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# Rajasthan Current Affairs

## *Important Note to Aspirants*

Rajras has started the *Rajasthan Current Affairs* only in October 2016 and so we donot have previous current affairs. This PDF is basically collection of current affairs & related material from October 2016 & few posts from previous months.

However, we have added other items like Rajasthan Budget Snapshot & Committees of 2016, which are in general useful for Aspirants.

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## **Current Affairs October 2016**

### **Rajasthan comes at 8<sup>th</sup> Position in Ease of Doing Business Index**

In the recently published Ease of Doing Business rankings by the *Department of Industrial Policy Promotion (DIPP)*, Government of India, *Rajasthan* has led several Indian states in introducing and implementing business reforms and stood at *Eighth* position.

The DIPP assessment, conducted in partnership with the World Bank, is based on the states' implementation of DIPP's 340-point *Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP)* for 2015-16. Rajasthan implemented 96.43% of the BRAP, as against 98.78% implementation score of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, which led the ranking.

*Rajasthan's implementation score has increased by over 30% in the last year, and four of our reform activities have been recognized as national best practices.*

Four of the state's reform activities have been deemed national best practice:

- Development of legally-valid master plans/zonal plans/land use plans for all urban areas;
- Making the master plans/zonal plans/land use plans conveniently and easily available online;
- Allowing building plan approval certificates to be downloaded via an online portal;
- Enabling industries to submit an application, make a payment, and track and monitor requests for a water connection

Additionally, Rajasthan has been recognized amongst the top 5 states in the country for *enabling 9 of the center's 10 core reform areas*: construction permits, environmental registrations, labour regulation, obtaining electricity connection, online filing of tax returns, inspection, access to information and transparency, single window clearance, and commercial dispute resolution.

However, in 2015 *Rajasthan stood at Sixth position* and so in 2016, it has actually slipped two positions back. The main reason behind this lowering of the rank has been:

- Investments promised in Resurgent Rajasthan did not materialize.
- The bad state of single window system in the state
- Lack of basic infrastructure facilities in the Industrial sector of state

## Dravyavati River: Pollution & Rejuvenation

Dravyavati River originates from the *western slope of Amber hills* at the foothills of the Nahargarh Fort in Jaisalya village and flows through the west side from Jaipur city, north to south over a length of 47.5 km to meet *river Dhund*. Most of the Jaipur's population stays in the 10 km of the periphery of this river. The river collects storm water from all the adjoining areas such as Ambabari, major portion of Walled City, Sanganer town and Pratap Nagar, etc.

### Pollution in Dravyavati River

Dravyavati River, which is also known as “*Amaanishaah naala*”, has lost its flow and purity of water in past couple of decades. Sewerage mixed with domestic waste water and industrial waste from various city areas drains into the river through Nahri ka Nullah, Jawahar Nullah and various streams that feed through structured/unstructured sewerage system of the colonies.

### Rejuvenation:

To change the fate of the river and make Jaipur a better city, Jaipur Development Authority ( JDA ) had proposed a *project for Rejuvenation of Dravyavati River*. Further in August 2016, JDA has given a contract to a consortium of Tata Projects and Shanghai Urban Construction Group at a project cost of Rs1,676 crore to complete the project by October 2018. Activities included in Project include:

- Amortization of 170 MLD polluted water.
- Check dams & fall structures will be constructed to brake the flow of water during Monsoon, prevent soil erosion and improve the depleting water-table of the city. 85 such check dams and 122 fall structures shall be constructed.
- Nearby land of this project will be developed with Parks, Parking, Theaters, Fountains etc.
- The consortium will be responsible for the maintenance of this project for 10 years from the completion of the project.

## Nandghar Yojna

Nandghar Yojna had been launched by Department of Women and Child Development in 2015. The Scheme aimed at utilizing community cooperation in modernizing Anganwadi Kendra's. Through this scheme, NGO's , Corporates, donors can adopt an Anganwadi Kendra and help in its transformation.

### Mobile Safety App for Women in Distress

The *Rajasthan Commission for Women (RCW)* on Friday launched a mobile safety app for women in distress — '*Raj Mahila Suraksha*'.

The app was launched by RCW chairperson *Suman Sharma*. She said that is the aim of the commission to make women feel safe. So, the commission has launched the app for women which was announced on International Women's Day. Further, the app has been launched in the state after ensuring its feasibility with the help of Jaipur police commissionerate. Before the launch of the app, a training of officials was also conducted. The app was developed with the help from department of information technology & communication.

### Child Marriage free Rajasthan Abhiyan

Child Marriage free Rajasthan Abhiyan was launched from [Dausa](#), by State women and child development minister, Anita Bhadel.

#### Fact-file: Child Marriages in Rajasthan

- The Annual Health Survey for 2012-13 shows 51.2 per cent of women in Rajasthan aged between 20-25 were married off before the age of 18.
- Concerned Law: Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006

MARRIAGE									
State / District	Marriages among Females below legal age (18 years) (%)#			Marriages among Males below legal age (21 years) (%)#			Currently Married Women aged 20-24 years married before legal age (18 years) (%)		
	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban	Total	Rural	Urban
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Rajasthan	14.3	17.8	5.4	27.5	34.0	12.3	51.2	54.7	36.9

### Opium Straw (Doda) Deaddiction Camps in Rajasthan

The state government controlled the sale of poppy straw. In Rajasthan, the 264 doda post licensed shops or thekas were issued permits by the state excise department, similar to liquor shops. In July last year, Rajasthan High Court ordered the cancellation of all doda post permits and closure of the vends.

Rajasthan Government decided to shut down the 264 retail outlets selling 'doda post' or opium husk, starting April 1, 2016. Since then, the government has been setting up de-addiction camps under its

rehabilitation scheme, *Naya Savera*. The excise department, in collaboration with the health department, has been setting up de-addiction centers.

The 150 de-addiction camps have treated close to 8,000 addicts outdoors and 1600 as admitted. The problem of addiction is higher in 15 districts of Rajasthan including Jaipur, Ajmer, Alwar, Barmer, Bikaner, Churu, Sri Ganganagar, Sirohi, Jaisalmer, Jalore, Jodhpur, Nagaur, Pali, Sikar & Jhunjhunu. Government is planning to hold 100 more camps in these districts.

### Cashless Challan Scheme

The Jaipur Police are planning to implement '*cashless challan scheme*', where people would be able to pay their fine online. 'Cashless challan scheme' is part of the city police's drive to digitize policing in the city. "For now, this scheme is operational only in a few cities in the country, like Hyderabad, where challans can be processed online.

Currently, the challan process is highly centralized where Challans are to be paid at the district headquarters only. As a result, people have to wait several hours to pay their fine.

The Jaipur Police Department is coming up with a website where citizen can pay the fine using their debit cards. For people who do not have access to internet, they can do the same by going to nearest e-mitra kendra.

### Bird Flu in Rajasthan

After the deaths of nine water birds from Avian Influenza in Delhi Zoo, Rajasthan State Government on Friday issued necessary directions to the field officers and asked them to take "precautionary measures" to check its likely outbreak in the state.

#### Why Rajasthan needs to be on high alert?

- There is scale transportation of poultry and related products between Rajasthan and Delhi, and so there are high chances of disease making up to Rajasthan.
- Pakistan to which Rajasthan shares border has also reported cases of deadly virus.
- Rajasthan is a major destination of migratory birds. Keoladeo National Park in [Bharatpur](#), Tal Chhapar Sanctuary in [Churu](#) and Darrah Wildlife Sanctuary in [Kota](#) are host to variety of migratory birds. It is a season of migratory birds such as flamingo, greater flamingo, ruddy turnstone, eurasian spoonbill, river tern, great shank and ruff coming to Rajasthan.

### What actions did Government take?

- Animal husbandry department will strictly monitor health of migratory birds coming to the state from far-flung areas.
- Instructions have also been issued to immediately report if there are any migratory birds' deaths in the state.
- In case of any outbreak, officials have been asked to comply with the action plans prepared by the Government of India—*Avian Influenza Contingency Plan(2005)* and *Action Plan on Preparedness, Control and Containment of Avian Influenza(2015)*

### Rajasthan Government Releases Ordinance for OBC Commission

Acting swiftly after [High Court Decision](#), Rajasthan Government released an Ordinance yesterday after Governor Kalyan Singh gave assent to it. The ordinance shall provide statutory sanction required for the OBC Commission. On Wednesday, the High Court directed the government to constitute a new commission, backed by legislation, by January 15, 2017, and stopped the payment of salary and allowances to the commission member.

The prompt decision to give statutory backing to the commission will help to continue the survey to assess the condition of Jats in Bharatpur and Dholpur districts so as to give them the OBC status.

### What is an Ordinance?

- Article 123 of the Constitution empowers President to promulgate (issue) Ordinance when Parliament is not in session (in recess).
- Similarly, Article 214 of Constitution empowers Governor to promulgate Ordinances when Vidhan Sabha is not in session.
- An Ordinance has same force & effect as Act passed by parliament/ State legislature.

However, the power of Ordinance has 3 important constraints:

- **Legislature is not in session:** The President/Governor can only promulgate an Ordinance when either of the two Houses of Parliament/Vidhan Sabha is not in session.
- **Immediate action is required:** The President/Governor cannot promulgate an Ordinance unless he is satisfied that there are circumstances that require taking 'immediate action'.



- **Parliamentary/Vidhan Sabha approval during session:** Ordinances must be approved by Parliament/Vidhan Sabha within **6 weeks** of reassembling or they *shall cease to operate*. They will also cease to operate in case resolutions disapproving the Ordinance are passed by both the Houses.

#### **Why Government released Ordinance?**

- High Court in the decision had said that OBC Commission cannot operate, in absence of backing up act and asked to dissolve the commission.
- The Vidhan Sabha is not in session now and so government cannot make the act now.
- In such case, the government has to take the ordinance route.

#### **Wildlife Conservation in Rajasthan: New Initiatives**

A meeting of State Wildlife Board was held yesterday, where new initiatives taken up wildlife conservation in Rajasthan were discussed. The meeting was chaired by Chief Minister.

#### **Key points:**

- Activities regarding forest and wild life conservation should be augmented with cooperation from the people living in eco-development zone.
- It was stressed that efforts need to be made to provide education and provide livelihood opportunities to the local people.
- Efforts to promote eco-tourism at Ranthambhore National Park, Jhalana Sanctuary and Balla Killa situated at the buffer zone of Sariska were praised.
- Vehicles used for safari at Ranthambhor will be connected with GPS system.
- Efforts being made to protect the Keoladeo Bird Sanctuary from the menace of Catfish were also praised.
- Relocation package for the people living in the protected area is being made better so that they can live better life and become self-reliant.
- Possibilities of developing eco-tourism at Barmer, Jalore, Dholpur and Hanumangarh are to be explored on project mode.
- Expansion of Taal Chhaper sanctuary to Jaswantgarh in Nagaur be implemented.

- In-principal approval was given to the Fuelwood Free Village scheme to provide 40,000 gas connections on 100 percent subsidy to the people residing near tiger reserves. Under the scheme when all families will get gas connection the village will be declared fuelwood free.
- The Board also gave approval to the proposal related to rejuvenation of Amanishah Nallah. The 5 kilometer stretch of the Amanishah Nallah falls in protected forest and sanctuaries. Now the project will get pace after the approval.
- Few projects important projects also approved during meeting include:
  - New Power Plant by Mangalam Cement at Village Modak Tehsil Ramganjmandi, District Kota.
  - Laying natural gas pipeline from CAIRN'S Barmer to village Sevtalav, Pali in Rajasthan Rageshwari terminal
  - Industrial Unit for manufacturing of TMT Bars and Wire Rod in village Mandana, Ladpura Kota.

### No need to fill application form repeatedly in RPSC from January 2017

According to NEWS published in Rajasthan Patrika, Job aspirants would not need to fill application form each time they apply for an examination of RPSC. On lines of Kerala Public Service Commission, RPSC would also start "**one-time registration**".

All details w.r.t candidate will be saved with RPSC and next when candidate applies, the information shall be retrieved and there would no need to fill the form again and again for each exam.

### New Projects in Road Transport and Water Works

Union minister for surface transport and highways, *Nitin Gadkari*, visited Rajasthan yesterday to dedicate the Lalsot-Karauli-Dholpur segment of the NH-11B to the nation. Rajasthan has achieved significant development in getting center's approval for intra and interstate highways connecting major regions, as reiterated by minister.

#### New projects in Road Construction:

- Detailed Projects report for projects worth Rs. 1,100 crore's for multi-lane roads covering 312 kilometers and one connecting *Muhana* with *Hindaun* and *Mahuha* has been approved

- Budget worth Rs. 200 *crores* sanctioned for construction of bridge over Chambal river, connecting *Mandrayal* to *Sabalgarh*. This project was pending since a long time, but now centre has agreed to fund it.
- Road connecting Sawai Madhopur and Agra has been declared as national highway.

#### **Kandala-Jalore-Jodhpur Canal to Perennial Water Problem:**

To end the state's perennial water problems, Centre was working on a project to build a canal to bring sea water from Gujarat to Rajasthan. The project is currently in the preliminary stage. If it becomes a reality, it can end the water woes of Rajasthan and meet both drinking and farming needs.

Tentative length of Canal is going to be 800 kms.

Union Ministry of surface transport and highways has promised that investment in Rajasthan would reach Rs 1 lakh for these projects.

#### **Churu: Example for Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan**

According to the first-ever survey of rural areas across the country, Churu has been placed among the top 10 cleanest districts in plains.

The survey was conducted by Quality Council of India (QCI) on behalf of the sanitation ministry covering nearly 70,000 household across 2,530 villages.

Overall (among 75 districts in both plains and hills), Mandi in Himachal Pradesh emerged the cleanest followed by Sindhudurg in Maharashtra. In the survey, Mandi got 98.4 out of 100 marks while Sindhudurg got a score of 96.8.

Prime Minister Modi had launched Swachh Bharat Abhiyaan with an aim to eliminate open defecation by 2019. Rajasthan has been described as the leader of this sanitation revolution. Recently, 70% panchayats in large districts like Bikaner and Churu were declared open defecation-free. On the ground, though, the achievement is mixed. More households than ever have built toilets – but not all these families are using the facilities.

#### **Intra State Air Services to take off**

Rajasthan is going to become first state of the country where its different cities would be connected under Regional Air Flight Connectivity Scheme. The much awaited regional level flight would be

inaugurated from State Hanger of Jaipur International Airport on October,4, 2016 at 10.30 pm. In the first phase the flight from Jaipur to Jodhpur and Udaipur would be started.

For the service Rajasthan Civil Aviation Department has signed an agreement with the Supreme Transport Organization Pvt. Ltd under which Supreme Airlines shall operate 9 seater Cessna Grand Carvan Aircraft multiple times a day. The aircraft with all facilities, offering seamless connectivity to tourists, businessmen, traders and other investors thereby promoting all regions of the state equally.

The target of the State Government is to provide all time air connectivity facility to its tourists and entrepreneur, so that people are able to fly to capital Jaipur every morning and at the same time are able to get back home every morning efficiently. With this vision only Inter-State air service are being started by the State Government.

It is to be noted that under Regional Connectivity Scheme, 15 cities of the state would be connected with each other. The second phase of flight would be starting for Bikaner, Jaisalmer, Kota etc.

## Raje Government New Initiatives

### New Initiatives Highlighted:

- The Rajasthan state government would also organize fairs on schemes of rural development and panchayati raj department and hold grand celebrations of famous fairs of Rajasthan to create awareness among the people.
- 'Jan-Kalyan Mahila Mela' (fairs) would be organized to spread awareness about women-centric welfare schemes.
- The chief minister said birth anniversaries of the state's great men would be celebrated every year and 'Tiranga Yatra' would be organised at the party's Mandal levels on every August 15.
- 'Gaurav Yatra' would be held that would start from a place associated with one martyr and culminate at a place associated with another martyr. All soldiers would be involved in Gaurav Yatra.
- People from the state would now be sent to pilgrimages community-wise. 'Prominent workers' from the same communities would be sent along with the pilgrims and their task would be to spread awareness about government's welfare schemes among the people in the community-based groups.

**Achievements Highlighted:**

- Rajasthan stood first for the second time in skill development.
- Rajasthan received gold medal in Bhamashah Yojana.
- Rajasthan is first in e-auction of mines, solar power generation, national highways, construction of toilets and Annapurana centers.
- State was ranked second by the World Bank in ease of doing business.
- State stood at sixth position in Asia as a 'holiday destination'.

**Singapore PM visits Rajasthan**

India's partnership with Singapore is hardly new, with firm contacts established as early as the Chola period in our country. The Prime Minister of Singapore Lee Hsien Loong visited Rajasthan on a two-day trip. Important developments summarized as under:

**Rajasthan, Singapore ink pacts on Tourism and Urban Development**

The governments of Rajasthan and Singapore signed two MoUs on Tourism & Urban Development.

- The MoU on tourism between Rajasthan and Singapore Cooperation Enterprise(SCE) was signed by the Rajasthan tourism secretary Roli Singh and the CEO of SCE Wy Mun Kong.
- The second MoU, between International Enterprise (IE) Singapore and Rajasthan was signed by the principal secretary, urban development & housing, Mukesh Kumar Sharma, and the IE assistant CEO, Tan Soon Kim.

With these MoUs, Rajasthan aims to deepen its association with Singapore and develop the state as a world-class, global tourist destination with advanced urban infrastructure.

**Centre for Excellence in Tourism Training (CETT)**

- PM Lee Hsien Loong inaugurated Centre of Excellence for Tourism Training in Udaipur.
- The CETT is being set up at the former campus of IIM Udaipur and 40 of our faculty will soon be leaving for Singapore to be trained.
- The CETT aims to produce chefs and front office staff, and the first batch will be graduating next year.

**Earlier this week:**

- Direct flight from Singapore to Jaipur was launched by Singapore-based low-cost airline, Scoot Airways.
- As per the schedule, the company's Boeing 787 Dreamliner flights will operate from Singapore to Jaipur on Monday, Friday and Sunday, while flights from Jaipur to Singapore are scheduled on Monday, Tuesday and Saturday.

### **Lady Patrol in Udaipur**

[Udaipur](#) in Rajasthan has reportedly become the first district in the country to have an all-woman police patrol wing (Lady Patrol). Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje today flagged off an innovative female patrol police initiative of the [Udaipur](#) police.

The public, especially young girls, women and the elderly, will feel more secure if they find women cops patrolling the city. They can walk up to them without hesitation and inform them about any awkward incidents such as eve-teasing or being subject to lewd comments.

The women, wearing uniforms in blue, are fully equipped with arms, security equipment, first aid and other amenities besides motorcycles for patrolling the city.

### **Kota to get Piped Natural Gas this year**

After a long wait, [Kota](#) of Rajasthan apart from being making in to the list of smart cities, can also be proud to be the only city to get Piped Natural Gas (PNG) in homes.

GAIL has started work in this direction a few years back it was left uncompleted due to lack of coordination. Now, Rajasthan Government formed a company namely **Rajasthan State Gas limited** which has taken over the work. Most of the work relating to laying of the pipelines has been completed, but there are some 'missing links' which would be taken up shortly and supply of Piped Natural Gas to the households in Kota would be launched within this year.

Other smart cities like [Ajmer](#), [Jaipur](#) and [Udaipur](#) would have to wait as no pipelines exist currently. Further, Piped natural gas (PNG) could be viable option only if it is linked to industry demand as house hold supply alone could make a viable business option.

### Now, only fortified edible oil in Rajasthan

Rajasthan has achieved the distinction of being the second state in the country after Gujarat to accomplish full voluntary fortification of edible oil. Currently, only fortified Salt is sold in Rajasthan. Chief Minister of Rajasthan, Vasundhara Raje had made the announcement in her budget speech of 2015-16 for a complete switch over to edible oil fortification to fight against vitamin A and D deficiency prevalent in the state especially among the rural population. Fortification of edible oil with vitamin A and D is considered as significant step in the fight against malnutrition.

183 edible oil mills and repackers have started selling fortified oil in the state. However, 136 mills which sell its produce outside the state have been kept outside the purview of fortification. Five mills which refine groundnut and sesame have completed their preparation for fortification. Since groundnut and sesame are seasonal crops produced during November to March (Rabi) they would start production of fortified ground nut and sesame oil from November.

#### **Fortification:**

- Fortification is the process of addition of one or more essential nutrients to a food, whether or not it is normally contained in the food, for the purpose of preventing or correcting a demonstrated deficiency of one or more nutrients in the population or specific population groups.
- Vegetable oils have been identified as vehicle for fortification of fat soluble vitamins. Here, Vitamin A & D.

### Rajasthan Cooperative Society Amendment Act 2016

Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to implement provision of educational qualification in election of Cooperative Committees. For this Rajasthan Cooperative Society (Amendment) Act-2016 has been enforced from Tuesday, October 4. Now the minimum educational qualification would be compulsory for the members of the Directorate of Board so that cooperative sector would be benefited by education and their management could be assigned in skilled hands. Approximately, 10 thousand cooperative institutions would be benefited from this act.

#### **Features of Rajasthan Cooperative Amendment Act:**

- **Establishment of Board for Recruitment of Personnel**

- Rajasthan would be the first state in the country where a Recruitment Board would be established for recruiting personnel for the Cooperative Committees.
- **Autonomy to Societies**
  - Cooperative society's are now allowed to themselves conduct election under the set rules.
- **Auditing is Compulsory**
  - Registrar can appoint an auditor for society at his level.
- **Development of new era of leadership under cooperatives**
  - Maximum tenure of the member of Board of Directors would be of two years. This would reduce tendency of monopoly and more new people would associate to the society's management and a new leadership would be developed.
  - After two years of continuous membership a year gap was needed to again become the member of Board of Director.
- **Freedom from political interference**
  - Now a Member of Parliament, MLAs, Head or Sub-head of a District Council, Head or Sub-head of Panchayat Samiti, Sarpanch or Up-sarpanch of panchayat, President or Additional President of Municipality or Local self government body could not become a President or Vice-President of cooperative society.
  - This would enable Cooperative Societies would remain free from political interference and the President of the society be able to concentrate on the activities of society.

### News Bits October:

- Jaipur based startup Aveki selected for world startup factory to be held in Netherlands.
- Rajasthan has come in second position after Andhra Pradesh in increase of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Fund. Further, Rajasthan stood at fourth place in CSR fund receipt.
- Recently, *Night Panchayat* was organized at *Turkiya* Panchayat Samiti of Nivayi Panchayat in [Tonk](#) District.
- Jaipur, came first in Bhamashah Swashtya Yojna, claims worth 73 crore-73 lacs have been expensed.



- Website "Rajmedico", which provides online solution to doctors and other staff working in Rajasthan's medical colleges, was inaugurated by State Health Minister Rajendra Rathore.
- Chairman of Rajasthan State Warehousing Corporation, Janardan Singh Gehlot, will be given cabinet minister facilities. Janardan singh had been given status of Cabinet Minister on 22 September 2016. Gehlot's expense shall be born by State Warehousing Corporation.
- Rajasthan Government has appointed Lok Sabha member of Parliament from Ajmer, Pro. Sawalal Jaat (प्रो. सांवरलाल जाट) as the chairman of *State Farmer's Commission*.
- The 5th edition of the prestigious International Trade Fair on Textiles and Apparel, VASTRA-2016 will begin from 20 October in Jaipur, at the Jaipur Exhibition & Convention Centre (JECC) at Sitapura Industrial Area. It has been organized by Rajasthan State Industrial Development & Investment Corporation Ltd. (RIICO) in collaboration with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). Government of Rajasthan is supporting the event.
- This year on Diwali the state government employees would get adhoc bonus which is two times as compared to the previous financial year. About 6 lakh employees would be benefited. The state exchequer with additional burden of Rs. 406 crore. Bonus would also be payable to employees of Panchayat Samiti, Zila Parishad and work-charge employees.
- Diggi Palace in Jaipur hosted South-Asian Sufi Music Festival from 14 to 16 October.
- Rajasthan becomes the first state to adopt centre's Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP) in all its urban local bodies (ULB). Almost 5 lakh conventional street lights have been replaced with LED street lights across the state.
- Daughters are precious abhiyan & Prasav Sakhi Yojna was launched by Rajasthan Government.
- Prime Minister's Safe Motherhood programme will be organized on 9<sup>th</sup> of every month in Rajasthan.

## Current Affairs: Previous Months

### Former Union Minister and War Hero of 1965, Capt Ayub Khan Died

Former Union Minister and Captain **Ayub Khan**, died at **Jhunjhunu in Rajasthan** following a massive **cardiac arrest**.

- He is a **war hero of 1965**. He was 85.
- He was admitted to **B.D.K. Government Hospital in Jhunjhunu** when he complained of uneasiness, but was declared brought dead.
- Capt. Ayub Khan was **elected twice to the Lok Sabha** first in **1984** and later in **1991**.
- He served as the Union Minister of State for Agriculture in the P.V. Narasimha Rao government.

### Rajasthan partners with Cisco for connected learning solution

**Rajasthan's** education department has partnered with US-based technology firm **Cisco** to promote digital learning across the state using virtual digital room solutions.

**Aim:** To establish Digital Learning Solution Rooms (DLSRs) which will deploy virtual digital classrooms across 12 institutes

### Rajasthan becomes first state to adopt LED street lights under all urban local bodies

**Rajasthan** became the **first state to adopt centre's Street Lighting National Programme (SLNP)** in all its urban local bodies (ULB).

Almost **5 lakh conventional street-lights** were replaced with LED street lights across the state.

The entire street light project had been funded by **Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL)** at no cost to the state. EESL, a Public Energy Services Company under the **administration of Ministry of Power, Government of India (GoI)**, is the implementing agency for SLNP.

### Rajasthan High Court launched the e-stamp facility

The **Rajasthan High Court** launched the **e-stamp facility** in its **Jodhpur and Jaipur benches** simultaneously.

- Rajasthan has become the fourth state in the country to provide the facility.
- Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court **Navin Sinha inaugurated the e-Court Fees Centre** in Jaipur while in Jodhpur the facility was launched by high Court judge Govind Mathur.

### Rajasthan Assembly ratifies GST Bill

Rajasthan Legislature unanimously ratified the Constitution Amendment Bill on Goods and Services Tax (GST) passed by Parliament. It became the 17th state to ratify the legislation.

### Rajasthan government signs MoU for developing education sector infrastructure

Rajasthan government signed **MoU** with an educational institutes, which will adopt **50 Adarsh and Utkarsh Vidyalayas** in the state for developing education sector infrastructure.

It will also adopt **five** District Institution of Education and Training (DIET) and State Institute of Education Research and Training (SIERT) Udaipur.

### Other NEWS Spetember:

A two-day 'Abhaneri' festival was held at the Abhaneri village in Dausa district from on Saturday to promote rural tourism in the area.

New Custard Apple (Sitaphal) variety from Nagpur has debuted in Rajasthan. Rajasthan state is also coming up with a Centre of Excellence for custard apple in Chittorgarh. Custard apple, a rich source of vitamin C and an anti-oxidant, is widely grown in the tribal belt of Rajasthan which includes Udaipur, Chittorgarh, Dungarpur, Banswara, Rajsamand and Jhalawar.

To facilitate pilgrims planning to visit the Mukam Dham Mela, *Nokha, Bikaner* in Rajasthan, the North-Western Railway ran a special train between Sirsa (Haryana) and Nokha on September 29. Mukam Dham is a place of worship for the Bishnoi community.

### Abhijeet Gupta retains Commonwealth Chess championship crown

Former world junior Chess champion **Abhijeet Gupta** has won the **20th Commonwealth Chess** championship crown 2016 in Colombo, Sri Lanka. He is the **third Indian** to win this prestigious championship, after Viswanathan Anand and Pentala Harikrishna.

Further, International Master **Tania Sachdev** clinched a gold medal.

On the other hand Grandmasters **S L Narayanan** and **Deep Chakkravarthy** got the silver and bronze medals respectively in the open section

### Rajasthan Govt. ties up with ITEC Dubai for the promotion of Tourism Sector in the State

In order to facilitate the development of the Tourism sector, **Rajasthan government signed a MoU with India Trade And Exhibition Centre (ITEC), Dubai** for promotion of skill development, investment and tourism sectors. Now, ITEC would work as a service providing agency for **promotion of skill development, investment and tourism sectors in Rajasthan.**

### Rajasthan becomes first state to approve sewage & waste water policy

Rajasthan became the **first state** in the country to give nod to **sewage and wastewater policy**. This is the first of its kind policy.**ii.** Upon this policy treated wastewater will be used in irrigation and agricultural purpose. It also covers requirement of **next 30 years** under the policy.

Rajasthan is also making compulsory that every household to connect with sewage system in those cities which have **100% sewage system.**

### BRICS countries adopt Udaipur Declaration on disaster management:

The two-day meeting of Ministers of Disaster Management (MDM) of BRICS countries was held in **Udaipur, Rajasthan** and Udaipur Declaration on Disaster Management was adopted. This was the second meeting of BRICS MDM convened by the Russia in St. Petersburg in April, 2016.

#### Udaipur Declaration:

- BRICS nations to set up a dedicated **Joint Task Force for Disaster Risk Management** for regular dialogue, exchange, mutual support and collaboration among them.

- The **roadmap for implementation** of the three-year Joint Action Plan for BRICS emergency services (2016-18) was also finalised.
- The meeting was a new milestone in collaboration and cooperation among BRICS countries in the field of disaster management.

### **Key Highlights of 2nd BRICS MDM meeting:**

#### Objectives:

- Share experiences on flood-risk management, current systems in each country for forecasting extreme weather events.
- Identify opportunities for collaboration between institutions of respective BRICS countries in the area of flood risk management and extreme weather-related events.
- It focused on two themes:
  - Flood Risk Management
  - Forecasting of Extreme Weather Events in the context of Changing Climate’.
- Three technical sessions were held on areas of disaster risk management challenges, forecasting and early warning on flood and disaster risk in a changing climate.

### **Meeting of BRICS women parliamentarian’s forum held in Jaipur**

The meeting of BRICS women parliamentarian’s forum was held in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Lok Sabha Speaker Sumitra Mahajan inaugurated the two-day meeting. A total of 43 delegates from member countries are participating in the meeting.

The meeting saw the participation of 5 women parliamentarians from Brazil, 3 from Russia, 28 from India, 2 from China and 4 from South Africa.

### **Rajasthan has become the first state to introduce minimum wages**

Rajasthan has become the first state in the country to introduce minimum wages for part time workers. In this regard, the Labour Department has issued a notification. With this, part time workers in the state now come under the Minimum Wages Act 1948. As per the new rule, it is now mandatory for employer to pay 50% of the prescribed a day minimum wage to a person who works for less than four

hours in a day. Besides, in another decision state government also has decided to increase the minimum wages in all categories of scheduled employments by 104 Rupees per month.

### **Rajasthan Government launched mobile application RajVayu**

Rajasthan Government has launched mobile application RajVayu for sharing information about air quality index of Jaipur, Udaipur and Jodhpur. The app was launched by Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje on the eve of World Environment Day (5th June).

With this, Rajasthan became *first state* in country to launch such app for sharing information about air quality index of cities.

#### **Key features of RajVayu:**

- Information provided on RajVayu app is based on the data collected by sophisticated air quality monitoring equipment and weather sensors.
- The app has been designed by Rajasthan State Pollution Control Board (RSPCB) jointly with Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM).
- It would share details about the air quality, such as levels of pollutants like SO<sub>x</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, Ozone particles and Particulate Matter (PM).
- It would also share temperature, wind speed, humidity, weather forecast and advisories.
- This app is based on the System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting Research (SAFAR-India) which is presently connected in Delhi, Mumbai and Pune.
- By 2017, the services of this application would be expanded to other cities in the state including in Ajmer, Alwar, Bhiwadi, Kota and Pali.
- Besides, CM Vasundhara Raje also launched another application named 'Drishti' for monitoring of pollution levels in industrial regions. It has been designed by the RSPCB with the support from RajComp.

### **20 Nirbhaya buses of Rajasthan State Transport Corporation (RSTC) launched:**

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari has launched 20 Nirbhaya buses of Rajasthan State Transport Corporation (RSTC). These buses are fitted with multiple IT-enabled safety measures to better protect women passengers and keep anti-social elements under check. These buses were launched by RSTC as a pilot project under the NIRBHAYA scheme.

The pilot project of RSTC includes 10 luxury and 10 ordinary roadways buses. Nirbhaya buses have advance IT-enabled safety measures such as Vehicle Tracking System (VTS), panic buttons on every seat and CCTV.

### **Commemorative coin on Maharana Pratap Released**

The Union Government has released a commemorative coin of Rs 100 and a circulation coin of Rs 10 as a part of 475th Birth Anniversary celebrations of Maharana Pratap. The coin was released by Union Tourism Minister Dr Mahesh Sharma in New Delhi. Maharana Pratap, the ruler of Mewar is regarded as one of the greatest warriors in Indian history.

The Union Ministry of Culture has been celebrating the 475th Birth Anniversary of Maharana Pratap during 2015-16 in association with the State Government of Rajasthan.

### **Rajasthan passes land title bill**

Rajasthan state assembly passed the Rajasthan Urban Land (Certification of Titles) Bills, 2016 for providing statutory backing to land records. With this Rajasthan has become the first state to pass land title bill for effectively guaranteeing land and property ownership.

### **Kachhabali: First Liquor-free village:**

Kachhabali village in Bhim tehsil of Rajsamand district has become the first in Rajasthan to liquor-free village. The village achieved this feat after villagers voted to close down its lone liquor shop to stop alcohol sale in village in the referendum by 67.11%.

### **MoU for Solar parks signed**

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for development of solar parks in India. The MoU will facilitate 848 million US dollars in funding to develop solar parks across India. The collaboration of ADB and USAID will initially focus on the state of Rajasthan.

### Rajasthan joins UDAY

Rajasthan Government along with its power distribution companies (DISCOMS) has signed a MoU to join UDAY (Ujwal Discom Assurance Yojana) Scheme.

State DISCOMS part of this MoU are Jaipur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (JVNL), Jodhpur Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (JVVNL) and Ajmer Vidyut Vitran Nigam Limited (AVNL).

With this, Rajasthan became third state to sign the MoU under UDAY scheme after Jharkhand and Chhattisgarh.

### BSF starts 'Operation Cold' along international border

Covering **Sriganganagar, Bikaner, Barmer and Jaisalmer** in Rajasthan Border Security Force has launched 'Operation Cold' along the international border. It will continue till January 30. The aim of the exercise is to contain any infiltration or intrusion from Pakistan in fog and cold wave weather conditions in the western desert.

### Vasundhara Raje launched 'school on wheels' for nomadic, tribal children

Rajasthan CM **Vasundhara Raje** launched the mobile '**library-cum-school on wheels**'. It was set up by an NGO, **Tabar Society**. The scheme aims to spread awareness about education among the nomadic and tribal children.

### Bank approved \$250 million loan to Support Electricity Distribution Sector Reforms in Rajasthan:

The World Bank Board granted **Long term Loan of \$250 million** Development Policy Loan for Rajasthan. The loan, from the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), **has a 5-year grace period, and a maturity of 18 years.**

### Military Exercises in Rajasthan:

- Shakti: 16 – Between India & France - at **the Mahajan field firing range in Bikaner, Rajasthan**
- Iron-Fist – By Indian Airforce - Rajasthan's Pokhran firing range
- Shatrujeet – By Indian Army's elite **STRIKE 1 corps** - Rajasthan Desert
- **Chakravyuh-II** – By Indian Army - **Suratgarh Rajasthan.**



## Rajasthan Budget Snapshot

Rajasthan Budget							
Receipt (180K Cr )				Expenditure 180KCr			
Revenue (106K Crore)		Capital 73K Crore		Revenue 112K Core		Capital 68K Crore	
Tax Revenue	45000 Crore	Internal Debt	61000 Cr	Non-Plan	76000 Crore	Non-Plan	1.04 Crore
Central tax Share	27000 Cr	Net Public A/c	6600 Cr	Plan	35000 Crore	Plan	23000 Crore
Non-Tax Revenue	11000 Cr	Central gov. Loan	4300 Cr			Public Debt	4800 Crore
Gran-in-Aid	21000 Cr	Recovery Loan	1400 Cr			Loan & Adva	40000 Crore

S. No	Parameter	Formula & Value
1	Revenue Deficit	Revenue Expenditure - Revenue Receipt 106000 - 112000 Crore - 6000 Crore Exact = -5600 Crore
2	Budgetary Deficit	Revenue A/c Deficit + Capital A/C Deficit (Revenue Receipt- Revenue Expenditure) + (Capital Receipt - Capital Expenditure) (-6) +(+5) 000 Crore Exact= 1946 Crore
3	Fiscal Deficit	Non Debt Receipt - Total expenditure -67000 Crore
4	Primary Deficit	Fiscal Deficit - Interest Payment -55000Crore

The Total Receipts can be bifurcated into two 2 types:( Total Receipt = Revenue Receipt + Capital Receipt)

A. Revenue Receipt (106000 Crore)

B. Capital Receipt. ( 73000 Crore)

### A. Revenue Receipt:

- A.1. State Tax Revenue (45000 Crore)
  - a. Sales tax (29000Cr)
  - b. State Excise Tax (6000 Cr)
  - c. Stamps & Registration (3400 Cr)
  - d. Taxes on Vehicles ( 3300 Cr)

- e. Electricity Duty ( 2000 Cr)
  - f. Other (1000Cr)
  - g. Land Revenue (300Cr)
- *A.2. Share in Central Taxes (27000 Cr)*
  - a. Corporation Tax ( 8700 Cr)
  - b. Income Tax (6000 Cr)
  - c. Service Tax (4800 Cr)
  - d. Custom Duty (4400 Cr)
  - e. Union Excise duty (3700 Cr)
- *A.3. Non-Tax Revenue (11000 Cr)*
  - a. Other (9900Cr)
  - b. Interest (1800 Cr)
  - c. Dividends
- *A.4 Grant-in-Aid (21000Cr)*

Hence, Total Revenue Receipt Sum = 106000 Cr.

## **B. Capital Receipt (73000 Cr)**

- *B.1. Internal Debt (61000Cr)*
  - a. Debt for Uday (43000 Cr)
- *B.2. Net Public Account (6700 Cr)*
- *B.3. Loan Central Government (4300 Cr)*
- *B4. Recovery of Loan & Advances (1400 Cr)*
- *B.5. Contingency Fund (0)*

Hence, Total Capital Receipts = 73000 Cr

Therefore, total receipt = (Revenue receipt + Capital receipt) = 106+73 (000) = 180,000 Cr.

### Analysis for Expenditure

Expenditure= (Revenue expenditure + Capital expenditure).

A. Revenue Expenditure

B. Capital Expenditure

#### A. Revenue Expenditure: (112,000 Cr)

- A.1. Non-Plan Expenditure (76,000+ Cr)
  - a. General Services (30,000 Cr)
  - b. Social Services (28,000 Cr)
  - c. Economic Services (16,000 Cr)
- A.2 Plan Expenditure (35,000 Cr)
  - a. General Services (7,000 Cr)
  - b. Social Services (17,000 Cr)
  - c. Economic Services (17,000 Cr)

Hence, Total Revenue Expenditure Sum = 112,000 Cr.( Approximation)

#### B. Capital Expenditure (68,000Cr)

- 1 Non-Plan Expenditure (104 Cr)
- A.2 Plan Expenditure (23,000 Cr)
- A.3 Public Debt ( 4800 Cr)
- A.4 Loan & Advances ( 40,000 Cr)

Hence, Total Capital Expenditure Sum = 68,000 Cr.

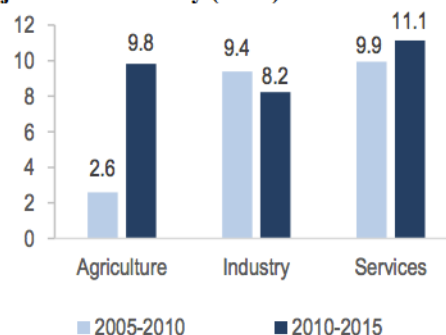
Therefore, Total Expenditure = (Revenue Expenditure + Capital Expenditure) = 112+68 (000) = 180,000 Cr.

- Note: Only Major headers are considered. So summation might not be exact mathematically.

## Background: Rajasthan Economy

- Average growth in Rajasthan's economy (adjusting for inflation) witnessed an increase from 8.12% between 2005-10 to 9.5% between 2010-15.
- The average annual growth rate of individual sectors in the period between 2005-10 and 2010-15.
- Over 2005-15, agriculture and services witnessed an increase in growth rate, whereas growth in the manufacturing sector saw a decline.
- Growth rate in the manufacturing sector decreased from 9.4% in 2005-10 to 8.2% in 2010-15.
- Agriculture growth increased from 2.6% to 9.8%.
- In the meanwhile, services sector growth increased from 9.9% to 11.1%.
- 50% of Rajasthan's economy is contributed by the services sector, followed by 30.5% by manufacturing and 19.5% by agriculture.
- The services sector employed 47% of the state's population, followed by the agriculture (44%) and manufacturing (8%) sectors

**Figure 1: Average growth rate of sectors of Rajasthan's economy (in %)**



## Budgets Highlights:

- The Gross State Domestic Product of Rajasthan for 2016-17 is estimated to be Rs 7,67,167 crore. This is 13.8% higher than the estimates for 2015-16.
- Total expenditure for 2016-17 is estimated to be Rs 1,71,261 crore, a 5% decrease over the revised estimates of 2015-16. In 2015-16, there was an increase of Rs 42,707 crore (31%) in the revised estimates over the budget estimates.
- Total receipts (excluding borrowings) for 2016-17 are estimated to be 14% higher, at Rs 1,23,393 crore. In 2015-16, total receipts fell short of the budgeted target by Rs 4,033 crore.
- Revenue deficit for the next financial year is targeted at Rs 8,802 crore, or 1.14% of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP).

- Fiscal deficit is targeted at Rs 43,147 crore (5.62% of GSDP). Primary deficit is targeted at Rs 25,621 crore (3.3% of GSDP).
- Allocations for the Departments of Energy and Welfare of Scheduled Caste members have increased by 64.9% and 67.4% respectively, in 2016-17. The Department of Health, on the other hand, has a 0.3% decrease.
- Rs 20,133 crore of electricity distribution companies' debt is proposed to be taken over by the state government in 2016-17, under the UDAY scheme. In 2015-16, this amount was Rs 42,964 crore.
- 40,000 new agricultural electrical connections are proposed to be set up in 2016-17.
- Renewal of 2,500 km of non-patchable roads is proposed to be taken up in 2016-17, with an allocation of Rs 600 crore.
- 60,000 artisans are proposed to be trained in 2016-17 under the Rural Non-Farm Development Agency, with an allocation of Rs 2 crore.
- VAT on cigarettes has been proposed to be increased by 15% on top of current rates.
- VAT on aerated drinks increased from 15% to 20%.
- 100% exemption of electricity duty for enterprises setup in backward regions of the state has been proposed in 2016-17.
- Rs 650 crore has been allocated to Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Rs 676 crore to the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, in 2016-17.
- Rs 3,800 crore is allocated to MGNREGS, Rs 2,011 crore for Swachh Bharat Mission (Rural) and Rs 831 crore for Indira Awas Yojana, in 2016-17.

### Committees & Commission of 2016

S. No	Committee/ Chairman	By / On
1	R. M Lodha Committee	By Supreme Court- On BCCI
2	TSR Subramanian Committee	Environmental Laws
3	TSR Subramnayam	New Education Policy
4	Bibek Debroy Committee	Mobilization of Resources for Major Railway Projects and Restructuring of Railway Ministry and Railway Board
5	Sam Pitroda Committee	Modernization of Indian Railways
6	B N Navalawala Committee	Task Force On - Interlinking of Rivers
7	Sri B.S. Baswan Expert Committee	Civil Service Examination -UPSC
8	Tapan Roy Committee	Amendments to Companies Act , 2013
9	Shyam Benegal Panel	Panel - on Censor Board
10	Ramanujam Committee	Obsolete Laws
11	Ajay Shankar Committee	Review Functioning of PPP Cell
12	Scientist Raghunath Anant Mashelkar panel:	Recommend best technologies for "Swachh Bharat" national sanitation campaign.
13	Justice M B Shah committee	Black Money
14	Prof. NR Madhava Menon Panel:	Guidelines for regulating expenditure and content of advertisement in govt. ads

15	B B Tandon Committee	Monitor government advertisements in accordance with SC directions
16	Divakar Reddy Panel	Parliamentary panel's report on the Consumer Protection Bill 2015
17	Anand Desai Committee	Specific Relief Act, 1963
18	H R Nagendra Committee	Yoga Education in Universities
19	Kamlesh Chandra panel	Gramin dak Sevaks
20	Mirza Imtiyaz Judicial Commission	Mathura Violence
21	DB Shekatkar Committee	Defence Spending
22	Vijay Kelkar Committee	2002- Direct & Indirect Taxes
23	Raja Chelliah Committee	Reforming India's tax system
24	R V Easwar Committee	Simplify income tax laws
25	Deepak Mohanty Committee	Medium term path to financial inclusion
26	Suresh Prabhu Committee:	Review Gas Pricing Formula
27	G N Bajpai Committee:	Guidelines for national pension system (NPS) schemes in private sector.
28	T.K. Vishwanathan committee:	To provide Bankruptcy code for small and medium enterprises (SMEs).
29	K.V. Kamath panel:	To examine the financial architecture for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector.
30	N K Singh Committee	Recommendations on FRBM roadmap
31	Arvind Pangariya Committee	Mumbai-Ahmedabad High Speed Corridor
32	Akhilesh Ranjan Committee	Taxation of E-Commerce
33	AK Bhargava committee	Net-Neutrality

34	Ak Sinha Committee	To study silt in river Ganga in Bihar
35	Madhav Chitale Committee	Prepare guidelines for desiltation of Ganga River
36	Arvind Subramanian Committee	Possible Tax rates under Goods and Services Tax (GST)
37	Arvind Subramaniam Committee	Rising prices of pulses in the country.
38	Ashok Dalwai Committee	Doubling farmers' income by 2022
39	Munnialappa Committee	Union Agricultural Ministry has constituted a High-Level Committee to monitor the bird flu situation
40	Dhirendra Singh Committee	Make in India' in Defence Sector
41	Mata Prasad Committee	Overhaul in transmission planning to facilitate transfer of power on economic principles.
42	N K Singh Committee	Review and recommend on the Fiscal Responsibility and Budget Management (FRBM) roadmap for the future.
43	Sanjay Mitra Committee	Policy framework for online taxi aggregators and other transport operators
44	Shankar Acharya Committee	When should a financial year start and what are merits/demerits of different dates
45	T HaqueExpert Group	NITI Aayog constituted on Land Leasing
46	T K Vishwanathan Committee	To fix the issues with the current insolvency regime

#### Committees related to Banks:

Committee/ Chairman	By / On
<b>A.R Khandelwal Committee</b>	HR issues of Public Sector Banks
<b>B. D. Thakar Committee</b>	Job Criteria in bank Loans
<b>A Ghosh Committee</b>	Frauds & malpractices in banks
<b>Vipin Malik Committee</b>	Consolidated Accounting by Banks



<b>James Raj Committee</b>	Functioning of Public Sector Banks
<b>LC Gupta Committee:</b>	Financial Derivatives
<b>AK Bhuchar Committee:</b>	Coordination Between Term Lending Institutions And Commercial Banks.
<b>R. Jilani Committe</b>	Inspection System in Banks
<b>Goiporia Committee:</b>	Customer Service In Banks
<b>Bhide Committee:</b>	Coordination Between Commercial Banks And SFC's
<b>SS Nadkarni Committee:</b>	Trading In Public Sector Banks
<b>Godwala Committee:</b>	Rural Finance
<b>ML Dantwala Committee:</b>	Regional Rural Banks
<b>Venketaiya Committee:</b>	Review Of Rural Financing System
<b>Tandon Committee:</b>	Follow Up Of Bank Credit
<b>DR Gadgil Committee:</b>	Agricultural Finance
<b>Gopalakrishna Committee:</b>	Capacity Building in Banks and non-Banks