



Rajasthan Current Affairs  
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## PERSON in NEWS

### **Mahendra Goyal and Farzand Ali**

The Supreme Court collegium headed by Chief Justice Ranjan Gogoi recommended appointment of two advocates as judges of the Rajasthan High Court. The advocates are Mahendra Goyal and Farzand Ali.

### **Justice S. Ravindra Bhat**

President of India has appointed Delhi High Court Judge Justice Ravindra Bhat as Chief Justice Of Rajasthan High Court. On April 8, the Supreme Collegium has recommended to the Government to appoint him as Chief Justice Of Rajasthan High Court. Governor Kalyan Singh would administer the oath to the chief justice.

### **Bhupendra Singh**

The Rajasthan government appointed DG ATS and SOG Dr Bhupendra Singh as the new DGP of Rajasthan Police. Mr. Singh replaces Kapil Garg, who retired on 30th June. An IPS officer of the 1986-batch, Singh is a recipient of the President's police medal (2016) and police medal (2002) for distinguished services.

### **Suman Rao**

Suman Rao from [Rajsamand](#), was crowned the winner of Femina Miss India World 2019 during the grand finale of the beauty pageant, held on June 15, 2019 at the Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel Indoor Stadium in Mumbai She was crowned Miss India World 2019 by her predecessor, Miss India 2018 Anukreethy Vas from Tamil Nadu.

### **Dr. Mahesh Joshi**

Dr. Mahesh Joshi has been nominated as Government Chief Whip in Rajasthan Legislative Assembly

## Places in NEWS

### **Baran**

Baran has become the first district in the state where e-signed copies of revenue courts' decisions are made available online and applicants can obtain these at any time. The e-signed copies of the decisions of all revenue courts will now be available on the RCMS portal and the applicant can access the copy at any time.

### **Mount Abu**

The horticulture department is set to develop an agro-eco-tourism and international flower research centre at Mount Abu. As per [TOI NEWS](#), the horticulture department had identified about 20 bighas of land near the sunset point for the project. The Rs10-crore project is funded under the Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (National Agriculture Development Programme).

### **Mount Abu**

Sirohi district administration and forest department have decided to ban all the articles of plastic in Mount Abu from August 15.

Rajasthan has already been declared as a plastic bag free zone from 2010 but Sirohi administration's ban covers plastic carry bags, boxes, thermocol cups, plates and other disposable plastic items.

### **Jaisalmer**

[Jaisalmer](#) District achieved First Rank in the Financial Inclusion and Skill Development Report released by Niti Aayog. As a result, [Jaisalmer](#) will now receive an additional grant of INR 3 crore from Center.

### Banswara

A three-day mango festival was held in [Banswara](#). The event was organised as a joint venture of the district administration and agriculture research and Banswara tourism development committee. Some 46 varieties of unique, hybrid and special desi mangoes that are found and grown in Banswara region were displayed.

### Dausa

To make the Gram Panchayat Development Plan (GPDP) campaign more effective so that each gram panchayat could develop an annual plan of their own and also generate respective sources of revenue, the state's panchayati raj department has adopted Dausa district as a pilot project. Women issues will also be given importance in this project by organising mahila sabhas at the panchayat level. This is a World Bank funded project.

### Amber Fort

Amber Fort, which stands on the rocky hill of Cheel ka Teela (Hill of Eagles) & situated next to Maota lake, is among the **17 iconic tourist sites** across the country which will be developed into a world-class destination. Union finance minister Nirmala Sitharaman in her budget speech had announced that some iconic tourist sites would be given a major facelift to attract more international and domestic tourists.

### Durgapura, Jaipur

For the first time in the state, a 'weed museum' will be inaugurated at Rajasthan Agricultural Research Institute (RARI), Durgapura, Jaipur. Weeds are a perennial problem for the farmers in the state. These are additional plants that are omnipresent and reduce yield and quality of crops substantially. Farmers spend a lot of resources to reduce their impact, at times unsuccessfully. The major hindrance for the farmers in weed management is the identification of weeds.

## Current Affairs

### Walled city of Jaipur gets UNESCO World Heritage Tag

On 6th July 2019, the Walled City of [Jaipur](#), known for its iconic architectural legacy and vibrant culture, made its entry into the UNESCO World Heritage Site list. The announcement was made after the 43rd Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee (WHC), underway at Baku (Azerbaijan) from June 30 to July 10, examined the nomination of the Walled City of Jaipur for inclusion in the World Heritage list.

### About Jaipur

Jaipur was founded in 1727 CE under [Sawai Jai Singh II](#). Unlike other cities in the region located in hilly terrain, Jaipur was established on the plain and built according to a grid plan interpreted in the light of Vedic architecture. The streets feature continuous colonnaded businesses that intersect in the centre, creating large public squares called *chaupars*. Markets, stalls, residences and temples built along the main streets have uniform facades. The city's urban planning shows an exchange of ideas from ancient Hindu and modern Mughal as well as Western cultures. The grid plan is a model that prevails in the West, while the organization of the different districts refers to traditional Hindu concepts. Designed to be a commercial capital, the city has maintained its local commercial, artisanal and cooperative traditions to this day.

### UNESCO World Heritage

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) seeks to encourage the identification, protection and preservation of cultural and natural heritage around the world considered to be of outstanding value to humanity. This is embodied in an international treaty called the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, adopted by UNESCO in 1972.

The World Heritage Committee is composed of representatives of 21 States Parties to the World Heritage Convention who meet annually. The Committee is in charge of implementing the Convention. To date, 1,092 sites in 167 countries have been inscribed on the World Heritage List.

**UNESCO World Heritage sites: Rajasthan****Cultural (3)**

- Hill Forts of Rajasthan (2013)
- The Jantar Mantar, Jaipur (2010)
- Jaipur City, Rajasthan (2019)

**Natural (0)****Mixed (0)****Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha Live on Social Media**

The [Rajasthan Assembly](#) has become the first [state assembly](#) of the country to share the proceeding of Vidhan Sabha live on social-media. State Assembly Secretary, Mr. Pramil Kumar Mathur, said that for the first time in the second session of the 15th Vidhan Sabha, the entire proceedings of the assembly on the You-Tube have been started from 28th June.

Since the beginning of this channel, the general public will see the proceedings of the assembly uninterrupted. This is a new initiative in terms of transparency in the work of government. From live broadcast, the public will be able to see the problems, speeches and speeches of the people raised by the public representative in the house, which will also assess the role of the representatives.

**CM inaugurates two units of Chhabra Power Plant**

Chief minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the 5th and 6th units of Chhabra super critical Thermal Power Plant in Chhabra block, Baran. With the commencement of two units, the [power generation capacity](#) in Chhabra Thermal Power Plant has increased to 2,320. The 5th and 6th units of Chhabra thermal power plant is the first project in the state based on super critical technique.

**25th Bhamashah Awards ceremony**

- Chief minister Ashok Gehlot awarded Bhamashah Shiksha Vibhushan to Surendra Tatarwal and Suresh Ola, two government servants who took out time from their busy schedule to develop 101 educational mobile applications.

- Highest amount in the field of education was donated by Hindustan Zinc Limited's Chanderiya Lead-Zinc Smelter, Chittorgarh. They donated Rs 12.2 crore.
- A total of 121 people were felicitated at Bhamashah Awards ceremony.

### 6 Great Indian Bustard eggs found

After many years, the Wildlife Institute of India and the desert national park teams have found six eggs of godawan at Jaisalmer's DNP and Ramdeora closure. These eggs have been taken for incubation at the artificial hatching centre set up temporarily in Sam area.

It is worth mentioning that for the first time in the world, an egg collection and artificial hatching centre has been set up in Ramdeora, with the help of Wildlife Institute of India (WII) Dehradun.

### SMS Jaipur to be ready for heart transplant

Sawai Man Singh (SMS) Hospital, Jaipur is all set to become the first government-run hospital to develop heart transplant facility in Rajasthan.

### Government schools to plant trees equal to number of enrolments

To raise awareness about the environment and encourage afforestation, Rajasthan education minister Govind Singh Dotasra announced a new initiative, called as 'Vraksha Mitra Abhiyan'. Under this campaign trees, equal to the number of enrolments in each school, will be planted by government schools in this session.

### Niti Aayog's report on health indicators

Niti Aayog's recent report 'Healthy States, Progressive India' ranked Rajasthan at second place following Haryana (ranked at the top) in incremental performance (from 2015-16 to 2017-18) on improving health indicators. This is a jump of six positions from eighth position in among 21 states in previous report.



### Right to Health

State government is planning to bring Right to Health Act. The right to health will ensure that even the most underprivileged person in the state gets treatment.

### Rajasthan HC Judges Strength

The number of sanctioned posts of judges at the Rajasthan High Court was increased from 40 to 50 four years ago, but at present the combined strength (including chief justice) at its principal seat in Jodhpur and the bench in Jaipur is 24. This is less than 50% of the sanctioned posts. As a result of this shortfall, the number of pending cases have increased up to 4 lakh till April 2019.

### Seventh Economic census

A state-level coordination committee has been constituted to conduct the seventh economic census 2019. This committee will work towards ensuring and streamlining the process of acquiring and recording information in a systematic way and within scheduled time. The process collating data will be done by the Directorate of Economics and Statistics in the state.

### Status of Tiger in India Report 2018 - Rajasthan

Prime Minister Modi released the results of the fourth cycle of **All India Tiger Estimation - 2018** on the occasion of **Global Tiger Day-2019**.

- Out of the five landscapes, Rajasthan has been categorised under the Central India Landscape and Eastern-Ghats covering eight states (Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Odisha and Rajasthan).
- **With 69 tigers**, [Rajasthan](#) stands 9th position in the predatory feline population across the country.
- In Central India Landscape and Eastern-Ghats (among 8 states)– Rajasthan stands 3rd in tiger population.

### 4th Cycle of Management Effectiveness Evaluation of Tiger Reserves in India 2018

The Prime Minister also released report of the 4th cycle of the Management Effectiveness Evaluation of Tiger Reserves (MEETR) on the 29th of July. The report assesses the tiger conservation efforts through globally accepted management effectiveness framework. As per report,

- Rajasthan has three tiger reserves - Ranthambore, Sariska & Mukundara Hills.

#### Individual Scores:

Protected Area	MEE Score	Rating
Ranthambore	59.38%	Fair
Sariska	58.59%	Fair
Mukundara Hills	49.22%	Fair
<b>Overall Rajasthan</b>	<b>55.73%</b>	<b>Fair</b>

### Illegal Mining in Aravali's

The Aravali Hills are believed to date back 350 million years, making them even older than the Himalayas. They stretch for some 800 kilometers (430 miles) from Delhi across the states of Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Haryana.

#### Aravali's Help in Environment

- They act as a barrier to the spread of the Thar Desert, play an important role in the recharge of groundwater and are home to a vast array of biodiversity including many forests and 20 wildlife sanctuaries.
- The Aravalis have lots of cracks and fissures, and these cracks and fissures serve as a groundwater recharge area.
- The hills are also as a barrier to increased pollution in Delhi.

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However, in recent times, they are under threat.

A 2018 report by the Supreme Court-appointed Central Empowered Committee (CEC) to determine the current state of the Aravalis, found that 31 out of the 128 hills located in Rajasthan have vanished in last 50 years due to illegal quarrying.

A 2017 report published by Indian Audits and Accounts Department detected 7,959 cases of silicosis — a lung disease caused by inhaling crystalline silica dust — in Rajasthan between January 2015 and February 2017, with 449 deaths across five districts in the state. The report additionally noted 2,548 mining sites where workers were prone to develop silicosis.

### Expansion of Thar Desert

On June 17, Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) shared a report to mark the World Day to Combat Desertification.

- The report reveals that the spurt in economic activities in the desert districts has shattered the fragile landscape, impacting its residents directly.
- The report made the astonishing claim that 14.88-million-hectare land in 12 western Rajasthan districts suffered from different kinds of land degradation contributing to desertification.
- The report has studied the features of desertification: wind erosion / deposition, water erosion, salinity / alkalinity, waterlogging and vegetation degradation to conclude that the situation may take decades to reverse the damage.
- The biggest reason contributing to desertification turned out to be water erosion.
- What made the situation worse is human-induced activities like fast urbanization, deforestation, mining, indiscriminate use of groundwater, rise in livestock population and the hot summers leading to evaporation. This has accelerated desertification.
- The destruction of vegetative cover due to overgrazing, felling of trees, etc. have accelerated the removal of sediments from the catchment areas of waterbodies as well as loosening of farm soil, which has speed up desertification.

### Project Misaal: District Hospital Rankings

According to the June month's ranking issued by the health department. The rankings are issued under the project Misaal, which is health department's initiative to instil sense of competitiveness into the officials.

- In ranking of districts is concerned, [Sikar](#) has secured top place for the 13th time in monthly rankings issued by health department.
- The BKD hospital in Jhunjhunu is the best district hospital.
- The district hospital in Dungarpur has placed at the last place in the list, which is 27.

### World Nature Conservation Day

World Nature Conservation Day is celebrated on July 28. Rajasthan's 10 Conservation Reserves (CR) meant to protect wildlife and trees.

#### Conservation Reserves in Rajasthan

S.NO	Conservation Reserve	Area (Sq.KM)	Districts
1	Bisalpur Conservation Reserve	48.31	Tonk
2	Jodbeed Gadhwal Bikaner CR	56.4	Bikaner
3	Sundhamata Conservation Reserve	117.4	Jalore, Sirohi
4	Gudha Vishnoiyan CR	2.31	Jodhpur
5	Shakambari Conservation Reserve	131	Sikar, Jhunjunu
6	Gogelav Conservation Reserve	3.58	Nagaur
7	Beed Jhunjunu Conservation Reserve	10.4	Jhunjunu
8	Rotu Conservation Reserve	0.72	Nagaur

9	Jawai Bandh	19.78	Pali
10	Ummed Ganj Conservation Reserve	2.78	Kota

### Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccination campaign in Rajasthan

- Measles-Rubella (MR) vaccination campaign was launched in Rajasthan from July 22, 2019.
- The health department is planning to vaccinate 2.25 crore children in the state in five to six weeks.
- MR vaccine was included in routine immunisation in Rajasthan from January 2019 and has been launched as a campaign to eradicate MR with more than 95% coverage.

### Why Measles Rubella Vaccination necessary

As per [Dr SK Garg from state health department](#), Measles results in pneumonia and diarrhoea, which is the major contributor in under-5 mortality. Similarly, if pregnant woman is affected with Rubella then it can result in abortion, still birth and even if she delivers, the baby could be blind, deaf or suffer from some disability.

### Makrana Marble gets Heritage Stone Tag

International Union of Geological Science has listed Makrana marble as Global Heritage Stone Resource. The designation signifies international recognition of those natural stone resources that have achieved widespread utilisation in human culture.

### What makes Makrana Marble Unique

Makrana marble holds a unique place owing to its visual appeal and homogenous monomineralic attributes. Its crystalline, compact and interlocking texture renders it less porous and enhances its durability. Makrana Marble is perhaps the best available marble in the world having 95-98% calcium carbonate with almost negligible amount of iron content. These qualities have made the Makrana marble an ideal material for monuments and buildings.

**Reason behind name Makrana**

Taj Mahal was probably the first monument in which marble from Makrana was used. It is believed that for construction of Taj Mahal, artisans came from the Mekran city of Iran and thus the place derived its name as Makrana.

**Monuments made from Makrana Marble**

- Taj Mahal, Victoria Memorial of Kolkata, Red Fort (both Delhi and Agra), Humayun's Tomb, Akbar's Tomb in India.
- Monuments outside the country like Sheikh Zayed Mosque, Abu Dhabi and Moti Masjid, Lahore.

**Tourism in Rajasthan: Numbers**

Tourist arrivals in Rajasthan surged by 21% in last three years, making it a favoured destination for both domestic and international visitors. Over 5.19 crore domestic and international tourists visited the state with a royal essence in 2018, an increase of nearly 90,000 visitors from 2016.

The number of international tourists increased by 15.9% between 2016 and 2018. The number of domestic visitors too rose by 21.06% during the period.

**Total Fertility Rate (TFR) in Rajasthan**

Rajasthan is still among the four states with highest TFR in the category of large states (a group of 21 states) as TFR remains the same from 2016-17 to 2017-18. The report by Niti Aayog, shows that the TFR in 2015-16 was 2.7 which remained the same in 2017-18.

*TFR represents the number of children that would be born to a woman if she experiences the current fertility rate throughout her reproductive age of 15 to 49 years. The desired or replacement level TFR is 2.1*

**Rajasthani languages on the verge of extinction**

A study by Bhasha Centre of Excellence, Baroda, under the Union ministry of tribal affairs, has listed 11 languages under the endangered ones, including the three from Rajasthan. These languages are— Dhatti, Thali and Dharvadi.

**Reasons identified for their crisis:**

The apathy of the state, urbanization and migration has left these languages 'unpopular' among the next generation of native speakers, causing irreversible damage to their culture, customs and rituals.

### Dhatti

- Dhatti language is traditionally spoken by Maheswaris, Meghwals and Sodha Rajput communities in the undivided Thar desert, comprising Sindh in Pakistan and Barmer in Jaisalmer.

### Thali

- Thali is spoken in village Dhabla in Jaisalmer.
- It is part of Marwari language and has the influence of Dhatti and Marwari.

### Dhavadi

- Dhavadi is spoken in villages in Udaipur.
- It is a hybrid of the Mewari and Vagadi languages.

### Why loss of any language is crucial

The loss of language translated to a loss of civilization. With the loss of language, customs, phrases, folksongs, rituals that are associated with it will be lost. We will not be able to revive it after a while. It will disappear from day-to-day life as the usage of it in various forms—to denote weights and measures, lullabies, folksongs and passed through generations to depict history and mythology—disappears. This makes it even more important to preserve this language when we still have time.

### Illegal sand mining in Rajasthan

Despite Supreme Court ban, illegal sand mining continues unabated in Rajasthan. Rajasthan stands second in the country in terms of illegal sand mining cases registered in 2018-19. In response to a question in Lok Sabha, Union mines minister Prahlad Joshi said that 17,118 cases were registered in Rajasthan, while Uttar Pradesh tops the chart with 24,445 cases.

The state police has only lodged 2,620 FIRs between 2016 and 2019. Where in state like Tamil Nadu, 22,956 FIRs have been lodged. A close examination of Rajasthan police's mining cases reveals the probe

is confined only to the seizure of the vehicle under the Motor Vehicles (MV) Act. As per the data, the state government also seized 29,3846 vehicles for illegally ferrying bajri.



## Government Related

### Peace Department

Rajasthan government is planning for the formation of a new 'peace and non-violence' department, as a mark of respect to Mahatma Gandhi on his 150th birth anniversary year.

### 7th Commission scale for five agricultural universities

Rajasthan government, announced pay scale in line with Seventh Pay Commission for teachers, librarians and physical education directors of five agricultural universities and a veterinary science university in Rajasthan. The proposal for the new pay scale, will be payable with effect from January 1, 2017.

### Vedic Sanskar and Shikshan Board (VSSB)

Rajasthan State Government has decided to form a Vedic Sanskar and Shikshan Board (VSSB) to revive the ancient practices related to education, philosophy and healthcare. The government formed a committee to define its aim, objective and functioning. Once the committee will submit its report, the department will constitute the board and appoint its members.

The task of the board will be to create awareness in schools on Vedic sciences. The state has Vedic schools but their curriculum is restricted to chanting of verses only. "These Vedic schools will run in the format of Guru-Shishya parampara with residential facilities. It will deal with meditation, yoga along with subjects like science, mathematics, and Sanskrit for research," said Garg. Besides, budding writers and scholars will be provided with an opportunity to publish their books, articles and engage in discourse with other scholars.

Other than spreading scientific temperament, the board will also aim to revive the old value system or sanskar. The committee members are expected to create a mechanism for spreading the values prevalent in the Vedic period like 16 sanskars-- Garbadhan, Punsavan to Antim sanskar.

### Mental Healthcare Authority

State government has decided to constitute a State Mental Health Authority (SMHA) under the provisions of the Mental Healthcare Act, 2017 to look after the system of mental health services in Rajasthan. After the formation of SMHA, no person or organisation will be able to establish or run a mental health establishment unless it has been registered with the authority under the provisions of the Act. Additionally, the minimum quality standards of mental health services will be as specified by regulations made by the state authority. SMHA will work with an objective to provide mental healthcare and services for persons with mental disorders and to protect, promote and fulfil the rights of such persons during delivery of mental healthcare and services.

### Income Criteria under RTE raised

The state education department has raised the income criteria from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2.5 lakh to help poor families admit their wards in private schools under the Right to Education Act. The RTE Act mandates that every private school has to allocate up to 25% seats for economically weaker sections and marginalised groups.

The rule comes into effect from the next academic session. The state has close to 2.25 lakh RTE seats in 33,500 private schools. The state government pays around Rs 12,500 per student in such cradles.

### Alwar to be divided into 2 Police districts.

CM Ashok Gehlot reiterated during the budget session that Alwar will be divided into two police districts. There will be a separate superintendent of police (SP) for the newly formed Bhiwadi police district, which is presently a part of the Alwar district police.

### Budget for English Medium Schools

Rajasthan government released the budget for the newly opened Mahatma Gandhi Rajkiya Vidyalaya, Rajasthan's first English-medium government school. The Bikaner directorate of education had issued orders on June 14, 2019, to open one English-medium school till Class VIII in every district headquarter, which will operate in existing government school buildings across the state. About 33 schools have been opened in every district headquarter in the state and Rs 1.25 lakh per school have been allotted.

## Schemes Related

### **Rajasthan Government issues Guidelines for CM Yuva Sambal Yojana**

[Rajasthan government](#) has issued detailed guidelines for the [Mukhyamantri](#) Yuva Sambal Yojana or Berojgari Bhatta Yojana under which, the unemployed graduates will be given an allowance of Rs 3,500 for girls and Rs 3,000 for boys per month. The maximum age limit is 30 years for general and 35 for reserved categories. In a year, 1.6 lakh eligible youth would be given this benefit for a maximum period of two years. In case of more than 1.6 lakh applicants in a year, preference would be given to the oldest of the lot. Those who are continuing their studies after graduation are not eligible for the scheme, said the guideline issued by the labour and planning department.

### **Guidelines of CM Yuva Sambal Yojana**

- The scheme is applicable only those members of the family whose family annual income is less than Rs 2 lakh.
- Maximum of two members of a family can avail the benefit of this scheme.
- Beneficiaries need to be bonafide residents of the state. Woman graduates from other states married to a bonafide resident of Rajasthan is also eligible.
- Beneficiaries should be graduates or its equivalent from any recognized college established in the State.
- Beneficiaries should have an online registration with the respective employment exchange at the time of filing application

### State Government to implement Ayushman Bharat scheme in Rajasthan

The state government has decided to implement Ayushman Bharat – Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY). The state government will implement the Ayushman Bharat by merging it with Bhamashah Swasthya Bima Yojana (BSBY). It will come as a major boost for patients as they were getting only Rs 3 lakh health insurance cover under the state government’s BSBY. Now, as the state government has agreed to merge this scheme with Ayushman Bharat scheme in the state, the health insurance cover will be increased to Rs 5 lakh.

### MGNREGA scheme goes paperless

State's rural development department’s MGNREGA section has introduced a ‘SECURE software’ application for creating estimates and sanctioning of various works under the scheme online. SECURE (Software for Estimate Calculation Using Rural rates for Employment) - is a web-based application developed by NIC Kerala with the help of state MGNREGA mission, government of Kerala, for creating estimates for MGNREGA works.

## Acts & Bills

### Rajasthan Lokayukta and Up-lokayuktas (amendment) Bill 2019

The State assembly passed the Rajasthan Lokayukta and Up-lokayuktas (amendment) Bill 2019 reducing the term of the office of Lokayukta to **five years**. The previous State government had extended the term of the Lokayukta from five to eight years.

### Rajasthan Apartment Ownership Bill 2015

President Ram Nath Kovind approved the long-pending Rajasthan Apartment Ownership Bill 2015, which is now set to be implemented in the state. As per the Bill, every person to whom any apartment is allotted, sold or otherwise transferred by the promoter will be entitled to exclusive ownership and possession of the property.

It will be mandatory for the developer to show the title deed of the land on which the apartments are proposed, the approved building plans, details of common areas and limited common areas to the

buyers. The developers will have to specify in the agreement the details of the built-up area on the basis of which price of the apartment shall be calculated.

### **Ban on Hookah Bars**

Rajasthan State Assembly passed an amendment to the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products (Prohibition of Advertisement and Regulation of Trade and Commerce, Production, Supply and Distribution) Act, 2003 to prohibit the opening and running of hookah bars in the state.

According to the provisions of the bill, those who open and run hookah bars in the state shall be punished with imprisonment for a term of one to three years along with a fine of Rs 50,000 to Rs 1 lakh

### **Bill to protect from Mob lynching**

State parliamentary affairs minister Shanti Dhariwal on 30<sup>th</sup> July introduced the Rajasthan Protection from Lynching Bill, 2019. The bill proposes setting up fast track courts, providing relief and rehabilitation measures, including free-of-cost treatment for victims, compensation, and establishment of relief camps. The bill also proposes the same level of punishment for conspiracy, abetment, aides or attempts to lynch. The bill proposes a punishment of 7-10 years in case the victim is hurt and fine of ₹1-3 lakh.

### **Bill against Honor Killing**

State parliamentary affairs minister Shanti Dhariwal on 30<sup>th</sup> July introduced the Rajasthan Prohibition of Interference with the Freedom of Matrimonial Alliances in the Name of Honour and Tradition Bill, 2019. The bill proposes “Whoever causes death of a couple or either of them on the basis that marriage of such couple has dishonoured, or brought disrepute to, the caste, community or family shall be punished with death, or with imprisonment for life, which shall mean imprisonment for the remainder of that person's natural life, and with fine which may extend to five lakh rupees”. It also proposed a jail term of not less than 10 years in case of death, which may extend to imprisonment for life.

## Rajasthan Budget 2019-20

### Rajasthan Budget 2019-20: Analysis by RajRAS

Receipt				Expenditure	
(2,33,000 Cr ) (with Uday Scheme)				2,33,000 Cr (with Uday Scheme)	
Revenue		Capital		Revenue	Capital
1,64,000 Crore		69,000 Crore		1,91,000 Core	42,000 Crore
State Tax Revenue	73000 Cr	Recovery of Loan	16000 Cr		
Central tax Share	44000 Cr	Public A/c	52000 Cr		
Non-Tax Revenue	19000 Cr				
Union Grant	26000 Cr				

### Rajasthan Budget 2019-20: Key Parameters

S. No	Parameter	Formula & Value
1	Revenue Deficit	Revenue Expenditure - Revenue Receipt
		1,91,000 - 1,64,000 Crore
		27,000 Crore
2	Budgetary Surplus	Revenue A/c Deficit + Capital A/C Deficit

		(Revenue Receipt- Revenue Expenditure) + (Capital Receipt - Capital Expenditure)
		(-27,000) +(+27,000) Crore
		Exact= +62 Crore (Budget is Surplus)
3	Fiscal Deficit	Non Debt Receipt - Total expenditure
		32,000 Crore
4	Primary Deficit	Fiscal Deficit - Interest Payment
		-9,500 Crore

### Rajasthan Budget 2019-20: Government Income

#### In Revenue Receipts:

- State Own Tax Revenue > Share in Central Tax Revenue > Union Grant > Non-Tax Revenue

#### *In State Own Tax Revenue:*

- State Goods and Service Tax (SGST) > Sales Tax > State Excise Duty > Taxes on Vehicles > Stamps & Registration > Taxes on Electricity > Land Revenue

#### *In Share in Central Taxes:*

- Corporation Tax > Goods and Service Tax (GST) > Income Tax > Custom Duty > Union Excise Duty

#### *In Non-Tax Revenue:*

- Interest Receipts is the major source.

### Highlights of Schemes/Projects Outlay 2019-20

1,16,735.96 crore are proposed as Schemes in Modified Outlay 2019-20 which is 8.22 % more than the BE 2018-19. The major head-wise break-up of the Scheme-wise outlay is as under:-

(₹in crore)			
S. No.	Head of Development /Sectors	Proposed Outlay	% to Total
1.	Agriculture & Allied Services	8057.51	6.90
2.	Rural Development	12873.74	11.03
3.	Special Area Programme	149.33	0.13
4.	Irrigation & Flood Control	2939.45	2.52
5.	Power	30144.22	25.82
6.	Industry & Minerals	679.08	0.58
7.	Transport	5829.09	4.99
8.	Scientific Services	21.98	0.02
9.	Social & Community Services	50779.57	43.50
10.	Economic Services	1512.46	1.30
11.	General Services	3749.53	3.21
<b>Total</b>		<b>116735.96</b>	<b>100.00</b>

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### Modified Rajasthan Budget 2019-20 Highlights

#### Rajasthan Budget 2019-20 Highlights Fiscal Indicators

- Estimated total expenditure `2 lac 32 thousand 994 crore 1 lac
- Estimated revenue receipts `1 lac 64 thousand 4 crore 64 lac
- Estimated revenue expenditure `1 lac 91 thousand 19 crore 61 lac
- Estimated revenue deficit `27 thousand 14 crore 97 lac



- Estimated fiscal deficit ₹32 thousand 678 crore 34 lac which is 3.19% of GSDP.
- Total loan and other liabilities as percentage of GSDP is 33.13%

### Agriculture:

- Krishak Kalyan Kosh of ₹1000 crore for Ease of Doing Farming
- Zero Budget Natural Farming will be taken up in 36 Gram Panchayat of Banswara, Tonk and Sirohi at the cost of ₹10 crore, benefiting 20 thousand farmer
- Advance storage of 1 lac MT DAP and 2 lac MT Urea
- Krishi gyan Karyakram to sensitise farmers regarding better techniques, provision of ₹2 crore
- New policy for promoting agriculture processing, trade and export

### Cooperative:

- Kisan Sewa Portal started since Feb., 2019, 50 lac farmers benefited
- Benefit of short term agriculture loan waiver by paying ₹6000 crore
- Short term agriculture loan of ₹9513 crore outstanding upto 30-11-2018 is waived, 20.46 lac farmers benefited, 1.10 lac beegha land de-mortgaged
- Target of ₹16000 crore short term agriculture loan waiver through Kendriya Sahkari Banks. Provision of ₹150 crore for grant
- Godown construction in 100 GSS and 20 KSS

### Animal Husbandry

- Total 1478 new sub-centers in five years, this year 400 new sub centers
- New Veterinary College at Jodhpur
- Nandi-shala at each Gram Panchayat

### PWD:

- Expenditure of ₹35000 crore in next five years, provision of ₹6037 crore for this year

- Connecting 1009 villages by Damar Roads in next 4 years with expenditure of `1000 crore
- Development of 435 km. of 6 state highways with expenditure of `927 crore in Jaipur, Churu, Sriganganagar, Hanumangarh, Nagaur, Sikar, Bikaner and Bhilwara
- Construction of 2 ROB and 32 RUBs
- Renewal of 2394 km. roads with expenditure of `250 crore under PMGSY
- Improvement and renewal of 2200 km. roads with expenditure of `337 crore in tribal and desert rural areas and 2568 km. roads with `463 crore in remaining other rural areas under NABARD scheme
- Vikas Path at each gram panchayat, total 10000 km.
- DPR of elevated road in Jodhpur

### Energy:

- 6000 MW additional power generation by traditional sources in next 7 years
- New solar energy policy and new wind energy policy
- Establishment of 1426 MW wind energy and 4885 solar energy projects in 5 years
- Establishment of 600 MW solar plants on unusable land of farmers
- 765 KV sub station in Jodhpur and phase wise establishment of three 220 KV, thirteen 132 KV sub station with expenditure of `2338 crore
- one lac new agriculture connection in 2019-20
- Solar pump sets to farmers under Kusum scheme
- `5200 crore for establishment of feeders for agriculture connections in next four years
- 600 new transfers on 33 KV sub stations in 3 years, `500 crore
- Smart meters in city areas on 80000 distribution transfers

**Water Resources and Command Area Development:**

- MoU for Rajasthan feeder and Sarhind feeder, total provision of ₹1976.75 crore. Expenditure of ₹220.37 crore in this year.
- Provision of ₹207 crore for Rajasthan Rajasthan Jal Shetra Punarsanrachna Program
- Renovation works of ₹262.40 crore for 29 sub projects in 13 districts under Rajasthan Jal Shetra Ajeevika Sudhar Program
- Proposal of Punarvas and Sudhar Program for renovation of 211 large dams, total provision of ₹965 crore
- 55 works of ₹517 crore in 21 districts for development of irrigation facilities
- Maintenance of 368 km. long canals in Sahid Birbal Branch System
- Maintenance of 480 km. long canals in IGNP's Datore, Nachna, Awai System
- Irrigation facility for remaining 20000 hectare under Choudhary Kumbha Ram Lift Canal

**PHED:**

- Provision of ₹8445 for PHED
- Phase wise solar DFU for 1250 villages/dhanies
- ₹200 crore for solar tank with tube wells
- 390 villages will be connected by pipe lines in 4 years, commencing 25 works, total expenditure ₹950 crore
- 5 projects in coming years in Barmer and Jhunjhunu districts with cost of 2918 crore
- New project for 5 towns and 2104 villages of Jodhpur, Barmer, Pali under Rajiv Gandhi Lift Canal-III, total cost ₹1454 crore
- Drinking water project for 14 towns and 3072 villages of Alwar, Bharatpur, Dholpur under Chambal-Alwar drinking water project, cost ₹4718 crore
- Drinking water project from Isarda Dam for 5 towns and 124 villages of Dausa and Sawaimadhopur districts, cost ₹3159 crore

- Project for Ladnu, Kuchaman, Degana, Merta, Riya, Khinwsar, Mundwa and Nagaur panchayat samities from Nagaur Lift Project, 3.15 lac population of 1926 dhanies will be benefited
- New project for drinking water of Bikaner City and nearby 32 villages
- Project for Hindoli with cost of `650 crore, `15.50 crore for DPR
- 10 Gram Panchayats of Sojat Tehsil of Pali will be connected with Dantiwara IGNP water distribution tank of Jodhpur

**Industries:**

- New industry area in Jaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, Barmer, Bhilwara, Ajmer, Rajasmand, Sawai Madhopur, Dausa and Sirohi districts
- Establishment new CETPs and upgradation of existing ones

**MSME:**

- Interest subvention on loans upto `10 crore in Mukhyamantri Laghu Udhyog Protsahan Yojana `50 crore for this year, `250 crore for five years
- Amount of revolving fund to Khadi Institutions increased to `10 crore and tenure to 10 years

**Petroleum and Mines:**

- Refinery to be completed by October 2022
- Development of integrated industrial zones for industries based on refinery products
- Rajasthan M-Sand Policy will be issued
- Rules for minor minerals will be simplified

**Transport:**

- New electric vehicle policy

- Providing equipments and establishment of trauma center, stabilisation unit, skill lab from road safety fund

### LSG/UDH:

- Highest rebate upto 50% by RHB
- Metro will start soon in wall city Jaipur. Revised DPR to be prepared for Metro phase-II, expenditure of `13000 crore
- Upgradation of STP and new 70 MLD plant at Delawas Jaipur, cost `150 crore
- Work of Chambal River Front in Kota with cost of `400 crore, DPR will be prepared with cost of `5 crore
- High level bridge over Kothari River in Bhilwara, cost `40 crore
- ROB in Bhilwara, cost `50 crore
- Provision of `50 crore for resolving traffic problem in Udaipur
- DPRs for elevated road and ROB for Jodhpur city

### Medical and Health:

- Opening of Janta Clinics in the state
- Addition of 104 new medicines in Mukhyamantri Nishulk Dawa Yojana
- Number of free test increased from 70 to 90 in medical college hospitals
- To improve health facilities- 200 new sub centers, 5 new trauma centers, 15 new PHCs - 10 sub centers will be upgraded to PHCs - 10 PHCs will be upgraded to CHCs - Existing hospital of Gangapur City will be upgraded
- Indira Priyadarshini Baby Kit to new born babies

### Medical Education:

- Linear accelerator machine in Jodhpur cost `31 crore

- Phase wise Construction of multi storey ICU ward in Mathura Das Mathur Hospital, Jodhpur
- New unit for providing painless delivery facility in Bikaner medical college hospital
- Work of medical college to commence in Sriganganagar

### Rural Development and Panchayat Raj

- Creation of Mahatma Gandhi Sansthan in Jaipur including Gandhi Darshan museum with a provision of 50 cr.
- Rajiv Gandhi Jal Sanchya Scheme for water conservation
- Master Plan for Rural Areas
- Ambedkar Bhawan at all block headquarter except all municipalities/ municipal council headquarters

### Social Justice & Empowerment

- 8,790 cr. Annual resource allocation for the Department
- Residential hostel announced for Palanhaar Scheme Beneficiaries
- Sign Language Interpreter Training Centre at Jamdoli, Jaipur to facilitate training personnel to assist differently abled people
- Two half way home at Jaipur and Jodhpur to accommodate 50 patients each, with mental disability
- New [Silicosis](#) Policy to address health and security concerns of Mining Labour
- [Jaipur](#) to become Beggar free Capital
- Mukhaymantri Kanyadaan Yojana to provide financial assistance of `21000 to SC/ST/Minority BPL educated and adult female

### Minority:

- Starting female hostel for Minority Students at Alwar

- Starting scheme for Modernization of Madarsa

### **Schedule Tribe Development**

- Two center of excellence for tribal sub plan area
- A carrier counseling centre at Jaipur for ST students with a provision of Rs. 10 crore
- DPR preparation for high level bridge at Beneshwar Dham

### **Women and Child Development**

- Mahila Shakti Nidhi for Women Empowerment with a provision of Rs. 1000 crore
- Physical Self Defense Training mandatory at schools since 6th class onwards
- Increase in Honorarium of Anganbadi Workers, Mini Anganbadi Workers and Anganbadi Helpers

### **Education**

- Rs.1581 crore provision for Infrastructure Development of Schools
- New education policy will be announced
- 50 new primary schools to be opened
- 660 schools to be upgraded at various levels

### **Higher and Technical Education**

- Mukhyamantri Higher Education Scholarships Schemes for specially abled students
- College building construction of 18 government colleges
- 8 denotified colleges to be restarted

### Science and Technology

- Policy for the intellectual property rights to be announced

### Skill and Employment

- Mukhyamantri Youth Employment Scheme with a target of 1 lac youths to be provided loan upto 1 lac in 5 years
- 75 thousand placements to fill up government vacancies at various level

### Youth and Sports

- Rs. 2 crore provision for Ummed Stadium, Jodhpur
- Youth motivation programmed to be initiated
- A new pension scheme for players who won medals at the National and International levels
- One entrepreneur- one sports scheme
- Initiation of State games

### Information Technology & Communication

- One number, one card, one identification- concept to be actualized through Rajasthan Jan Aadhar Yojna
- 6 thousand new E-mitra centres to be opened

### Forest and Environment

- Announcement for establishing a Environment and climate change directorate
- A new climate change policy to be announced



**Tourism, Art & Culture**

- Developing a vehicle free zone to promote heritage walk in the walled city area of Jaipur
- Light and sound show at Lohagarh, Bharatpur with a provision of Rs.2.5 crore
- Establishing Pandit Jawahar Lal Nehru Bal Sahitya Academy
- Establishing Rajasthan heritage Museum at Sawai Man Singh town hall, Jaipur
- A provision of Rs.22 crore for conservation of heritage
- Announcement for organizing Rajasthani Literature Festival in Jaipur with a provision of Rs.2 crore

**Devasthan**

- Digitization of old record of temple property
- Adding Kathmandu, Nepal as a new destination in existing pilgrimage scheme for senior citizens

**Home Affairs**

- A new reception at each thana for facilitation of free and fair environment for victims
- Emergency response support system to be developed in the State
- A High Power Committee to recommend welfare measures for improvement in Jails

**Revenue and Sainik Kalyan**

- Revenue record of remaining 207 tehsils to be made online
- Simplification and consolidation of various revenue laws related to conversion
- Announcement to equate current arrangements to honour dependents of a martyr with shaurya padak vijeta
- Creation of a innovation fund of Rs.1 crore at the disposal of District Collector

**Relief and Civil Defense**

- Provision of Rs.15 crore to establish a State level State emergency operation centre
- Provision of Rs.26 crore to procure 100 fire brigade vehicles

**GAD and Administrative Reforms**

- Upgradation of existing air strips at Churu, Banswara, Jhunjhunu, Sirohi and Bhiwadi
- Announcement to bring an Accountability Act for public servants

**Press**

- Restarting pension scheme for press reporters
- Rs. 2 crore grant for Revolving Fund created for Patrakar, Sahityakar and Kalakar
- Land allotment scheme for press reporters, writers and authors

**Employee Welfare**

- Necessary action on recommendations of Pay Anomaly Removal Committee
- Delegation of disposal of cases under 17 CCA against the officials and employees
- Modernization of waiting room etc. at Secretariat
- Constitution of Economic Transformation Council

**Rajasthan Budget 2019-20 Highlights: Tax Proposals****Registration & Stamps**

- Stamp duty and registration fees shall be exempted on the registration of residential plot/flat allotted by State Government or by private person in favour of dependents of the Martyr of the State.

- Stamp Duty shall be exempted completely on the instruments of settlement and partition of ancestral property.
- Stamp Duty shall be exempted on the loan documents upto Rs. 10 lac for establishment of start-up.
- Amnesty Scheme regarding exemption of interest and penalty payable on outstanding Stamp Duty shall be introduced.
- Maximum limit of Stamp Duty chargeable on Amalgamation / Demerger shall be removed.
- Rate of Stamp Duty shall be increased from 0.15% to 0.25% and maximum limit of Stamp Duty shall be increased from Rs. 5 lac to 25 lac on the loan documents where possession of the property has not been given.
- Maximum limit of Stamp Duty payable on works contract shall be removed currently it is Rs. 15000.

### Commercial Taxes Department

- To give relief to dealers in pending demands, following new provisions are added through amendments in Rajasthan GST Act:
  - Amnesty Scheme will be launched to waive Interest, Penalty and Late fee.
  - Provision will be made for issuance of TDS deduction certificate Form VAT-41 by Awarders, so that contractors may avail adjustment of TDS.
  - Facility of VAT 69 for opting Lump-sum payment by Builders and Developers will provided.
- The process of ITC Match and Mismatch will be simplified and campaign of ITC verification will be launched to reduce demands.
- To promote solar energy, exemption in electricity duty will be extended from 01st April, 2018 to 31st March, 2020.
- Recommendation will be made to the Union Government to establish benches of GST Appellate Tribunal at Jaipur and Jodhpur.
- Electricity duty on Captive Power Plants will be increased to Rs. 1.00.

- VAT on Natural Gas will be increased to 10 per cent.
- "Vyavahari Aivam Sewa-Pradata Samman Yojana" will be launched to recognise contribution of dealers and service providers.

### Industry Department

- To develop Jodhpur-Pali-Marwar Industrial Area as second Node of Delhi- Mumbai Industrial Corridor Plan. It will be declared as Special Investment Region and Regional Development Authority will be established.
- Rajasthan Investment Promotion Scheme-2019(RIPS-2019) will be launched. In this scheme, Due and Deposited State GST will be reimbursed upto 100 per cent for 7 years for Investment and employment in the State. Also, exemption in Electricity Duty, Stamp Duty, and Mandi fee will be provided.

### Transport Department

- For the purpose of simplification and computerisation of Motor vehicle tax, provision will be made for: Gross Vehicle Weight based Motor vehicle tax for Loading Vehicles, Seating Capacity based Motor vehicle tax for stage carriage Buses, and Seating Capacity cum daily operation based Motor vehicle tax for Stage Carriage Buses.
- Motor Vehicle Tax will be instituted by unification of Road Tax and Special Road Tax for Transport Vehicles.
- One Time Tax and Lump Sum tax are of similar nature and therefore to simplify, both are subsumed as One Time Tax.
- For Two-wheelers, One Time Tax will be as follows :
  - 8 % - Upto 200CC engine capacity and average price Rs. 50,000 ,
  - 13% - From 200CC to 500CC engine capacity and average price Rs. 1.5 Lakhs, and
  - 15% - More than 500CC engine capacity and average price Rs. 5 Lakh to Rs. 15 Lakh.
- For Non-Transport Four Wheelers of 10 Seating Capacity, one Time Tax will be increased by 2%.

- Green Tax on Heavy Commercial Vehicles will be charged for two years instead of one year at the time of issuance of fitness certificate.
- Exemption of One Time Tax has been increased to 50% on LPG/CNG operated non-transport and transport category of vehicles.

### Excise Department

- To bring families involved in illicit liquor trade in the mainstream and for their development, an additional Rs. 10 crore will be provided for augmenting Navjeevan Yojana .

### Local Bodies/Urban Development And Housing Department

- On the occasion of 150th anniversary of the father of the Nation, Mahatma Gandhi, registered non-profit making charitable institutions engaged in socio- religious works, will be given complete exemption in Premium rates, Land-use, Conversion Charges for agriculture to non-agriculture use and Building plan Permission Charges for development of public utilities like Health Services, Educational Facilities, Old age homes, Orphanage, Nari Niketan, Leprosy Homes, Dharmashala, Centre for Specially Abled Persons, De-addiction Centres, Girls Homes, Children Homes etc. in urban and rural areas of the state.
- Complete rebate on Interest will be given if outstanding Lease Money of Urban Local Bodies and Housing Board is deposited lump sum upto 31st December, 2019.
- 100 % rebate on Interest and Penalty will be given on outstanding instalment from 01.01.2001 of EWS/LIG houses allottees of Urban Local Bodies and Housing Board if it is deposited lump sum upto 31st December, 2019.

### Water Resources Department

- Farmers will be provided complete rebate on interest on irrigation tax pending upto 31st March, 2019, if it is deposited lump sum by 31st December, 2019.

**Rajasthan Agriculture Marketing Department**

- There will be complete exemption of user charges on the sale/purchase of fruits and vegetables in the Krishi Upaj Mandi.
- This will benefits lakhs farmers in the State.

**Mining Department**

- An Amnesty Scheme will be introduced to give relief the lessee for the outstanding dues of Dead Rent, Royalty, Penalty, Royalty collection contracts, Illegal mining/transportation/storage, Short-term permit and Contractors of Works Department.
- Transport Department's software "Vaahan" and Mines and Geology Department's software "e-Ravanna" will be integrated to bring transparency, prevent revenue loss and reduce accidents by preventing overloading of vehicles.