN NEWS**Mandal Block, Bhilwara**

- ❑ Mandal block of Bhilwara district has become the first block in Rajasthan, where clean drinking water is being provided to 100 percent of the houses through tap connections under the Jal Jeevan Mission- Har Ghar Jal Yojana.
- ❑ Availability of pure drinking water has been ensured through 100% functional domestic tap connections in all 29524 houses of this block till July 12.

Aravali

- ❑ The plight of Aravali was discussed in the Stockholm Climate Change International Conference (Sweden), in which illegal mining and urbanization have been cited as the reasons for the destruction of Aravali.

○ *Recently, in May 2024, the Supreme Court had banned the states of Gujarat, Rajasthan, Haryana and Delhi from granting new mining leases and renewing old leases in the Aravalli region.*

MISCELLANEOUS**Gram Nyayalayas**

- ❑ The Supreme Court has suggested states including Rajasthan to increase the number of Gram Nyayalayas.
- ❑ At present, 45 Gram Nyayalayas are fully operational in Rajasthan.
- ❑ The criteria for setting up Gram Nyayalayas in Rajasthan is that the number of pending cases in the respective districts should be minimum 1700 to 2000.

Gram Nyayalayas

The Law Commission of India in its 114th report had suggested the establishment of Gram Nyayalaya to provide affordable and speedy justice to the citizens at their doorstep. The

Gram Nyayalaya Bill was passed by the Parliament on 22 December 2008 and the Gram Nyayalaya Act came into force from 02 October 2009.

Main features of Gram Nyayalaya Act

- *The objective of Gram Nyayalaya is to provide cheap and quick justice to the people in rural areas at their doorstep.*
- *Disputes are resolved through reconciliation between the parties as far as possible.*
- *The Gram Nyayalaya shall not be bound by the rules of evidence provided in the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, but shall be guided by the principles of natural justice subject to any rules made by the High Court.*

National Lok Adalat

- ❑ The second National Lok Adalat of this year was organized by Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RALSA) on July 13, 2024 in various courts including the High Court. For which 512 benches were formed in the subordinate courts, 4 in the Jaipur bench of the High Court and 5 in the Principal Bench at Jodhpur.
- ❑ During this period, most of the pending cases will be heard.
- ❑ Earlier, the first Lok Adalat of this year was held on March 9, 2024.
- ❑ 4 National Lok Adalats are organized by the National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) in a year which is implemented by the Rajasthan State Legal Services Authority (RALSA) at the state level.
- ❑ For the first time in the history of the Indian judicial sector, Lok Adalat was organized in the 'Supreme Court' from July 29 to August 3, 2024, in which 5000 cases from across the country are proposed to be resolved through compromise.

National Lok Adalat

- *Article 39-A of the Indian Constitution ensures equal justice and free legal aid for all.*
- *In pursuance of these objectives, the Legal Services Authorities Act 1987 was enacted by the Parliament to constitute Legal Services Authorities to provide free and competent legal services to the weaker sections of the society so as to ensure that the No citizen should be deprived of opportunities.*

eSakshya App

- ❑ Rajasthan Police has started a new process of collecting digital evidence through a mobile app and storing it on the cloud under the Bharatiya Nagrik Suraksha Sanhita implemented from July 1st.
- ❑ Through this app, the Investigating Officer will be able to install it on his mobile and record the evidence related to the incident in digital form.
- ❑ This app has been prepared by National Informatics Center (NIC).

Rajasthani Development Board

- ❑ The state government has announced the formation of Rajasthani Development Board for the development of Rajasthani language.

Lalit K Panwar Committee

- ❑ Chief Minister Bhajanlal Sharma formed this committee to review 17 new districts and 3 divisions.
- ❑ On the recommendation of Ram Lubhaya Committee, 17 districts and 3 divisions were created.

High Speed Testing Rail Track

- ❑ Asia's first high speed dedicated testing track is being built in Nawan of Jodhpur division.
- ❑ A train with a speed of 220 km per hour can also be tested on it.
- ❑ It will be built in two phases with a total length of 62 km and a cost of Rs 810 crore.

- ❑ It is being developed by Research Design and Standards Organization (RDSO).
- ❑ Trains from abroad will also come here for testing.
- ❑ New technologies related to rolling stock and its components, railway bridges and geotechnics will also be tested on the track.
- ❑ Earlier, speed trials of trains were conducted on the 200 km long track between Kota-Nagda station.

Plastic Waste Road

- ❑ Major General RS Godara inaugurated the city's first road made of plastic waste at Jaipur Military Station.
- ❑ Jaipur Military Station is the second station in India to have constructed road by plastic waste and the first to make it a part of its maintenance programme.
- ❑ Earlier, plastic waste road was built at Narangi Military Station in the north-east region.

IIT-Jodhpur

- ❑ Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Jodhpur decided to teach B.Tech course in Hindi medium along with English.
- ❑ It became the first institute in India to do so among the institutes of national importance.

Calling attention Motion

- ❑ A total of 148 calling attention proposals were brought under Rule 131 in the budget session of Rajasthan Assembly.

About Calling Attention Motion

- *A Calling Attention Motion is introduced in Parliament by members to draw the attention of the government to an urgent public issue.*
- *This proposal can be presented in both the houses of the Parliament, Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha.*
- *There is no voting of any kind on the calling attention motion.*

the prior approval of the Speaker.

- *This concept was first introduced in the Indian Parliament in 1954.*
- *This is mentioned in the rules of procedure of Parliament.*

'Save Our Soul' App (K-SOS)

- ❑ This is a special app developed by Kota Police for the help and safety of coaching students.
- ❑ There is a panic button in this app, once a student press it, Kota police will immediately reach the student to help him and will help by counseling.

622 Gram Panchayats declared TB free in Rajasthan

- ❑ The Health Department has set a target of eliminating tuberculosis by 2025.
- ❑ TB-free campaign to be started in 9,000 gram panchayats of Rajasthan in 2023.
- ❑ 622 Gram Panchayats in Rajasthan have already been declared TB free by the Government of India.
- ❑ During the campaign, ASHA and health workers will go door-to-door twice a year to search for potential TB patients.

Rajasthan Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB)

- ❑ On July 15, Rajasthan Anti Corruption Bureau celebrated its foundation day for the first time.
- ❑ Rajasthan Anti-Corruption Bureau was established on July 15, 1967.
- ❑ 'Building a corruption-free society by adopting zero-tolerance policy' was the main theme of this Foundation Day.

India Stone Mart-2026

- ❑ The 13th India Stone Mart – 2026 will be organized in Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan from 5-8 February 2026.

India Stone Mart

- *India Stone Mart is an important trade fair for the stone industry, organized biennially since its inception in 2000.*
- *India Stone Mart is organized by Center for Development of Stones (CDOS) in collaboration with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI).*

- *Stone Mart is the largest stone exhibition in India and provides comprehensive information on stone materials, products and services.*

Kargil Vijay Diwas

- ❑ Kargil Vijay Diwas was celebrated on 26th July by the Education Department of Rajasthan Government in government and private schools of the state.
- ❑ On July 26, at 11:15 am, employees of all schools and offices collectively paid tribute to the martyrs of the Kargil war by singing the national anthem.
- ❑ Kargil Day was celebrated to commemorate India's victory and the sacrifice of martyrs in the Kargil war between India and Pakistan in 1999.

NATIONAL

PERSON IN NEWS

Nita Ambani

- ❑ Nita Ambani, founder of Reliance Foundation, has been unanimously elected as a member of the International Olympic Committee from India at the 142nd session of the International Olympic Committee held in Paris.
- ❑ Nita Ambani was first elected as a member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) during the Rio Olympics in 2016.
- ❑ Nita Ambani is the first Indian woman to be elected as an IOC member.

Dr. Soumya Swaminathan

- ❑ Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, former Director General of the Indian Council of Medical Research and former Chief Scientist of the World Health Organisation, has been appointed as the Principal Advisor in the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare for the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP).
- ❑ Dr. Soumya Swaminathan heads the Chennai-based MS Swaminathan Research Foundation which works on issues related to agriculture and climate change.

Justice N Kotiswar Singh

- ❑ President Droupadi Murmu has appointed Justice N Kotiswar Singh as a judge of the Supreme Court.
- ❑ Justice N Kotiswar Singh is the first judge from Manipur to be appointed to the Supreme Court.
- ❑ He was currently serving as the Chief Justice of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court.
- ❑ Along with Justice N Kotiswar, Acting Chief Justice of Madras High Court R Mahadevan has also been appointed as a judge in the Supreme Court.

- ❑ With the appointment of these two, the total number of judges in the Supreme Court has become 34, which is equal to the total sanctioned number of judges.

Vikram Misri

- ❑ Vikram Misri, a 1989 batch officer of the Indian Foreign Service, has been appointed as the 35th Foreign Secretary of India.
- ❑ Earlier, Vikram Misri was working as Deputy National Security Advisor.
- ❑ The 34th Foreign Secretary of India was Vinay Mohan Kwatra.

Captain Supreeta CT

- ❑ Captain Supreeta CT has become the first woman officer of the Army Air Defence Corps to be deployed in an operational capacity at the Siachen Glacier.
- ❑ Captain Supreeta CT hails from Mysore, Karnataka.
- ❑ Siachen Glacier is the world's highest battlefield.

Sujata Saunik

- ❑ Senior IAS officer Sujata Saunik has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Maharashtra.
- ❑ Sujata Saunik is the first woman Chief Secretary of the state.

Hemant Soren

- ❑ Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) leader Hemant soren was sworn in as Jharkhand Chief Minister for the third term on July 4th, 2024.
- ❑ Before this, he was chief minister of Jharkhand from 2019 to 2024.

Sumant Sinha

- ❑ Sumant Sinha, Chairman and CEO of clean energy company ReNew Energy, has been appointed co-chair of the 'CEO Climate Leaders Coalition'.

- ❑ The 'CEO Climate Leaders Coalition' is the world's largest CEO-led climate coalition. It is a flagship initiative of the World Economic Forum.

Vinay Kwatra

- ❑ Former Foreign Secretary of India Vinay Mohan Kwatra has been appointed as India's Ambassador to the US.
- ❑ Vinay Mohan Kwatra has recently retired from the post of Foreign Secretary.

Rajendra Khanna

- ❑ Rajendra Khanna, Deputy NSA has been appointed as an additional NSA (National Security Adviser).
- ❑ Ajit Kumar Doval is the current national security adviser (NSA) of India.

Shekhar Kapur

- ❑ Filmmaker Shekhar Kapur has been appointed as the Festival Director of the 55th and 56th editions of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) to be held in Goa.
- ❑ The 55th edition of IFFI will be held from 20 to 28 November 2024.

Sheel Nagu

- ❑ The President of India has appointed Madhya Pradesh High Court Judge Sheel Nagu as the Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.

Dr. MS Valiathan

- ❑ Dr. MS Valiathan, India's top cardiologist and innovator of indigenous medical devices, passed away at the age of 90.
- ❑ Dr. MS Valiathan developed a low-cost mechanical heart valve for heart patients.
- ❑ Dr. MS Valiathan was awarded the Padma Vibhushan and the Dr. BC Roy Award, the highest award for doctors, for his contribution to the field of medicine.

Kamla Pujari

- ❑ Odisha resident Kamala Pujari, awarded Padma Shri, passed away at the age of 76.

- ❑ Kamala Pujari is known for her contribution to organic farming and conservation of hundreds of indigenous varieties of paddy.
- ❑ He played an important role in the conservation of rare varieties of paddy like Tili, Machakanta, Dhanatiya and Phula.
- ❑ Due to the efforts of Kamla Pujari, the United Nations Fertilizer and Agriculture Organization (FAO) declared Koraput district of Odisha as a Globally Important Agricultural Heritage Site in 2012.
- ❑ Koraput was selected by the United Nations for the Equator Initiative Award. This award was presented to Kamala Pujari during the Earth Summit held in Johannesburg, South Africa in the year 2002.

Muchkund Dubey

- ❑ Former Foreign Secretary Muchkund Dubey died on July 10th.
- ❑ He was the 17th Foreign Secretary of India during 1990–91.
- ❑ Late Shri Muchkund Dubey was also a famous translator and litterateur.

**SCHEMES/
PROGRAMMES IN NEWS****Digital Bharat Nidhi**

- ❑ Digital Bharat Nidhi is a new initiative focused on providing universal and easy access to telecom services in under served regions.
- ❑ Recently The Department of Tele-communications (DoT) released draft rules to operationalise the Digital Bharat Nidhi.
- ❑ Digital Bharat Nidhi would replace the erstwhile Universal Services Obligation fund (USOF).

Yashaswini Awareness Campaign

- ❑ The Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) in collaboration with the Ministry of Rural Development and Mahila Udyamita Manch organized the first Yashaswini Awareness Campaign for women entrepreneurs on 19th July 2024 at Rajasthan International Centre, Jaipur.

- ❑ The campaign organised technical sessions on Government of India's initiatives to facilitate access to credit, markets and capacity building for women entrepreneurs.
- ❑ The Yashaswini Abhiyaan is a series of public awareness campaigns to provide capacity building, training, support and guidance to informal micro enterprises owned by women.

One Scientist-One Product Programme

- ❑ The 'One Scientist - One Product' programme of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) was inaugurated by the Union Agriculture Minister on 16 July.
- ❑ The aim of the 'One Scientist-One Product' programme of ICAR is to improve research in the field of agriculture and animal husbandry.
- ❑ The duration of this programme will be five years. In the first year, priority will be given to research related to seeds of high-yielding varieties of oilseeds and pulses.

Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)

- *The Indian Council of Agricultural Research is an autonomous organization under the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers, Government of India.*
- *ICAR was established on 16 July 1927 as a registered society under the Societies Registration Act 1860 based on the report of the Royal Commission on Agriculture.*
- *ICAR was formerly known as the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research.*
- *ICAR celebrated its 96th Foundation Day in July 2024.*
- *ICAR is headquartered in New Delhi.*

Seher Program

- ❑ Seher is a credit education program launched by Mahila Entrepreneurship Forum and TransUnion Civil that will empower women entrepreneurs in India with financial literacy content and business skills.
- ❑ The Mahila Entrepreneurship Forum is a public private partnership platform developed by NITI Aayog and TransUnion Civil, India's leading information and insights company.

Project Pari

- ❑ The Ministry of Culture, Government of India has launched Project Pari (Public Arts of India) on the occasion of the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee meeting to be held in New Delhi from 21 to 31 July 2024.
- ❑ Under this, Lalit Kala Akademi, an autonomous body under the Ministry of Culture, has invited more than 150 visual artists from across the country.
- ❑ Project Pari is being implemented by Lalit Kala Akademi and National Museum of Modern Art.
- ❑ Project Pari aims to bring out such folk arts which draw inspiration from thousands of years of artistic heritage while incorporating modern themes and techniques.

Clean Village, Pure Water-Better Tomorrow Campaign

- ❑ The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation, Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India has launched an awareness campaign 'Swachh Gaon, Shudh Jal-Behtar Kal' on safe water and sanitation in rural areas from 1 July to 31 August 2024.
- ❑ This campaign has been launched to raise awareness at the village and panchayat level and promote the use of safe water and sanitation practices.

Krishi Katha

- ❑ A blogsite Krishi Katha was launched by the Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Government of India.

- ❑ Krishi Katha aims to serve as a digital platform to showcase the voice of Indian farmers.

Smart Cities Mission

- ❑ The centre has extended the smart cities mission (SCM) under the union urban development ministry till march 31, 2025.
- ❑ Under the smart cities mission (SCM), 100 cities were chosen to be developed as smart cities.
- ❑ The mission was launched in june, 2015 and 8000 multi-sectoral projects are being developed in 100 cities.

MISCELLANEOUS**Bannerghatta Biological Park**

- ❑ The country's largest leopard safari was inaugurated on June 24th at Bannerghatta Biological Park.
- ❑ Bannerghatta Biological Park is located in Bengaluru, Karnataka.

New Base year for GDP

- ❑ The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) has Notified the setting up of a 26 member panel to oversee the revision of the base year for national accounts.
- ❑ The Panel was headed by Biswanath Goldar, former professor of Institute of Economic growth.
- ❑ The tenure of this committee will be five years or till the completion of next base year revision of national accounts whichever is later.

India in Paris

- ❑ To promote India's Olympic campaign, an inaugural race called 'Bharat in Paris' was held at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in New Delhi on 14 July.

Alone in the Ring

- ❑ Former Indian Army Chief NC Vij wrote the book 'Alone in the Ring' on the 1999 Kargil War.

Maitri

- ❑ The 13th edition of the India-Thailand joint military exercise Maitri was held from 1 to 15 July 2024 at Fort Wachiraprakun in Tak Province, Thailand.

- ❑ The 12th edition of the Maitri exercise was held in Umroi, Meghalaya in 2019.

Indian Navy Half Marathon

- ❑ The first Indian Navy Half Marathon will be held on 2 February 2025 in New Delhi.
- ❑ The aim of the Indian Navy Half Marathon is to promote health, fitness and community engagement, as well as strengthen the Navy's relationship with civil society.

International Biology Olympiad 2024

- ❑ The Indian team has won one gold and three silver medals in the 35th International Biology Olympiad.
- ❑ Vedant Sakre (Maharashtra) - Gold Medal
- ❑ Ishan Pednekar (Maharashtra) - Silver Medal
- ❑ Sreejith Shivakumar (Tamil Nadu) Silver Medal 449
- ❑ Yashasvi Kumar (Uttar Pradesh) - Silver Medal
- ❑ The 35th International Biology Olympiad 2024 was held on 13 July in Astana, Kazakhstan.

NITI Aayog

- ❑ The Government of India has reorganized NITI Aayog on 16 July. It includes 15 Union Ministers including four full-time members.
- ❑ Chairman - Prime Minister Narendra Modi
Vice Chairman - Suman K Beri
- Full-time Members -
 - V K Saraswat, Scientist
 - Ramesh Chand, Agricultural Economist
 - V K Paul, Pediatrician
 - Arvind Virmani, Economist
- Ex-officio Members
 - Rajnath Singh, Defence Minister
 - Amit Shah, Home Minister
 - Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Agriculture Minister
 - Nirmala Sitharaman, Finance Minister
- Special Invitee Members
 - Nitin Gadkari - Road Transport and Highways Minister

- Jagat Prakash Nadda - Health Minister
- HD Kumaraswamy - Heavy Industries and Steel Minister
- Jitan Ram Manjhi - Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Minister
- Rajiv Ranjan Singh/Lalan Singh - Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister
- Virendra Kumar - Social Justice and Empowerment
- Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu - Civil Aviation
- Jual Oram - Tribal Affairs
- Annapurna Devi - Women and Child Development
- Chirag Paswan - Food Processing Industries
- Rao Indrajit Singh - Statistics and Programme Implementation

National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog)

NITI Aayog was formed on 1 January 2015 by a resolution of the Union Cabinet in place of the Planning Commission.

World Audio-visual and Entertainment Summit (WAVES)

- ❑ India will host the first World Audio-visual and Entertainment Summit along with the International Film Festival in November 2024.
- ❑ The first World Audio-visual and Entertainment Summit will be held in Goa from 20 to 24 November.
- ❑ The aim of WAVES is to present India as a business-friendly country and an investment destination in the region.

Agri Sure

- ❑ Noob Ventures, a subsidiary of National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), on July 12, 2024 launched Agri Sure, a Rs 750 crore agriculture fund for agriculture startups and rural enterprises.

- ❑ The fund has been created to support 85 agriculture startups with an investment size of up to Rs 25 crore each.
- ❑ NABARD and the agriculture ministry will contribute Rs 250 crore each to the fund and the rest will be raised from other institutions.

Indian Temple Museum

- ❑ The Uttar Pradesh government has approved the proposal of Tata Sons to build a temple museum in Ayodhya.
- ❑ The Indian Temple Museum will be built by Tata Sons in Manjha Jamthara village of Sadar tehsil of Ayodhya at a cost of Rs 650 crore from the Corporate Social Responsibility fund.

Chadwick House Navigating Audit Heritage Museum

- ❑ The Comptroller and Auditor General of India inaugurated the first Comptroller and Auditor General of India Museum at Chadwick House in Shimla, Himachal Pradesh.
- ❑ In 1946, Mahatma Gandhi stayed at Chadwick House while attending the Cabinet Mission meeting.
- ❑ After independence, in 1950, the first training school for the aspirants of the Indian Audit and Accounts Service was also opened at Chadwick House.

Prime Minister's visit to the Russian Federation and the Republic of Austria

- ❑ Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi paid an official visit to the Russian Federation and the Republic of Austria from 8-10 July 2024.
- ❑ During his visit to the Russian Federation, the Prime Minister participated in the 22nd India-Russia Annual Summit.
- ❑ President of the Russian Federation Vladimir Putin conferred Russia's highest civilian award "Order of St. Andrew the Apostle" on Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi.
- ❑ During his visit to Austria, the Prime Minister held bilateral talks with Austrian President Alexander Van der Bellen and Chancellor Nehammer.

- ❑ This is the first visit of any Indian Prime Minister to Austria after 41 years. This year is the 75th year of political relations between the two countries.
- ❑ Earlier, Indian Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru visited Austria in 1955 and Smt. Indira Gandhi in 1971 and 1983.

DD Robocon

- ❑ IIT Delhi and Prasar Bharati have organized a two-day robot competition 'DD Robocon India 2024' at Thyagaraj Stadium in New Delhi.
- ❑ The winning team of DD Robocon will represent India at the International Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Union Robocon 2024 to be held in Quang Ninh, Vietnam.

Power Within: The Leadership Legacy of Narendra Modi

- ❑ This book on the Prime Minister of India is written by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam.

Tripur

- ❑ The first of the two warships under construction for the Indian Navy by Goa Shipyard Limited was launched in Goa on 23 July. This warship has been named "Tripur".
- ❑ The Tripur ship is equipped with stealth features, advanced weapons and sensors and platform management systems.
- ❑ The Tripur ship has been built indigenously in line with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative.

Ganatantra Mandap and Ashoka Mandap

- ❑ The two important halls of the Rashtrapati Bhavan of India, Durbar Hall and Ashoka Hall, have been renamed as Ganatantra Mandap and Ashoka Mandap respectively.
- ❑ The Durbar Hall is the venue for important ceremonies and festivities such as the presentation of National Awards. While the Ashoka Hall was originally a ball room.

Moidam

- ❑ Charaideo Moidam has been included in the UNESCO World Heritage List in the Cultural category as the 43rd World Heritage Site of India during the 46th session of the World Heritage Committee.
- ❑ Moidam is the "mound burial system" of the Ahom kings of Assam. This Moidam is located in Charaideo, Assam.
- ❑ Moidam is the third World Heritage Site of Assam. Kaziranga National Park and Manas Wildlife Sanctuary were included in the Natural category in 1985.
- ❑ India ranks sixth in the world in terms of World Heritage Sites.

World Heritage Committee

- ❑ The World Heritage Committee is a committee of UNESCO responsible for the implementation of the World Heritage Convention, the use of the World Heritage Fund, and the addition and removal of sites from the World Heritage List.
- ❑ The 46th session of the World Heritage Committee was held from 21 to 31 July at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi.
- ❑ This is the first time that India hosted a session of the World Heritage Committee.
- ❑ The logo of the 46th World Heritage Committee meeting depicts the chariot of the Vijaya Vittala Temple in Hampi (Karnataka). The tagline of this logo is - "Sah Nau Yashah".

Advisory Council of the Sixteenth Finance Commission

- ❑ The Sixteenth Finance Commission has constituted a five-member Advisory Council-
 - (i) Dr. D.K. Shrivastava
 - (ii) Neelkanth Mishra
 - (iii) Dr. Poonam Gupta
 - (iv) Pranjul Bhandari
 - (v) Rahul Bajoria

- ❑ Dr. Poonam Gupta has been appointed as the Convener of the Advisory Council.

Gati Shakti University

- ❑ Indian Railways' Gati Shakti University located in Vadodara, Gujarat and European company Airbus have signed an agreement in New Delhi for aerospace education and research.
- ❑ The agreement includes a full scholarship program for 40 students of Gati Shakti University for the entire program duration, establishment of a Center of Excellence at GSV and establishment of the post of Airbus Aviation Chair Professor at GSV.

- Gati Shakti University was established in the year 2022 through an Act of Parliament.
- This central university is sponsored by the Ministry of Railways, Government of India and its first Chancellor is Ashwini Vaishnav, Minister of Railways, Information and Broadcasting, Electronics and IT.
- With a special focus on transport and logistics sectors, GAV is the first university of its kind which aims to fulfill the mandate of national development plans (PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan 2021 and National Logistics Policy 2022) in railways, shipping, ports, highways, roads, waterways and aviation etc.

Weapon Systems School (WSS)

- ❑ The Weapon Systems School was inaugurated by Air Chief Marshal at Air Force Station, Begumpet, Hyderabad on 1 July 2024.
- ❑ Air Vice Marshal Premkumar Krishnaswamy has been appointed as the Commandant of WSS.

INTERNATIONAL

PLACE IN NEWS

Paraguay

- ❑ Paraguay has become the 100th member to become a full member of the International Solar Alliance.
- ❑ Paraguay is a landlocked country located in South America. It is surrounded by Bolivia, Argentina and Brazil.
- ❑ The capital of Paraguay is Asuncion.

International Solar Alliance (ISA)

- *The ISA was launched by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron on 30 November 2015 during COP-21 in Paris.*
- *The ISA is headquartered in the campus of National Institute of Solar Energy, Gurugram.*

PERSON IN NEWS

Keir Starmer

- ❑ Keir Starmer elected as prime minister of United Kingdom.
- ❑ He is the 74th prime minister of Britain.
- ❑ His labour party won 326 out of the 650 seats.
- ❑ 26 Indian origin MPs are elected in British parliament in 2024 elections.
- ❑ Keir starmer defeated Rishi sunak's conservative party.

Ursula von der Leyen

- ❑ German politician Ursula von der Leyen has been appointed President of the European Commission for the next five years.
- ❑ Portugal's Antonio Costa has been elected President of the European Council.

European Union

- *The European Union, established in 1993, is an alliance of 27 European countries, whose aim is to remove trade, economic and social barriers and promote prosperity in these areas.*
- *The office of the European Union is located in Brussels, Belgium.*
- *Before Britain left the European Union in 2019, 28 countries were its members.*

KP Sharma Oli

- ❑ KP Sharma Oli has been appointed as the Prime Minister of Nepal for the third time on 14 July by Nepal's President Ram Chandra Paudel.
- ❑ The process of formation of a new government was started according to Article 76 (2) of the Constitution after outgoing Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal Prachanda lost the trust vote in the House of Representatives on 12 July.
- ❑ KP Sharma Oli will lead a coalition government of Nepal Communist Party Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML) and Nepali Congress (NC).

Paul Kagame

- ❑ President Paul Kagame of the African country Rwanda has been re-elected for the fourth term.
- ❑ Paul Kagame, the candidate of the ruling Rwandan Patriotic Front (RPF), has secured 99.15 percent votes.

Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar

- ❑ Sultan Ibrahim Iskandar has been formally sworn in as the 17th Sultan of Malaysia.
- ❑ Malaysia has the only system of government in the world in which the rulers of the nine Malay states take turns as the Sultan of Malaysia for a term of 5 years.
- ❑ In Malaysia, the Sultan plays a ceremonial role while the real administrative power lies with the Prime Minister and the Parliament.

Dick Schoof

- ❑ Dick Schoof elected as a Prime Minister of Netherland.
- ❑ For the first time since World War-II, Netherlands is led by a prime minister who is not aligned with a political party.

General Jennie Carignan

- ❑ The Canadian government has appointed lieutenant general carignan as chief of the defence staff on 18th july 2024.
- ❑ She will be first woman to hold the post of chief of defence staff (the highest position in the country's armed forces.)

Frank Duckworth

- ❑ Frank Duckworth, a British statistician and one of the inventors of the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern (DLS) method, died at the age of 84.
- ❑ The Duckworth-Lewis method, introduced to determine the result in rain-affected cricket matches, was devised by Frank Duckworth and Tony Lewis.
- ❑ Some modifications were made in the Duckworth-Lewis method by Australian statistician Steven Stern, after which it was renamed as the Duckworth-Lewis-Stern method.

Nguyen Phu Trong

- ❑ The head of Vietnam's ruling Communist Party, Nguyen Phu Trong, died at the age of 80.
- ❑ Nguyen Phu Trong also served as the President of Vietnam from 2018 to 2020.
- ❑ The Marxist-Leninist Nguyen Phu Trong's 'Bamboo Diplomacy' played an important role in shaping Vietnam's relations with China and the US.

Ismail Kadare

- ❑ Ismail Kadare (The albanian novelist and poet) dies at the age of 88 years at tirana (The Albanian capital).
- ❑ His first novel, The General of the Dead Army was got the international fame in 1970.

- ❑ He wrote many novels including 'The Siege', 'Chronicle in Stone', 'The Great Winter' and 'Broken April'.

Award**The Knight of the Legion of Honour (Chevalier de la Légion d'Honneur Award)**

- ❑ Roshni Nadar Malhotra, Chairperson of Indian IT services company HCL Tech, has been awarded France's highest civilian honour, the 'Knight of the Legion of Honour'.
- ❑ The Knight of the Legion of Honour was established in the year 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte.

12th Vishwa Hindi Samman Award

- ❑ Dr. Usha Thakur was awarded the 12th Vishwa Hindi Samman for her contribution to Hindi literature in the Hindi Samvaad program organized by the Indian Embassy in Nepal.
- ❑ Vishwa Hindi Samman Award is given by the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India.
- ❑ The 12th World Hindi Conference was held in Fiji in the year 2023.

MISCELLANEOUS**Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit-2024**

- ❑ The SCO Summit-2024 was held at Astana in Kazakshtan.
- ❑ India's association with the SCO started in 2005 as a observer country, on 9th of June, 2017 India became full Member of the SCO.
- ❑ The SCO was founded In Shanghai in 2001 by the presidents of Russia, China, the Kyrgyz Republic, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.
- ❑ The SCO is an influential economic and Security bloc that has energed as one of the largest transregional inter national organisations.

Mashco Piro tribe

- ❑ Survival International, an NGO working for indigenous rights, has released rare photographs of people from the Mashco Piro tribe.

- ❑ The Mashco Piro are possibly the largest of the more than 100 uncontacted tribes in the world.
- ❑ This nomadic hunter-gatherer tribe lives in the forests of Peru's Madre de Dios region, near the border with Brazil and Bolivia.

Typhoon Gaemi

- ❑ A state of emergency has been declared in the Philippines capital Manila due to heavy rains caused by Typhoon Gaemi.
- ❑ Typhoon Gaemi is known as Typhoon Carina in the Philippines.
- ❑ Typhoon Gaemi is a Category 4 tropical storm that originated in the western Pacific Ocean.

45th Scientific Conference of the Committee on Space Research (COSPAR)-

- ❑ The 45th Scientific Conference of the Committee on Space Research was organized in Busan, Korea from 13 to 21 July.
- ❑ In this conference, Indian space scientist Prahlad Chandra Agarwal was awarded the "Harry Massey Award".
- ❑ Anil Bhardwaj, Director of Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad was honored with the "Vikram Sarabhai Medal". This medal is jointly awarded by COSPAR and Indian Space Research Organization.
- ❑ COSPAR is a scientific committee of the International Science Council (ISC). Its secretariat is located in Paris, France.

Colombo Process

- ❑ India chaired the first meeting as Chair of the "Colombo Process" at the Permanent Representative level meeting at the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Headquarters in Geneva.
- ❑ The Colombo Process is a regional consultative process involving 12 Member States in Asia that primarily serve as countries of origin for migrant workers.
- ❑ The Secretariat of the Colombo Process is managed by IOM and headquartered in Geneva.

Hindi @ UN Project

- ❑ India has contributed \$1.16 million to the United Nations for the "Hindi@UN Project" to promote Hindi.
- ❑ India launched the Hindi@UN Project in 2018 to enhance the public outreach of the United Nations in the Hindi language and to spread greater awareness about global issues among millions of Hindi speaking people around the world.

Henley Passport Index 2024

- ❑ India is ranked 82nd in the Henley Passport Index 2024 with visa-free access to 58 countries.
- ❑ Singapore tops the index with visa-free access to 195 countries.
- ❑ The Henley Passport Index is a global ranking of countries based on the travel freedom granted to their citizens by their ordinary passports.
- ❑ The index is released by UK-based research organisation Henley & Partners.

Avian Flu Vaccination

- ❑ Finland is working on a plan to provide preventive avian flu vaccination to workers who come into contact with animals.
- ❑ Finland is the first country in the world to vaccinate humans for avian flu.

Second BIMSTEC Foreign Ministers Meeting

- ❑ The second meeting of the Foreign Ministers of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) was held in New Delhi on 11 July.
- ❑ The first BIMSTEC Foreign Ministers Meeting was held in Bangkok, Thailand in the year 2023.
- ❑ BIMSTEC is a group of seven south and southeast asian countries for multifunctional cooperation. It includes India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Thailand, Nepal and Bhutan.

International Mathematical Olympiad

- ❑ India has secured fourth position in the International Mathematical Olympiad by winning four gold medals and one silver medal.
- ❑ The International Mathematical Olympiad was organized in Bath, UK from 11 to 22 July.

Pitch Black 2024

- ❑ A contingent of the Indian Air Force has arrived at the Royal Australian Air Force Base, Darwin, Australia to participate in Exercise Pitch Black 2024.
- ❑ Pitch Black is a biennial multinational exercise organised by the Royal Australian Air Force.
- ❑ Pitch Black 2024 will be held in Australia from 12 July to 2 August. 20 countries will participate in it.
- ❑ The Indian Air Force has previously participated in the 2018 and 2022 editions of this exercise.

Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction

- ❑ The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister of India has given its approval for India to sign the Agreement on Biodiversity Beyond National Jurisdiction (BBNJ).
- ❑ The BBNJ Agreement or High Seas Treaty is an international treaty under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea. It aims to address growing concerns over the long-term conservation of marine biodiversity in the high seas.
- ❑ The BBNJ Agreement was agreed in March 2023 and is open for signature for the next two years from September 2023.
- ❑ The BBNJ Agreement will become a legally binding international treaty after 120 days after ratification by 60 countries.
- ❑ As of June 2024, 91 countries have signed the agreement and eight have ratified it.

Mutual Recognition Agreement for Organic Products

- ❑ The Mutual Recognition Agreement for Organic Products between India and Taiwan was implemented on 8 July 2024 during the 9th Working Group meeting on Trade with Taiwan in New Delhi.
- ❑ This agreement between India and Taiwan is the first bilateral agreement for organic products.

86th Session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission

- ❑ India, as a member elected geographically from Asia, participated in the 86th Session of the Executive Committee of the Codex Alimentarius Commission, held from 1 to 5 July at the Food and Agriculture Organization Headquarters in Rome.
- ❑ The Codex Alimentarius Commission is an international body established by the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization with the objective of protecting consumer health and promoting fair practices in the food trade.

International Conference on Steel Slag Road

- ❑ The first International Conference on Steel Slag Road was organized by Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)-Central Road Research Institute (CRRI) and PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry on 29 June in New Delhi.
- ❑ India's first steel slag road was constructed in April 2022 by ArcelorMittal and Neon Steel India and CSIR-CRRI at Hazira, Surat. This sustainable road project was included in the India Book of Records and Asia Book of Records.

Steel Slag

- *Steel slag is one of the major solid wastes generated during the steel manufacturing process.*
- *CSIR-CRRI has developed a technology for making eco-friendly roads from steel slag through a research programme sponsored by the Ministry of Steel.*

Nomadic Elephant

- ❑ The Nomadic Elephant is a joint military exercise between India and Mongolia.
- ❑ The 16th edition of this exercise was held from 3 to 16 July at Foreign Training Node, Umroi (Meghalaya).
- ❑ The 15th edition of Nomadic Elephant was held in Mongolia in July 2023.

Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise

- ❑ RIMPAC is the world's largest multilateral naval exercise.
- ❑ RIMPAC 2024 was held from 27 June to 7 July at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, USA.
- ❑ Stealth frigate INS Shivalik participated in RIMPAC 2024 from India's side.

Global India AI Summit 2024

- ❑ The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, Government of India organized the Global India AI Summit 2024 from 3rd to 4th July at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.
- ❑ The aim of this summit is to promote cooperation and knowledge exchange, which underlines India's commitment to the ethical and inclusive development of AI technology.
- ❑ On this occasion, India also hosted member countries and experts as the Chair of the Global Partnership on Artificial Intelligence (GPAI).
- ❑ The 6th Ministerial Council Meeting of GPAI was held in hybrid mode on 3rd July at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Freedom Edge

- ❑ Freedom Edge is the first trilateral multi-domain warfare exercise of South Korea, the United States and Japan.
- ❑ Freedom Edge was held from June 27 to 29 on the southern island of Jeju in South Korea.

Carbon Tax on Cattle Farmers

- ❑ Denmark has become the first country in the world to impose a carbon tax on cattle farmers.
- ❑ It is designed to meet Denmark's goal of carbon neutrality by 2045.
- ❑ Denmark will impose this tax from 2030 on animals such as cattle and pigs that release methane (greenhouse gas).
- ❑ Denmark is a major agricultural and pork exporter.

Hurricane Beryl

- ❑ Hurricane Beryl is the earliest storm on record to achieve category 5 status during the Atlantic hurricane season.

FATF Mutual Evaluation Report 2023-24

- ❑ India has achieved an “outstanding outcome” in the Mutual Evaluation conducted during 2023-24 by the Financial Action Task Force (FATF).
- ❑ The Mutual Evaluation Report of India, Which Was adopted in the FATF Plenary held in Singapore from June 26 and June 28, Places India in the “regular follow up” Category.
- ❑ India Which has been a member of the FATF since 2010, is also a member of its Steering group.
- ❑ The FATF is an intergovernmental organization established in 1989 as the international observer to combat money laundering, terrorist financing and other related threats to the integrity of the international financial System.

SPORTS

Manu Bhakar

- ❑ Indian shooters Manu Bhakar and Sarabjot Singh have won bronze medals in the mixed 10 meter air pistol shooting event at the Paris Olympics 2024.
- ❑ Manu Bhakar has won the bronze medal in the women's 10 meter air pistol event.
- ❑ Manu Bhakar became the first Indian athlete to win two medals in the same edition of the Olympics.

Vishwanathan Anand

- ❑ Vishwanathan Anand won the Leon Masters Chess Tournament, Spain.
- ❑ He won this title in 1996 for the first time and this was his 10th title of this event.
- ❑ In the Final, Anand defeated Jaime Santos Latasa of Spain (3-1.)

International Tennis Hall of Fame

- ❑ Former world number one tennis doubles player Leander Paes of India and tennis commentator and tennis player Vijay Amritraj have become the first Asian male players to be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Rhode Island USA on July 20, 2024.
- ❑ Vijay Amritraj has won 15 ATP singles titles. Amritraj has been inducted in the contributor category.
- ❑ Leander Paes has been an 18-time Grand Slam champion in doubles and mixed doubles. Paes has been inducted in the player category.
- ❑ India has become the 28th country to be represented in the International Tennis Hall of Fame.
- ❑ British sports journalist Richard Evans has also been inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in the contributor category.

Gagan Narang

- ❑ Shooter Gagan Narang, bronze medallist in the men's 10m air rifle event at the 2012 Olympics, has been named Chef-de-Mission of the Indian contingent for the Paris Olympics 2024.

Chef-de-Mission

- *The Chef-de-Mission is an important administrative position. He is responsible for ensuring the welfare of the athletes participating in the Olympics, looking after their needs and liaising with the organising committee.*

- ❑ The Indian Olympic Committee has named badminton player PV Sindhu and table tennis player A. Sharath Kamal as the flag bearers of India at the Paris Olympics.

All India Football Federation Annual Awards

- ❑ The All India Football Federation has announced the annual awards after a gap of seven years.
 1. Player of the Year (Men) - Lallian Chhangte
 2. Player of the Year (Women) - Indumathi Kathiresan
 3. Promising Player of the Year (Men) - David Lalhlansanga
 4. Promising Player of the Year (Women) - Neha
 5. Coach of the Year -
 - Men - Alid Jamil
 - Women - Shukla Dutta
 6. Referee of the Year - Ramachandran Venkatesh
 7. Assistant Referee of the Year - Ujjwal Halder

Deepa Malik

- ❑ India's first female Paralympic medalist Deepa Malik has been named the sub-regional representative for South Asia by the Asian Paralympic Committee.

- ❑ Deepa Malik's role will be to represent South Asian countries in the Asian Paralympic Committee and work for the development and promotion of para sports across the region.
- ❑ Deepa Malik was awarded the country's highest sports honour Rajiv Gandhi Sports Ratna in the year 2018.

Abhinav Bindra

- ❑ Indian shooter Abhinav Bindra will be awarded the 'Olympic Order' by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) for his outstanding contribution to the Olympic Games.
- ❑ This award will be given during the 142nd IOC session in Paris on August 10, a day before the closing of the Paris Olympics.
- ❑ The Olympic Order is the highest award of the IOC which is given for outstanding contribution to the Olympic Games.
- ❑ Abhinav Bindra won India's first individual Olympic gold medal by winning the men's 10 meter air rifle event at the 2008 Beijing Olympics.

International Cricket Council (ICC) Development Awards

- ❑ The International Cricket Council has awarded the ICC Development Awards for the year 2023 to six countries in Associate Cricket-
 - Mexico ➤ Oman
 - Netherlands ➤ United Arab Emirates
 - Nepal ➤ Scotland
- ❑ The ICC Development Awards were introduced in 2002 to recognise the efforts and achievements of Associate Member Countries of the ICC.

Wimbledon Tennis Tournament-2024

- ❑ Wimbledon is a grass court Grand Slam tournament. It is the oldest Grand Slam tournament.
- ❑ Wimbledon 2024 was held in London, England from 1 July to 14 July.
- ❑ Spain's Carlos Alcaraz defeated Serbia's Novak Djokovic to win the Wimbledon 2024 men's singles title.

- ❑ Carlos Alcaraz has won the Wimbledon men's singles title for the second consecutive time, while Novak Djokovic (7 times) holds the record for winning the title the most number of times.
- ❑ Other winners-runners-up -
 - Women's Singles
 - Winner - Barbora Krejčíková (Czech Republic)
 - Runner-up - Jasmine Paolini (Italy)
 - Men's Doubles
 - Winner - Max Purcell and Jordan Thompson (Australia)
 - Runner-up - Harri Halovaara (Finland) Henry Patton (Britain)
 - Women's Doubles
 - Winner - Taylor Townsend (USA) Katrenia Siniakova (Czech Republic)
 - Runner-up - Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) Erin Routliffe (New Zealand)
 - Mixed Doubles
 - Winner - Jan Zielinski (Poland)
 - Runner-up - Jasmine Paolini (Italy)
 - Men's Doubles
 - Cr Winner- Jan Zielinski (Poland) Hsieh Su-Wei (Taiwan)
 - Runners-up- Giuliana Olmos, Santiago González (Mexico)

European Football Championship (Euro Cup) 2024

- ❑ Spain defeated England to win the European Football Championship for a record fourth time.
- ❑ The European Football Championship was held in Berlin, Germany.

Copa America Championship-2024

- ❑ Argentina has won the Copa America Championship for the second consecutive time by defeating Colombia at the Hard Rock Stadium in Miami, USA.

- ❑ Argentina has won the championship for a record 16th time.
- ❑ Argentina's Lautaro Martineg (total 5 goals) has won the Copa America Golden Boot award.

ISSF Junior World Cup

- ❑ Indian shooter Sabira Haris has won the bronze medal in the women's trap event at the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) Junior World Cup.
- ❑ Bhavtegh Singh Gill has won the silver medal in the men's skeet event.
- ❑ With these two medals, India has finished third in the medal tally after USA and Italy.
- ❑ The Shotgun Junior World Cup was held in Porpetto, Italy.

Asian Doubles Squash Championship

- ❑ In the Asian Doubles Squash Championship, India's Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar won the men's doubles title by defeating Malaysia's Ong Sai Hung and Syafik Kamal.
- ❑ The mixed doubles title was won by the pair of Abhay Kumar and Joshna Chinappa by defeating Hong Kong's Tong Tsz and Tang Ming Hong.
- ❑ The Asian Doubles Squash Championship was held in Johor, Malaysia.

Committee to review the organization of T20 World Cup-2024

- ❑ The International Cricket Council (ICC) on 22 July formed a three-member committee to review the organization of the T20 World Cup.
- ❑ The committee includes former New Zealand batsman Roger Twose, Lawson Naidu and Imran Khawaja.
- ❑ The T20 World Cup 2024 was organized from June 1 to June 29 under the co-hosting of West Indies and the United States.

Commonwealth Junior and Cadet Championships-2024

- ❑ India has won a total of four medals (one silver, three bronze) in the Commonwealth Junior and Cadet Championships 2024.

Medal winners-

- Harshit Kohli - Silver medal in sabre team event
- Shreya Gupta - Bronze medal in sabre individual event
- Chhavi Sharma - Bronze medal in sabre team event
- Sufyan Waheed Sohil - Bronze medal in AP team event

- ❑ Commonwealth Junior and Cadet Championships 2024 was held in New Zealand.

Asia Snooker Championship-2024

- ❑ Dhruv Sitwala of India defeated Pankaj Advani to win the men's billiards title of the Asian Championship.
- ❑ Anupama Ramachandran of India defeated Panchaya Channoi of Thailand to win the women's snooker event in the Asian Championship.
- ❑ The Asian Snooker Championship was held in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia from 27 June to 5 July.

Kapil Dev

- ❑ Former captain of the 1983 World Cup-winning Indian cricket team, Kapil Dev has been appointed as the President of 'Professional Golf Tour of India'.
- ❑ He will take over H R Srinivasan, whose tenure has ended.

Hockey India Masters Cup

- ❑ Hockey India recently announced inaugural Masters Cup, which will feature veteran players in mens and womens categories in the tournament.
- ❑ All affiliated state member units of Hockey India are eligible to participate in the event and all eligible veteran Players, aged around and above 40 can participate in the tournament.

Adil Kalyanpur and Vishnuvardhan

- ❑ Indian national tennis player Adil in partnership with olympian Vishnu vardhan won the doubles title.

- ❑ After defeating francis Alcantra and maximus Jones in the Final of IIF men's Tennis Tournament at Nakhan si Thammarat, Thailand.

45th Fide Chess Olympiad-2024

- ❑ Indian origin player Bodhana Sivanandan is the member of England's chess olympiad team in Budapest.
- ❑ She is the youngest player ever play for England in an international sport.
- ❑ FIDE was founded in Paris, France on july, 20th 1924. its motto is "we are one family".
- ❑ FIDE organised the first official olympiad in 1927 which took place in London.

Surabhi Mishra

- ❑ Former Indian squash player Surabhi Mishra has been appointed as the coach of the Indian team for the World Squash Federation (WSF) World Junior Championships.
- ❑ The WSF World Junior Championships were held in Houston, USA from July 12 to 23.
- ❑ Surabhi Mishra runs the Rajasthan Squash Academy at the Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Jaipur, Rajasthan.

Nuno Borges

- ❑ Portuguese tennis player Nuno Borges defeated Spain's Rafael Nadal to win the Nordea Open 2024 title.
- ❑ The Nordea Open 2024 was held in Bastad, Sweden.

Atiqa Mir

- ❑ 9-year-old racer from Jammu and Kashmir Atiqa Mir has become the first female racer in the world to win a race in the RMCIT Rotax Challenge International Trophy at Le Mans Kart International Circuit in France.
- ❑ The RMCIT-Rotax Max Challenge International Trophy is one of the most prestigious international race meets in the world.

Swiss Open Tennis Tournament-2024

- ❑ Indian tennis player Yuki Bhambri and his French partner Albano Olivetti have won the Swiss Open 2024 doubles title by defeating French pair Fabrice Martin and Ugo Humbert.
- ❑ The Swiss Open 2024 singles title was won by Italy's Mateo Berrettini.

World Choir Games

- ❑ The Nagaland Madrigal Singers representing India have won two gold medals at the World Choir Games 2024.
- ❑ The World Choir Games (the biggest singing competition) was held on 10 July 2024 in Auckland, New Zealand.

Oscar Piastri

- ❑ Australian Formula One (F1) racer Oscar Piastri has won his first F1 title in the Hungarian Grand Prix.
- ❑ The Hungarian Grand Prix was organized in Budapest, Hungary.

Charlie Castle

- ❑ Scotland's fast bowler Charlie Cancell has created a new world record by taking 7 wickets for 21 runs in his debut ODI match.
- ❑ Charlie Castle achieved this feat in the match against Oman in the International Cricket Council (ICC) Men's Cricket ODI World Cup League-2. Earlier this world record was in the name of South African fast bowler Kasigo Rabada (6 wickets for 16 runs).

Gautam Gambhir

- ❑ The Board of Control for Cricket in India has appointed former batsman and member of the World Cup winning Indian team, Gautam Gambhir, as the new head coach of the senior men's team.
- ❑ Before Gautam Gambhir, Rahul Dravid was the head coach of the Indian team.

National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championship

- ❑ Jyoti Yaraji has won the gold medal in the women's 100m hurdles event at the National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championship.

- ❑ Tejas Sirse has won the gold medal in the men's 110m hurdles.
- ❑ The National Inter-State Senior Athletics Championship was held in Panchkula, Haryana.

Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)

- ❑ The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has made Maharatna company BPCL the principal sponsor for four years from Paris Olympics 2024 to Los Angeles Olympics 2028.
- ❑ The President of the Indian Olympic Association is PT Usha.

Raja Ritwik

- ❑ India's Grandmaster Raja Ritwik has won the silver medal at the Laplagne International Chess Championship.
- ❑ Grandmaster Iniyan Panni Selvam won the bronze medal in the championship.
- ❑ The Laplagne International Chess Championship was held in France.

IHF Handball Championship

- ❑ Indian team won the gold medal by defeating Bangladesh in the IHF Trophy handball competition.
- ❑ In the IHF Handball Championship, the captain of the youth team was Ravi and the captain of the junior team was Jaspreet of Rajasthan.
- ❑ IHF Trophy Handball Championship was organized at Sawai Man Singh Indoor Stadium from 10 to 14 July.
- ❑ Four countries including India, Nepal, Bangladesh and Maldives participated in this tournament.

World Chess Championship

- ❑ World Chess Championship will be held in Singapore.
- ❑ D.Gukesh a youngest Player from India will play against Ding Liren from China.

Masoud Pezeshkian

- ❑ Reformist leader Massoud Pezeshkian has been elected the ninth President of Iran.
- ❑ The President of Iran is the head of government but not the head of state.
- ❑ The position of Supreme Leader is the most powerful in Iran who is both the political leader and spiritual guide of the Islamic Republic.
- ❑ Currently the supreme leader of Iran is Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

Manolo Marquez

- ❑ Manolo Marquez of Spain has been appointed as the head coach of the Indian men's football team.
- ❑ Manolo Marquez has been appointed as the coach in place of Igor Stimac.
- ❑ Manolo Marquez is currently the head coach of Indian Super League team FC Goa.

Shaurya Bawa

- ❑ India's squash player Shaurya Bawa has won a bronze medal at the World Junior Squash Championship.
- ❑ Shaurya Bawa has become the second Indian male player after Kush Kumar to reach the semi-finals of the World Junior Squash Championship.
- ❑ The World Junior Squash Championship was held in Houston, USA.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Blue Screen of Death

- ❑ On July 19, a glitch in CrowdStrike caused Microsoft Windows' computer operating system Windows 10 to crash.
- ❑ This crash caused Windows 10 users' computers to not restart after updating and an error message appeared on the blue screen, which is called the Blue Screen of Death error (BSOD).
- ❑ In BSOD, the computer shuts down or restarts unexpectedly.

ABHYAS

- ❑ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) has successfully completed six consecutive developmental trials of High Speed Expendable Aerial Target (HEAT) 'Abhyas' from Integrated Test Range Chandipur, Odisha.
- ❑ Abhyas provides a realistic threat scenario for testing weapon systems. This indigenous system is designed for autonomous flight with the help of laptop based ground control system for auto pilot, aircraft integration, pre-flight checks and autonomous flight.
- ❑ Abhyas is designed by DRDO's Aeronautical Development Establishment, Bengaluru and manufactured by Hindustan Aeronautics Limited and Larsen & Toubro.

Genome Sequencing Lab

- ❑ The Genome Sequencing Lab was inaugurated at the Indian Army's Armed Forces Medical College, Pune on 27 June.
- ❑ This is the second such facility in the armed forces after the Army Hospital (Research & Referral) in New Delhi.
- ❑ This Genome Sequencing Lab is equipped with state-of-the-art next generation genome sequencing facilities.

CRISPR-Cas based TB Detection System

- ❑ The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has invited Expression of Interest (EOI) from organizations, companies and manufacturers for technology transfer for commercialization of CRISPR-Cas based TB Detection System for detection of tuberculosis (TB).
- ❑ This technology has been developed by ICMR-Regional Medical Research Centre, Dibrugarh (Assam).

CRISPR-Cas

CRISPR-Cas is a genome editing tool. It enables editing parts of the genome by deleting, adding or altering parts of the DNA sequence.

Medium Range Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket (MR-MOCR)

- ❑ The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on June 26 handed over the Medium Range Microwave Obscurant Chaff Rocket to the Indian Navy at a ceremony held in New Delhi.
- ❑ The Microwave Obscurant Chaff is a unique technology developed by DRDO's Defence Laboratory, Jodhpur, which obfuscates radar signals and creates a microwave shield around platforms and assets, reducing the chances of being detected by radar.

DRDO's Indigenous Light Tank Zorawar

- ❑ DRDO's Indigenous Light Tank Zorawar was unveiled on July 6.
- ❑ It was jointly developed by the defence research and development organisation (DRDO) with larsen & toubro (L & T) as the lead integrator.
- ❑ The tank is currently powered by a Cummins engine.
- ❑ DRDO will develop a new engine domestically.
- ❑ The tank is planned to be handed over to the army for user trials by August 2025.

Star Wars Project

- ❑ South Korea is going to be the first country in the world to deploy and use laser weapons in the army under the Star Wars project.
- ❑ The South Korean army has developed these laser weapons to destroy drones in collaboration with Hanwha Aerospace.
- ❑ These laser weapons target and burn the engines or other electrical components of flying drones by using focused light beams for a period of 10 to 20 seconds.

Brain Eating Amoeba

- ❑ It is a rare brain infection found in contaminated waters in payyoli district in Kerala.
- ❑ The infection occurs when free living, non parasitic amoeba bacteria enter the body through the nose from contaminated water. It destroys the brain tissue causes swelling of the brain.
- ❑ Brain eating amoeba also known as naegleria fowleri because it is a species of the genus naegleria.

GOES-U

- ❑ US- Space-X Falcon Heavy has launched a new satellite 'GOES-U' to monitor solar storms.
- ❑ The Space-X Falcon Heavy is one of the most powerful operational rockets in the world.
- ❑ The rocket, composed of three modified Falcon cores, launched from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida.
- ❑ The satellite will use a compact coronagraph that will help weather forecasters to track solar storms and lightning and take nuclear measurements and capture images of Earth.

IMPORTANT DAYS

Constitution Murder Day

- ❑ The Government of India has declared 25 June as 'Samvidhan Murder Day' to pay tribute to all those who faced and fought against the gross misuse of power during the period of Emergency.
- ❑ The Emergency was declared in India on 25 June 1975.

International Day Against Drug abuse and Illicit Trafficking

- ❑ This day is marked on 26th June every year to strengthen action and Cooperation in achieving a world free of drug abuse.
- ❑ The theme for this year is "The Evidence is Clear: Invest in Prevention"
- ❑ It was observed first time on 26th June, 1989.

World Population Day 2024

- ❑ World Population Day is Celebrated all over the world every year on July 11th.
- ❑ The Theme for world Population day 2024, "Leave no one behind, count everyone".
- ❑ The First Population Day was observed on 11th July 1990.

National Statistics Day 2024

- ❑ National Statistics Day is celebrated in India every year on June 29th.
- ❑ This day honors the birth anniversary of Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis. He was a statistician and economist.
- ❑ The day aims to raise awareness about the importance of statistics in socio-economic planning and policy making.
- ❑ For the 18th National Statistics Day in 2024, the theme is "Use of data for decision-making"
- ❑ The First National Statistics Day Was observed on June 29th, 2007.

International Cooperative Day

- ❑ The International Cooperative Day is celebrated by the International Cooperative Alliance on the first Saturday of July since 1923.
- ❑ The 102nd International Cooperative Day was organized on 6 July this year.
- ❑ The theme of International Cooperative Day 2024 is "Cooperatives build a better future for all."
- ❑ To commemorate International Cooperative Day 2024, the Ministry of Cooperatives, Government of India organized a conference on 'Sahkar se Samridhhi' in Gandhinagar, Gujarat on 6 June.
- ❑ The year 2025 has been declared as the "International Year of Cooperatives (2025)" by the United Nations General Assembly in June 2024.

World Zoonoses Day 2024

- ❑ World Zoonoses Day is observed annually on July 6th.
- ❑ Its aims to raise awareness about zoonotic diseases, infections that can spread from animals to humans such as Swine flu, Rabies, Bird flu and many foodborne infections
- ❑ The theme of the World Zoonoses Day of this year is "One world, One Health : Prevent Zoonoses".

Rajasthan Revised Budget 2024-2025

- ❑ Rajasthan Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari presented the revised budget 2024-2025 of the state in the Assembly on 10 July 2024.

❑ Steps Taken By Government :-

- Women from poor families are being given LPG cylinders for Rs 450.
- The amount received under the Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi was increased to Rs 8000.
- An additional bonus of Rs 125 per quintal has been given on the minimum support price of wheat.

5 years action plan under Amrit Kalkhand-Developed Rajasthan@2047.

- ❑ In the revised budget, Rajasthan Government has set the target of inclusive development based on 'Sarva Jan Hitay' by making a 5-year action plan under Amrit Kaal Khand Vikas Rajasthan@2047.
- ❑ Under this action plan, Rajasthan Government has made ten resolutions :-
 1. To make the state a 350 billion dollar economy
 2. Development of basic facilities-water, electricity and roads
 3. Urban, rural and regional development with planned development.
 4. Economic empowerment of farmer families with honour.
 5. Encouragement to large industries as well as micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs).
 6. Heritage conservation with the thinking of 'Heritage and Development'.
 7. Green Rajasthan and environmental protection with sustainable development.
 8. Human resource development and health for all.

9. Dignified life for poor and deprived families.
10. Good governance with Perform, Reform, Transform.

Infrastructure

Jal Jeevan Mission

- ❑ Target- In the year 2024-25, the target is to supply tap water to 25 lakh rural households by spending 15 thousand crore rupees.
- ❑ Under this mission, to provide drinking water to 5 thousand 846 additional villages through surface water, construction of 6 large drinking water projects at a cost of about 20 thousand 370 crore rupees -
 1. Chambal River Based Major Drinking Water Project Karauli, Sawai Madhopur, Gangapur City (Rs. 2944 Crores).
 2. Chambal River Based Major Drinking Water Project Alwar, Bharatpur, Kotputli-Bahrod, Khairthal-Tijara (Rs. 5374 Crores).
 3. Chambal River Based Kalitir Jalpradaya Project - Dhaulpur, Bharatpur (Rs. 710 Crores).
 4. Major Drinking Water Project based on Jakham Dam- Chittorgarh, Pratapgarh, Rajsamand and Udaipur (Rs. 3530 crores).
 5. Indira Gandhi Canal based Major Drinking Water Project - Sikar, Jhunjhunu and Neemkathana (Rs. 7582 Crore).
 6. Indira Gandhi Canal based Major Drinking Water Project-Dechu and Lohawat (Phaludi) (Rs. 230 crores).

Amrit 2.0-Atal Rejuvenation and Urban Transformation Mission Scheme

- ❑ 5180 crores for two years for improvement of drinking water system in 183 cities/towns of the state.

- ❑ 127 crores for the renovation of 32 different urban water sources in the state.
- ❑ Construction of service reservoir to meet drinking water needs of Ajmer city.
- ❑ 20-20 hand pumps and 10-10 tube wells will be constructed in assembly areas in 2 years as required for drinking water at the local level in the state.
- ❑ In urban and industrial areas, common waste treatment plant (CETP) and sewage treatment plant (STP) will be constructed and operated on Hybrid Annuity model to recycle water for various uses.

Energy Sector

- ❑ With a view to realizing the dream of Developed Rajasthan@2047, the energy production target required to meet the potential 6 percent growth rate in electricity demand in the state in the next 10 years (up to the year 2031-32)
 - Conventional power-20500 MW
 - Renewable Energy-33600 MW
 - Solar 22200 MW
 - Wind - 8100 MW
 - Hydro - 3300 MW
- ❑ A provision of 2 lakh 25 thousand crore rupees has been made to meet the energy demand till the year 2031-32.
- ❑ Establishment of solar parks with a production capacity of more than 50,000 megawatts through the private sector.
 - Poogal-Bikaner
 - Chhatargarh-Bikaner
 - Bodana-Jaisalmer
- ❑ Formulation of policy for developing energy storage capacity in the state-
 - Pump storage will be included under this. In this process, energy capacity will be created through pumped storage based on viability in Baran, Bharatpur and other districts.
- ❑ Aadarsh Sour Gram
 - Under the PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana, it is proposed to build ideal solar villages in every district.
- A decentralized solar power plant of up to 2 MW capacity will be established in each village.
- 40 percent subsidy will be provided by the government for the ideal solar village.
- ❑ Solar energy will be used in all government offices of the state. For this Rajasthan Renewable Energy Corporation Limited (RRECL) is made executive agency on Hybrid Annuity Model (HAM).
- ❑ Domestic connection - More than 2 lakh 8 thousand (in next two years).
- ❑ Under the Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme, more than 25 lakh smart meters will be installed this year to prevent power interruption.

Road

- ❑ 53 thousand km-long road network will be developed in the state in the next 5 years with an expenditure of 60 thousand crore rupees.
- ❑ About 9 thousand crore rupees will be spent on the construction, repair and upgrading of new roads, flyovers, elevated roads, road over bridges, road under bridges and high-label bridges in the state.
- ❑ A provision of Rs.30 crore has been made for making DPR for the construction of 9 green field expressways of more than 2750 km in length in the state.
 - Jaipur-Kishangarh-Ajmer-Jodhpur (350 km)
 - Kotputli-Kishangarh (181 km)
 - Jaipur-Bhilwara (193 km)
 - Bikaner-Kotputli (295 km)
 - Bewar-Bharatpur (342 km)
 - Jalore-Jhalawar (402 km)
 - Ajmer-Banswara (358 km)
 - Jaipur-Phaludi (345 km)
 - Sriganganagar-Kotputli (290 km)

Regional Development and Civic Amenities

- ❑ Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Zila Utthan Yojana
 - In the revised budget 2024-25, a provision of Rs. 500 crore has been made for effective resolution and implementation of problems at the district level.
 - Public participation activities under this plan will be done on priority basis.
 - A mission team of experts will be formed at the district level for the implementation of the plan.
- ❑ Libraries and co-working stations with Wi-Fi facilities will be established at the district level and other selected urban bodies in the state at a cost of about 150 crore rupees.
- ❑ In various cities, water drainage, water conservation, public facilities and community work and housing construction for low income groups will be done with an amount of about 1300 crore rupees.
- ❑ Bio/Pink Toilet Complex
 - Establishment of Bio/Pink toilet complex for women in markets and public places of all urban areas of the state.
 - In the first phase, 67 toilet complexes will be constructed by spending 14 crore rupees in the Municipal Corporation and Municipal Council areas.
- ❑ Along with the purchase of 500 buses by Rajasthan Roadways in 2 years, 800 buses will be taken on service model. 300 electric buses will also be included under this.
- ❑ Initiation of public transport services for remote rural areas.
- ❑ Bus stands with modern facilities will be constructed at 10 district headquarters including Ajmer, Bharatpur, Duda, Kota and Udaipur.
- ❑ 300 electric buses will be purchased for urban transport services. Also, for smooth operation of e-buses, modern shelter-cum-charging stations will be established by spending 25 crore rupees.

- ❑ Brij Regional Development Plan
 - Initiation of Brij Regional Development Scheme for regional development of remote areas of Eastern Rajasthan.
 - 50 crore provision for the scheme.
 - Provision of 50 crore rupees for the each for Dang, Magra and Mewat regional development schemes.

Industrial Development

- ❑ Industrial policy 2024
 - Ease of Doing Business and Sustainability Based Industrial Policy-2024
 - Through this policy, research and development and green technology will be promoted along with establishment of theme-based industrial parks and provision of barrier-free transportation of goods and goods.
- ❑ New destiny enhancement policy and garment and apparel policy will be introduced.
- ❑ Rajasthan Warehouse and Logistics Policy- To develop logistic eco-system and make supply chain system flexible.
- ❑ Non-Resident Rajasthani Conclave
 - Organization of Non-Resident Rajasthani Conclave with Investor Summit to be held in 2024.
 - Inauguration of new chapter of Rajasthani Foundation in major cities of the world in a phased manner.
- ❑ Rajasthan Petro Zone (RPZ)
 - RPZ will be set up at Balotara for industries based on downstream products from Pachpadara Refinery.
- ❑ Amrit Global Technology and Application Centre
 - Amrit Global Technology and Application Center will be established in Jaipur at a cost of Rs.200 Crore to invite investment from global companies.
- ❑ Industrial Park/Area/Stone Mandi
 - Textile Park - Bhilwara
 - Ceramic Park - Bikaner

- Industrial & Logistics Hub - Near Bandikui-Dausa
- Solar Panel Manufacturing Hub - Kankani/Rohat Pali
- Biomass Pellet & Chemical Manufacturing Park-Banswara
- Tiles Manufacturing Park - Kishangarh, Ajmer
- Handicraft Park - Jodhpur
- Shri Ram Janki Industrial Area-
 - Dharmapura, Barmer
 - Mal Ki Tus, Udaipur
 - Varakana, Pali
 - Nainwa, Bundi
- Establishment of two new waste recycling facilities on the lines of Integrated Resource Recovery Park - Tholai (Jamwaramgarh, Jaipur).
- Marwar Industrial Cluster-
 - Jodhpur Kankani-Rohat - Pali
 - 150 crore provision for basic facilities
- Stone Market-
 - Beawar ➤ Kota
 - Jalore ➤ Rajsamand
 - Sikandra (Dausa)
- Rajasthan – One District, One Product Policy-2024
 - A provision of Rs 100 crore has been made by the government to make each district of the state an export hub.

Every district of the state is famous for its unique product-

- Rajasamand-Terracotta
- Barmer-Block Printing
- Kota-doria saree
- Jalore-Mojdi Juti
- Pali-Mehndi
- Pratapgarh-Theva Art
- Jaipur- Gems and Jewellery
- Dausa-Dariyan
- Nagaur - Hand tools

- PM-Unity Mall
 - PM Unity Mall will be set up in Jaipur at a cost of 200 crore rupees to organize exhibitions and workshops/seminars for the purpose of promoting district specific products.
- Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Policy-2024
 - Under this policy, the MSME Development and Facilitation Centers of each division will be made more convenient by making them IT enabled.
 - 50 clusters of handloom, handicraft and MSME sectors of the state will be developed in three years at a cost of Rs. 150 crores (first phase- 15 clusters, Rs. 45 crores).
 - A provision of Rs 30 crore to provide necessary assistance to entrepreneurs to market their products in the country and abroad.
- Mati Kala Center of Excellence
 - Provision of Rs. 5 crore.
 - One thousand electric wheels and soil kneading machines will be provided to the artists.

Tourism, Arts and Culture

- The direct and indirect share of tourism in the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of the state is 5-6 percent.
- About 20 lakh families in the state are connected to the tourism sector in one way or another from the point of view of income or employment.
- Rajasthan Tourism Infrastructure and Capacity Building Fund (RTICF)
 - Announcement of more than 5 thousand crore works.
 - Through this fund, activities related to the development of heritage tourism, religious tourism, rural tourism, eco-tourism and adventure tourism, branding of the state and facilities for tourists will be done.

- Development of 20 major tourist spots including Jaipur, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Bharatpur, Sawaimadhopur and Pushkar in two years under RTICF - 200 crore rupees.
- ❑ Rajasthan Heritage Conservation and Development Authority
 - For the protection and promotion of the forts, monuments and cultural heritage of the state.
- ❑ Jaipur Walled City Heritage Development Plan
 - Provision of 100 crore rupees for Perkota area and monuments of UNESCO heritage site Jaipur.
- ❑ A provision of 20 crore rupees has been made for the rehabilitation of Amer's Mawtha and Sagar as well as various stepwell of the state.
- ❑ Repair and beautification of the fort including Safed Mahal, Pratap Phulwari and Pratap Canal of Vair-Bharatpur and beautification and upgrading work will be done in the area around the Bharatpur fort.
- ❑ An expenditure of Rs. 30 crores on lesser known tourism sites-
 - Ramgarh Crater Site-Baran
 - Sambhar Lake Region-Jaipur
 - Jhamar Kotra and Jawar-Udaipur
- ❑ Fossil Park and Open Rocks Museum
 - Khambha Fort Complex, Jaisalmer
- ❑ Development of the branding and infrastructure of the various cities of state which is rapidly emerging as a wedding destination-
 - Jaipur
 - Udaipur
 - Jodhpur
 - Sawai Madhopur
- ❑ Rajasthan Mandapam
 - To provide necessary facilities for MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences, Exhibitions) in the state, Rajasthan Mandapam will be established in Jaipur on the lines of Bharat Mandapam in Delhi.
- ❑ Eco Tourism Sites
 - Sambar Lake-Jaipur
 - Kheechan Conservation Reserve-Jodhpur
 - Shergarh Sanctuary-Baran
 - Mansa Mata Conservation Reserve-Neemkathana
 - Bassi Sanctuary-Chittorgarh
- ❑ Rope-way construction
 - Jogi Mahal-Sawai Madhopur
 - Amer-Jaigarh-Nahargarh-Jaipur
 - Bijasan Mata-Indergarh (Boondi)
 - Samai Mata-Banswara
 - Chatarang Mori-Chittaurgarh
- ❑ Electric vehicle based transport system
 - Pandupol located in Sariska-Alwar
 - Trinetra Ganesh Ji- Ranthambore
- ❑ Khatushyam ji-Sikar
 - 100 crores
- ❑ Monument of Tribal Heroes
 - Dungar Baranda-Dungarpur
 - Bansia Charpota-Banswara
- ❑ Veer Balika Kalibai Museum-Udaipur
- ❑ Shilpgram-Dungarpur
- ❑ About 40 crore historical scripts housed in the State Archives, Bikaner will be digitized in a phased manner.
- ❑ Construction of State Terminal - Jaipur International Airport.
- ❑ Greenfield Airport-Kota.
- ❑ Flying Training-
 - Kishangarh-Ajmer
 - Hamirgarh-Bhilwara

Forest and Environment

- ❑ Green Budget
 - One of the seven priorities (Saptarishi) set for Amritkal in the budget of the central government for the year 2023-24 is to include the principle of 'green growth' in all development plans and to protect the environment as well as to make the state 'Green-Rajasthan' with a view to taking the path of progress in the state, a 'Green Budget' will be presented from the financial year 2025-26.

Seven Pillars/Saptarishi of Union Budget 2023-24

1. *Inclusive Development*
2. *Reaching the Last Mile*
3. *Infrastructure and Investment*
4. *Unleashing the potential*
5. *Green Growth*
6. *Youth Power*
7. *Financial Sector*

- ❑ The goal of increasing the forest area by 20 thousand hectares by the year 2028 has been set.
- ❑ Plantation Campaign
 - The Chief Minister of Rajasthan has set a target of planting and nurturing 7 crore saplings this year through Vriksharopan Mahabhiyan, connecting every family.
- ❑ Mission Green Rajasthan
 - Under the multi-sectoral program Mission Hariyalo Rajasthan, the government has made a provision of expenditure of about 4 thousand crore rupees for 5 years.
 - Establishment of 50 new nurseries, promotion of more than 540 nurseries and subsidy for nurseries under private sector/panchayat will be provided to prepare about 10 crore saplings per year.
 - In each district, a mother forest will be established with public participation and by implementing the Forest District-Forest Species program, special breeds of plants will be prepared for each district, giving consideration to the environment there.
 - Two thousand foresters will be appointed to take care of the plants and one retired employee will be given the responsibility of guardian in each area.
 - A provision of 1650 crores has been made for environment protection, pasture development and tree plantation under MGNREGA.
 - Forest and Wildlife Training and Management Institute-Jaipur (cost Rs. 40 crores).
- Forest carbon credits certification mechanism will be established as an innovation under forest protection.
- ❑ Establishment of Zoological Park and Aquarium
 - Keoladev National Park (Ghana) - Bharatpur.
- ❑ Walk in aviary
 - Nahargarh Biological Park, Jaipur will be developed at a cost of 20 crores to get information about birds.
- ❑ Predator proof fencing
 - For the protection of Godavan, new enclosures will be established at Gajai Mata, Chauhani, Sudasari and Ramdevara in National Desert Park Jaisalmer and predator proof facing will be done in the enclosure.
- ❑ Biological Park
 - It will be set up in Alwar at a cost of Rs.25 crore.
- ❑ Tiger Corridor and Safari
 - An MoU has been signed with the Government of Madhya Pradesh to create a corridor and safari for the movement of cheetah by connecting Gandhi Sagar Sanctuary and Bhainsrodgarh Sanctuary, Chittorgarh and Chambal Sanctuary with Kuno National Park (Madhya Pradesh).
- ❑ Ban on single use plastic
 - Single use plastic will be completely banned in national parks, sanctuaries, conservation reserves, reserved and protected forest areas.
 - 50 plastic bottle Flacking/Reserve vending machines will be installed at various tourist/public places.
- ❑ Eco Sensitive Zone
 - On the lines of Jaisamand-Udaipur, Kesarbagh-Dhaulpur, Keoladev-Bharatpur and Nahargarh-Jaipur-
 - Sariska-Alwar
 - Ranthambore-Sawai Madhopur
 - National Chambal Ghadiyal Sanctuary-Kota.

- ❑ Ten thousand solar/electric cooking systems will be distributed at a cost of 15 crore rupees on 50 percent subsidy with the aim of encouraging clean cooking and reducing the pressure of cooking fuel.
- ❑ Early warning system for air quality monitoring-
 - Alwar
 - Bhiwadi
 - An early warning system has already been installed in Jaipur to monitor air quality.
- ❑ Atal Innovation Studio and Accelerator
 - Establishment of Atal Innovation Studio and Accelerator at a cost of one thousand crore rupees.
 - Jaipur ➤ Bharatpur
 - Bikaner ➤ Udaipur
 - Launch of Agriculture Accelerator Mission.
- ❑ AVGC-XR (Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics-Extended Reality) Policy
 - Under this policy, more than 50 thousand employment opportunities will be provided in 5 years.

Human Resource - Youth Development and Welfare

- ❑ Youth Policy-2024
 - More than 10 lakh employment opportunities will be provided along with skill upgradation of youth in government and private sectors.
 - Apprenticeship/internship program will be started along with providing the facility of artificial intelligence based counseling for the youth.
 - Opportunities for exposure visits to the country and abroad will be provided to the selected youth.
- ❑ State Skill Policy
 - 150,000 youths will be trained in the state for a period of two years by making the current courses relevant in order to develop skills and make them employable.
- ❑ Atal Entrepreneurship Programme
 - Under this program, opportunities for outreach exposure will also be provided along with providing mentorship of the best CEOs of the country and abroad to the youth.
 - Funding of up to 10 crore rupees will be provided to selected startups under iStart Fund.
 - A fund of funds of Rs 100 crore will be created to provide financial support to startups through equity funding.
 - By simplifying the process of giving work orders directly from various departments of the startup, a corpus fund of Rs. 25 crore will be created under iStart Fund. Also, the facility of providing work through direct sub-contracting of startups will also be provided.
- ❑ Learn, Earn and Progress (LEAP) Program
 - In order to upskill startup founders and youth as well as to provide them with skilled human resources, the Learn, Earn and Progress (LEAP) program will be started under iStart with an expenditure of 25 crore rupees.
- ❑ Business Innovation Program
 - To ensure entrepreneurship development in the youth from an early age, a business innovation program will be started in schools and colleges at a cost of 20 crore rupees.
 - More than one lakh students will benefit from this program.
- ❑ New ITI
 - Nachna (Pokaran), Jaisalmer.
 - 20 new ITIs will be opened in 2 years.
- ❑ New Polytechnic College
 - Bandikui-Dausa
 - Fagi-dudu
 - Vallabh Nagar-Udaipur
 - Niwai-Tonk
 - Marwar Junction-Pali
 - Gudamalani-Barmer
 - 10 new polytechnic colleges will be opened in two years.
- ❑ Rajasthan Institute of Technology (RIT)
 - RIT will be established by upgrading the engineering colleges of Bharatpur, Bikaner and Ajmer in the first phase at a cost of about 300 crore rupees.

- ❑ **KulGuru**
 - In order to re-establish the tradition of teacher-pupil relationship and improve the level of higher and technical education, the title of 'Kulguru' will be given to the chancellors of the universities in the province.
- ❑ **College of Agriculture**
 - Churu
 - Kumher-Dig, Bharatpur
 - Jamwaramgarh-Jaipur
- ❑ Along with the opening of 50 new primary schools, 100 schools will be upgraded and new subjects will be introduced in 100 higher secondary schools.
- ❑ **Migrant herders Residential School**
 - Residential School for Migrant Cattle Breeders - Pindwara, Sirohi (at a cost of Rs. 28 crores)
- ❑ **Nomadic Caste Residential School**
 - Residential School for Nomadic Castes-Sumerpur, Pali.
- ❑ A government residential school will be opened in Jaipur for girls who need residential supervision and protection in girl's shelter homes.
- ❑ **Devnarayan Residential School**
 - Bali - Pali
 - Kotputli
 - Pasopa (Nagar)-Deeg
- ❑ **Eklavya Residential School**
 - Deola (Kotra)-Udaipur
 - Jaswantpura-Jalore
- ❑ **Scheduled Tribe Hostel**
 - Shergarh-Jodhpur
 - Mer-Mandwara-Sirohi
- ❑ **Scheduled Tribe Girls Hostel**
 - Bhateswar (Pindwara)-Sirohi
 - Poshana-Jalour
- ❑ **Scheduled Caste Hostel**
 - Dug-Jhalawar
- ❑ **Scheduled Caste Girls Hostel**
 - Sikari-dausa
- ❑ **Devnarayan Girls Hostel**
 - Kathumar-Alwar
 - Tijara-Alwar
- ❑ The monthly allowance of residential students in government and aided hostels and residential schools of all categories in the state will be increased from 2500 rupees to 3000 rupees per month and the monthly allowance of sports residential school players will be increased to 4000 rupees per month.
- ❑ In order to encourage meritorious students of government schools to pursue higher studies, 3300 meritorious students of state and district level in 8th, 10th and 12th class board examinations will be provided free tablets with three years of internet connectivity.
- ❑ A Center of Excellence to promote the study and research of the scientific aspects of Astrology and Vastu Vidya will be started at the Maharaj Acharya Sanskrit College in Jaipur at a cost of Rs.10 crore.
- ❑ **Model Veda School**
 - Model Ved school will be established at divisional level in a phased manner on the lines of Adarsh Ved Residential Vidyalaya in Raiwasa-Sikar.
 - The honorarium of teachers working in Veda schools will be increased from 8000 rupees to 15000 rupees per month.
- ❑ **Sports Policy 2024**
 - Sports infrastructure, science, analysis, counseling and nutrition will be included in sports policy 2024.
 - With the establishment of the Rajasthan Sports Modernization Mission, the budget for the sports sector will be doubled in a phased manner compared to last year's Rs 475 crore.
- ❑ **Maharana Pratap Sports University**
 - Maharana Pratap Sports University will be established at a cost of 250 crore rupees to train coaches and sports experts. Sports colleges will be established at the divisional level at a cost of Rs 50 crore.
- ❑ **One District-One Sport**
 - Under this scheme, popular sports academies will be established in each district in a phased manner.

- ❑ Mission Olympics
 - Facilities will be provided to the players in accordance with the Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOP) of the Central Government.
- ❑ Sports Life Insurance Scheme
 - Under this, accident and life insurance coverage of up to 25 lakh rupees will be provided to international medal winners.
- ❑ State of the Art Ultra Fitness Center
 - Sawai Mansingh Stadium, Jaipur will be established to provide international standard training and practice facilities to the best players.
 - Physical rehab facilities will be provided for state level players in Jaipur at a cost of 15 crores.
 - Appropriate arrangement of PTI coaches will be made by ensuring the availability of necessary sports infrastructure and equipment in the selected schools and colleges.
- ❑ Open gym and playground
 - In the first phase, it will be developed in Gram Panchayats with a population of more than 10,000.
- ❑ Digital Repository
 - Sports certificate for players.
- ❑ Separate special provision for para athletes.
- ❑ Synthetic Track-Sanganer, Jaipur.
- ❑ Sports Stadium
 - Masuda-Beawar
 - Banera-Shahpura
 - Degana-Nagaur
 - Bhadra-Hanumangarh
 - Chaksu-Jaipur
 - Bagru-Jaipur
 - Jaisinghpura Khor-Jaipur
 - Gajsinghpur (Karanpur) - Sriganganagar
- ❑ Sports Academy-Shahpura
- ❑ Upgradation/Modernization Work-
 - Jagatpura-Jaipur shooting range
 - Vidyadhar Nagar Stadium-Jaipur
 - Shri Ram Stadium-Baran
 - Sadulshahr-Sriganganagar Sports Stadium

- ❑ Khelo Rajasthan Youth Games
 - Organization of Rajasthan Youth Games annually at block, district and state level at a cost of Rs.50 crores.
- ❑ State Youth Festival
 - The State Youth Festival will be organized on National Youth Day (January 12). Also Rajasthan Youth Icon Award will be started on the lines of National Youth Award.

Medical and Health

- ❑ In the revised budget 2024-25, a provision of 27660 crore rupees has been made for the medical and health sector, which is 8.26 percent of the total budget.
- ❑ Mukhyamantri Ayushman Health Yojana (MAA Yojna)
 - Treatment is provided under this scheme for serious diseases like cancer.
 - Along with IPD, a day-care package has been added to the scheme.
 - Pediatric packages for the treatment of infants and young children are included in the scheme.
 - Relaxation will be given in the current empanelment rules of private medical institutions to provide adequate medical facilities in small and remote places.
 - Under the plan, package rates will be rationalized.
- ❑ Mukhyamantri Ayushmann Health Voucher Scheme
 - To provide better medical facilities with pre-natal check-up for pregnant women in the entire state.
- ❑ Ayushman Model CHC
 - Establishment of one Ayushman model CHC in each assembly at a cost of Rs.125 crores.
 - Construction of mortuary.
- ❑ Mukhyamantri Ayushman Arogya Health Infrastructure Mission
 - 15 thousand crore rupees expenditure provision in the next three years.

- Super specialty/tertiary state medical facilities, upgradation, establishment, construction and repair and maintenance of medical institutions, AYUSH medical facilities will be done under this mission.
- ❑ Ayushman Tower
 - 1200 Bed IPD Tower under Sawai Mansingh Medical College, Jaipur (Provision of Rs. 200 Crores.)
- ❑ Spinal Injury Center
 - At a cost of about 10 crore rupees, the following medical colleges will be established.
 - Bikaner ➤ Jodhpur
 - Udaipur ➤ Bharatpur
 - Kota
- ❑ Super Specialty Block
 - JLN Hospital, Ajmer
- ❑ Palliative Care Unit- SMS Hospital, Jaipur
- ❑ Rheumatology Lab - SMS Hospital, Jaipur
- ❑ Center of Excellence for Medical Genetics
 - It will be established at JK Loan Hospital in Jaipur for diagnosis and treatment of rare diseases at a cost of 22 crore rupees.
 - Diagnostic Lab - Established on outsourced model for proper arrangement of all types of tests in Medical College Hospitals/ District Hospitals.
 - Location Management Unit in 29 Medical Colleges/District Hospitals.
 - New Satellite Hospital
 - Vidyadhar Nagar-Jaipur
 - Jhotwara-Jaipur
- ❑ AYUSH medical facilities
 - University of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy - Ajmer
 - College of Ayurveda, Yoga and Natural Medicine - Mahwa (Dausa)
- ❑ Rajasthan Digital Health Mission
 - Under this mission, better medical consultancy will be provided to the residents of the state.
 - Making all health related records of patients available online.

- Reducing waiting time in hospitals.
- Facilitating data based research in medical field.
- An e-health record will also be created after health examination of the residents of the state at the PHC level.
- ❑ Road safety
 - 6 New Trauma Center
 - RUHS, Jaipur
 - Kolana, Jhalawar
 - Bandikui, Dausa
 - Sanderao-Pali
 - Desuri-Pali
 - Pratapgarh
 - 25 Advanced Life Support Ambulances to save lives during accidents on highways.
- ❑ Road Safety Task Force
 - Formation of Road Safety Task Force at each divisional headquarters with a view to ensuring coordination among various departments for road safety and taking prompt action.
- ❑ Intelligent Traffic Management System
 - Jaipur-Delhi National Highway (NH-48)
 - Jaipur-Bharatpur National Highway (NH-21)
 - 4 state highway

Social Security

- ❑ The amount of ACSP and TSP funds provided for the development and empowerment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has been increased from Rs 100 crore to Rs 1500 crore.
- ❑ Baba Saheb Ambedkar Adarsh Gram Vikas Yojana
 - Under this scheme, in the first phase, a provision of Rs 200 crore has been made for basic infrastructure like internal roads, drinking water, solid waste management etc. for the deprived class population in villages with population of more than 10 thousand.
- ❑ Govind Guru Tribal Regional Development Scheme

- In this scheme, a provision of Rs 75 crore has been made for the overall development of tribal families living in the Scheduled Areas (TSP) of the state.
- Under this, community center, Anganwadi, agro forestry, pasture development and other community works will be done by giving community leases in the forest area.
- ❑ Mukhyamantri Swanidhi Yojana
 - Mukhyamantri Swanidhi Yojana will be started for the upliftment of street vendors as well as other needy and helpless families in the urban areas and towns of the state.
 - Beneficiaries of economically weaker sections of the Pradhan Mantri Shahri Awas Yojana will be given an additional grant of Rs 25,000 per beneficiary.
- ❑ Mukhyamantri Nomadic Housing Scheme
 - This scheme will be implemented for families of alienated tribes deprived of permanent shelter and housing.
- ❑ An assistance of Rs 1 lakh per family will be given to provide housing to Pakistani migrants.
- ❑ A fund of Rs 250 crore will be formed to provide social security to the youth working in e-commerce and online service delivery companies.
- ❑ A provision of Rs 150 crore has been made for education and employment of youth of EWS category, empowerment of girls and social security of families.
- ❑ Through Scheduled Caste/Tribe Development Corporation, Other Backward Caste Development Corporation and Minority Development Corporation, Rs 100 crore will be made available to these corporations to provide loans at concessional rates to the needy families of SC, ST, OBC, sanitation workers, minority community and disabled people.
- ❑ A provision of Rs 25 crore has been made to provide loans at concessional rates to the EWS category.
- ❑ An annual expenditure of Rs 200 crore will be spent on the purchase of milk powder to provide milk three days a week to provide proper nutritious food to about 36 lakh children coming to

Anganwadi centres.

- ❑ 5 new Anganwadi centers will be opened in each assembly.
- ❑ This year, in the first phase, 2 thousand centers will be upgraded as model Anganwadis at a cost of approximately Rs 50 crore.
- ❑ 250 new Maa-Bari centers will be established for the children of tribal community.

Economic Empowerment and Livelihood Promotion for Women

- ❑ Under the Lakhpati Didi scheme, the target set for this year has been increased from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 15 lakh.
- ❑ Self Help Groups (SHGs) – 2 lakh new SHGs will be formed in 5 years. In the first phase, 40 thousand new SHGs will be formed at a cost of Rs 300 crore.
- ❑ Loans worth Rs 300 crore will be given to SHG women under various schemes through Rajasthan Mahila Nidhi Credit Cooperative Federation Limited at 2-5 percent annual interest rate.
- ❑ A provision of Rs 35 crore has been made to provide hostel and paying guest facilities for working women at the district level in a phased manner.
- ❑ Girls Sainik School - Girls Sainik School will be established in a phased manner at the divisional level.

Specially Abled Person

- ❑ Artificial limbs/equipment worth up to Rs 20 thousand will be provided to the disabled. About 50 thousand disabled people will benefit from this.
- ❑ A special learning kit will be provided to students with intellectual disabilities, AI/AR-based smart glasses to visually impaired students and digital hearing aids to hearing impaired students.
- ❑ Scooties will be provided to two thousand disabled people.

Relief package for people suffering from Rare Diseases

- ❑ Rare Disease Fund - At a cost of Rs 50 crore, an assistance of Rs 1 lakh will be provided for electrical/power/wheel chair to a person suffering from muscular dystrophy and the companion of the patient suffering from this disease will be provided free travel facility in roadways buses.
- ❑ Swayamsiddha Center of Excellence
 - With a view to upgrading the facilities of the disabled and deprived sections, Swayamsiddha Center of Excellence will be established at a cost of Rs 200 crore by expanding and strengthening the currently operating Jamdoli-Jaipur campus.
- ❑ Swayamsiddha Ashram
 - Swayamsiddha Ashrams of 50-50 capacity will be established at the division level for the care, protection and rehabilitation of elderly and helpless persons.
- ❑ Increase in pension amount payable to freedom fighters - from Rs 50 thousand to Rs 60 thousand per month.
- ❑ Increase in the pension amount of martyrs of World War II - increased from Rs 10 thousand to Rs 15 thousand per month.

Good Governance

- ❑ To increase the mobility of the administration, 250 vehicles will be made available in various departments in this financial year.
- ❑ A provision of Rs 200 crore has been made for IT equipment such as desktop printers, laptops and tablets in various departments.
- ❑ Karmashila Bhawan - With a view to enable the common people at the district level to contact the officials at one place and attend the hearing for the services and problems related to all the departments, initially an Integrated Office Complex cum service centre will be set up in Bharatpur as a Karmasila Bhawan.

- ❑ Helipads will be constructed at all the district headquarters as well as other important places to facilitate air travel in terms of medical facilities, emergency response and tourism.
- ❑ Financial strengthening of small urban bodies will be done.
- ❑ One State One Election-
 - In view of the current expansion of population in the structure of urban and rural bodies and cooperative institutions in the state, a high level committee will be formed to assess the necessary changes and give recommendations regarding the formation and delimitation of urban and rural bodies. This committee will also test the concept of One State - One Election from the point of view of saving money, labor and time as well as strengthening the urban bodies and Panchayati Raj institutions.
- ❑ Automated Service Delivery
 - To provide facilities to the general public in an accessible and transparent manner, work has been started towards automated service delivery through SMART system.
 - This year, in the first phase, 25 services of various departments will be provided in 24 hours by establishing 'single window-same day service delivery'.
- ❑ Rajdax
 - A data lake is being established to maintain complete profiles of individuals, families and organizations under the smart system/platform.
 - The country's first data exchange 'Rajdax' will be created to share these data profiles in a multi-stakeholder environment through a secure and consent-based mechanism.
 - This data exchange will be the only platform to provide data on the basis of social monetization to government departments/undertakings as well as private sector.
- ❑ Disaster Recovery Data Centre, Jodhpur will be upgraded.

Law and Order

- ❑ Creation of 5500 new posts in state police
- ❑ Security Police Force - Arrangement of a separate security police force in Jaipur Police Commissionerate.
- ❑ Establishment of three women police battalions under Rajasthan Armed Forces (RAC) -
 - Kalibai ○ Amrita Devi ○ Padmini
- ❑ Kalika Patrolling Unit
 - Formation of 500 Kalika Patrolling Units by strengthening and expanding the Nirbhaya Squad.
 - Formation of 250 Kalika patrolling units this year in the first phase.
- ❑ A provision of Rs 50 crore has been made to provide necessary IT equipment to fulfill the new criminal law provisions applicable from July 1, 2024.
- ❑ Forensic System
 - Establishment of chemistry section in regional science laboratories in Kota, Bikaner and Bharatpur.
- ❑ Provision of Rs 25 crore for improving the living conditions of prisoners in jail and upgrading their skills.
- ❑ Women's Police Station
 - Ramganj Mandi-Kota
 - One Mahila police station in every district which is deprived of Mahila police stations.

Journalism

- ❑ Bishan Singh Shekhawat Journalism Award-
 - Bishansingh Shekhawat Journalism Award will be started for excellent journalism.
- ❑ Rajasthan Journalist Health Scheme-Free Health Insurance Scheme for Approved Journalists.
- ❑ Innovation Policy - A skill-based innovation policy will be introduced to involve social media influencers in the promotion of public welfare schemes.

Agricultural Budget

- ❑ Rajasthan Irrigation Water Grid Mission
 - Under this mission, works worth more than Rs 50 thousand crore will be done during the tenure of the government to develop irrigation system as well as water harvesting system in all the districts of the state.
- ❑ ERCP (Eastern Region Canal Project) Project-Revised Parvati-Kalisindh-Chambal Link Project
 - Drinking water will be provided to about 3 crore 25 lakh population (50 percent of the state) in 21 districts of the state and irrigation facility will be provided in more than 2 lakh 40 thousand hectares of area.
 - In the first phase, approval of Rs 9600 crore and work order issued for the necessary works for filling Ramgarh and Mahalpur Barrage-Baran, Navnera Barrage to Bisalpur Dam and Isarda Dam.
 - Under the ERCP project, it is proposed to carry out the works of 5 important links and Chambal Basin in a phased manner -
 - Works worth about Rs 13 thousand crores of Mej Barrage (Bundi), Dungri Dam and Rathod Barrage (Sawai Madhopur) and their transport system.
 - Isarda Dam to Ramgarh Dam-Jaipur, Jawanpura, Dhabhai Dam, Shahpura Dam and Butchara Dam cost approximately Rs 4100 crore.
 - Dungri Dam to Alwar Reservoir – approximately Rs 9700 crore.
 - Bisalpur Dam to Mor Sagar-Ajmer.
 - Sujan Ganga-Bharatpur link from Dungri Dam via Bandh Baretha.
 - Irrigation and drinking water projects will be constructed on 14350 hectares of land in Baran district from the rivers of Chambal Basin at a cost of about Rs 1240 crore.
- ❑ Run off Water Grid
 - Run off water grids will be established by making a long term plan for proper utilization of waste water during rains and floods and for flood protection management.

- Under this grid, various works will be done at a cost of more than Rs 30 thousand crores.
- ❑ Yamuna Water related works
 - An MoU/agreement was signed with Haryana on 17 February 2024 to get Rajasthan's share of 577 MCM water from Yamuna water.
 - DPR for the work of diversion of Yamuna water allotted to Rajasthan at Tajewala Head (Hathnikund Barrage), Haryana through underground pipeline will be prepared at a cost of Rs 60 crore.
 - The work of Renuka and Lakhwar dams in Yamuna basin is in progress and the work of Kishau dam is also likely to start soon. With this, water will be available to Churu, Sikar and Jhunjhunu districts throughout the year.
- ❑ Indira Gandhi Canal Projects works
 - In the second phase of Indira Gandhi Canal, various renovation and irrigation related works will be done in a phased manner at a cost of more than Rs 1430 crore.
- ❑ Under Firozpur Feeder (Sriganganagar), work will be done at a cost of Rs 200 crore to provide water as per the state's share.
- ❑ This year, grant to 5000 farmers for construction of diggi in canal areas - cost of Rs 160 crore.
- ❑ This year, approximately 145,000 electricity connections will be issued to farmers to clear the pendency of electricity connection applications pending till March 2024 for their agricultural work.
- ❑ As a result of solarization of agricultural connections through Kusum Yojana, the work of providing electricity to farmers for irrigation during day time will start from next year and will be completed by the year 2027.
- ❑ Rajasthan Agricultural Development Scheme (Raj KVV)
 - Formation of Rajasthan Agriculture and Horticulture Mission.
 - Provision of Rs 650 crore for this year for Raj KVV.
- ❑ Provision of Rs 200 crore for modern technology based equipment to farmers.
- ❑ Custom Hiring Center
 - This year the target of setting up custom hiring centers has been increased from 500 to 1000.
 - Hiring facility will be provided through mobile app.
- ❑ 2 clusters each in 10 Agro Climatic Zones to encourage and train farmers along with promoting advanced technology based green houses-poly houses/shadenets, plastic mulching, low tunnels, farm ponds and drip/sprinklers etc. in the state will be developed at a cost of Rs 120 crore.
- ❑ Under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, a provision of about Rs 1100 crore has been made for the works like farm pond/diggi/fruit plantation, dambandi etc. in the category of personal benefits to agricultural land holders and SC/ST/BPL category families.
- ❑ Provision to promote organic and traditional farming in the state-
 - Formation of Organic and Conventional Board – to provide all necessary assistance and training to the farmers.
 - Establishment of units and labs in the districts for certification of organic products.
 - Govardhan Organic Fertilizer Scheme - At the block level, 50-50 farmers will be given assistance of up to Rs 10,000 per farmer for producing organic fertilizer from cow progeny.
 - Under Mahatma Gandhi NREGA, an amount of Rs 197 crore 86 lakh will be spent on works like Govardhan projects, compost pit and fruit and vegetable plantation etc.
- ❑ Under the Namo Drone Didi scheme, one thousand women self-help groups will be provided assistance on drones being provided for agricultural work and a subsidy of Rs 2500 per hectare will be provided for spraying nano urea and pesticides.
- ❑ Agri Clinic
 - Agri clinics will be established in two years at all the district headquarters to provide expert services to the farmers for soil testing, information regarding crops and treatment of pests/diseases etc.

- Approximately Rs 21 crore will be spent on this.
- ❑ Knowledge Enhancement Program
 - To increase the capacity of farmers, in the first phase, 100 progressive young farmers will be sent to other countries including Israel as well as 5 thousand youth to different states of the country for training.
 - The number of currently operating 9 Centers of Excellence will be increased to 18 in a phased manner.
 - The facility of automatic crop monitoring will be provided to the farmers through Agri-Stack.
- ❑ Co-operation and Agricultural Marketing
- ❑ New cooperative codes will be brought.
- ❑ Interest free short term crop loan of Rs 23 thousand crore to farmers -
 - 5 lakh new farmers benefited
 - Interest subsidy of Rs 736 crore
 - A total of about 35 lakh farmers benefited.
- ❑ Long term agricultural loans given by cooperative banks for land improvement -
 - The loan of Rs 50 crore distributed last year will be doubled to Rs 100 crore.
 - Additional interest subsidy of 2 percent to the farmers who repay the loan on time.
- ❑ Long Term Cooperative Agricultural Loan
 - 5 percent interest subsidy
 - An estimated expenditure of about Rs 64 crore.
- ❑ 500 new Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) will be formed.
- ❑ Construction of warehouses of 100 to 500 metric tonne capacity in 150 village service cooperative societies at a cost of Rs 35 crore.
- ❑ Subsidy of about Rs 22 crore to 2500 farmers for construction of onion storage structure.
- ❑ New Markets/parks
 - Farmers Markets -
 - Ramgarh Pachwara (Lalsot)-Dausa
 - Nasirabad - Ajmer
 - Pipalu - Tonk
 - Flower Market - Jamvaramgarh (Jaipur)
 - Municipal Fruit and Vegetable Market- Jahajpur, Shahpura
 - Fruit and Flower Market - Sadri (Pali)
 - Carrot Market - Sadhuwali (Sadul Shahar, Sriganganagar)
 - Jeera Mandi - Jaisalmer
 - Garlic Market - Manoharthana (Jhalawar)
 - Food Park - Bhusawar (Bharatpur)
 - Food Processing Park (Bharatpur)
- ❑ Facility to purchase directly from farmers' fields through e-Mandi platform.
- ❑ Processing Units
 - Agro Processing Plant - Bhusawar (Bharatpur)
 - Guava - Sawai Madhopur
 - Amla and Chilli - Sawai Madhopur
 - Cumin - Merta City
 - Isabgol - Sirohi
 - Spices - Jodhpur and Baran
 - Pomegranate - Balotra (in collaboration with private sector)

Animal Husbandry and Dairy

- ❑ 80 lakh families of the state are dependent on animal husbandry and allied activities.
- ❑ Mukhyamantri Animal Husbandry Development Fund
 - Provision of Rs 250 crore for animal husbandry promotion, conservation and development.
 - The subsidy amount given under Sex Sorted Semen Scheme will be increased from 50 to 75 percent, this will benefit about two lakh cattle farmers.
 - Creation of new posts of 125 veterinary doctors and 525 livestock assistants.
- ❑ Mukhyamantri Mangala Animal Insurance Scheme
 - Under that scheme, firstly 5-5 lakh milch cows/buffaloes, 5-3 lakh sheep/goats and 1 lakh camels will be insured.

- A total expenditure of Rs 400 crore will be incurred on this scheme.
- ❑ For the Development and Conservation of the State Animal Camel (The Ship of the Desert)
 - Camel Conservation and Development Mission will be started.
 - The amount of assistance given to camel herders for the rearing of newborn camels will be increased from Rs 10 thousand to Rs 20 thousand every year.
- ❑ Milk Powder Plant of 30 MT capacity in Pali at a cost of Rs 95 crore.
- ❑ Cattle Feed Plant in Kota at a cost of Rs 25 crore.

Registration and Stamp Department

- ❑ The state government has announced waiver of stamp duty on the following deeds-
 - Agreements to be executed with Discoms for agricultural and residential electricity connections.
 - Documents related to apprenticeship by Youth.
 - Bond letter given by farmers on their crops.
 - Miscellaneous deeds relating to shipping.

Commercial Tax Department

- ❑ **New Regional Investment Policy-2024 (RIPS-2024)**
 - Under this policy, PNG's VAT rate will be reduced by 5 percent for a certain period in energy-intensive enterprises.
 - There will be a provision to give incentives in case investors revive sick units.
 - Investors will start getting the benefits of this policy through the online portal from August 15, 2024.
 - It is proposed to increase the validity period of the eligibility certificate issued for exemption from stamp duty under RIPS to two years instead of one year.

- ❑ After the implementation of GST across the country from July 1, 2017, VAT is payable only on 6 commodities. A new VAT Act will be introduced to simplify the VAT Act.
- ❑ In order to encourage green growth, the prevailing tax rate on CNG/PNG (Piped Natural Gas) will be reduced from 14.5 percent to 10 percent.
- ❑ The VAT rate applicable on aviation turbine fuel will be reduced from 26 percent to 2 percent.
- ❑ Keeping in mind additional resource mobilization, a new integrated system will be developed through online gaming, e-commerce, OTT platforms etc.

Transport Department

- ❑ E-Vehicle Promotion Fund
 - To promote electric vehicles in the state, an e-vehicle promotion fund of Rs 200 crore will be set up under the electric vehicle policy.

Mining and Petroleum Department

- ❑ A new Mineral Policy-2024 will be brought in place of Mineral Policy-2015.
- ❑ To solve the sand related problem in the state-
 - At some places, sand production will also be done through the state government undertaking Rajasthan State Mines and Minerals Limited.
 - A new M-Sand policy will be introduced to promote M-Sand as an alternative to sand.
- ❑ The private sector will also be encouraged to speed up mining related activities in the state.
- ❑ In the last 7 years, only 54 blocks of primary minerals were auctioned in the state, whereas now more than 100 blocks will be auctioned.
- ❑ Center of Excellence for Ceramics will be established in Bikaner and Center of Excellence for Rare Earth Elements will be established in Udaipur at a cost of Rs 10 crore.
- ❑ Gas Pipeline
 - More than one lakh gas connections will be issued by laying 2 thousand km long gas pipeline in 8 cities of the state, Jaipur, Kota, Alwar, Jodhpur, Udaipur, Bundi, Ajmer and Pali.

Industry Department

- ❑ No objection from RIICO will not be required for land conversion within a radius of one kilometer from the RIICO area. Along with this, private industrial park scheme will also be brought.
- ❑ Land Aggregation and Monetization Policy will be brought to ensure proper and maximum utilization of land resources in the state. Also, to strengthen it, it is proposed to bring Aggregation of Private Land Act.

Revenue Department

- ❑ Transfer of Industrial Land Validation Act will be introduced to solve land conversion and other issues in industrial areas transferred to RIICO.
- ❑ Projects like tourism and agro-processing which do not require conversion of agricultural land. Arrangements will be made to provide free online deemed conversion orders for them, so that investors do not face problems in taking loans for their projects.

Local Self Government

- ❑ The currently fixed lump sum fee for fire safety certificate for buildings up to a height of 15 meters will be reduced from Rs 50 per square meter to Rs 15 per square meter for 5 years.

Agriculture Department

- ❑ **Agroprocessing Policy 2024-**
 - This policy will be brought to encourage investment in agriculture and horticulture sector.
 - Under this policy, special provisions will be made for Shri Anna by establishing Shri Anna Promotion Agency.

Institutional Strengthening

- ❑ **E-Registration 3.0 Portal**
 - By starting this portal, citizens, departmental officers and all other stakeholders will be provided the facility to do online transactions.
 - Reference and other legal processes will also be automated by bringing them on the e-registration portal.
- ❑ Registration of the firm in the Commercial Tax Department will be done through Aadhaar based biometric authentication.
- ❑ The system of faceless management will be started in the transport department. Also, the documents of vehicles will be checked through e-detection system without stopping the vehicles.
- ❑ By strengthening the existing administrative structure in the Excise Department, 'Integrated Excise Enforcement and Prevention Force' will be formed.
- ❑ It is proposed to make the mining related processes online in the Mines Department, determine the blocks on GIS system, implement the provision of RFID and GPS tracking for mineral transportation and determine the amount of excavation and the related penalty on the basis of drone survey. Posts of revenue officers will also be created in the mining department.

Brief description of the estimates for the revised Budget 2024-25

Revenue Receipts	Revenue Expenditure	Revenue Deficit	Capital Receipts	Capital Expenditure	Fiscal Deficit
264461.29 crores	290219.40 crores	25758.11 crores	231148.05 crores	205247.70 crores	70009.47 crores

- ❑ **Revenue deficit and Fiscal deficit**
 - In the year 2024-25, revenue deficit is estimated to be 1.45% of GSDP and fiscal deficit is estimated to be 3.93% of GSDP.

- ❑ **Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)**
 - The growth rate of GSDP till December 2023 was 11.58% which increased to 12.56% in March 2024.
 - At the time of presenting the Vote on Account in the House, the estimated GSDP for the year 2024-25 is expected to increase from Rs 1701843 crore to Rs. 1781078 crore.
- ❑ **Loans and other liabilities**
 - In the year 2024-25, the total debt and other liabilities of the state is estimated to be 35.97% of GSDP, which is less than the limit of 38.20% prescribed by the Financial Responsibility and Budget Management Act and from 37.34% of the previous year.
- ❑ **Efficient Fiscal Management through Ways and Means Advances and Special Withdrawal Facility**
 - As a result of fiscal management through Ways and Means Advance and Special Withdrawal Facility in accordance with the guidelines of the Reserve Bank of India, it will be possible for the state to save about Rs 150 crore in the current financial year 2024-25.
- ❑ **Capital Expenditure**
 - The state's capital expenditure, which was Rs 26646 crore in the year 2023-24, has been increased by 65.94% and a provision of Rs 44216 crore has been kept in the year 2024-25.
- ❑ **Agricultural Budget**
 - Under the agriculture budget, a total amount of Rs. 96787.27 crore has been made for agricultural development and welfare of farmers in the year 2024 including the consolidated fund, own resources of the state autonomous, government and other institutions.
 - Out of the agriculture budget, Rs 52270.12 crore is proposed to be spent from the consolidated fund.
- ❑ **Important announcements made in response to the budget debate-**
 - To provide relief to children suffering from rare diseases, a monthly assistance of Rs 5,000 will be provided under 'Mukhyamantri Ayushman Bal Sambal Yojana'.
 - Under 'Pradhanmantri Matru Vandan Yojana', the amount payable to disabled pregnant women has been increased from Rs 6500 to Rs 10000.
 - Free gypsum will be provided to 20,000 farmers for land improvement.
 - This year 1000 Sarsamitras will be made in urban areas.
 - 1500 new milk cooperative societies will be formed in two years.
 - Agricultural produce markets will be established in Bapini (Lohawat), Phalodi and Kotkhavda, Jaipur.
 - Rajasthan Police Technical Training Academy will be established.

Questions Based on Budget

- What is the target of energy production from renewable energy sources till the year 2031-32 in the Rajasthan Revised Budget 2024-25?
(a) 20500 MW (b) 22200 MW
(c) 33600 MW (d) 35400 MW
- At which of the following places in Rajasthan, solar parks with production capacity of more than 50 thousand MW will be established with the help of private sector?
1. Pugal-Bikaner 2. Chhatargarh-Bikaner
3. Bodana-Jaisalmer 4. Pachpadara-Balotra
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 1, 2 and 3
(c) 1, 2, 3 and 4 (d) 1, 3 and 4
- What is the capacity of solar power plant to be installed in the Aadarsh Solar Village to be set up under Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Free Electricity Scheme?
(a) 2 MW (b) 1.5 MW
(c) 1 Gigawatt (d) 2.5 Gigawatt
- What amount has been provisioned in the revised budget 2024-25 for Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukherjee District Upliftment Scheme?
(a) Rs 400 crore (b) Rs 300 crore
(c) Rs 200 crore (d) Rs 500 crore
- In the revised budget 2024-25, how many of the following bio/pink toilet complexes will be constructed in the first phase in the Municipal Corporation and Municipal Council areas?
(a) 65 (b) 57
(c) 67 (d) 47
- What amount has been provisioned in the revised budget 2024-25 for Brij Regional Development Scheme?
(a) Rs 50 crore (b) Rs 40 crore
(c) Rs 30 crore (d) Rs 20 crore
- At which of the following places will Rajasthan Petro Zone (RPZ) be established?
(a) Balotara (b) Barmer
(c) Jaisalmer (d) Bikaner
- Amrit Global Technology and Application Center will be established at which of the following places to invite investment from global companies?
(a) Jodhpur (b) Jaipur
(c) Ajmer (d) Udaipur
- Biomass Pellet and Chemical Manufacturing Park will be established at which of the following places?
(a) Bhilwara (b) Bikaner
(c) Banswara (d) Jodhpur
- According to the revised budget 2024-25, the total share (direct and indirect) of tourism sector in the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of the state is-
(a) 4.6% (b) 5.6%
(c) 5.5% (d) 4.5%
- Fossil Park and Open Rocks Museum will be established at which of the following places-
(a) Khabha Fort, Jaisalmer (b) Mehrangarh, Jodhpur
(c) Amer Fort, Jaipur (d) Jaigarh, Jaipur
- Rajasthan Mandapam will be established at which of the following places to provide necessary facilities for MICE meetings, events, conferences, exhibition tourism in Rajasthan?
(a) Udaipur (b) Sawai Madhopur
(c) Jodhpur (d) Jaipur
- Electric vehicle based transport system will be established at which of the following tourist places?
1. Pandupul located in Sariska, Alwar
2. Trinetra Ganeshji, Ranthambore
3. Amer Fort, Jaipur
(a) 1 and 2 (b) 1 and 3
(c) 2 and 3 (d) 1, 2 and 3
- Veer Balika Kalibai Museum will be established at which of the following places-
(a) Dungarpur (b) Banswara
(c) Udaipur (d) Pratapgarh
- Which of the following statements is true in the context of Mission Hariyalo Rajasthan-
1. Under Mission Hariyalo Rajasthan, the government has made a provision of expenditure of about Rs 4 thousand crore for 5 years.
2. Under this mission a target has been set to prepare around 10 crore plants every year.
(a) 1 and 2 (b) Only 1
(c) Only 2 (d) None of them
- In the revised budget 2024-25, it has been announced to establish a biological park in which of the following places-
(a) Udaipur (b) Bharatpur
(c) Alwar (d) Sikar

17. In the revised budget 2024-25, it has been announced to establish an early warning system for monitoring air quality in which of the following cities-
 1. Alwar 2. Bhiwadi
 3. Jaipur 4. Bhilwara
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) 1, 2 and 3
 (c) 2 and 4 (d) All
18. In the Rajasthan State Skill Policy, how many youths have been targeted to be trained in the next two years-
 (a) 2 lakh (b) 1.50 lakh
 (c) 1 lakh (d) 2.50 lakhs
19. Residential school for nomadic tribes will be established at which of the following places-
 (a) Pindwara, Sirohi (b) Bali, Pali
 (c) Pasopa, Deeg (d) Sumerpur, Pali
20. In the revised budget 2024-25, it has been announced to establish Eklavya Residential School at which of the following places-
 1. Deola (Kotda) - Udaipur
 2. Ballabhnagar - Udaipur
 3. Bhateshwar (Pindwara) - Sirohi
 4. Jaswantpura - Jalore
 (a) 1 and 2 (b) 2 and 4
 (c) 1 and 4 (d) All of the above
21. To promote the study and research of scientific aspects of astrology and Vastu Vidya, the Center of Excellence will be established at which of the following places-
 (a) Ajmer (b) Udaipur
 (c) Jaipur (d) Bikaner
22. Under the Sports Life Insurance Scheme, what is the maximum accident and life insurance coverage provided to international medal winners-
 (a) 20 lakhs (b) 15 lakhs
 (c) 30 lakhs (d) 25 lakhs
23. To provide international level training and practice facilities to the best players of the state, State of the Art Ultra Fitness Center will be established at which of the following places-
 (a) Jaipur (b) Udaipur
 (c) Jodhpur (d) Jhunjhunu
24. What amount has been provisioned in the revised budget 2024-25 for Khelo Rajasthan Youth Games?
 (a) Rs 100 crore (b) Rs 150 crore
 (c) Rs 75 crore (d) Rs 50 crore
25. A provision of Rs 27660 crore has been made for the medical and health sector in the revised budget 2024-25. What is the percentage of the total budget of the state-
 (a) 7.26 percent (b) 8.26 percent
 (c) 6.26 percent (d) 5.26 percent
26. Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy University will be established at which of the following places-
 (a) Udaipur (b) Jaipur
 (c) Ajmer (d) Bikaner
27. What amount has been provisioned in the revised budget 2024-25 for Govind Guru Tribal Area Development Scheme?
 (a) Rs 25 crore (b) Rs 50 crore
 (c) Rs 75 crore (d) Rs 100 crore
28. How much additional grant will be provided per beneficiary to the economically weaker section beneficiaries of Pradhan Mantri Urban Housing Scheme under the Chief Minister Swanidhi Scheme?
 (a) Rs 10,000 (b) Rs 15,000
 (c) Rs 20,000 (d) Rs 25,000
29. In the revised budget 2024-25, for how many days in a week has it been announced to provide milk to about 36 lakh children coming to Anganwadi centers?
 (a) 2 days (b) 3 days
 (c) 4 days (d) 6 days
30. How many new Maa-Baadi centers have been announced to be established for the children of tribal community in the revised budget 2024-25?
 (a) 100 (b) 150
 (c) 200 (d) 250
31. In the revised budget 2024-25, how many new self-help groups have been announced to be formed in the next 5 years?
 (a) 40 thousand (b) 2 lakh
 (c) 4 lakh (d) 20 thousand
32. Swayamsiddha Center of Excellence will be established at which of the following places-
 (a) Jamdoli - Jaipur (b) Desuri - Pali
 (c) Kolana - Jhalawar (d) Mahwa - Dausa
33. Karmashila Bhawan will be constructed first as an Integrated Office Complex cum Service Center at which of the following places-
 (a) Jodhpur (b) Alwar
 (c) Bikaner (d) Bharatpur
34. The country's first data exchange RajDAX will be established in which of the following states-
 (a) Madhya Pradesh (b) Uttar Pradesh
 (c) Andhra Pradesh (d) Rajasthan

35. How many Kalika Patrolling Units have been announced to be formed in the revised budget 2024-25-
 (a) 400 (b) 500
 (c) 250 (d) 350
36. How much percentage of the state's population will be provided drinking water through the Eastern Region Canal Project (ERCP) Revised Parvati Kalisindh-Chambal Link Project-
 (a) 40% (b) 50%
 (c) 30% (d) 25%
37. What amount has been provisioned for this year in the revised budget 2024-25 for Rajasthan Krishi Vikas Yojana (Raj KVVY)-
 (a) 350 crore (b) 400 crore
 (c) 650 crore (d) 550 crore
38. How many new custom hiring centers have been targeted to be set up in the budget this year to provide agricultural equipment on rent to farmers-
 (a) 500 (b) 750
 (c) 1200 (d) 1000
39. Under the Govardhan Organic Fertilizer Scheme, farmers will be provided with drinking water. What is the maximum subsidy per farmer for producing organic manure from cattle-
 (a) 10000 (b) 15000
 (c) 5000 (d) 20000
40. What amount has been provisioned in the budget 2024-25 for setting up agri clinics at all district headquarters?
 (a) 21 crores (b) 31 crores
 (c) 25 crores (d) 20 crores
41. At which of the following places will the cumin market be established-
 (a) Dausa (b) Jaisalmer
 (c) Tonk (d) Barmer
42. At which of the following places will the processing unit for pomegranate be established with the help of the private sector?
 (a) Jaisalmer (b) Barmer
 (c) Balotra (d) Bikaner
43. What amount has been provisioned in the revised budget 2024-25 for the Chief Minister's Animal Husbandry Development Fund?
 (a) 50 crores (b) 75 crores
 (c) 150 crores (d) 250 crores
44. Which animals will be insured under the Chief Minister Mangala Animal Insurance Scheme-
 1. Cow 2. Buffalo
 3. Sheep 4. Goat
 5. Camel
 (a) 1, 2 and 3 (b) 1, 3, 4 and 5
 (c) 2 and 4 (d) All of the above
45. In the revised budget 2024-25, it has been announced that milk powder plant will be set up at which of the following places-
 (a) Pali (b) Kota
 (c) Balotra (d) Bharatpur
46. What amount has been provisioned for e-vehicle promotion fund in the revised budget 2024-25?
 (a) 100 crores (b) 150 crores
 (c) 200 crores (d) 250 crores
47. Centre of Excellence for Rare Earth Element will be set up at which of the following places-
 (a) Udaipur (b) Bikaner
 (c) Bhilwara (d) Rajsamand
48. According to the revised budget 2024-25, revenue deficit and fiscal deficit in the year 2024-25 are estimated to be what percent of state gross domestic product (GSDP) respectively?
 (a) 3.93% and 1.45% (b) 1.45% and 3.93%
 (c) 1.50% and 3.90% (d) 3.90% and 1.50%
49. What amount has been provisioned for agricultural development and welfare of farmers in the revised budget 2024-25?
 (a) 96787.27 crores (b) 52270.12 crores
 (c) 70009.47 crores (d) 1701843 crores
50. Rajasthan government has signed MoU with which state for establishment of Tiger Corridor?
 (a) Gujarat (b) Uttar Pradesh
 (c) Madhya Pradesh (d) Haryana

ANSWER KEY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
c	b	a	d	c	a	a	b	c	b
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
a	d	a	c	a	c	a	b	d	c
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
c	d	a	d	b	c	c	d	b	d
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
b	a	d	d	b	b	c	d	a	a
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
b	c	d	d	a	c	a	b	a	c

Central Budget 2024-2025

- ❑ According to Article 112 of the Indian constitution, the Union Budget of year is referred to as the Annual Financial Statement.
- ❑ The Union budget is presented by the Finance Minister in Lok Sabha.
- ❑ The Department of Economic Affairs, Ministry of finance is the nodal body responsible for preparing the budget document.
- ❑ The Budget is a statement of the estimated receipts and expenditure of the Government in a financial year. In addition to it, the Budget contains.
 - Estimates of revenue and capital receipts.
 - Ways and Means to raise the revenue
 - Estimates of expenditure.
 - The economic and financial policy of the coming year such as taxation proposals, introduction of new schemes etc.
- ❑ In Parliament, the budget goes through six stages:-
 - Presentation of Budget
 - General Discussion
 - Scrutiny by Departmental Committees.
 - Voting on Demand for Grants
 - Passing of Appropriation Bill
 - Passing of Financial Bill
- ❑ The Union Budget is classified into Revenue Budget and Capital Budget.
 - Revenue Receipts :- The receipts which don't have the direct impact on the assets and the liabilities of the government. It consist of the tax receipt (Income Tax, Corporation tax, GST) and non tax receipt (Dividend, Grants, Interest received)
 - Revenue Expenditure :- The expenditure which does not impact the assets or liabilities of government. Example:- Salaries, Interest payment, Pensions, Grants etc.
 - Capital Receipt :- The receipts which lead to a decrease in assets or an increase in liabilities of the government. Example:- Disinvestment, Repayment of loans.
 - Capital Expenditure :- The expenditure which creates assets or to reduce liabilities. Example:- Long-term investments, Loans given to states.
- ❑ The Budget has two parts :-
 - Part A :- Macroeconomic section announcing government schemes and priorities.
 - Part B :- It involves the finance bill containing taxation proposals such as Income tax revisions.
- ❑ Budget involves various measures of government deficit.
 - Revenue Deficit = Revenue Expenditure - Revenue Receipts
 - Effective Revenue Deficit = Revenue Deficit - Grants for the Creation of Capital Assets
 - Fiscal Deficit = Total Expenditure - (Revenue Receipts + non debt Capital Receipts)
 - Primary Deficit = Fiscal Deficit - Interest Payments.

Facts Related to Budget

- The first Union Budget of Independent India was Presented by R.K. Shanmukham Chetty.
- Morarji Desai presented budget highest 10 times followed by P. Chidambaram (9 times)
- Nirmala Sitharaman presented budget for record 7th time in a row.
- Nirmala Sitharaman became the second woman after Indira Gandhi to present budget.
- Till 1955, the Union Budget was printed only In english but after that budget printed in both hindi and english.
- The Budget 2021-22 made entirely digital for the first time.
- Nirmala Sitharaman hold the record for giving the longest budget speech in budget 2020 (2 hour, 42 minutes)
- Manmohan Singh hold the record for longest budget in terms of words in 1991 (18604 words) and Arun Jaitley also delivered budget speech with 18604 words in 2018.

BUDGET 2024 HIGHLIGHTS

- ❑ Focus on 4 Major Castes:- GYAN
 1. Garib (Poor) 2. Yuva (Youth)
 3. Annadata (Farmer) 4. Nari (Women)
- ❑ Budget Theme
 1. Employment 2. Skilling
 3. MSMEs 4. Middle Class

Part A :- Priorities for Viksit Bharat

Productivity and Resilience in Agriculture

- ❑ Transforming Agriculture Research to being focus on raising productivity and developing climate resilient varieties.
- ❑ National Cooperation Policy for systematic and all round development of the cooperative sector.
- ❑ Promotion of FPOs, Cooperatives and Startups for vegetable supply chains for collection, storage and marketing.
- ❑ Atmanirbharta (self reliance) for oil seeds such as mustard, groundnut, soyabean and sunflower.
- ❑ 109 new high yielding and climate resilient varieties of field and horticulture crops will be released.
- ❑ Natural Farming :- 1 crore farmers across the country will be initiated into natural farming and 10,000 need based bio-input resource centres to be established.
- ❑ Financing for shrimp farming processing and export will be facilitated through NABARD.
- ❑ Digital Public Infrastructure :-
 - For coverage of farmers and their lands in 3 years.
 - Digital Crop survey in 400 districts
 - Issuance of Jan Samarth based Kisan Credit Cards.

Employment and Skilling

- ❑ PM's Package (3 Schemes for Employment linked Incentive)
 - Scheme for First Timers :- 1 month wage to new entrants in all formal sectors in 3 installments upto Rs/- 15,000. It is expected to benefit 210 lakh youth.

- Scheme B for Job Creation in Manufacturing :- Incentive to both employee and employer for EPFO Contributions in the specified scales for the first 4 years. It is expected to benefit 30 lakh youth.
- Scheme C for Support to Employers :- Government will reimburse EPFO contribution of employers upto Rs/- 3000 per month for 2 years for all new employees. It is expected to generate 50 lakh jobs.

- ❑ Facilitate higher participation of the women in the workforce through setting up of working women hostels and establishing creches.
- ❑ Loans up to 7.5 lakh with a guarantee from a government promoted fund to help 25,000 students every year.
- ❑ Financial Support for loans upto Rs/- 10 lakh for higher education in domestic institutions with annual interest Subvention of 3%.
- ❑ Skilling Programme (PM's Package - 4th Scheme)
 - 20 lakh youth will be skilled over a 5 year period.
 - 1000 Industrial training institutes will be upgraded in hub and spoke arrangements with outcome orientation.

Inclusive Human Resource Development and Social Justice

- ❑ Purvoday - Vikas bhi Virasat bhi
 - Plan for endowment rich states in the eastern part covering Bihar, Jharkhand, West Bengal, Odisha and Andhra Pradesh for generation of economic opportunities to attain Viksit Bharat.
 - Amritsar, Kolkata industrial corridor with development of an industrial node at Gaya.
- ❑ Allocation of more than Rs/- 3 lakh crore for schemes benefitting women and girls.
- ❑ PM Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan - Improving the socio-economic condition of tribal communities covering 63,000 village benefitting 5 crore tribal people.
- ❑ More than 100 branches of India Post Payment Bank will be set up in the north-east region.

Manufacturing & Services

- ❑ Credit Guarantee Scheme for MSMEs in the manufacturing sector.
- ❑ Enhanced Scope for mandatory onboarding in Trade Receivable Discounting System (TReDS).
- ❑ MSME units for Food Irradiation, Quality & Safety testing.
- ❑ Mudra loans - The limit enhanced to Rs/- 20 lakh from the current Rs/- 10 lakh under the "Tarun" category.
- ❑ 12 Industrial parks under the National Industrial Corridor Development programme.
- ❑ Critical Minerals Mission for domestic production, recycling and overseas acquisition.
- ❑ Strengthening of the tribunals and appellate tribunals to speed up insolvency resolution and additional tribunals to be established.
- ❑ Internship Opportunities (PM's Package- 5th Scheme).
 - Scheme for providing internship opportunities in top 500 companies to 1 crore youth in 5 years.
 - Allowance of Rs/- 5000 per month along with a one time assistance of Rs/- 6000 through the CSR funds.

Urban Development

- ❑ Encouraging states to lower stamp duties for properties purchased by women.
- ❑ Envisioning a scheme to develop 100 weekly 'haats' or street food hubs in selected cities.
- ❑ Transit Oriented Development Plans for 14 large cities with a population above 30 lakh.
- ❑ Promote water supply, sewage treatment and solid waste management and services for 100 large cities through bankable projects.
- ❑ PM AWAS Yojana Urban 2.0
 - Needs of 1 crore urban poor and middle class families will be addressed with an investment of Rs/- 10 lakh Crore.
- ❑ Enabling policies and regulations for efficient and transparent rental housing markets.

Energy Security

- ❑ Initiatives with private sector in Nuclear Energy
 - Setting up Bharat Small Reactors
 - R&D of Bharat Small Modular Reactor and newer Technologies for nuclear energy.
- ❑ Pumped Storage Policy
 - For electricity storage and facilitation of smooth integration of the growing share of renewable energy.
- ❑ AUSC Thermal Power Plants
 - A joint venture between NTPC and BHEL will set up a full scale 800 MW commercial plant.
- ❑ Energy Audit
 - Facilitate investment grade energy audit in 60 clusters, next phase expands to 100 clusters.
- ❑ PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana
 - 1 crore households will get free electricity up to 300 units every month.

Infrastructure

- ❑ Provision of Rs/- 11.11 lakh crore for Infrastructure (3.4% of GDP)
- ❑ 1.5 lakh crore to states as long term interest free loans to support resource allocation.
- ❑ Phase IV of PM Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) will be launched to provide all weather connectivity to 25,000 rural habitations.
- ❑ Irrigation and Flood Mitigation
 - Financial support for projects with estimated cost of Rs/- 11,500 crore such as the kosi-Mechi intra state link and 20 other ongoing and new schemes.
 - Assistance for flood management and related projects in Assam, Sikkim & Uttarakhand.
 - Assistance for reconstruction and rehabilitation in Himachal Pradesh.
- ❑ Tourism
 - Development of Vishnupad Temple Corridor and Mahabodhi Temple Corridor modelled on Kashi Vishwanath Temple Corridor.

- Comprehensive development initiative for "Rajgir" will be undertaken which holds religious Significance for Hindus, Buddhists and Jains.
- The development of Nalanda as a tourist centre besides reviving Nalanda University to its glorious Stature.
- Assistance to development of Odisha's scenic beauty, temples, monuments, craftsmanship, wildlife sanctuaries, natural landscapes and beaches making it an ultimate tourism destination.

Innovation, Research & Development

- ❑ Operationalization of the Anusandhan National Research Fund for basic research and prototype development.
- ❑ Private sector driven research and innovation at commercial scale with a financing pool of Rs/- 1 lakh crore.
- ❑ A venture capital fund of Rs/- 1000 crore is to be set up for Space Economy.

Next Generation Reforms

- ❑ Rural & Urban land related actions
 - Land records in urban areas will be digitized with GIS mapping.
 - Unique Land Parcel Identification number or Bhu-Aadhaar for all lands.
 - Digitization of cadastral maps
 - Survey of map sub-division as per current ownership.
 - Linkages to the farmer's registries.
- ❑ Taxonomy for climate finance
 - Enhancing the availability of capital for climate adaptation and mitigation related investments.

- ❑ FDI and Overseas Investments
 - Simplified to facilitate FDIs and promote opportunities for using Indian Rupee as a currency for overseas investments.
- ❑ NPS Vatsalya
 - A plan for contribution by parents and guardians for minors.
- ❑ Improvement of data governance, collection, processing and management of data and statistics.
- ❑ New Pension Scheme (NPS)
 - A solution that address the relevant issues, protects the common citizen and maintains fiscal prudence will be formed.

Part B :- Tax Proposals

Changes in Custom Duty

- ❑ Affordable Medicines
 - Fully exempt 3 more Cancer medicines from custom duties.
- ❑ Mobile Industry
 - Reduce Basic Custom Duty (BCD) to 15% on mobile phone, mobile PCBA and charger.
- ❑ Domestic Value Addition
 - Reduce custom duty on gold and silver to 6% and platinum to 6.4%
- ❑ Enhance Competitiveness in marine exports
 - Reduce basic custom duty on shrimp and fish feed to 5%
- ❑ Support Energy Transition
 - Exempted more capital goods for manufacturing of solar cells and panels.
- ❑ Boost to Strategic sectors
 - Fully exempt custom duties on 25 critical minerals.

Direct Tax Proposal

- ❑ To reduce the compliance burden, promote entrepreneurial spirit and provide tax relief to citizens.
- ❑ Rationalization of capital gains tax
 - Short term gains of financial assets to attract 20% tax rate.
 - Long term gains on all financial and non-financial assets to attract a tax rate of 12.5%
 - Increase in limit of exemption of capital gains on financial assets to Rs. 1.25 lakh/year.
- ❑ Employment and Investment
 - Abolish ANGEL Tax for all classes of investors.
 - Simpler tax regime to operate domestic cruise.
 - Provide for safe harbour rates for foreign mining companies (Selling raw diamonds).
 - Corporate Tax rate on foreign companies reduced from 40% to 35%
- ❑ Simplifying Income Tax Regime

Old Tax Slab	Tax Rate	New Tax Slab	Tax Rate
Upto Rs. 3 Lakh	Nil	Upto Rs. 3 lakh	Nil
Rs. 3 lakh – Rs 6 Lakh	5%	Rs. 3 lakh – 7 Lakh	5%
Rs. 6 lakh – Rs 9 Lakh	10%	Rs. 7 lakh – 10 Lakh	10%
Rs. 9 lakh – Rs 12 Lakh	15%	Rs. 10 lakh – 12 Lakh	15%
Rs. 12 lakh – Rs 15 Lakh	20%	Rs. 12 lakh – 15 Lakh	20%
More than 15 lakh	30%	More than 15 Lakh	30%

- Standard deduction for salaried employees increased from Rs. 50000 to 75000.
- Deduction on family pension for pensioners increased from Rs. 15000 to 25000.

Trends in Receipt and Expenditure

Items	2023-2024 (Provisional Actuals)	2024-2025 (Budget Estimates) (In Lakh Crore)
Revenue Receipts	27.28 LCr	31.29 LCr
Capital Receipts	17.14 LCr	16.9 LCr
Revenue Expenditure	34.94 LCr	37.09 LCr
Capital Expenditure	9.48 LCr	11.11 LCr

Rupees comes From	Share	Rupees Goes to	Share
Borrowing and other Liabilities	27%	State's share of Taxes and Duties	21%
Income Tax	19%	Interest Payments	19%
Goods and Service Tax	18%	Central Sector Scheme	16%
Corporation Tax	17%	Finance Commission Transfers	9%
Non-Tax Receipts	9%	Centrally Sponsored Scheme	8%
Union Excise Duties	5%	Defence	8%
Customs	4%	Subsidies	6%
Non-Debt Capital Receipts	1%	Pensions	4%
		Other Expenditure	9%

Expenditure of Major Items

- Defence – 4.54 LCr
- Rural Development – 2.65 LCr
- Agriculture and Allied Activities – 1.51 LCr
- Home Affairs – 1.50 LCr
- Education – 1.25 LCr

- IT & Telecom – 1.16 LCr
- Health – 89 KCr
- Energy – 68.7 KCr

Deficit Statistics

Items	2023-2024 (Provisional Actuals) (% of GDP)	2024-2025 (Budget Estimates)
Revenue Deficit	7.65 LCr (2.6%)	5.80 LCr (1.8%)
Effective Revenue Deficit	4.61 LCr (1.6%)	1.89 LCr (0.6%)
Fiscal Deficit	16.53 LCr (5.6%)	16.13 LCr (4.9%)
Primary Deficit	5.89 LCr (2%)	4.50 LCr (1.4%)

Sources of Financing Deficit

Items	2023-2024 (Provisional Actuals)	2024-2025 (Budget Estimate)
Market Borrowing (G-Sec)	11.77 LCr	11.63 LCr
Short term Borrowing (T-Bill)	53 KCr	-50 KCr
Securities against Small Savings	4.5 LCr	4.20 LCr
State Provident Funds	5.07 KCr	5 KCr
External Debt	55 KCr	15.9 KCr

Current Affairs Questions

1. Which day is observed as 'Kargil Vijay Diwas' in India?
[a] 20 July [b] 2 July
[c] 13 July [d] 26 July
2. Who has recently become the new Prime Minister of Netherlands?
[a] Keir Starmer [b] Dick Schoof
[c] Lawrence Wong [d] Kristen Michal
3. Recently, where was the 'Global Conclave on Plastic Recycling and Sustainability (GCPRS)' organised?
[a] New Delhi [b] Jaipur
[c] Bengaluru [d] Kashmir
4. Which Indian Tennis player has won the men's double title at the swiss open Tennis Tournament-2024-
[a] Yuki Bhambri [b] Sumit Nagpal
[c] N.Sriram Balaji [d] Rohan Bopanna
5. Recently, Which country secured COPA America Championship by defeating colombia?
[a] Brazil [b] Argentina
[c] Chile [d] Uruguay
6. World Population day is celebrated on?
[a] 22 July [b] 19 July
[c] 28 July [d] 11 July
7. World Zoonosis day is observed on?
[a] 11 July [b] 6 July
[c] 18 July [d] 10 July
8. In which of the following biological park country's largest leopard safari has been inaugurated?
[a] Bannerghata Biological Park
[b] Sanjay Gandhi Biological
[c] Sajjangerh Biological Park
[d] Nahargarh Biological Park
9. National Statistics day is celebrated on.
[a] 26th June [b] 30th June
[c] 29th June [d] 19th June
10. Recently, who is elected as the President of Rajasthan Olympic Association?
[a] Dhanraj Choudhary
[b] Ram Avtar Jakhar
[c] Tejasvi Gehlot
[d] Shivcharan Mali
11. Which of the following country has become the first country in the world to imposed carbon tax on cattle rearers ?
[a] Denmark [b] Australia
[c] US (United States) [d] Japan
12. Which of the following player represented Rajasthan in the National Chess Championship (Under-17) category?
[a] Aayush Bhojak [b] Dakshita Kumawat
[c] Aashi Upadhyay [d] Aarav Gupta
13. In which District of Rajasthan local administration has been implemented "Operation Seema"?
[a] Kota [b] Sikar
[c] Sriganganagar [d] Jaipur
14. How many Gram Nyayalayas are fully operational at present in Rajasthan?
[a] 48 [b] 40
[c] 45 [d] 50
15. Which of the following Indian author has honored with the Pen Pinter Award-2024?
[a] Anuja Chouhan [b] Arundhati Roy
[c] Kiran Desai [d] Jhumpa Lahiri
16. Who has appointed as the coach of the Indian team in the world Junior squash Championship?
[a] Surbhi Mishra [b] Bodhana sivanandan
[c] Ridhi Pareek [d] Juhi Kumawat

17. Recently, Which government agency has launched the 'Sampoornata Abhiyan'?
[a] National informatics centre
[b] NABARD
[c] NITI Aayog
[d] Ministry of Finance
18. Recently, where was the 24th meeting of the council of heads of state of the Shanghai co-operation organization (SCO) held?
[a] Tehran, Iran
[b] Astana, Kazakhstan
[c] Beijing, China
[d] New Delhi, India
19. Recently, Hemant Soren took an oath as the Chief Minister of which state?
[a] Odisha
[b] Jharkhand
[c] Bihar
[d] Madhya Pradesh
20. Recently, Masoud Pezeshkian has been elected as the President of which country.
[a] Iraq [b] Iran
[c] Qatar [d] Egypt
21. Which organization has recently unveiled the proto-type of India's indigenous light tank Zorawar?
[a] DRDO [b] NASA
[c] ISRO [d] JAXA
22. Which Indian Chess Player won title of "Leon master Chess Championship for the 10th time?"
[a] Vishwanathan Anand
[b] Nihal sarin
[c] D. Gukesh
[d] Raunak, Sadhwani
23. Which of the following state has become first to introduced a 10 year road safely action plan in India?
[a] Gujrat [b] Punjab
[c] Rajasthan [d] Karnataka
24. Which of the following country will host 28th edition of the Malabar Naval exercise :-
[a] India [b] Japan
[c] Australia [d] US (United States)
25. Which of the following state will host the 13th India stone mart-2026?
[a] Rajasthan [b] Goa
[c] Bihar [d] New Delhi
26. Recently, who among the following has been awarded the Ati Vishisht Seva Medal by the President:-
[a] Ajit Doval [b] Manoj Pandey
[c] Philip Thomas [d] General Anil Chauhan
27. When was the Rajasthan Anti-Corruption Bureau established?
[a] 18 July 1967 [b] 20 July 1968
[c] 15 July 1967 [d] 25 July 1969
28. Who among the following is the author of the book 'The Personal is Political'?
[a] Jumpa Lahiri [b] Aruna Roy
[c] Arundhati Roy [d] Sudha Murthy
29. The correct statement regarding ABHA ID i.e. Ayushman Bharat Health Account is-
1. ABHA ID will have digital health records of an individual.
2. It is a 16 digit unique ID.
[a] Only 1
[b] Only 2
[c] Both 1 and 2
[d] None of the above
30. The 10th National Athletics Championship held in Panchkula, Haryana?
[a] Manju Bala and Surabhi Mishra
[b] Surabhi Mishra and Sanjay Kumar
[c] Sanjay Kumar and Tejaswi
[d] Manju Bala and Sanjay Kumar

42. Which player from Rajasthan won the gold medal in the 80 kg weight category in the senior women's category in the 11th World Strength Lifting Championship?
[a] Juhi Kumawat [b] Shobhana Gurjar
[c] Manju Bala [d] Archana Bilonia
43. Which player from Rajasthan won the gold medal in the Tai Chi category in the 18th Junior State Level Wushu Competition?
[a] Ridhi Pareek and Shivram
[b] Manjubala and Sanjay Kumar
[c] Sanjay Kumar and Surabhi Mishra
[d] Ridhi Pareek and Manju Bala
44. Who won the gold medal in the Tramp Shooting Para event in the 22nd Rajasthan State Championship?
[a] Chandrapal Singh [b] Sushil Kumar Meena
[c] Bharat Singh [d] Lokesh Bagda
45. Which player has achieved double success by winning gold and silver medals in Rajasthan Youth Karate Championship?
[a] Juhi Kumawat [b] Archana Bilonia
[c] Aashi Upadhyay [d] Pawan Kumawat
46. Which block of Rajasthan has become the first block to provide clean drinking water through tap connections in 100% of the houses.
[a] Sambhar Block [b] Mandal Block
[c] Shahpura Block [d] Deedwana Block
47. Which committee has been formed to review the new districts and divisions formed in Rajasthan?
[a] Lalit K. Panwar Committee
[b] Ramlubhaya Committee
[c] Gulabchand Kataria Committee
[d] Dr. K. K. Parik Committee
48. The correct statement regarding the attention motion is-
1. This motion is presented in the Parliament by the members to seek the attention of the government on an urgent public issue.
2. This motion is not mentioned in the rules of procedure of the Parliament.
3. This motion can be presented in both the houses of the Parliament.
[a] Only 1 and 2 [b] Only 2
[c] Only 1 and 3 [d] Only 3
49. Which app has been launched by Rajasthan Police to collect digital evidence through mobile app and store it on the cloud?
[a] E-filing app [b] E-Kanoon app
[c] E-Sakshya app [d] E-cloud app
50. Where is Asia's first high speed dedicated testing track being built?
[a] Nawa [b] Pachpadara
[c] Sambhar [d] Kuchaman

ANSWER KEY

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
D	B	A	A	B	D	B	A	C	C
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
A	C	C	C	B	A	C	B	B	B
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
A	A	C	A	A	C	C	B	A	A
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
C	C	B	C	C	C	A	C	D	C
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
D	D	A	B	A	B	A	C	C	A

Topper's Talk - 2



Mohan Choudhary

Father : Shri Babu Lal Choudhary

Mother : Smt. Chhoti Devi

Graduation : B.Sc

12th : 12th krishna school kalwar (2016) (92.40%)

10th : 10th krishna school kalwar (2014) (85.17%)

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

Mohan : Thank you.

Question: Tell us about your family background how did your family support you in your Civil Services exam preparation ?

Mohan : My father Mr. Babulal Choudhary is a farmer. My mother Mrs. Chhoti Devi is a homemaker. One of my uncle is working as a BSF inspector and the other one as a JEN. I also have two younger sisters. My family always believed in me throughout the preparation and always felt that I would perform well in this prestigious state exam.

Question: Tell us about your educational background and how it has prepared you for this examination?

Mohan : I did B.Sc (PCM) from University Maharaja college, Jaipur and M.Sc (Physics) from University of Rajasthan. Apparently, academic subjects have limited contribution in the preparation of Civil Services examination but the Science subject has helped me a lot in understanding of the other subjects. Indirectly, it was also available to me as an alternative career.

Question: Was your aim is to become a Civil Servant from the beginning?

Mohan : I came to know about these services when I was in Class 12th and during my graduation from University Maharaja college, I learned about these service in details from my teachers and friends. after a lot of brain storming, I decided that I would make my career in this field.

Question: Who was your inspiration for preparing for the civil Services exam?

Mohan : The job profile of civil services Personally inspired me to appear in the exam. Although, it takes more time to prepare for such Services so self motivation is effective instead of external motivation.

Question: When did you start your civil services Preparation?

Mohan : I started preparing for these services in the year of 2019 after completed my graduation. I believe that being graduated from a better institute develops your practical understanding. Therefore, in my opinion it is appropriate to Prepare for civil services exam only after graduation

Question: According to you how much time is sufficient to prepare for the civil services examination?

Mohan : This is very Subjective and depends on the educational Background of a person. A minimum of 18 months time period is sufficient. In which not only you can complete the Syllabus on time But you can also revise it well.

Question: What is the role of Coaching in the Civil Services Examination? Can success be achieved even through self-study?

Mohan : The role of Coaching depends on your educational background. I am graduated in science background so humanities subjects were a challenge for me to some context. I decided to take admission in Springboard Academy at Jaipur. Although the covid

period was also a new Challenge for me so I took online classes from **Springboard Academy**. I would like to Say to the students that it is Very important to maintain your regularity in coaching classes. Every year thousands of students take coaching but success is achieved only by those who remain disciplined throughout the journey.

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

Mohan : In My opinion, while selecting a coaching institute special attention should be paid to complete the syllabus on time Test series should be based on the pattern of examination. I have paid attention to these bases while joining the springboard academy.

Question: Is Medium of language important in this Examination ? What was your medium?

Mohan : Hindi medium students often think that medium plays a role in selection but I believe that Whether it is English or Hindi or In whichever medium you give in the exam, the exam does not discriminate on the basis of language. Also, I feel that Hindi medium candidates should work on their writing speed. In English medium students write their answers on time.

Question: What Suggestions Would you give to improve answer writing skills in the Mains Examination?

Mohan : To improve your writing skills, Write the answers as per the requirement of the question and focus on the words given at the end like discussion, review/comment etc. For that write answers regularly and Practice more and you can also join test-series as well to lookover on your own Performance.

Question: Which study material did you use during Preparation?

Mohan : I made handwritten notes from the classes of Springboard Academy. These were the base of my preparation. Also I was studied from few standard books like Lakshmikant for Polity, Vivek Singh for Economy, Economy survey by Vikas Sir NCERT and Rajasthan board books.

Question: What is the role of short notes in the Pre and mains examination?

Mohan : Personally I did not find short notes Very useful in the mains examination if you adopt the answer sheet as per the requirement of the question then it does not required. In Preliminary exam you can make your own notes to revise facts data current affairs.

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

Mohan : Through the mock interviews your fear of getting nervous reduce. So I think 2-3 mocks are should be given before the real Interview. There is no need to become a artificial person. My Interview Was in the board of Chairman. Mr. Sanjay shrotriya Sir. The atmosphere of the board was positive. Questions were asked on current issues.

Question: How teachers contributes in your journey to success ?

Mohan : After parents and family, teachers play the biggest role in personality development and I am indebted to teachers for my success.

Question: What was the role of your friends in your preparation?

Mohan : Civil services preparation is not always done so well and it is nice to have the support of friends in such a long journey. My friends have contributed a lot to my success and preparation by giving me their continuity and feedback.

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

Mohan : Since I stayed away from home after 12th, I did not find it as a new challenge. Still, if you have set a big goal, then small challenges will definitely come.

Question: What was the most difficult moment during the preparation?

Mohan : During preparation i kept sub inspector as an option but I got injured in a physical test. I was left with only the option of RAS and in a way, this accident proved to be decisive for my selection in RAS. however, this time was very crucial for me.

Question: How did you motivate yourself to prepare continuously due to the long duration of the civil service examination?

Mohan : First of all, before starting the preparation, I had thought that it will be a long journey and success will not be achieved in a short time. Second, self-belief is the key of motivation. Third, to complete a topic in the fixed time, giving tests and performing well in them will also motivate you.

Question: What is your opinion about Plan-B?

Mohan : This is subjective but I personally feel that there should be a Plan-B in the preparation of RAS and it can be any form of like other exam of which is quite similar to RAS in context of exam pattern. Because in Rajasthan a single exam takes 3 years.

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

Mohan : After selection in RAS, the social outlook towards you changes and people start looking at you with respect and hope. Apart from this, a big post brings with big responsibilities. If I say from the point of view of a student, then appearing in RAS was the best decision of my life.

Question: As an officer, what will you aim to do work to bring changes in the society ?

Mohan : I will focus on ensuring that the government schemes reach to the people on time. Also, if I get an opportunity, I will try to contribute in the field of urban planning and grounding water.

Question: Is monthly journal required for civil services exam ? if yes how it prove helpful in the examination ?

Mohan : Monthly magazine is definitely useful because most of the candidates are not able to read the newspaper daily. they don't have much time and exam-useful material is already available in a monthly magazine. Therefore, I believe that one should read a good magazine regularly.

Question : How did you manage stress during preparation ?

Mohan : Stress management is a big word. Do not take civil service preparation as a stress but take it as joy because it improve our knowledge about the things around us. Also, to overcome any doubts, I used to take time out for exams and talk to the teachers of the institute. Also, I had faith that if I try honestly, I will definitely get success, whether in this exam or any other exam.

Question : How did you management time during preparation?

Mohan : For time management, first of all keep a practical time table and the target should be achievable and then follow this time table religiously.

Question: Wishing you even more success in the future !

Mohan : Thank You!