

## Rajasthan Current Affairs 2020

### Rajasthan Moksh Kalash Yojana 2020

Rajasthan state government has launched Moksh Kalash Yojana 2020. This scheme aims to allow free bus travel to 2 members of the family of the deceased to immerse ashes of their loved ones in Ganga in Haridwar.

The state road transport corporation would be the nodal agency to run the scheme and the expenses would be borne by the Devasthan Department.

All the passengers will be required to register for availing the facility by providing details including about the dead person.

A copy of related documents will have to be kept with those carrying the ashes.

RSRTC will provide an interface for online registration, make arrangements for transport to the destination and other facilities during the journey.

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### Free Coaching Scheme

The Rajasthan state government has launched Free Coaching Scheme for Civil Service Aspirants. This coaching provided through reputed institutions to students belonging to various tribes and Sahariya community through online mode.

Rajasthan Free Coaching Scheme 2020 will benefit students preparing for UPSC / RPSC competitive exams.

Rajasthan TAD Super 30 Project will ensure that students aspiring for UPSC / RPSC exams will now get free online coaching.

This move will improve the educational, economic and social status of the aspirants.

### Rajasthan Mukhyamantri Yuva Sambal Yojana

Rajasthan state government has launched Mukhyamantri Yuva Sambal Yojana where all the unemployed graduates can apply online to get unemployment allowance i.e Rs. 3500 for girls and Rs. 3,000 for boys.

Although the Berojgari Bhatta Yojna in Rajasthan was launched in the month of February 2019, the Mukhyamantri Yuva Sambal Yojana guidelines have been released now.

Rajasthan with more than 7 crore population has given several industrialists and professionals to the country.

In order to further boost the potential of people, the state govt. has laid the vision to create 15 lac jobs in the next 5 years. Moreover, there is a vision to accelerate the growth rate in the state to 10%-12%.

### Rajasthan Anandam Scheme

Rajasthan state government Rajasthan Anandam Scheme 2020 by the CM Ashok Gehlot led. Anandam Scheme inspires college students to contribute towards society and earn academic credits in return.

In Rajasthan, community service will now be a credited subject to instill values like “Joy of Giving” in students in higher education institutes.

The state govt. will make community outreach mandatory for college and university students.

The new Rajasthan Anandam Scheme will be the first-of-its-kind initiative in the country and has already received acceptance from most universities.

More than 20 lakh college students will have to compulsorily volunteer for social causes. Such students will be familiarized with community service as part of their syllabus in this academic session.

The students will have to work for the welfare of society through assigned tasks, works which they have to complete on time. In this article, we will tell you about the complete details of the scheme.

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### **Rajasthan SC / ST / OBC Self Employment Loan Scheme**

Rajasthan SC / ST / OBC Self Employment Loan Scheme apply online process is going to begin from 1 September 2020. In this scheme, people belonging to scheduled caste (SC), scheduled tribes (ST) categories, safai karamcharis, persons with disabilities (PwDs) and other backward classes (OBCs) can apply for loan for self-employment.

This loan scheme will be started by Rajasthan Scheduled Caste Scheduled Tribe Finance and Development Cooperative Corporation Limited.

The loan amount will be transferred by the Corporation to the Jan Aadhaar-linked bank account of the applicant after administrative approval on the basis of the recommendation given by the loan appraisal team.

Previously, this process took a lot of time as the applications were accepted offline. This process has been made online since last year.

It will make the process easier for applicants who will not have to wait for long.

### **Rajasthan Indira Rasoi Yojana**

Rajasthan state government has launched Indira Rasoi Yojana to ensure that no person sleeps hungry (Koi Bhukha Naa Soye) in the state. CM Ashok Gehlot on 22 June 2020 announced that meals twice a day will soon be made available to the poor people at low rates.

The state govt. will spend Rs. 100 crore per annum for this Indira Rasoi Scheme. Moreover, govt. will make use of the Information Technology to effectively monitor this scheme.

Indira Rasoi Yojana is an upgraded version of the previously running Annapurna Rasoi Yojana in Rajasthan.

In this scheme, the state govt. will ensure that all the needy and hungry people will get hygienic and nutritious food.

The Rajasthan govt. will take the help of Local Non Governmental Organizations (NGOs) in Indira Rasoi Yojana implementation.

CM has launched this Indira Rasoi Yojana which would be beneficial during Coronavirus un-locking period as well as post COVID-19 period.

The scheme will be rolled in 213 urban local bodies of the state.

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### Rajasthan CM launched Raj Kaushal Portal through video conference

Rajasthan CM has launched the Online Shramik Employment Exchange, 'Raj Kaushal Portal' developed by the department of Information and Technology(IT) and Rajasthan Skill & Livelihoods Development Corporation through video conference.

To ensure employment for migrant workers from other states and assure unemployed persons who are available to work in industries that face a labor shortage.

Data- The portal consists of data of around 13 lakh migrant workers including registered building & other construction workers; those trained by RSDLC & Industrial Training Institutes(ITIs) who have returned from other states.

Benefits-It helps to address the mismatch between demand & supply of workers in the state & the industrial units can increase their demands on the portal.

Registration- Industries(employers) & labourers(Job seekers) can register on the exchange through E-mitra.

By considering the demand of the usage of portal, it will also be introduced in the mobile applications.

### 'Suposhit Maa Abhiyan' launched in Kota, Rajasthan

'Suposhit Maa Abhiyan' has been launched in Kota, Rajasthan, to provide nutritional support to pregnant women and adolescent girls. The aim of the campaign is to preserve & maintain the health of our future generations.

In the first phase of the campaign, 1,000 kits of 17 kg balanced diet each were provided to 1,000 pregnant women.

Under this Abhiyan, 1,000 women would be given food items for 1 month. At the same time, the health of the child, including medical examination, blood tests, medicines, delivery would be covered.

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### **Rajasthan Cabinet Approved 'One-Stop Shop' Scheme to Fast-Track Investments**

The state Cabinet of Rajasthan has approved 'One-Stop Shop' Scheme- OSS to fast track investment and capacity expansion proposals by facilitating time-bound approvals and clearances. This will help revive industries in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As per the scheme, entrepreneurs who invest above Rs 10 crore will be able to get 98 types of clearance under one roof at OSS under the Bureau of Investment Promotion of the State Industries Department.

Recently The State Cabinet has approved amendments in the 'The Rajasthan Enterprises Single Window Enabling and Clearance Act, 2011' and provided for the constitution of a Board of Investment under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot for the purpose

Officers from 14 major departments, including industries, energy, labour, urban development, local self-government, State Pollution Control Board, consumer affairs, tourism, revenue, public works, health and Rajasthan State Industries Development & Investment Corporation, will be deputed to the one-stop shop.

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### **Rajasthan government partnered with 'Aayu' to tackle COVID-19**

Rajasthan state government has partnered with MedCords, a healthcare startup to provide online consultations and to deliver medicine to the people of Rajasthan to control the COVID-19 pandemic. MedCord will provide the requirements of over 68 million people throughout Rajasthan through its integrated solution – Aayu and SehatSathi app.

The aim of the startup is to provide access to quality healthcare in urban and rural India.

MedCord is fully adopted in 7 districts of Rajasthan (Kota, Udaipur, Sri Ganganagar, Bikaner, Ajmer, Pali and Jaipur).

The consultation and delivery of medicine for more than 10,000 patients at free of cost by the startup through the network of SehatSathi.

The service is provided through the app and the helpline number – 7816811111 supports Hindi and English language. The helpline number helps the feature phone users to consult doctors from anywhere in India.

The application "Aayu" – provides a platform for the patients to consult the doctors, get their history quickly and order their medicines from a nearby medical store. The app also contains a built-in comprehensive coronavirus guide for the users.

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### NHRC issued notice to Rajasthan Government

National Human Rights Commission has sent notice to the Rajasthan Government over the death of more than 100 children in the state-run hospital in Kota, Rajasthan in the month of December alone.

The commission seeks a detailed report on the reasons behind the death. Union Health Ministry has sent an expert panel to conduct gap analysis of clinical protocols, human resources and equipment and paediatric services.

The NHRC is a public body constituted in 1993 under the Protection of Human Rights act. The commission has powers to inquire violations of human rights by government of India and by any public servant.

It shall also review acts of terrorism inhibiting acts of terrorism. NHRC also studies treaties on human rights globally and suggests recommendations of their implementation.

By law, every state should set up human rights commission. However, only 22 states have such commission at state level currently. There are still eight states in India without human rights commissions. It includes Goa, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Mizoram, Tripura, Haryana and Uttarakhand.

NHRC consists of a chairman who has been a judge of supreme court or Chief Justice of India. The other members include ex-judge of supreme court, ex-chief justice of high court, chair persons of national commissions of SC, ST, BC, minorities.

### Jaipur received World Heritage Certificate from UNESCO

Jaipur received World Heritage Certificate from the UNESCO. The UNESCO Director General Audrey Azoulay visited India to present the certificate.

The World Heritage Certificate was presented to Jaipur for the efforts of the people of the pink city towards preserving its cultural heritage. Jaipur's Parkota has been listed in the World Heritage sites of UNESCO.

The Project is being implemented by UNESCO in 10 cities of Rajasthan, It includes Barmer, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Jaisalmer, etc.

Jaipur is known for its palaces, architecture, forts. The architecture in the city reflected inclusion of Mughal, Persian and Hindu designs. In order to preserve this cultural mixture of the city, UNESCO and the Rajasthan Tourism Department have signed an agreement.

### Selection Criteria

1. The World Heritage Sites are selected on the basis of four natural criteria and six cultural criteria. They are as follows
2. The site should represent human creativity
3. It should reflect interchange of human values.
4. It should bear unique testimony to cultural tradition
5. An example for a particular type of architecture
6. An example for human settlement, their sea-use and land-use
7. It should represent biological or ecological evolution

8. An example to represent major stages of earth's history.
9. To exhibit natural beauty
10. It should be directly related to the traditions of living people

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### **40% of Environment Related Crimes in India are from Rajasthan**

Comptroller and Auditor General tabled the report for the year that ended on 31st March 2018. The report was tabled in the assembly. According to the report, between 2014 and 2016, 40% of environmental crimes in India were from Rajasthan.

The report pointed out that Wildlife Crime Control units were not established in the state. The crimes violated Forest (Conservation) act and Wildlife Protect Act.

Between 2014 and 2016, the number of environmental crimes registered in the country were 15,723 and those registered in Rajasthan were 6,382.

The Ranthambhore Tiger Reserve and Sariska Tiger Reserve were not regulated due to the absence of Local Advisory Committee. In Ranthambhore, 5 out of 10 core areas were not closed in monsoon season.

The CAG identified several irritants to the wild life in the area. The Abhedha Biological Park in Kota had garbage dumping yard nearby. The other concerns were firing range of the army, industrial areas and slums.

### **Rajasthan celebrated Statehood Day**

Rajasthan celebrated its Statehood Day on March 30 every year. Popularly known as "Land of the Kings", it is the largest Indian state in area. The day is also called "Rajasthan Day".

This year, the state is silent due to the lock down in the country. Usually there are radiant and invigorating events held all over the state.

The state was earlier called 'Rajputana'. It got its recognition and its name as Rajasthan when it was formed on March 30, 1949.

Rajasthan was formed with the unification of states namely Kota, Tonk, Shahpura, Pratagarh, Kishangarh, Jhalawar, Dungarpur, Bundi and Banswara. The Maharana of Udaipur joined Rajasthan after three days of its formation.

The State was formally inaugurated by Jawaharlal Nehru on March 25, 1948. Later states like Jaipur, Bikaner and Jodhpur merged to form Greater Rajasthan on March 30, 1949 with the efforts of Sardar Vallabh Bhai Patel.

He inaugurated Greater Rajasthan on March 30, 1949 which is till date celebrated as the Statehood Day of Rajasthan.

### **Rajasthan launched the first plasma bank of the state**

Rajasthan state Government is to set up the first plasma bank of the state in Jaipur. The first ever plasma bank of India was established in Delhi. Following Delhi, the state governments of Kerala,

Odisha started plasma banks. Maharashtra Government recently announced that about its launch of plasma banks in Malegaon and Dharavi.

The plasma banks set up by the state governments operate within the states. On the other hand, the plasma bank launched in Delhi operates at national level. The second national level plasma bank is to be opened in Tamil Nadu.

Under Plasma Therapy, the blood plasma is collected from a COVID-19 recovered patient. It is then transfused into a COVID-19 patient. The blood plasma is the fluid left after the components of blood are removed.

The components of the blood are RBC, WBC, and platelets. RBC is Red Blood Corpuscles and WBC is White Blood Corpuscles. The RBCs are the ones carrying oxygen in the blood.

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### **4th National Conference on PMFBY held in Rajasthan**

The 4th National Conference on Review of Implementation of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) held in Udaipur, Rajasthan. It was inaugurated by Sanjay Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare.

The conference saw the participation of 140 members representing different states, banks, insurance companies, RBI (Reserve Bank of India), NABARD (National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development). The first three editions were held in Lucknow, Bangalore, and Guwahati respectively.

PMFBY provides a comprehensive insurance cover to farmers against failure of the crop. It was formulated in line with One Nation–One Scheme theme by replacing earlier two schemes National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) and Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS) by incorporating their best features and removing their inherent drawbacks (shortcomings).

Currently, the scheme has three active participants namely the state government, banking sector and the insurance sector. The scheme is being administered by the Ministry of Agriculture with an aim of supporting sustainable production in agriculture.

### **Rajasthan Launched “Pure for Sure” Week Long Campaign to Ensure Purity of Dairy Products**

Rajasthan state government launched the week long campaign “Pure for Sure” from 8th July 2020 to 14th July 2020 – to ensure the purity of the milk and dairy products.

The Food safety offices are provided with the equipment and facilities required to test the samples.

The divisional level food testing laboratory will be used for this campaign.

The food safety offices will upload the results and the information related to the samples on the FSSAI app and the officers are directed to update the campaign report to the headquarters on a daily basis.

The actions will be taken according to the rules when the sample fails the tests.

### **Birth Anniversary of Maharana Pratap Singh I**

Maharana Pratap Singh popularly known as “Maharana” was the 13th king of Mewar (the present Rajasthan). He was born on May 9, 1540. The “Siege of Chittorgarh” led to the loss of fertile eastern belt to the Mughals in 1568.

Akbar wanted to establish a secure route to Gujarat through Mewar. So, he sent number of envoys to King Rana to become a vassal just like the other Rajputs. Rana refused. Hence, the Battle of Haldighati was fought

Maharana is known for his bravery in the Battle of Haldighati. The battle was fought on 18 June, 1576 between Maharana and the forces of Akbar. Rana fought with 22,000 forces against 2 lakh soldiers of the Mughal army. The Mughals were led by Man Singh of Amber. Rana’s forces were defeated in 6 hours.

Though, the Rana lost, he and his chief army men escaped with wounds. They re-gathered their forces, fought and won against the Mughals after six years in 1582.

The Mughals faced terrible defeat and Akbar stopped his military campaigns against Mewar after this.

Also, Rana recaptured Udaipur, Gogunda and Kumbhalgarh when Akbar was concentrating on the north western front.

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### **Rajasthan Government to launch ‘Indira Rasoi Yojna’**

Rajasthan government announced ‘Indira Rasoi Yojna to provide pure and nutritious food to the economically weaker sections of the society.

Under the scheme, food will be available at a concessional rate twice a day to make sure no one sleeps hungry in state.

For the successful implementation of the scheme, the state government will rope in local Non-Government Organizations (NGOs) in every district of the state.

For monitoring and evaluating the progress of the scheme, Information Technology will be used. In every district, a committee headed by the district collector will also be set up for monitoring the scheme.

For the scheme, Rs 100 crore will be spent every year by the state government. The rate for the meals under the Indira Rasoi Yojna has not been finalized yet.

On 31st March 2020 the tenure of the previous subsidized meal scheme of the Rajasthan state government-‘Annapurna Rasoi Yojana’ had expired. This scheme was launched in December 2016 by then Chief Minister, Vasundhara Raju. Under this scheme lunch and breakfast was provided for Rs 8 and Rs 5 respectively.

### **Rajasthan launched Indira Rasoi Yojana**

Rajasthan government decided to commence Indira Rasoi Yojana from 20Th August 2020. The CM said it is another step towards realising the resolve of Rajasthan Government’s “No Hunger No Sleep”.



Under this scheme, the needy and poor will get healthy and nutritious food at 8 Rs per plate. The state government will spend 100 Crores per year on the scheme.

The Indira Rasoi Yojana named after former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, will run in 358 kitchens in 213 urban local bodies of the state.

Under the Yojana a menu of 100 grams of pulses, 100 grams of vegetables, 250 grams of chapati and pickles will be served to 4.87 crore people every year.

While all the necessary measures will be taken to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus a monitoring committee at the State and District level will be formed to ensure the quality of the food. All the beneficiary under this scheme will get the information about the Yojana on his or her mobile phone as he or she takes the coupon. Through an IT-enabled monitoring system the food preparation in the kitchen will be monitored through mobile apps and CCTV.

Before this Annapurna Yojana was in the action however, the recently launched Indira Rasoi Yojana will be different. Beneficiaries won't be fed through a movable kitchen installed in a van.

A permanent kitchen with a place for people to sit will be instead. It is said that a total of 20 Rs. per plate will cost the government in which the state government will pay 12 Rs. and the remaining 8 Rs. will be paid by the beneficiary.

### 13th Jaipur Literature Festival began in Jaipur

The 13th edition of the Zee Jaipur Literature Festival held at Diggi Palace Hotel in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The 5-day long festival was inaugurated by Chief Minister of Rajasthan Shri Ashok Gehlot. Author Ashwin Sanghi launched his book 'The Vault of Vishnu' through Sonali Bendre Behl at the fest.

The Bloomsbury Anthology of Great Indian Poems edited by poet-diplomat Abhay K was also launched. It includes 200 poems.

Renowned poet and literary critic Arvind Krishna Mehrotra was awarded 5th edition of the Mahakavi Sethia Award for poetry during JLF 2020.

The award is given in memory of Rajasthani and Hindi poet Kanhaiyalal Sethia and carries a cash prize of Rs. 1 Lakh.

Rajasthan State Energy Minister Bulaki Das Kalla and other officials were present in the event. Nearly 500 speakers will be participating in the festival.

JLF in Jaipur (known as the pink city) was first founded in the year 2016 and is described as the largest literary show in the world. The festival directors are the writers Namita Gokhale and William Dalrymple and it is produced by Sanjoy Roy of Teamwork Arts.

### Rajeeva Swarup appointed as the Chief Secretary of Rajasthan

The Rajasthan Government appointed Rajeeva Swarup the current Additional Chief Secretary as the new Chief Secretary of Rajasthan replacing incumbent D.B. Gupta in the bureaucratic reshuffle amid COVID-19 pandemic.

Swarup, who worked in deciding the guidelines for the enforcement of lockdown in Rajasthan since 25th March 2020 will be retiring in October 2020.

Rohit Kumar Singh, Additional Chief Secretary of Medical & Health, is appointed as Additional Chief Secretary (Home) replacing Swarup.

Akhil Arora, Principal Secretary is appointed as the Principal Secretary (Medical & Health).

Subodh Agarwal, ACS (Industries) is posted as the ACS (Mines & Petroleum).

Samit Sharma, Bhanwar Lal Mehra and Prem Chand Berwal are posted as Divisional Commissioners of Jodhpur, Bikaner and Bharatpur respectively.

Antar Singh Nehra, District collector, Bundi, is appointed as the Collector and magistrate of Jaipur.

ACS Venkateshwaran, ACS (reforms and coordination) is appointed as the Chairman of Rajasthan Revenue Board.

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