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PERSON in NEWS

Kishore Kumar Sharma

Former sarpanch of Shakargarh (Bhilwara) Kishore Kumar Sharma shared his journey of transforming a water deficit gram panchayat to a self-sustainable water model from between 2010 and 2020 with Prime Minister Narendra Modi during a virtual programme to mark World Water Day.

His tireless work has been recognised by the state and central government several times. In 2007, the then president Dr APJ Abdul Kalam gave him the Nirmal Gram Award, while the state conferred on him the Adarsh Gram Yojana Award in 2008.

Ajitabh Sharma

Principal secretary of IT&C and Mining & Geology Ajitabh Sharma was felicitated with Water Steward of the Year honour for his continuous contribution to water sector making water resources sustainable that can meet social, economic, and ecological needs.

Justice Pratap Krishna Lohra

[Rajasthan governor Kalraj Mishra](#) appointed former judge of Rajasthan high court **Justice Pratap Krishna Lohra** to the post of Lokayukta. The post of the [Rajasthan's Lokayukta](#) was lying vacant after the term of Justice (retd) S S Kothari ended on March 7, 2019.

Vasundhara Chauhan:

She showed exemplary courage by engaging in a daring fight against armed goons who attacked a public transport bus to free their accomplice, a hardcore criminal, in Dholpur on 3 March 2021.

Chief minister Ashok Gehlot took the decision of direct appointment offer to post of Sub-Inspector as a step towards promoting women empowerment on the International Women's Day (8th March).

Dr. Chetan Singh Solanki

In February 2020, Dr. Chetan Singh Solanki, a professor from IIT Bombay, visited multiple cities in Rajasthan as part of his “Energy Swaraj Yatra”. The professor has been travelling on the bus to raise awareness regarding the use of solar power since the year 2020. This yatra will continue till 2030. This bus has been fitted with the 3.2 kW solar panels. It is having the capacity of 6 kWh of battery storage.

The concept of “Energy Swaraj Yatra” is based on “Gandhian ideologies” to mitigate the climate change and to ensure the energy sustainability.

Places in NEWS

Pokran, Jaisalmer

The Indian Army and Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully conducted the launch of the new generation of Akash missile from Pokhran Field Firing range in Jaisalmer district.

Facts about Akash –NG (Next Generation) Missile

- Surface-to-air missile.
- The Indian Army and Indian Air Force will use the missile to intercept high-maneuvring low radar cross-section aerial threats.
- The missile has an intercept range of 40km with the missile guidance system being more accurate now along with the fire control system.
- Speed of the missile is from 1.8 to 2.5 Mach
- The missile is solely designed by DRDO and has been produced by defence PSU Bharat Electronics Ltd. (BEL).

JK Lon Hospital, Jaipur

Rare Disease Centre at JK Lon Hospital, Jaipur launched the first-of-its-kind 'Atlas' authored by Dr Ashok Gupta and other doctors of the hospital. The 'Atlas' included 75 rare disease cases who were worked up and diagnosed at Rare Disease centre, J K Lon Hospital, Jaipur.

Rare diseases currently affect 3.5% - 5.9% of the worldwide population. Around 80% of rare disease are of genetic origin. 70% of those genetic rare diseases start in childhood.

State's 1st Toy Zone

Launched last year, the sports goods and toys zone at **Khushkhera in Bhiwadi** has attracted investors' interest with 22 of the 39 plots available having been sold in the product specific cluster. The industries department showcased the zone in the 'The India Toy Fair 2021' to attract investors in the remaining 17 plots.

[Rajasthan](#) already has several clusters in [Udaipur](#), [Chittorgarh](#), Kathputali Nagar - [Jaipur](#) where traditional toys and artifacts are made.

According to a research analysis done by RIICO, size of sports goods and toys sector in terms of value is at around Rs 18,000 crore. About 20% of the country's toy market is served by domestic manufacturers and the rest is met through imports, mainly from China and Italy. India's toy industry has a share of 0.51% in world toy market as compared to China's share of more than 45%.

First Shekhawati fest

The [Rajasthan tourism](#) department has decided to introduce **Shekhawati festival** on its cultural calendar and the maiden fest will take place during 20-22 March 2021.

In the Budget 2021-22, announced recently, the government has proposed to develop a **tourism circuit for the Shekhawati region** covering Alsisar, Mandawa, Nawalgarh, Dundlod, Fatehpur, Ramgarh, [Jhunjunu](#), Mahansar, [Sikar](#), Mukudgarh, Khetri, Khandela, Bagar and Pilani.

The richness of Shekhawati region reveals through its havelis, forts and monuments. The region also has religious places like Khatu Shyam ji and wildlife habitats like [Jamwa Ramgarh Wildlife Sanctuary](#) and [Tal Chhapar Sanctuary](#) add to its diversity.

Desert Festival 2021

Rajasthan state government has given a nod to the annual Maru desert festival that will be held in [Jaisalmer](#) from February 25. The festival will have interesting events like moustache and turban tying competitions as well as musical and cultural performances.

Nagaur: To be the 1st All Schools Electrified district of State

[Nagaur](#) is set to become the first district in the state to have power supply in all government schools. Under the special drive 'Ujaas' by the district collector's office, 817 schools have been electrified by mobilising bhamashahs (donors) and gram panchayat offices in the last six months.

[Rajasthan](#) has 69,980 schools, out of which over 11,699 are without power.

Jaipur Literature Festival 2021

The 10 day the Jaipur Literature Festival 2021 (JLF 2021) to take place between 19-28 February 2021. The 14th edition of the festival will be an Online Event.

Open Theatre in Ajmer

An open theatre with a capacity of 450 people has been completed under the Ajmer smart city project. The open theatre is situated in Suchna Kendra premises on 1,073sq metre area and has been constructed at a cost of Rs 1.03 crore. The theatre will provide artists a platform to display their art.

Yudh Abhyas-20

In February 2021, the joint military exercise between Indian and US - **Yudh Abhyas-20** was held at Bikaner's Mahajan Field Firing Range.

Udaipur

State Level function for Seventh International Yoga Day on 21st June will be held at Udaipur.

Swachh Iconic Places in Rajasthan

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti has announced the selection of the following Twelve (12) iconic sites under Phase IV of SIP. Following places have been included from Rajasthan:

1. **Kumbhalgarh Fort**, Rajasthan
2. **Jaisalmer Fort**, Rajasthan
3. **Ramdevra**, Jaisalmer, Rajasthan

Environment

The World Air Quality Report, 2020 released

In march 2021, the World Air Quality Report 2020 was released by the Swiss air technology company, IQAir. According to the report,

- 22 out of the 20 most-polluted cities are in India.
- Bhiwadi in Rajasthan, which is an industrial town in Alwar, has bagged the dubious distinction of being the fifth most polluted cities in the world.
- Jaipur is at the 155 spot in the most polluted cities in the world

Rank in Rajasthan	Rank in India	Rank in World	City
1	4	5	Bhiwadi
2	27	35	Jodhpur
3			Pali
4			Jaipur
5			Kota
6			Alwar
7			Ajmer
8			Gourela

Green Agriculture Project

A Green Agriculture Project will be launched to conserve biodiversity and forest landscapes in the [Desert National Park](#) area located in [Barmer](#) and [Jaisalmer](#) districts.

The work plan for the initial three months of the project was approved in the meeting of the state project steering committee under the chairmanship of chief secretary Niranjana Arya.

The 7-year project funded under the Global Environment Facility (GEF) of the Food and Agriculture Organization will cost around Rs 30 crore.

Expert team to review GIB breeding

A special team of Wildlife Institute of India (WII) will be visiting [Jaisalmer](#) from February 8 to 10 to review the ongoing [Great Indian Bustard](#) conservation breeding programme.

The team will again identify the bird's habitat area along with to check the possibility to put the electricity wires that are passing from breeding area underground on the guidelines of the [government of India](#).

A hatchery centre has been made for GIB breeding in [DNP](#) in Sam area of [Jaisalmer](#), which has led to increase in population of [GIB](#).

Awards by Animal Welfare Board of India

The Animal Welfare Board of India (AWBI), the apex body in the country for the welfare and protection of animals, established under Section 4 of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960 conferred 14 Prani Mitra awards and JeevDaya awards 2021 to the individuals, organizations and corporates for their outstanding performance in the field of animal welfare.

From Rajasthan, Prani Mitra Award Individual was conferred to Shri Manish Saxena, Jaipur and Shri Shyam Lal Chaubisa, Udaipur. Additionally, JeevDaya Award for Animal Welfare Organization was conferred to Animal Aid Charitable Trust, Udaipur.

Economy

Key Indicators of the State vis-a-vis India

Indicators	Year	<u>Rajasthan</u>	<u>India</u>	Unit
Geographical Area	2011	3.42	32.87	Lakh Sq. Km.
Population	2011	6.85	121.09	Crore
Decadal Growth Rate	2001-2011	21.3	17.7	Percentage
Population Density	2011	200	382	Population Per Sq. Km
Urban Population to total Population	2011	24.9	31.1	Percentage
Scheduled Caste Population	2011	17.8	16.6	Percentage
Scheduled Tribe Population	2011	13.5	8.6	Percentage
Sex Ratio	2011	928	943	Female Per 1,000 Male
Child Sex Ratio (0-6 Year)	2011	888	919	Female Children Per 1,000 Male Children
Literacy Rate	2011	66.1	73	Percentage
Literacy Rate (Male)	2011	79.2	80.9	Percentage
Literacy Rate (Female)	2011	52.1	64.6	Percentage
Work Participation Rate	2011	43.6	39.8	Percentage
Birth Rate	2018*	24	20	Per 1,000 Population
Death Rate	2018*	5.9	6.2	Per 1,000 Population
Infant Mortality Rate	2018*	37	32	Per 1,000 Live Birth
Maternal Mortality Ratio	2016-18*	164	113	Per Lakh Live Birth
Life Expectancy at Birth	2014-18*	68.7	69.4	Year

Macro Indicators of Rajasthan Economic Development 2021

Gross State Domestic Product of [Rajasthan](#) at:

- (a) Constant (2011-12) Prices: **6,43,222 Crores**
- (b) Current Prices: **9,57,912 Crores**

Economic Growth Rate as per GSDP at:

- (a) Constant (2011-12) Prices: **-6.61%**
- (b) Current Prices: **-4.11%**

Net State Domestic Product at

- (a) Constant (2011-12) Prices: **5,70,143 Crores**
- (b) Current Prices: **8,62,633 Crores**

Sectoral Contribution of GVA at Current Prices by

- (a) Agriculture: **29.77%**
- (b) Industry: **24.80%**
- (c) Services: **45.43%**

Per Capita Income at

- (a) Constant (2011-12) Prices: **72,297 INR**
- (b) Current Prices: **1,09,386 INR**

Price Inflation Indices Rajasthan:

- The [Directorate of Economics and Statistics \(DES\)](#) has been collecting the wholesale and retail prices of the essential commodities regularly, since 1957 from selected centres across the State on weekly basis.
- The Consumer Price Indices for industrial workers are prepared and released by the Labour Bureau, Shimla for [Jaipur](#), [Ajmer](#) and [Bhilwara](#) centres of the State.
- The DES also prepares Building Construction Cost Index for Jaipur Centre.

Wholesale Price Index (WPI) Rajasthan

- Base Year 1999-2000=100
- The primary use of the state level WPI is in computation of GSDP as an indicator.
- WPI serves as an important determinant in formulation of trade, fiscal and other economic policies by the government.
- It is also widely used by the banks, industries and business circles. It is released on **monthly**
- It covers 154 commodities, of which 75 are from 'Primary Articles' group, 69 from 'Manufactured Products' group and 10 from 'Fuel and Power' group.
- The Wholesale Price Index for 'All Commodities' moved from 310.56 in the year 2019 to 330.86 in the year of 2020, registered an **increase of 6.54 per cent**.

Consumer Price Index (CPI)

- At present there are four different types of Consumer Price Indices are being constructed every month. They are Consumer Price Index for
 - Industrial Workers (CPI-IW)
 - Agricultural Labourers (CPI-AL)
 - Rural Labourers (CPI-RL) and
 - Rural, Urban (CPI-R&U).

- The first three indices are constructed and released by the Labour Bureau, Shimla and the fourth one by the Central Statistical Office (CSO), New Delhi.

General Consumer Price Index Numbers for Rural, Urban & Combined

(Base year 2012=100)

S. No.	Year	Rajasthan			All India		
		Rural	Urban	Combined	Rural	Urban	Combined
1	2016	132.79	127.92	131.07	131.28	126.83	129.20
2	2017	137.29	132.96	135.73	135.63	131.03	133.50
3	2018	139.33	138.56	139.05	140.73	136.50	138.77
4	2019	145.33	144.11	144.91	144.89	142.82	143.93
5	2020*	153.30	152.68	153.06	154.18	151.93	153.12

* Average of months (January to November, 2020) and Index of Rajasthan (March to May, 2020) not release due to COVID-19 pandemic

Governance

Rajasthan ranks 1st in PM Awaas Yojana (Grameen)

As per a recent report by Ministry of Rural Development, Rajasthan has secured top position in the country in its performance under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Grameen)-II with an overall score of 65.16.

Rajasthan to develop green energy corridor

Rajasthan plans to generate 6,311 MW of green energy by 2023 and Rajasthan Vidyut Prasaran Nigam Ltd will develop the necessary infrastructure for intra-state green energy corridor by setting up:

- 765 KV grid sub-station at Jodhpur,
- 400 KV grid sub-station at Pokhran, Lohawat,
- 200 MW station at Sawa, Panchu.
- The 120 KV grid sub-station at Sanwareej will be upgraded to a 220 KV sub-station.

Booth App in By-polls

The state's election department will be using Booth app during the bypolls in the three assembly seats to ensure quick voters' search at the polling station using QR code on the voters' slips, instead of searching the names on the electoral roll.

It will also help in providing real-time voter turnout information to voters and poll officials and assisting them in detection of duplicate voting. Bypolls in Sujangarh, Sahara and Rajsamand assembly constituencies will be held on April 17 and results will be announced on May 2.

What is Booth App?

According to the ECI website, Booth app is an integrated app of the ENCORE application, which facilitates in faster identification of voters using encrypted QR code from the digital marked copy of the electors. This reduces the queue, helps in faster polling and allows error-free recording of two hourly poll turnouts with minimal intervention.

Marking attendance is instantly done through the booth app. The process is simplified and adds to the authenticity. In future, the polling official will not require to carry bulky paper documents containing the voters' list.

Using Artificial Intelligence and advanced mathematical models, the booth app calculates the queue at the polling station. This information is then pushed to the Voter Helpline mobile app. The voter using their mobile phone can check the current queue and plan their visit accordingly.

Rajasthan develops second-largest network of medical mobile vans

Rajasthan has developed the second-largest network of operational mobile medical units (MMUs) to provide healthcare services for people particularly living in remote, inaccessible and underserved areas. As per a recent news, the highest number of MMUs are in Tamil Nadu which are 415, followed by Rajasthan (214) and Uttar Pradesh (170).

RERC issues order allowing Solar Power for Government Schools through CSR funds

Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission issued an order allowing Corporate entities which are putting up the solar power systems through their CSR funds to be eligible to claim renewable purchase obligation, which is a percentage of their total traditional power consumption.

As per the order, the state discoms may themselves also install such solar systems out of their investment plan and meet their RPO target.

Marwar Regional tribal Development Board Setup

The Rajasthan government has formed the Marwar Regional Tribal Development Board to ensure holistic progress of the Scheduled Tribe community settled in areas of the Jodhpur division.

The board will be headquartered in Jodhpur. The board will consist of chairman, member secretary, 13 ex-officio members and six eminent people of the community. The Tribal Regional Development (TAD) department will be its administrative department.

MLA area development fund size increased

As per the State Budget announcement 2021-22, the MLA area development fund has been raised from Rs 2.25 crore to Rs 5 crore.

Nehru Bal award

In March 2021, Chief minister Ashok Gehlot gave financial approval and the draft of the guidelines for the '**Nehru Child Protection Award Scheme-2021**'. Now, Nehru Bal award will be given in [Rajasthan](#) to encourage the people associated with child rights and in promoting their protection.

As per the proposal, the annual financial burden of this award scheme, to be operated under the Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) scheme, will be Rs 5.59 lakh, which will be borne by the Juvenile Justice Fund

1 million senior citizens vaccinated

[Rajasthan](#) became the first state in the country to vaccinate over 1 million senior citizens. Out of the 2 million doses that the state has administered, more than half are people over 60 years of age.

Unemployment rate Increasing in Rajasthan

CMIE monthly data shows the unemployment rate in [Rajasthan](#) has been climbing to new highs in the past five months.

The unemployment rate hit record high at 28.2% in December, 2020 after touching 24.1% in October.

In February, 2021, it has again shot up to 25.6%, the second highest in the country after Haryana's 26.4% against a national average of close to 7%.

5% quota to disabled persons in Private Jobs

[Rajasthan](#) state's court for specially-abled persons has directed labour and employment departments to come up with a plan and proposal for providing 5% reservation to persons with disability (PwDs) in private jobs.

The court has suggested the department to ensure reservation to the PwDs in private factories and small industries at the initial level.

PwDs, who are beneficiaries of social security pension scheme, have been categorised under below poverty line (BPL) families in the state budget. They will now be getting all the government benefits meant for BPL category including [Ayushman Bharat-Swasthya Bima Yojana](#), PMAY-G, National Food Security Scheme and others.

There are 5.40 lakh specially-abled persons in Rajasthan who are getting pension under social security scheme.

Covid-19 Vaccination in Rajasthan

The [Covid-19](#) vaccination drive began across the country on 16th [January, 2021](#). Only the United States and the United Kingdom are currently ahead of [India](#) in vaccination.

Till 8th February 2021, 8% of the country's vaccination has been done in [Rajasthan](#). It is the 3rd State after Uttar Pradesh & Maharashtra to have vaccinated more than 2 lakh beneficiaries.

School Health & Wellness Program

The school health & wellness programme was launched in seven districts across [Rajasthan](#) on 3rd February 2021. The seven districts includes all the five aspirational districts identified by [NITI Aayog](#) in the State.

The program has been launched with an objective to enhance knowledge and encourage positive health behaviours among schoolchildren and adolescents. It aims to provide awareness on mental and physical health of schoolchildren and adolescents.

Under the program, in each school two teachers will be identified as health and wellness ambassadors and two children will be identified as health and wellness messengers. These teachers will talk to children over 11 points of health every week and make them aware about health.

A total of 9,642 teachers will be trained from 4,821 schools from February to May, who will be taking regular sessions for students in the schools in seven districts. The programme will also be linked through mainstreaming adolescent health through linkages to Nirogi Rajasthan.

The programme will be initiated in [Baran](#), [Dhaulpur](#), [Jaisalmer](#), [Karauli](#), [Sirohi](#) (Aspirational Districts) and two additional districts – [Bundi](#) and [Udaipur](#).

The programme is being implemented in coordination with health and education departments and with the technical support of United Nations Population Fund.

District-wise ranking in Jaipur Division

Recently Jaipur divisional commissioner Samit Sharma introduced a district-wise monthly assessment and ranking system based on the performance of 10 key departments.

The districts falling under Jaipur division are evaluated on 53 different parameters. In this evaluation, [Sikar](#) has secured first position followed by [Jhunjhunu](#), [Alwar](#), [Jaipur](#) & [Dausa](#) in order.

UID for Real Estate Properties

Property holders across the state will soon get an UID for their real estate, which will be required for carrying land-related work online including name transfer, map approvals and others.

The urban development and housing (UDH) department has started an exercise to provide unique identification number (UID) to properties falling under development authorities, urban improvement trusts and other local bodies.

Till start of February 2021, the department has a data of 9.5 lakh properties across the state and process is ongoing.

Gandhi Darshan Corners

Gandhi Darshan corners will be set up in higher secondary schools of the state to introduce the new generation to Gandhi's ideals. Additionally, Gandhi Study Centres that have already been established in the universities of the state, will be revived.

Integrated Road Accident Database (IRAD)

The Ministry of Road Transport & Highways has launched Integrated Road Accident Database (IRAD) System. The primary purpose of IRAD is to enhance road safety, and thus endeavors to generate various types of insights through the Analytics Dashboard, Trend Analysis etc.

The six states identified for piloting the project are Maharashtra, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, **Rajasthan**, Uttar Pradesh and Tamil Nadu. In first phase, four districts from Rajasthan namely – Ajmer, Alwar, Jaipur, Jodhpur have been selected for implementation.

Rajasthan became 12th State to complete One Nation One Ration Card system reform

Rajasthan has become the 12th State in the country to successfully undertake "One Nation One Ration Card system" reform stipulated by the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Thus, the State has become eligible to mobilise additional financial resources of Rs. 2,731 crore through Open Market Borrowings. Permission for the same was issued by the Department of Expenditure.

New Schemes & Policy

Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme

The State government will begin cashless insurance of up to Rs 5 lakh under a **universal health scheme** for all families of [Rajasthan](#) from 01 May 2021 under the Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme .

Rajasthan Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot had announced this scheme during [State Budget 2021-22](#).

Salient features of Chief Minister Chiranjeevi Health Insurance Scheme

- The Scheme will provide free insurance to all families under BPL, NFSA and SECC categories.
- The scheme will begin on 01 May 2021, the International Labour Day.
- Those families covered under [Ayushman Bharat Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojana](#), along with contractual workers and small and marginal farmers, can also avail of this scheme for free.
- Families not included in these categories will also be eligible for the benefits, although they have to pay 50 per cent of the premium, which will come to around Rs 850 annually.
- Registration for those not included in the BPL/National Food Security Act (NFSA)/Socio Economic Caste Census (SECC) beneficiary list will begin from 01 April 2021.
- Besides major diseases, the scheme will also include Covid-19 care and haemodialysis for the poor.
- The scheme is budgeted around Rs 3,500 crore.

Once implemented, [Rajasthan](#) will become the first State in India to provide **Universal Health Coverage** for its citizens.

Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) to start in 11 districts

Union government's flagship program, **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA)** will soon be launched in 11 [districts of Rajasthan](#). Unnat Bharat Abhiyan envisions transformational change in rural development processes by leveraging knowledge institutions to help build the architecture of an Inclusive [India](#).

Under the program, the knowledge base and resources of the premier institutions of the country will be leveraged to bring in a transformational change in the rural developmental process by creating a vibrant relationship between the society and the higher educational institutes. The programme will help in identifying developmental challenges and evolve appropriate solutions for accelerating sustainable growth.

UBA is started by the ministry of human resources and development and the HRD ministry has identified IIT Delhi as the national coordinating institution (NCI). For better coordination and quick action, NCI has identified some regional coordinating institutes (RCI). In [Rajasthan](#), MNIT Jaipur has been identified as the RCI.

Structure of UBA

The role of RCI is to facilitate, mentor and monitor the activities of the participating institutions on a regular basis and to promote & facilitate UBA network in the designated region of the state.

Now, MNIT Jaipur in partnership with IIT Delhi, will explore the possibilities to boost livelihood opportunities and income generation for rural communities.

The 11 [districts of Rajasthan](#) where UBA will soon be launched are [Ajmer](#), [Alwar](#), [Bharatpur](#), [Bundi](#), [Dausa](#), [Dhaulpur](#), [Jaipur](#), [Karauli](#), [Sawai Madhopur](#), [Tonk](#) and [Sikar](#).

Secretary at the department of higher and technical education (HTE) has recently directed the principals of government and private colleges in all the 11 districts to connect with the mission for the economic and social betterment of rural communities.

In Rajasthan, about 126 institutions have joined the mission for development of about 590 villages.

Prashasan Gaon ke Sang

The state government has decided to launch 'Prashasan Gaon ke Sang' programme from 01 May. The campaign will be launched in order to address the problems of common people on the spot at the village level.

Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI)

Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) was launched from Bhilwara on On 22nd February 2021 with an aim of achieving 100% immunization target in the state. The intention of the [state government](#) is that no pregnant woman and child below the age of two years is deprived of vaccination.

Intensified Mission Indradhanush has been launched under Universal Immunisation Programme (UIP) across 24 [districts in Rajasthan](#).

Child Rights Awareness Campaign Launched in State

In February 2021, state's child commission launched an awareness campaign under which which the department's officials will visit [districts across Rajasthan](#) to tell people about children's rights. The campaign started from Nagaur and will eventually spread to other districts. The campaign called 'Aayog Aapke Dwar' will talk to children about good and bad touch as well.

Second Phase of 'Aayog Aapke Dwar' Campaign

In March 2021, the [Rajasthan state child commission](#) has launched its second phase of 'Aayog Aapke Dwar' awareness campaign from [Tonk](#). later, the campaign will be extended to [Sawai Madhopur](#), [Sikar](#), [Kota](#), [Ajmer](#), [Udaipur](#), [Jaisalmer](#) and other districts as well.

The 'Aayog Aapke Dwar' campaign is essentially to raise awareness about crimes against children and will investigate the reasons as to why many children are unable to get access to education. The campaign also talks to children about good and bad touch.

e-Auction of Liquor Shops

The State Excise department is second largest tax revenue earning department of state government. In February 2021, the department has released the Excise & Temperance Policy for the year 2021-22. Important points include:

- There is no change in the number of liquor outlets in the state. Currently, there are 7,665 liquor shops in the state including IMFL and country liquor.

- The liquor shops will be allocated through **e-auction instead of lottery**.
- Composite liquor stores (where IMFL and country liquor will be sold) will be allotted to the highest bidder.
- A person will not be allotted more than five shops in the state and not more than two shops in a district.
- From April 1, beer will be cheaper as the department has reduced additional excise duty by 10%.
- To reduce the burden on traders, annual license fee has been abolished on IMFL and beer shops in urban areas.
- Advance deposit provision has been reduced from 14.5% to 8%.
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Rajasthan Excise & Temperance Policy for the year 2021-22

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RERC releases Electricity Supply Code Regulations 2021

In February 2021, Rajasthan Electricity Regulatory Commission (RERC) has released Electricity Supply Code Regulations 2021. As per the new regulations:

- Discoms have to provide connection, replacement of faulty meters and other services in a time-bound manner.
- The faulty meters have to be replaced within 24 hours in city areas while in rural areas it is 72 hours.
- All applications are online and hard copy is not mandatory.
- A single application form will replace multiple forms for various categories.
- Disconnected connections for non-payment had to be restored within six hours on payment of dues.
- The time limit for new connection has been reduced from 30 days to 7 days.
- The voltage demand limit for 11 KV increased from 1,500 KVA to 2,500 KVA while for 33 KV voltage demand limit has been raised from 5,000 KVA to 8,000 KVA which will reduce the cost of the consumer.
- Similarly, the new code has attempted to simplify the procedure for power connection to new colonies, township, group housing, multi storey, farm house and industrial areas.

Ayushman Bharat Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojana (AB-MGRSBY)

On 30th [January 2021](#), [Rajasthan](#) Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot [launched](#) *new phase of* **Ayushman Bharat Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Swasthya Bima Yojana (AB-MGRSBY)** to provide free treatment to the poor of the state at government as well as private hospitals.

The [State Government](#) had launched the Ayushman Bharat Scheme in [Rajasthan](#) on September 1, 2019 by combining the Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) of the Center and the state's Bhamashah Swasthya Bima Yojana (BSBY).

The combined new scheme was named the **Ayushman Bharat-Mahatma Gandhi Rajasthan Health Insurance Scheme (AB-MGRSBY)**.

What's new in 2nd Phase:

- The number of healthcare packages has been increased from 1,401 to 1,576.
- Treatment of COVID-19 and hemodialysis has also been included in the list of packages of this scheme
- Earlier, an eligible family was getting coverage of Rs. 3.3 lakh per year, which has now been increased to Rs 5 lakh under AB-MGRSBY.
- Earlier, the patients were getting a cover of Rs 20,000 for general illness and Rs 3 lakh for serious ailments but that has also been increased to Rs 50,000 and 4.5 lakh lakh, respectively.
- Earlier, 98 lakh families were covered under the scheme, but now 1.1 crore families will be benefitted, which accounts for about two third population of the state.
- Under this scheme, amount spent on OPD and tests before 5 days of admission to the hospital and 15 days after the discharge can also be reimbursed.
- The AB-MGJAY will be implemented by the state health Assurance agency (SHAA), Jaipur.
- Cashless treatment facilities at empanelled private and government-run hospitals

Cost to State

The State Government would bear 100% of the premium of NFSA beneficiaries and the Central would pay 60% of the premium pre-fixed by the Union Government, which is Rs. 1052 per family, that too only for the families under the SECC category.

In Rajasthan, the actual premium amount paid would be Rs. 1662 per family. Thus, the state government will pay the difference of the total of pre-fixed premium of Rs. 1052 and the actual premium of Rs. 1662 for the SECC category beneficiaries as well.

The scheme is estimated to cost INR 1800 crore annually and the state government will bear 80 per cent of the cost which amounts to INR 1400 crore. The remaining INR 400 crore will be provided by the Central Government.

Identification of Beneficiaries AB-MGRSBY

There are 60 lakh families who are listed in Socio-Economic Caste Census (SECC) 2011 in the state. Besides, there are 1 crore families covered under NFSA.

But, 80% of 60 lakh families listed in SECC 2011 are also covered under NFSA and they were already getting BSBY benefits. Now, the remaining 20% of the families listed in SECC, which is around 10 lakh, who were not getting benefits of BSBY earlier, will now start getting the cashless insurance scheme (AB-MGRSBY). Hence, total number of families getting benefits will be increased from 1 crore to 1.1 crore.

3 schemes launched to give jobs to youths

In February 2021, Minister of state for skill, employment and entrepreneurship Ashok Chandna launched three schemes to provide skill development training and employment to 1 lakh youths every year. The Schemes are:

Samarth Scheme

- Under the Samarth scheme, the entrepreneurship skills of women, people belonging to backward and marginalised classes and specially-abled persons will be enhanced.
- It is a 100% state government funded scheme, which will provide free training facilities to those belonging to 15 to 50 years of age.
- The training programme will be from 2 to 8 hours a day.

Saksham Scheme

- Under the Saksham scheme, the youths and women will get skill development training so that they could prepare themselves to set up their own businesses or become self-employed.
- The age limit under the training programme is 15 to 45 years.

- The training will be provided free of cost.
- The registration fee for the programme is Rs 400 for general men category and Rs 200 for all other categories including women, SC, ST, OBC.

Rajvik Scheme

- Rajvik scheme aims to provide job opportunities to unemployed youths by providing them market-oriented skill training.
- There will be skill-training programs under 328 courses in 36 economic sectors.
- The age limit is 15 to 35 years. The maximum age limit for women and specially-abled persons is 45 years

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NFT: Non-Fungible Token

Recently there was news that a digital-only artwork got sold at Christie's auction house for \$69m but the winning bidder will not receive the painting or even a print. Instead, they get a unique digital token known as an NFT.

NFT stands for non-fungible token. In economics, a fungible asset is something with units that can be readily interchanged - like money. With money, you can swap a INR 100 note for two INR 50 notes and it will have the same value. However, if something is non-fungible, this is impossible - it means it has unique properties so it cannot be interchanged with something else.

How do NFTs work?

Traditional works of art such as paintings are valuable because they are one of a kind. But digital files can be easily and endlessly duplicated. With NFTs, artwork can be "tokenised" to create a digital certificate of ownership that can be bought and sold.

In another news, the American rock band called Kings of Leon released a music album titled as 'When You See Yourself' as a non-fungible token (NFT).

Echo & Bifrost

Facebook has planned to put two undersea Internet cables to connect Southeast Asia to North America, to increase data capacity and improve the internet authenticity. The Two Cables are named as "Echo" and "Bifrost".

- Echo is being installed in partnership with Google and Indonesian telecommunications' company XL Axiata. It is planned to be complete by 2023.
- Bifrost is being built in partnership with Indonesia's Telin and Singapore's Keppel, and planned to be complete by 2024.

CSC & IEPFA Mobile App launched

Union Minister for Finance & Corporate Affairs, Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, has launched Central Scrutiny Centre (CSC) and Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) Mobile App.

- Central Scrutiny Centre would help in scrutinize certain Straight Through Process (STP) Forms filed by corporates on MCA21 registry.
- The IEPFA Mobile App has been launched with the aim of achieving goal of financial literacy and spreading awareness, education & protection among investors in rural as well as urban areas.

Russia launches 38 satellites for 18 countries

The Russian Space Agency, **Roscosmos**, successfully placed 38 satellites for 18 countries into orbit from **Baikonur cosmodrome** in Kazakhstan. The **Soyuz rocket** successfully carried satellites from countries including Japan, South Korea, Saudi Arabia, Canada, Italy, Germany and Brazil.

Earlier in March 2021, Roscosmos, successfully launched its first ever Arctic-monitoring satellite that will monitor the Arctic's climate and environment.

Amazonia-1

ISRO launched PSLV-C51, which carried Amazonia-1 and 18 other satellites from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota in Andhra Pradesh on February 28, 2021.

PSLV-C51 rocket is the 53rd mission of Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV). PSLV-C51/Amazonia is the first ever commercial Mission the commercial arm "**New Space India Limited (NSIL)**". The NSIL undertook the mission after establishing a commercial arrangement with the Seattle, Spaceflight Inc. which is the mission management provider and the US-based satellite rideshare. Further, the Amazonia-1 is the first Brazilian Satellite that was launched from India.

PC from Plastic Waste in Oceans

The Computer maker HP has developed its first ever consumer PC using the plastic waste in ocean.

Earth's fifth Layer

Scientists have recently detected the signs of a hidden structure inside the core of Planet Earth. This sign has the potential to change the long-standing narrative of what lies at centre of Earth. This layer is being termed as the 'fifth layer'.

As per the conventional narrative, there exists four layers namely; crust, mantle, outer core and inner core. The scientists have also spotted reportedly some changes in the structure of iron within the inner core. These changes suggests that a new 'boundary line' is stretching for about 650 kilometres from centre of the Earth.

Mobile Seva App Store

In a written reply to Rajya Sabha, Union Minister for Electronics and IT, Ravi Shankar Prasad mentioned that India has developed its first indigenously developed App Store called "Mobile Seva Appstore". The app store hosts some 965 live apps of several domains and categories of public services. This Indian App Store will be available for free of cost in the initial phases.

Audio from Mars

In February 2021, NASA released the first audio from Mars captured by **Perseverance rover** (landed in February 2021 on Mars). It was a faint crackling recording of the wind.

Salda Lake, Turkey

Salda Lake in Turkey was recently in news as NASA, stated that the minerals and rock deposits at Salda lake are the nearest match on earth with the deposits on the Jezero Crater where NASA's rover Perseverance landed on Mars.

Fugaku

Japanese scientific research institute called RIKEN and Fujitsu have developed “Fugaku”, the world’s most powerful supercomputer.

Artificial Photosynthesis

A team of Scientists from Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research has found a method to replicate the natural Photosynthesis process. This method uses solar energy to convert the captured carbon dioxide into carbon monoxide (CO). The Carbon monoxide can then be used as a fuel for the internal combustion engines.

SANDES

The National Informatics Centre (NIC) has launched an instant messaging platform called Sandes. This app is similar to WhatsApp and can be used for any type of communications by anyone. It requires a mobile number or an email id to get registered with the app.

RH-560

In March 2021, ISRO has launched the sounding rocket called RH-560 to study “altitudinal variations” in the neutral winds and plasma dynamics. The RH-560 rocket was launched from Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC) Sriharikota Range (SHAR).

AEG12

The researchers from the US National Institutes of Health have found that, a mosquito protein called AEG12 strongly inhibits the family of viruses which causes dengue, yellow fever, Zika and West Nile. They also noted that the protein also inhibits the coronaviruses.

HOPE

The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has put a probe called Hope in the orbit around the MARS. By doing so, UAE has become the fifth country to launch the spacecraft into the orbit of MARS after United States, Soviet Union, Europe and India.

Ghaznavi

Pakistan successfully test-fired its nuclear-capable surface-to-surface ballistic missile called Ghaznavi.

Stardust 1.0

Stardust 1.0 became the first-ever commercial space launch powered entirely by biofuel. Stardust 1.0 was launched from Loring Commerce Centre in Maine, United States. The launch vehicle Stardust 1.0 is suitable for student and budget payloads. It is 20 feet in height and approximately 250 kg in weight. The rocket is manufactured by Maine-based aerospace company bluShift.

Important Days

02 February: World Wetlands Day 2021

Wetlands are some of the world's most fragile and sensitive ecosystems supporting unique habitats for plants and animals, and providing livelihoods to millions of people across the world. World Wetlands Day 2021 was celebrated across the globe on 2nd February 2021.

This year's theme shines a spotlight on wetlands as a source of freshwater and encourages actions to restore them and stop their loss. The 2021 campaign highlights the contribution of wetlands to the quantity and quality of freshwater on our planet.

The year 2021 also commemorates the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands.

Government of India announced the establishment of a Centre for Wetland Conservation and Management (CWCM), as a part of the National Centre for Sustainable Coastal Management (NCSCM), Chennai, an institution under the [MOEFCC](#).

Wetlands of India

[India](#) has nearly 4.6% of its land as wetlands, covering an area of 15.26 million hectares.

The nation has 42 sites designated as Wetlands of International Importance (Ramsar Sites), with a surface area of 1.08 million hectares. Among India States, Gujarat has the maximum area under wetlands (about 23% of India's Wetland area).

06 February: International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation

The "International Day of Zero Tolerance for Female Genital Mutilation" was observed on 6 February. This year the day was observed under the **theme** – "No Time for Global Inaction, Unite, Fund, and Act to End Female Genital Mutilation."

10 February: World Pulses Day

The “World Pulses Day” is observed on February 10 every year since 2018. This day is dedicated to the importance of pulses. In the year 2021, the day was celebrated under the **theme**: “Nutritious Seeds for a Sustainable Future.”

20 February: World Day for Social Justice

The World Day of Social Justice is observed on February 20 every year. The day is dedicated to advantages and issues which can be tackled by Social Justice. In the year 2021, the day was celebrated under **Theme**– “A call for social justice in the Digital Economy.

28 February: National Science Day

The National Science Day was celebrated at the Vigyan Bhawan on February 28, 2021. The programme celebrated under the focal **theme**- women in science.

03 March: World Wildlife Day

The World Wildlife Day 2021 was celebrated on March 3, 2021. The theme for 2021 is - Forests and Livelihoods: Sustaining People and Planet. This theme was decided by United Nations.

04 March: National Safety Day

The National Safety Day 2021 was observed on 04 March in India. This day was observed with the objective of creating awareness among people regarding the safety measures. This year, the day was observed under the **theme**: “Sadak Suraksha” (Road Safety).

08 March: International Women Day

The International Women's Day was celebrated across the world on March 8, 2021. This day is observed on March 8 every year in order to help in shaping a gender equal world. The day is being observed this year under the **theme** – "Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in a COVID-19 world" which was decided by UN Women.

12 March: Dandi March 91st Year Celebrations

Led by Mahatma Gandhi, 78 people started the 24-day march on 12 March 1930 and reached Dandi on April 5, 1930. After making salt at Dandi, Gandhi Ji headed to Dharasana Salt Works, 40 km south, but was arrested on May 5.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot flagged off a march in Jaipur.

15 March: World Consumer Right's Day

With the aim to raise global awareness about consumer rights and needs, World Consumer Rights Day is observed every year on March 15, since 1983. The day was inspired by President John F Kennedy's special message to the US Congress on March 15, 1962.

The theme of the World Consumer Rights Day 2021 is '**Tackle plastic pollution**'.

20 March: International Day of Happiness

The International Day of Happiness was celebrated on March 20, 2021. The day is observed every year across the world to mark the importance of happiness in the lives of people. In the year 2021, the day is being celebrated under the **Theme: "Happiness for All, Forever"** which signifies the importance of happiness.

21 March: International Day of Forests

In 2012, the United Nations General Assembly declared March 21 as International Day of Forests to raise awareness about the importance of forests and organise activities at local, national and international levels.

Every year, a theme is decided through public participation to observe the day. The theme for this year is '**Forest Restoration - A Path to Recovery and Well-Being**'. The state forest department has kickstarted a forest seed collection campaign on International Day of Forests.

22 March 2021 – World Water Day 2021

World Water Day 2021 was observed across the globe on 22 March with the purpose of highlighting the importance of water and raising awareness about the water crisis that the world faces. According to the United Nations (UN), the main focus of the World Water Day is to “support the achievement of sustainable development goal (SDG) 6: water and sanitation for all by 2030.”

The theme of World Water Day 2021 is “**Valuing Water**” and “**a conversation about what water means to you**”. The theme has been chosen to highlight the value of water in our daily lives.

24 March: World Tuberculosis Day

World Tuberculosis Day is observed each year on March 24. The theme for this year is “The Clock is Ticking” which marks the urgency to take measures against the disease. It has become more important to act right now in the light of ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which has led to negligence towards TB patients.

27 March:

- International Day of Remembrance of the Victims of Slavery and the Transatlantic Slave Trade is observed on March 25, annually.
- Additionally, international theatre community observes the World Theatre Day annually on 27th March.

30 March: Rajasthan Day

- It was on this day in 1949, Sardar vallabh Bhai Patel inaugurated the State of Greater Rajasthan after unifying 22 princely states.
- On this day, visitors to museums and monuments were given free entry.

Rajasthan Budget 2021-22 Summary

[Rajasthan Budget 2021](#) was presented by Rajasthan [Chief Minister](#) Shri Ashok Gehlot, who is also the state finance minister, today in State Legislative Assembly. Like the [Union Budget 2021](#), the Rajasthan Budget 2021 is also paperless this time. The Rajasthan Budget 2021 highlights are presented below:

- After Uttar Pradesh, [Rajasthan](#) is the second state in the country to table a paperless budget.

Fiscal Indicators

- Estimated revenue receipts 1 lac 84 thousand 330 crore 13 lac
- Estimated revenue expenditure 2 lac 8 thousand 80 crore 17 lac
- Estimated revenue deficit 23 thousand 750 crore 4 lac
- Estimated fiscal deficit 47 thousand 652 crore 77 lac which is 3.98% of GSDP.

Corona Management:

- Special Covid Package
- 2000 each to 33 lakh destitute families.
- Indira Gandhi Urban Credit Card Scheme
- Interest free loan up to 50,000
- मुख्यमंत्री लघु प्रोत्साहन योजना - 50 Crore Interest Subsidy to 10,000 entrepreneurs.
- Seed money to start-ups, 5 lac each.
- Back to School Programme, Free uniform and text books, 470 Cr.
- 200 days employment to Shahariya, Kathodi and Specially abled labourers.

Medical and health :

- 'Rajasthan Model of Public Health' (RMPH).
- 'Universal Health Coverage' - 5 lac health insurance to each family.

- Nursing colleges at 25 district headquarters.
- Public health colleges at divisional headquarters.
- Increase in number of tests under - मुख्यमंत्री नशिल्क जांच योजना
- Construction of hospital buildings and increase in various facilities including beds.
- 30 new PHCs and upgrading of 50 PHCS to CHCS.
- Upgrading hospitals as district hospitals, 10 new trauma centres.
- Construction of buildings for 40 CHCs and 25 PHCs with expenditure of 206 Cr.
- New district hospitals at [Kota](#) with 150 beds.
- Increase of 1000 beds in different hospitals.
- 12,000 Health and Wellness Centres.
- राजस्थान राज्य आयुष अनुसन्धान केंद्र at [Ajmer](#).
- Model CHCs in each assembly constituency.
- Increase in beds in district hospitals at Paota, [Jodhpur](#) and development of infrastructure with 25.80 Cr.
- New ICU and NICU at medical colleges and new ICU at district hospitals.
- Institute of Tropical Medicine and Virology and Institute of Cardiology at Jaipur.
- Increase of medical facilities at SMS Medical College, [Jaipur](#).
- 'Umaid Post Graduate Institute of Maternity and Neonatology' and 'Regional Cancer Institute' at Jodhpur.
- 22 Advance Life Support (ALS) critical care ambulances.
- Ayurved, Unani, Homeopathic hospitals at 58 block headquarters.
- Yog and Naturopathy colleges at Udaipur and Jodhpur.
- International Centre of Excellence in Panchkarm at Jodhpur.
- Post MBBS Diploma Courses in 8 specialities at all district hospitals.
- Separate cadre for specialist doctors and new Hospital Management Cadre.

- Directorate of Food Safety

Road Safety :

- New Jeevan Rakshak Yojana.
- Integrated Traffic Management System (ITMS)
- Primary Trauma Centre at 40 CHCS.
- 100 Cr. for Dedicated Road Safety Fund.
- New DTO and Sub DTO offices.

Education :

- Smart TVs and set-top boxes in schools, 82 Cr.
- 1200 new English medium-Mahatma Gandhi Schools in next 2 years.
- Increase in infrastructure facilities in schools, 450 Cr.
- Directorate of Peace and Non-Violence Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Governance and Social Sciences-MGIGSS at Jaipur.
- Fintech Digital University at Jodhpur.
- Rajasthan Institute of Advanced Learning at Jaipur.
- New colleges including girls-Sanskrit colleges and new ITIS.
- 4 new girls colleges in the name of Late MLAs Master Bhanwar Lal, Shri Kailash Trivedi, Smt. Kiran Maheshwari and Shri Gajendra Singh Shaktawat.
- Rajiv Gandhi Centre of Advance Technology (R-CAT) at Jaipur, 200 Cr.
- Vidya Sambal scheme for Guest Faculty.
- Science & Space Clubs in 1500 government schools.

Youth and Employment:

- Internship for unemployed youth under [Mukhyamantri Yuva Sambal Yojana 2019](#), hike of 1000 in allowance.
- Constitution of Rajeev Gandhi Yuva Core, 2500 Rajeev Gandhi Yuva Mitra and 50000 Rajeev Gandhi Yuva Volunteers.
- Common Eligibility Test, one-time verification system.
- Free travel in Rajasthan Roadways for exams.
- Recruitment on more than 50,000 posts in next 2 years.
- Major Dhyanchand Stadium Scheme.
- Sports stadium on Moroli-Bharatpur and sports facilities at Kachwa-Sikar.
- Multipurpose Indoor hallat Ajmer, Bharatpur, Bikaner and Kota.
- Indoor stadium at Pratapgarh and Stadium at Rajasmand and Sirohi.
- Gram Panchayat, Block, District and State level Popular games tournaments, expenditure of 30 Cr.
- 2 new Residential Sports Schools at Jodhpur and Jaipur.
- Developmental works at Barakatullah Khan Cricket Stadium, Jodhpur, 20 Cr.
- New archery academy at Dungarpur and Handball academy at Jaisalmer.

Agriculture and Animal Husbandry :

- Agriculture Budget from next year.
- Loan of 16000 Cr, under - ब्याज मुक्त फसली ऋण योजना - inclusion of 3 lac new beneficiaries.
- मुख्यमंत्री कृषक साथी योजना - Free bio fertilizers and bio agents to 3 lac farmers, 'micro nutrients kit' to 3 lac farmers, high quality seeds to 5 lac farmers.
- Minifood park in each district, 200 Cr.
- Mega food park at Mathania - Jodhpur, 100 Cr.
- ज्योतबा फुले कृषिउपज मंडी at Anganwa - Jodhpur, 60 Cr.

- 1000 Kisan Sewa Kendra,
- 1000 new posts of agriculture supervisors.
- Provision of more than 16000 Cr. for agriculture electricity subsidy.
- New Agri-Discom.
- 50,000 Solar pumps and 50,000 agriculture electricity connection to the farmers.
- Works of 1000 Cr at Krishi Upaj Mandis. Kisan Complex at Jodhpur, 20 Cr.
- 3 new agriculture colleges at Dugarpur, Hindauli, Hanumangarh.
- 1000 Custom Hiring Centers, 20 Cr.
- 102 - mobile veterinary service, 48 Cr.
- Extension of veterinary facilities, upgradation of veterinary hospitals.
- Formation of राजस्थान पशु चिकित्सा रिलीफ सोसायटी at each veterinary hospitals.
- State level पशुपालक सम्मान समारोह
- 111 Cr. for Nandi Shaalas.

Industries :

- New MSME policy. Industrial areas at 64 sub divisions.
- "Greater Bhiwadi Industrial Township', 1000 Cr. investment.
- New 'Marwar Industrial Cluster', 750 Cr.
- Organising Rajasthan Investors Summit at Jaipur.
- Fintech Park (Financial Technology) at Jaipur
- Biotech-Pharma Business Incubation & Research Centre at Jodhpur.
- Rural i-Start Programme at large scale.

Social Security:

- Announcement of Rajasthan Pattern.
- Rajasthan Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribe Development Law
- 'मुख्यमंत्री अनुप्रतिकोचगि योजना'
- Ambedkar DBT Voucher Scheme, 5000 Beneficiaries.
- 8 New Ekalavya Model Residential Schools.
- Construction of 7 Ambedkar Hostels, 28.50 Cr.
- Construction of 8 Minority boys hostels.
- Construction of 3 Minority Girls Residential Schools.
- Minority boys hostels at Jaipur, Jodhpur and Kota.
- SC, ST, OBC, Minority Development Funds, 100 Cr. each.
- 200 Cr. package under Devnarayan Scheme, 3 MBC hostels
- De-notified Tribes (DNT) Policy.
- Increase in scholarship of special abled students.
- 2000 Scooty for specially abled students and youths.
- Integrated Child Rehabilitation Centres at divisional headquarters.
- Goradhaay Group Foster Care at district headquarters.
- Inclusion of 25,000 Anganbaries in Nand Ghar Scheme.
- Distribution of Sanitary napkins to women, 200 Cr.
- इंदिरा महिला शक्ति केंद्र at district headquarters, 15 Cr.
- 250 Maa-bari Centres in tribal areas.
- 150 Van-dhan centres.
- Increase in allowance from 3000 to 5000 for Martyr's widows and parents.
- Increase in pension of freedom fighters from 25,000 to 50,000.
- Increase in honorarium of Pujaris of Devasthan Department.

Infrastructure Development:**Roads - Urban Development:**

- New State Road Policy -2021.
- Works of missing link roads and non patchable roads in each constituency, 1000 Cr.
- Upgradation of 7257 KM roads in all districts.
- Major repair works of 3 prominent roads in each district, 1900 Cr.
- Major repair works of roads in Nagar Nigam, Nagar Parishad and Nagar Palika areas.
- Expenditure of 1425 Cr. on 2841 KM rural roads in next two years.
- Development of 27 state highways, 3880 Cr.
- Construction of 8 ROBS, 403 Cr. DPR of 8 ROBS.
- High level bridge in Bundi district, 37.50 Cr.
- DPR of High level bridge in Kota district.
- Construction of 3000 houses by RHB.
- Construction of bridge at Beneshwar Dham, Dungarpur, 132.35 Cr.
- Constitutional Club at Jaipur.
- Developmental works of 700 Cr. in Jaipur city.
- Master Drainage System for Bharatpur, 200 Cr.
- Various construction and developmental works at Kota, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Pali, Alwar and Udaipur.
- Auditorium and Cultural Centre at Jodhpur, 60 Cr.
- Townhalls at Dausa, Jalore, Banswara, Pratapgarh, Sikar and Bundi. Relaunch of Gramin Bus Service.

PHED-WRD:

- 12 new major drinking water projects under JM, 4700 Cr.
- Starting of 6 new projects worth 2285 Cr. under JJM.

- Drinking water connections to 20 lac households under JM.
- DPR for 22 projects under JM. Provisions of 476 Cr. for various drinking water supply schemes.
- Chambal-Bhilwara drinking water project, 1032 Cr.
- Nokha-Bikaner drinking water project, 750 Cr.
- Providing drinking water from Kumbharam lift, 7700 Cr. 40 hand-pumps and 10 tubewells in each constituency.
- 76 Cr. for drinking water schemes in 10 residential colonies of Jodhpur.
- Works of Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP), 320 Cr.
- Provision of 885 Cr. for Parvan major irrigation project.
- Rajasthan Water Sector Livelihood Improvement Project-RWSLIP, 465 Cr., 21 districts.
- Rajasthan Water Sector Restructuring Project for Desert Area- RWSRPD, 378 Cr.
- Repair, Renovation, Restoration (RRR) Scheme, works of 124.71 Cr.

Energy:

- Energy Policy 2021-2050
- Green Corridor of 6.3 Gigawatts by RRVPN.

Forest and Environment :

- Campaign for 44196 सामुदायिक वन अधिकार पट्टे.
- Development of [Keoladeo National Park](#) as Wetland Birds Habitat Conservation Centre.
- Wildlife Management Training Centre at Talchapar Sanctuary, Churu.
- Kailash Sankhla Smriti Van at Jodhpur.
- FSTPs in 50 towns of 24 districts, < 200 Cr.
- Sewerage Treatment Plants in various hospitals, 25 Cr.

Tourism, Art and Culture :

- Provision of 500 Cr. in Tourism Development Fund.
- Shekhawati Tourist Circuit.
- Godawad Tourist Circuit.
- Renovation of 7 RTDC midways, 10 Cr.
- Religious Tourist Circuits, 100 Cr.
- Tourist Complex at Pushkar - Ajmer
- DPR for Dholamaru Tourism Complex at Jaisalmer, Rajasthan Folk Art Training Institute.
- 15 Cr. provision for Kalakar Kalyan Kosh
- Film Tourism Promotion Scheme.
- Organising Rajasthan Utsav on Rajasthan Day.
- Nehru Youth Cultural Exposure Programme for 5000 youths, artists and players.

Law and Order :

- Inter-operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS).
- New additional SP, Dy. SP, ACP offices
- Upgradation of Police Chowkis in police stations, 25 new police chowkis.
- 3 new police stations under Jaipur Commissionarate.
- Rajasthan Police Infrastructure Development Corporation Infrastructure facilities in various Jails, 31.50 Cr.
- Digital Voice Logger in ACB.
- 40 various new courts in the State.

Good Governance :

- Constitution of Social & Performance Audit Authority
- New ADM, SDM, Tehsil, Sub-Tehsil offices.

- Mini secretariat at Sirohi.
- 6 new municipalities Lateral entry for Ex-service man, 5000 beneficiaries
- प्रशासन गांवों के संग and प्रशासन शहरों के संग campaign
- कार्मिक कल्याण कोष of 3000 Cr.
- 10 Cr. Assistance to Bar Council of Rajasthan.
- Announcement of Rajasthan Government Health Scheme (RGHS)
- Release of deferred salary of corona period to employees.
- Service rules for contractual employees, department wise cadre
- Modern Auditorium at HCM RIPA, Jaipur, 25 Cr.

Tax Proposals

Covid- 19 has adversely affected all sectors of economic activity such as Industry, Real Estate, Tourism, Commerce, Agriculture etc. This resulted into shortfall of 32% of Budgeted revenue of the State in 2020-21. To add to this problem, Rajasthan's share in Central Taxes reduced by 14,000 Crores and 94 lac rupees in 2020-21. In spite of this, no new tax is being levied. Efforts are made to provide relief to the tune of approximately 910 Cr. rupees to all sections of the society - Common Man, Farmers, Industrialists, Real Estate players, Traders and Tour operators etc.

1. Common Man

- 50% rebate on additional One Time Tax on used 2-wheelers and cars.
- SGST reimbursement to purchasers of e-Vehicles and up-front purchase assistance to buyers of 2-wheeler and 3-wheeler e-Vehicles.
- Stamp duty on the basis of allotment value instead of DLC rate in respect of Pattas given by Local Bodies.
- Stamp Duty on intermediate documents executed after 14th July, 2014 will be charged @ 40% of DLC.

- Stamp duty on gift deed in favour of daughters-in-law will be reduced from 2.5% to 1% in the same lines as daughters.
- The Stamp duty rebate on release deed is extended to more relatives. • No Stamp Duty on Gift deed in favour of grandsons and granddaughters by their grandparents.
- "Late Sh. Gurusharan Chabra Jan Jagrukta Abhiyan" for awareness on temperance and drug abuse. Rs. 100 Cr.
- Nav Jeevan Kosh for rehabilitation of families involved in illicit liquor making and education of their children.
- Simplification and online system for various services such as Transport permit and Tax Clearance Certificate, Electricity Duty, refund of Stamp Duty & Registration Fee and Gypsum leases etc.
- Limit of maximum stamp duty will be 25 Lakhs Rupees in case of Security Bond.
- Amnesty Scheme from 1 April, 2021 for pending Stamp Duty cases related to bank loans.

2. Farmers

- Reduction of Mandi Fee, Krishak Kalyan Fee and brokerage to give relief to farmers.
- 10 % rebate on principal amount and 100 % interest in respect of all pending instalments of allottees of agriculture land in Colonisation Areas if a farmer deposits all his pending dues by 30 June, 2021. If he deposits only pending dues up to 30 June, 2021 he will get 100 % rebate in interest.

3. Industry

- Extension of RIPS-2014 benefits by 2 more years till 31 March, 2023.
- Amnesty on interest and penalty on pending Land Tax till 30 June, 2021.
- Inclusion of Gems and Jewellery Bourse in Service Sector of RIPS-2019.
- Inclusion of Healthcare Sector and API in Thrust Sector of RIPS-2019.
- Enhancement of employment subsidy from 75% to 90% for Solar and Wind

- Manufacturing Enterprises under RIPS-2019.
- Lowering of investment limit from Rs. 50 Cr. to Rs. 25 Cr. for e-Vehicle manufacturers for RIPS-2019 benefits.
- Inclusion of e-Vehicles charging/swapping stations in Service Sector with Thrust Sector benefits in RIPS-2019.

4. SC/ST Enterprises

- Dr. B.R. Ambedkar SC/ST Enterprises Promotion Special Package under RIPS-2019.
- SC/ST enterprises will get special benefits such as 50% reduction in investment limit, 200% EFCI, Interest Subsidy or Capital Subsidy and Incubation Centres to promote SC/ST entrepreneurs.

5. Most Backward/ Backward and Tribal Areas Enterprises

- Special benefits on the lines of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar SC/ST Enterprises Promotion Special Package under RIPS-2019 such as 50% reduction in investment limit, 200% EFCI, Interest Subsidy or Capital Subsidy.

6. Real Estate

- Reduction of DLC rates of Commercial and Residential properties by 10%.
- Reduction of Stamp duty from 6% to 4% on flats in multi-storied buildings of value up to Rs. 50 lakh.
- Reduction of Stamp duty on EWS and LIG under CM Jan Awas Yojna from 1% and 2% to 0.50% and 1 respectively.
- Anywhere online registration, fixing of DLC rates by technology, GIS based urban development tax (UD Tax) system.

7. Traders

- A Comprehensive, online and faceless Amnesty Scheme-2021 with exemptions of tax, interest and penalty on various pending disputes related to various repealed Acts such as Sales Tax, VAT, Entry Tax, Entertainment Tax and Luxury Tax. Partial relief in tax for first the time in the State. No monetary ceiling. Valid up to 30 September, 2021. This will be in three phases, early applicants will get more relief.
- Enhancement of limit of e-way bill from Rs. 50,000 to Rs. 1 lakh.
- Extension of time limit for rectification of faulty declaration forms/submission of declaration forms.

8. Transporters

- **Transport Amnesty Scheme-2021** till 31" March, 2021 to give relief in pending Motor Vehicle Tax cases. Relaxation in Compounding fee for overloading cases generated by e-Ravanna and reduction of Compounding fee in respect of select traffic offences. Relaxation in tax, interest penalty on destroyed vehicles.
- 3 years exemption in Motor Vehicle tax for running newly purchased buses in rural areas.
- 8 slab progressive Motor Vehicle Tax for stage carriage vehicles in other routes.

9. Tourism and Tour operators

- Reduction of minimum area of Resort and Amusement Park defined under RIPS-2019 as per Building Bye Laws.
- 100% exemption of monthly tax on AC luxury buses of Tour Operators recognized by IATO and RATO for the period from 1 July 2020 to 30 June 2021. 10.

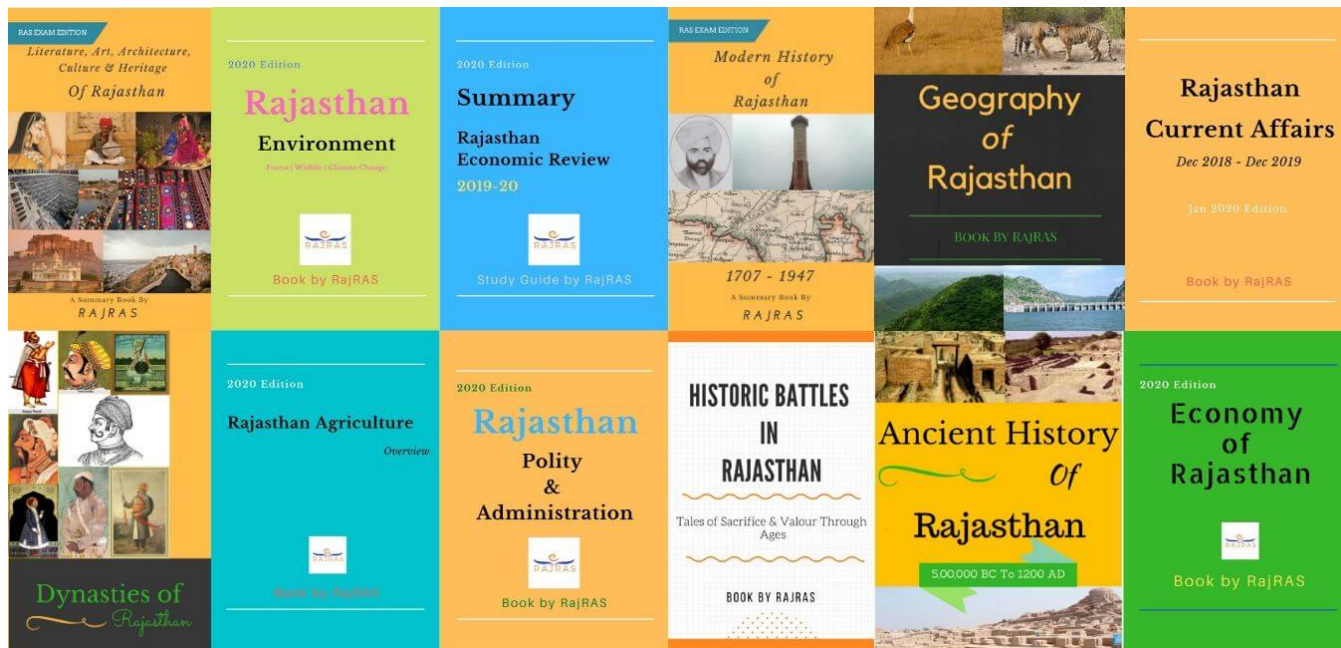
10. Mining lease Holders

- Involvement of private players in exploration of minor minerals.
- Registered agreement holder in respect of Khatedari land will be entitled to get mining lease.

11. Non-Profit Social Institutions

- **Social Security Investment Promotion Scheme:** SSIPS-2021 will be launched to give various benefits to non-profit social institutions such as rebate in Stamp Duty, Conversion Charges, Motor Vehicle Tax, etc. A customized package will be given in special cases. No stamp duty will be charged on gift deeds by individual/institutions in favour of these institutions.

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