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PERSON in NEWS

Yash Mishra

Yash Mishra, a student of Class IX in Kota, has been felicitated with Bal Shakti Puraskar 2020 by president Ram Nath Kovind in New Delhi on January 22.

Dharmpal Jalori

Dharmpal Jalori took charge as chairman of Rajasthan Board of Secondary Education (RBSE). The post was vacant since 2018.

Gulab Kothari

Rajasthan Patrika group chairman Gulab Kothari was chosen for the prestigious **Raja Ram Mohan Roy Award**, presented by the Press Council of India, for his outstanding contribution towards journalism.

C. P. Joshi

Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha Speaker, C. P. Joshi, has been appointed as the head of three-member committee to review the powers of presiding officers under the **10th Schedule of the Constitution** (anti-defection law)

Hridayeshwar Singh Bhati

President Ram Nath Kovind presented **Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar 2020 award** to Hridayeshwar Singh Bhati in the Innovation category

Ruma Devi

Born near Rajasthan's Barmer district, 31-year-old handicraft artisan Ruma Devi, was recently honoured by the IMC Ladies' Wing with their prestigious **Jankidevi Bajaj Puraskar**. Her entrepreneurial movement has now touched over 22,000 women at the grassroots and led her to the '**Nari Shakti Puraskar**', the highest civilian honour for women in India.

Inderjeet Singh

President Ram Nath Kovind awarded Alwar district collector Inderjeet Singh on the occasion of the 10th **National Voters' Day (25th January)**, for conceptualising and implementing mSVEEP mobile application during Lok Sabha elections in the district.

Hindu Singh & Mukut Singh

Hindu Singh and Mukut Singh of Rajasthan Police were awarded President's Police Medal for outstanding work in various fields on the Republic Day.

Vijaydaan detha

English translation of author, Vijaydaan detha's book "Baatan Ri Phulwari" was released by Rajasthan's Chief Minister during Jaipur Literature Festival, 2020.

Padma Shri 2020 Awardee from Rajasthan

Personality	From	Awarded for (Field)
Himmata Ram Bhambhu	Nagore	Social Work
Munna Master	Bagru, Jaipur	Art
Sundaram	Sikar	Social Work
Usha Choumar	Alwar	Social Work
Anwar Khan Mangiyaar	Jaisalmer	Art

Ashutosh Sharma

Ashutosh Sharma has been given additional charge of Rajasthan **State's Chief Information Commissioner**.

Nandkishore Acharya and Ramswaroop Kisan

Nandkishore Acharya of Bikaner and Ramswaroop Kisan of Hanumangarh were awarded the prestigious Sahitya Aacademy Award 2019.

- Nandkishore Acharya --- छीलते हुए अपने को (Chilte hue Apne ko)
- Ramswaroop Kisan --- बारीक बात (Barik Baat)

Divyansh Singh Panwar

Shooter Divyansh Singh Panwar, was presented the Golden Target award by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF) at its headquarters in Munich, Germany.

Kachnar Chaudhary

Kachnar Chaudhary won Bronze Medal in **Shotput** in the 13th South Asian Games held in Kathmandu, Nepal.

Shri Krishna Sharma

Rajasthan Police Constable Shri Krishna Sharma won gold medal (91 KG weight category) in the Asian Grand Slam **boxing** tournament held in China.

Places in NEWS

IIT Jodhpur

IIT Jodhpur has developed Rajasthani claybased solid lubricant for industrial applications. This lubricant works well in temperatures ranging between -50 and 1,100 degrees with very low friction, resulting in less wearing of machines.

Bagru, Jaipur

An artisan from Bagru village, belonging mostly to the Chippa caste (a community of painters), has been served a legal notice for using the word 'Bagru' for selling his product. The artisans of Bagru have countered the claim and said that they have already received the Geographical Indication (GI) in 2009.

MBM College, Jodhpur

The MBM Engineering College in Jodhpur is set to run as a petroleum and earth sciences university from the coming session aimed at tapping the growing demand for engineers in the sectors related to crude oil.

This will be state's second subject specific university after *Rajasthan Sports University in Jhunjhunu*.

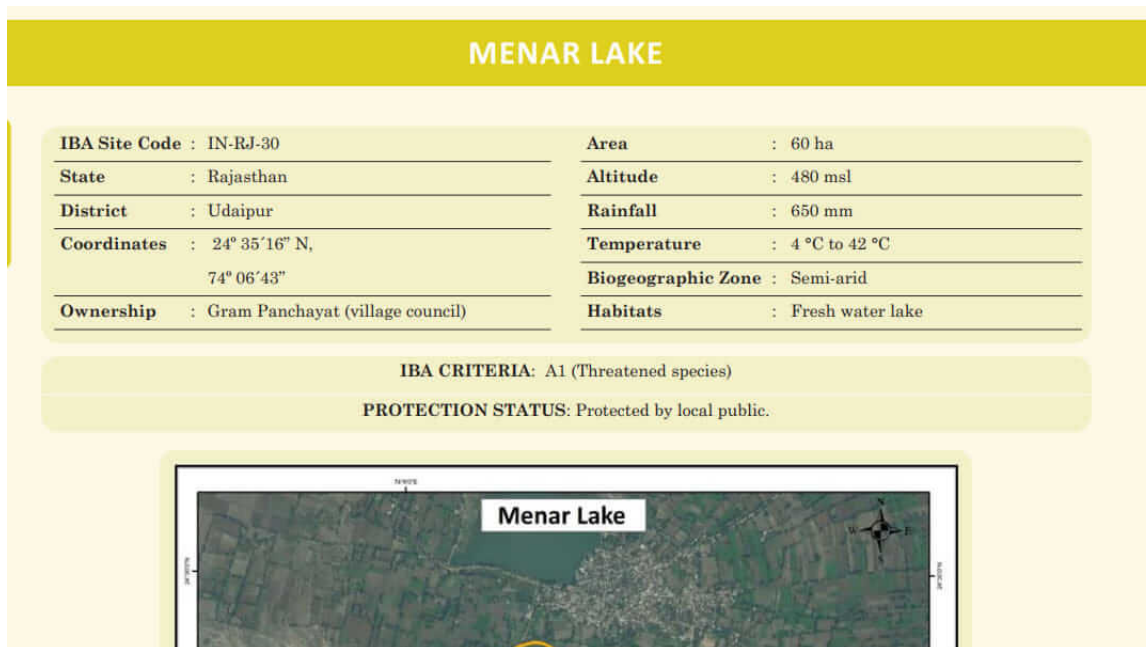
Jaipur, Airport

The terminal 2 of the Jaipur airport has secured third position in cleanest and safest airport category, handling more than 50 lakh passengers per year.

The survey was conducted by the ministry of civil aviation and it was named as Swachhata Awards 2019. The airport authorities would be getting an appreciation award in this regard. Kolkata secured top slot, while Chennai came second.

Menar, Udaipur

Menar, famous as bird village has been listed as Important Bird Area (IBA).



Dadiya, Jaipur

Dadiya village in Jaipur is being planned to develop as the first organic village of Rajasthan. The initiatives have been taken under Pradhan mantra adarsh gram yojana & Doubling farmer's income by 2022.

Mahajan Field Range, Bikaner

More than 40,000 soldiers of strike core number 2 of Indian army tested their firing power and fighting skills at Mahajan firing range in Bikaner district in war exercise Khadag Shakti.

Jaisalmer

The Union government will set up Ultramega renewable energy parks of a total of 50 gigawatt (GW) in Gujarat and Rajasthan. The ministry has identified Khavada in Gujarat and Jaisalmer in Rajasthan for renewable energy parks of 25,000 megawatt each.

Nokh, Jaisalmer

The Rajasthan Government announced that it is in discussion with NTPC Ltd to ink a pact, to deliver a 925 Mega Watt (MW) solar park in Nokh, Jaisalmer, which would fetch investments worth Rs 4,000 crores. As per the State solar policy 2019, it is aimed to achieve a target of 30,000 MW solar power projects for the state.

Rohili, Sikar

The Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) is gearing up to mine uranium ore discovered at the Rohili in Rajasthan's Sikar district. The deposit, spread across 22 hectares of land in the Aravalli ranges in Rajasthan, is estimated to yield 10,000 tons of uranium ore to fuel India's nuclear reactors. It is the fourth largest in the country after Tummalapalle, Chitral and Peddagattu extension in Andhra Pradesh. The Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), is currently working to construct new tunnel shafts to source out the uranium ore.

General Current Affairs

Rajasthan Water Resources Department awarded by CBIP

On 19th February 2020, the **Department of Water Resources**, [Government of Rajasthan](#), was awarded by the **Central Board of Irrigation & Power (CBIP)** in New Delhi. The state government received award in two categories, namely, *Excellence in Integrated Water Resources Management in Indira Gandhi Canal Project* and *Effective Participatory Irrigation Management for effective involvement of farmers in irrigation management*.

Naveen Mahajan, Secretary, Water Resources, Government of Rajasthan received the awards from Rattan Lal Kataria, Minister of State, Ministry of Jal Shakti and RK Jain, Chairman, Central Water Commission.

The CBIP Award 2020 recognised the work done under the **Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM)** by Indira Gandhi Project and work done by Rajasthan in the field of Participatory Irrigation Management. CBIP has appreciated the effective integrated, multidisciplinary command area development under Indira Gandhi Nahar Project (IGNP) in western districts of Rajasthan for effective, integrated, multidisciplinary Command Area Development in desert areas of Rajasthan by efficient Operation, Maintenance and Regulation of Canal Network, web enabled Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) based monitoring and control system of Main Canal to achieve timely and equitable water distribution among farmers and continual efforts of increasing water use efficiency through micro-irrigation.

The second project has resulted in efficient farm level water management, enhanced water use efficiency and increase in actual irrigated area.

About CBIP

CBIP is an organisation constituted by Government of India in 1927. It is involved in the dissemination of technical knowledge in Water Resources, Power and [Renewable Energy](#) Sectors and also organises annual awards.

Also: Rajasthan Water Resources Department Awarded in 2019

It is also relevant to note that in **September 2019**, Rajasthan became the first state to be awarded for water conservation and efficient use practices by the **National Water Mission** of the Government of

India under Category Two--Promotion of citizen and state action for water conservation, augmentation and preservation--of awards.

No Bag Days

In the state budget speech 2020, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has proposed that Saturdays will be 'No Bag Day' in all government schools to reduce pressure on schoolchildren. The day will be reserved for parent-teacher meets, games, happiness therapy and personality development.

Scheme Name Change

- The state government has changed the name of Guru Golwalkar Jan Bhagidari Vikas Yojana, under rural development and panchayati raj department, to Mahatma Gandhi Jan Bhagidari Vikas Yojana as a mark of respect to the country's Father of the Nation on his 150th birth anniversary.
- M S Golwalkar was the second sarsanghchalak of Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS).
- Under the scheme, 30 per cent of the funds are generated through public contribution and 70 per cent is funded by the government. The fund is used for all kinds of community building works in villages. These include building schools, roads, community halls, toilets etc.

Jaipur officially accorded World Heritage City status by UNESCO

In February 2020, UNESCO Director General Audrey Azoulay presented the certificate of World Heritage City of Jaipur to Rajasthan's Urban Development Minister Shanti Dhariwal, at a ceremony held in Albert Hall. The city of Parkota Jaipur has been listed in the World Heritage list by UNESCO. Being included in the list of the World Heritage City would be more helpful in preserving its cultural heritage.

On this occasion, the browser for the Intangible Heritage Promotion Project was also released. It has been launched on the basis of the recent MoU between UNESCO and Rajasthan Tourism Department.

Rajasthan CM requests National Project Status for ERCP

In February 2020, Rajasthan CM Ashok Gehlot has requested the Centre declare the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP) a national project through a letter. The letter argues, that national project status was necessary to give national project status to the initiative to ensure its early implementation.

'Udyam Samagam' to be held in every district

The department of Industries, GoR would conduct a month-long campaign in the districts to establish a direct communication with the youth, entrepreneurs and the public. Consequently, a two-day enterprise meet named as 'Udyam Samagam' will be organised in all the 33 [districts of Rajasthan](#).

Rajasthan HC notice to Centre, State Government for gender parity in marriageable age

In February 2020, the Rajasthan High Court has issued notices to the state and Central governments and Central Law Commission seeking reply in six weeks, while hearing a petition challenging the legal age of bride and groom for marriage as mentioned in the law. As per the law, the groom is legally allowed to marry at the age of 21 years while a bride's legal age of marriage is 18 years.

Petitioner Abdul Mannan, in his petition, stated that the difference of three years in the marriageable age between bride and the groom was discriminatory and hence a violation of fundamental rights. Further, the age difference an indicator of patriarchal mentality in the society and stated that there was no scientific basis of this perception. He also stated that the age of bride and groom is the same in 125 countries.

Mukti Caravan' to raise awareness on child rights

Rajasthan Director General of Police Bhupendra Singh on Friday flagged off 'Mukti Caravan', organised jointly by the state police and Kailash Satyarthi Children's Foundation, to raise awareness about social evils such as child abuse, child labour and child trafficking. The 'Mukti Caravan' will travel across the state in the next three months to raise public awareness about child rights.

Rajasthan govt to tag cattle to develop e-market

In February 2020, to develop a market for the cattle and increase the income of the cattle herders, Rajasthan animal husbandry department has launched a new scheme to develop an e-market.

Under this scheme, the workers of the department will go door to door, to tag the animals on ear and collect all the information required. The information will contain – breed, past diseases, milk quantity, vaccination and price. After the process is complete, the farmers will be able to sell their animals from the website. The buyers can log on to the website, choose the animal of their choice and can then bid on them. At first, the scheme has been launched in Jaipur district. Later, other regions of the state will be joined.

Rajasthan reconstitutes State Wildlife Board

[Rajasthan State Government](#) has reconstituted State Wildlife Board with 13 members. The Board will be *headed by chief minister* Ashok Gehlot. The board has been reconstituted for effective implementation of wildlife projects and efficient management of [protected areas](#). The tenure of State Wildlife Board has been kept as 3 years.

Rajasthan State Wildlife Board has been constituted under Section-6 of the [Wildlife Protection Act-1972](#) (Central Act 53-1972). According to the Act and guidelines set by the Supreme Court, it is compulsory for states to form wildlife boards and have them approved.

The members include government officials, forest department authorities and others along with wildlife experts. In this, 10 members of the nominated include environmentalists, conservationists and scientists while 3 members belong to NGOs related to wildlife.

It is responsibility of the board to look into formulation of policies related to wildlife and ensure that the ecological conservation is done. The board essentially will act as a watchdog and make sure that wildlife and forest are not harmed in anyway due to encroachments or illegal activities.

According to the guidelines, the board has to meet at least twice a year. It is the responsibility of the board to advise the state government in the selection and management of areas to be declared as protected areas as well as in formulation of the policy for protection and conservation of the wild life and specified plants.

The 13-member board also can mull over the measures to be taken for harmonising the needs of the tribals and other dwellers of the forest with the protection and conservation of wildlife. Any projects to be taken up inside forests need to be approved by the board before moving forward.

Rajasthan becomes third state to pass resolution against CAA

On 25th January 2020, [Rajasthan State Assembly](#) passed a resolution urging the Centre to repeal the Citizenship (Amendment) Act. After, Punjab & Kerala it became the third state to pass a resolution against CAA.

Silicosis-affected families to get benefit of Palanhar scheme

The [Rajasthan government](#) has decided to extend the benefit of the Palanhar scheme to the children of those suffering from silicosis. This will benefit 15, 828 children of silicosis-affected families in the state.

What is Palanhar Scheme ?

Under the Palanhar scheme of the Social Justice and Empowerment Department, the state government provides a grant of Rs 500 per month per child between 0-6 years and Rs 1,000 per month per child aged between 6-18 years.

Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha extends SC, ST reservation quota in assembly

On 25th January 2020, [Rajasthan Vidhan Sabha](#) approved the extension of SC and ST reservation quota in the state assembly by another 10 years in the state on Saturday. The bill came into effect from January 25, 2020.

The parliament passed the bill under the Constitution (126th) Amendment for the extension of quota in Lok Sabha and state assemblies on December 12, 2019. Thereafter, the Act was sent to the states for rectification.

Plant 10 trees for each one cut for highways

A division bench bench of Rajasthan High Court asked the state government to plant 10 times the trees to be removed while constructing the state highway (SH) and its maintenance from Majari to Haryana/Rajasthan border and from Majari to Neemrana (Alwar) SH-111 and SH-111A, a highway project on PPP model.

Ration card to club with Jan Aadhaar card

The Rajasthan IT department is working on amalgamation of ration card with the Jan Aadhaar card. The ration card is all set to be revised and the state government has decided to introduce smart ration cards in the state.

Both Jan Aadhaar card and ration cards are issued treating each family as the unit, so, there is no point in duplication. Additionally, a single card that will cater to all the benefits of government schemes, would not only reduce the administrative cost but also the investment required.

SMS becomes State's first government hospital to conduct heart transplant

In January 2020, Sawai Man Singh Hospital, Jaipur became the first government hospital to conduct heart transplant in Rajasthan. Also, this was fifth such operation in the city. SMS Hospital has developed new facility with a cost of Rs 20 crore for heart transplant, which was inaugurated on October 5, 2019 by chief minister Ashok Gehlot

On August 2, 2015, the first heart transplant of the state was conducted at a private hospital - Mahatma Gandhi Medical College & Hospital (MGMCH) in Jaipur. In the state, there are four private hospitals, which have already been approved for heart transplants.

Eco-Sensitive Zone around Mukundara Hills Tiger Reserve

In January 2020, the MOEFCC has issued a draft notification to declare a 1 km eco-sensitive zone around [Mukundra Hills Tiger Reserve \(MHTR\)](#) spread over 759.99 sq-km covering the four districts of Kota, Bundi, Chittorgarh and Jhalawar.

The eco-sensitive zone will be treated as a 'breathing space' for wildlife. It is demarcated based on their ecological importance which reigns in development activities inimical to wildlife and their habitats. While the zone will be completely compatible to livelihoods of local communities living around the tiger reserve, it will bring the order on tourism, mining activities, industries and other footloose development activities disrupting wildlife corridors outside reserve boundary.

A draft notification also mentions that the government shall also constitute a state-level eco-sensitive zone monitoring committee (SESZMC) to monitor the compliance of the ESZ notification.

'Ghoonghat Mukht Jaipur' Campaign

Following chief minister Ashok Gehlot's call to eradicate the practice of 'ghoonghat' in the state, the district administration of Jaipur kicked off its 'Ghoonghat Mukht Jaipur' campaign in the city.

Under the campaign, awareness will be created among both men and women about the regressive practice which stands as an obstacle to women empowerment and gender equality in society. Women in the district will also be motivated not to wear ghoonghat when they come to vote during panchayat elections. Besides, awareness will be created through WhatsApp and other social media platforms, Gargi and Meena manch in schools and Mahila gram sabhas in the villages.

An orientation programme will be organised for all the elected women sarpanch in Jaipur so that they can create awareness among other women during gram sabhas, festivals and bal sabhas. During awareness programmes, women will be sensitised about the negative impact of the practice towards gender equality, their success, professional growth, women rights, education and health.

State Health Minister launches Campaign against Teenage Pregnancy

In January 2020, Health minister Raghu Sharma launched a programme to discourage teenage pregnancy to bring down the number of maternal and infant mortalities in the state.

Rajasthan is one of the states reporting the highest number of child marriages resulting in early motherhood. As per the National Family Health Survey-4 data, 35 per cent of girls in the state were married before the age of 18 and more than six per cent of these girls either had children or were pregnant at the time of the survey.

Govt's new initiatives to boost higher education

Minister of state for higher education Bhanwar Singh Bhati in January 2020 announced various programmes at 'Yuva Samvad' organised by college education at Shiksha Sankul.

- Under '**New Initiatives in College,**' initiatives will be taken in colleges and enhance the quality of higher education.
- '**Commissioner Ki Class**' will be started, under which education commissioner will take classes in government colleges to prepare students for competitive exams.
- Under '**Rajasthan Healthier Youth and Moral education,**' which is meant for students of all the private and government colleges in Rajasthan, health issues and moral values will be discussed.

- A programme titled '**Girls Empowerment and Mentoring**' for the young girls, will start which will focus on the overall development of girls especially revolving around health and safety issues. Women teachers will be trained who will further mentor the girls.
- "**Administrative Efficiency and Progressive Learning Effort**" programme to provide quality education to students and this will incorporate the principals and senior faculty members of the colleges.
- Various inter-state games and sports tournaments will be organised under the "**Arjun Drishti Programme**" to provide better opportunities to students interested in sports.
- Following the footsteps of '**Pratiyogita Dakshta Programme**' in government colleges, similar classes will be organised even in private colleges, which will be available to students for free.

NCRB releases Rajasthan's Crime Data for 2018

In January 2020, National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) released data in relation to registered crimes in state of Rajasthan.

- Rajasthan witnessed a marginal increase of 1.9% in crimes registered in 2018 in comparison to 2017.
- There was a dip in the cyber-crimes recorded in the state with the number decreasing from 1,304 cases in 2017 to 1,104 in 2018.
- Rajasthan (now 2nd) has been replaced by Uttar Pradesh as the state with most economic offences. The state accounts for 13.6% of total economic offences in the country.
- The biggest increase was observed in the crimes committed by foreigners which went up from 9 to 33 from 2017 to 2018.
- A total of 86 cases of human trafficking were also recorded which made of up 3.5% share of the country with a crime rate of 0.1 cases per lakh population.
- According to data, Rajasthan ranks fifth in the country when it comes to crime against women. With 27,866 cases registered, the number of cases spiked by 1,873 as compared to previous year.
- In crime against children, the figures decreased from 5,180 cases in 2017 to 5,150 in 2018.
- Crime against senior citizens also came down with 102 lesser cases recorded in 2018.
- Rajasthan has an average of 327.1 cases registered per lakh population.

MoU for State's first biotech park, incubation centre

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) will be signed between the Centre's biotechnology department and department of science and technology (DST), government of Rajasthan for development of biotechnology park and biotechnology incubation centre.

Locust Problem in Rajasthan

Locust attack in [Rajasthan](#) and Gujarat during 2019-20 is believed to be one of the worst in last 60 years. It has been estimated that locusts have damaged crops across an area of at least 3.6 lakh hectares in 10 districts of Western Rajasthan.

Since May 2019, farmers in western Rajasthan have been badly hit by locust attack. **Locust Warning Organisation (LWO)**, [Jodhpur](#), along with the district authorities are working on combating the menace by sprinkling pesticides. After damage to Kharif crop, Rabi crops are under threat of locust attacks. According to LWO, the last major locust attack in Rajasthan was witnessed in 1993.

What are Locusts?

Locusts are a collection of certain species of short-horned [grasshoppers](#) that have a [swarming](#) phase. These insects are usually solitary, but under certain circumstances they become more abundant and change their behaviour and habits, becoming gregarious.

Locusts have formed plagues since prehistory. The ancient Egyptians carved them on their tombs and the insects are mentioned in the *Iliad*, the Bible and the Quran. Additionally, locusts are considered a delicacy in many African, Middle-Eastern & Asian countries and eaten in abundance. They are excellent source of protein, and have a variety of fatty acids & minerals.

Lifecycle: The life cycle of locust consists of eggs, nymphs and adult. The eggs take about two weeks during favourable conditions to hatch into nymphs. Both nymphs and adults are feeders. However, the nymphs (also known as hoppers) do not have wings and become adults 30-40 days after hatching. The young adults take about three weeks before they are ready to mate and lay eggs. Adults live for three to five months.

Locust Swarm: Locust swarm can fly at speed of more than 15km/hr and cover a distance of more than 100 Km/day. These swarms can be as large as 80 million individuals.

What are Pink Locusts?

Desert locusts have two phases, the solitary phase and the gregarious phase. Their colouring tends to be greenish or brownish to match the colour of the herbage. In the gregarious phase the hoppers bunch together and in the later instars develop a bold colouring with black markings on a yellow background. The immatures are pink and the mature adults are bright yellow and fly during the day in dense swarms.

Where do the Locusts come from?

As per the the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO) of the United Nations, in January 2019, the first locust swarms left to Yemen, Saudi Arabia, and south-west Iran, where heavy rains were reported. Between February and June, widespread spring breeding in Yemen, Saudi Arabia and Iran caused the formation of large numbers of locust swarms. These swarms invaded the India-Pakistan border between June and December.

In India, the extended monsoon provided a favourable environment for the locusts to multiply.

Damage due to Locust attack

According to FAO, a swarm of locusts, which contains about 40 million insects and can eat the same amount of food in one day as 35,000 people. Locusts devour leaves, flowers, fruits, seeds, bark, & growing points and can also destroy plant by their sheer weight as they descend on them in large numbers.

Crops of mustard, cumin and wheat have been devastated in the two states, affecting lakhs of farmers. It has been estimated that locusts have damaged crops across an area of at least 3.6 lakh hectares in 10 districts of Western Rajasthan. In 2019, after damage to Kharif crop, Rabi crops are under threat of locust attacks.

Area under attack of locust in Rajasthan

The worst-affected are Barmer and Jaisalmer in Rajasthan. As per the information put before the chief minister, the districts of Jaisalmer, Barmer, Jalore, Jodhpur, Bikaner, Churu, Sriganganagar, Hanumangarh and Nagaur are under locust threat.

Measures to Control the Locust Plague

Farmers in Rajasthan are using loud speakers and DJs during late evening and early morning to keep locusts away.

Internation Cooperation:

In January 2020, a team of officers of Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), Rome visited the locust affected areas of Jaisalmer district and witnessed the locust control activities on the field.

The the members of the Locust Control board from India and Pakistan are have conducted meetings to exchange information on the current locust situation.

Government Action

Locust Warning Organisation (LWO), Jodhpur has launched efforts on a war footing to control locusts. Teams carrying equipment have been rushed to the villages to spray high-intensity malathion insecticide to prevent the spread of locusts to other areas. So far, control measures have been done on 3.70 lakh hectare affected land by spraying 2.60 lakh litre melathion.

54 teams of the **Agriculture Department** are surveying and monitoring the situation. The LWO has set up a helpline for farmers in the State.

Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot had written a letter to Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar, seeking the Centre's assistance on the matter.

Compensation:

On December 30, Rajasthan CM had announced to conduct **girdawari** (survey) for the assessment of loss caused to crops due to locust attack in Western Rajasthan.

Recently, the Rajasthan state government announced compensation worth Rs 31 crore for four affected districts – Jaisalmer, Barmer, Jalore and Jodhpur – after conducting a special assessment of losses.

However, farmers are unhappy with compensation norms. As per norms, compensation is given to farmers who have lost at least 33% or more crops due to locust attacks. The damaged crop of entire village, hamlet or panchayat, and not for an individual farmer, is taken into account for calculating 33%. Additionally, there is news that the government will pay compensation for only about two hectares of land. The government should, instead, check damaged areas of individual farmer's cultivated area for compensation purposes.

Swasthya Mitras to be deployed in Rajasthan

Apart from the existing fleet of auxiliary nurse midwives, ASHA and anganwadi workers in every village, the health department of [Rajasthan](#) is planning to deploy 'swasthya mitras' in each village to bridge the gap between the health department and patients. The move also aims to bring down maternal mortality ratio and infant mortality rate along with improving other health indicators such as immunisation, institutional deliveries, ante-natal check-ups and also aimed at encouraging people to adopt family planning measures.

There are more than 40,000 villages in the state. The department is planning to have two swasthya mitras— one man and a woman in each village. A total of 80,000 swasthya mitras, on voluntary basis, will be selected from the villages.

Swasthya mitras must have knowledge of national and state's health programmes and health and medical policies launched by the state government. They will help the patients by providing information about diseases and treatment. Additionally, they will also help create awareness about diseases under Nirogi Rajasthan scheme.

Swasthya mitra will also play instrumental role in preventing spread of vector-borne diseases such as dengue, malaria and chikungunya by encouraging people not to allow mosquito breeding and to keep their houses and nearby areas neat and clean to create healthy environment.

Rajasthan State Games 2020 inaugurated

On 2nd January 2020, Rajasthan Chief Minister, Ashok Gehlot, inaugurated the 'Rajasthan State Games 2020' at Sawai Man Singh Stadium, [Jaipur](#) by lighting the torch. After Independence, it is for the first time in Rajasthan that State Games are being organised. The state games will take place from 2nd January and continue till January 6 in which approximately 8,000 sportspersons and coaches from different parts of the State are taking part.

At the inaugural function of State Games-2020, Arjun Awardees sportspersons and those who had glorified Rajasthan at domestic and international level were felicitated. Apart from this, Dronacharya Awardees coaches were also felicitated. The sportspersons who were felicitated include Arjun Awardees athlete Ram Singh Shekhawat, Deenaram, Gopal Saini, Krishna Punia, Jagseer Singh, Sundar Singh Gurjar, Archer Rajat Chauhan, Shooter Shagun Choudhary and Apoorvi Chandela, kabbadi player Pradeep Narwal, State's famous cricketer Salim Duranni and others.

Social justice department portal to be integrated with CCTNS

The department of social justice and empowerment will be integrating its web portal, meant for financial assistance to the victims under SC/ST Prevention of Atrocities Act, with the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS) of police department.

State Government to form guidelines for using M-sand for construction

The state government in its reply to a question said since sand mining on riverbed is banned by the Supreme Court, it will form guidelines to use manufactured sand (M-sand) for constructions undertaken by its departments/agencies.

What is M-Sand ?

- 'Manufactured Sand' also known as M-Sand.
- The M-Sand is derived from locally available materials in abundance like granite, quartile, basalt, silica and sandstone in different regions of the state.
- Information shared by the DMG says that state requires 37 million metric tonnes (MMT) of sand every year for its infrastructure projects. "The estimated reserves of raw material for manufacturing M-Sand is 800 (MMT).

How is M-Sand Manufactured

- Sand is produced by crushing of rocks, quarry stones into a size of 150 microns. The crushed material is segregated and can be used into the different use on the basis of its size and composition.
- The sand obtained through this process is washed to remove impurities making it a durable and ideal for all forms of construction purposes.
- The manufacturing cost of producing one ton of sand is about Rs 500 which is almost similar to the river sand. The RSPCB study has approved that sand doesn't contain any harmful material such as pyrites, coal, lignite, mica, shale or similar laminated material, clay, alkali, soft fragments, sea shells and organic impurities.

5 centres of excellence planned

The state technical education department has announced to establish five centres of excellence in its five engineering colleges.

- The engineering college in Bikaner will become a centre of excellence on energy sector,
- The college in Barmer will become a centre for ceramic science.
- The engineering college in Ajmer will become the hub for computer science.

The state has chosen five colleges in the first phase while the remaining eight government engineering colleges will be taken up in the next phase.

Nine new privately run trains from Rajasthan

The Union budget announcement of allowing private players to operate 150 trains on 100 identified routes will also benefit rail passengers of six cities in Rajasthan in getting connected to other cities. Six trains would operate from Jaipur and one each from Ajmer, Kota and Jodhpur to various destinations across the country. "Trains would run from Jaipur to Kota, Jaipur to Ajmer, Jaipur to Udhampur, Jaipur to Mumbai, Jaipur to Delhi and Jaipur to Bengaluru to start with. The private players will have to give Rs 668 per km and will also give a bigger chunk of revenue sharing on the route.

Some Other Relevant NEWS of January 2020

- Three-day **Udaipur bird festival** was held at several wetlands across Udaipur, with more than 2,000 people participating in the event.
- **Arjun Hub** was inaugurated in January 2020 at Jaisalmer Military Station for providing speedy and focused repair to vital assemblies of the indigenous Arjun main battle tank (MBT).
- FSI, released Rajasthan State Forest Report - [ISFR 2019: Rajasthan](#)
- On the occasion of the 10th **National Voters' Day**, Alwar district collector **Inderjeet Singh** was honoured by President Ram Nath Kovind for conceptualising and implementing mSVEEP mobile application during Lok Sabha elections in the district.

- Rajasthan Chief Minister has given work to Rajasthan Foundation to organize a conference of Overseas Rajasthani's in Jaipur during September 2020. The theme of the conference is 'कर्मभूमि से मातृभूमि की ओर'

New Schemes

Navjaat Suraksha Yojana

The health department of [Rajasthan Government](#) is formulating a policy named 'Navjaat Suraksha Yojana' for care of neonates. The scheme aims to bring down infant mortality rate (IMR) in the state.

In the state, the infant mortality rate is 35 deaths per 1,000 live births. According to the National Family Health Survey 2015-16, the IMR in the state was 41 deaths per 1,000 live births. The health department is aiming to bring down IMR further by formulating a 'Navjaat Suraksha Yojana', Nirogi Rajasthan and initiatives like kangaroo mother care.

Promoting Kangaroo Mother Care

Aiming to improve healthcare facilities for neonates, the health department has decided to also include kangaroo mother care in 'Nirogi Rajasthan' initiative of the state government. The health department is promoting the technique claiming that it provides continuous skin-to-skin contact between mother and baby and exclusive breastmilk feeding to keep the baby healthy.

The State health department is promoting it as it does not require separate funds. "It is a low-cost technique which is highly practical and has potential to save millions of new-borns without any burden on healthcare cost. This technique is still under-utilised and if utilised properly, can save many lives. The department has 77 master trainers in kangaroo mother care and they will go to district and block level to train the healthcare staff.

Rajasthan Budget 2020-21

[Chief Minister](#) of [Rajasthan](#), Shri Ashok Gehlot presented the Rajasthan State Budget for financial year 2020-2021 in the state [Vidhan Sabha](#) on 20th February 2020. This post provides Rajasthan Budget 2020-21 Analysis by RajRAS.

- The size of the Rajasthan Budget 2020-21 (*which is equal to expenditure or receipts of Government of Rajasthan*) is **INR 2.25 Lac Crore**.
- The size of the Union Budget 2020-21 is **INR 30.42 Lac Crore**.

Receipt				Expenditure		
(2,25,000 Cr) (with Uday Scheme)				2,25,000 Cr (with Uday Scheme)		
Revenue		Capital		Revenue		Capital
1,73,000 Crore		52,000 Crore		1,85,000 Core		40,000 Crore
State Tax Revenue	77,000 Cr	Recovery of Loan	751 Cr	Interest Payments	25,000 Cr	
Central tax Share	47,000 Cr	Public A/c	51000 Cr			
Non-Tax Revenue	19,000 Cr					
Union Grant	30,000 Cr					

Analysis of Union Budget 2020-21

Expenditure:

- The government is estimated to spend **Rs 2,25,731 crore** during 2020-21.
- Out of the total expenditure, **revenue expenditure** is estimated to be **Rs 1,85,750 crore** (% growth) and **capital expenditure** is estimated to be **Rs 39,981 crore** (% growth).

Receipts:

- The total receipts (including borrowings) in 2020-21 are estimated to be **Rs 2,25,764 crore**.
- Out of the total receipts, **revenue receipts** are estimated to be **Rs 1,73,404 crore** and **capital receipts** are estimated to be **Rs 52,360 crore**.

Budget & Deficit:

- **Budgetary Surplus**
 - = Revenue A/c Surplus + Capital A/C Surplus
 - = (Revenue Receipt- Revenue Expenditure) + (Capital Receipt - Capital Expenditure)
 - = **33 Crore.**
- **Revenue Deficit**
 - = Revenue Receipt - Revenue Expenditure
 - = **12,345 Crore**
- **Fiscal Deficit**
 - = Non Debt Receipt - Total expenditure
 - = Revenue Receipt+Recovery of loans+Other receipts-Total Exp.
 - = **33,922 Crore = 2.99% of GSDP**
- **Primary Deficit**
 - Fiscal Deficit - Interest Payment
 - **8,428 Crore**

Receipts:

- Total = **Rs 2,25,764 crore.**
- Includes Revenue Receipts (**Rs 1,73,404 crore**) and Capital Receipts (**Rs 52,360 crore**).

Revenue Receipts: Trends

- **State Own Tax Revenue** > **Share in Central Taxes** > **Union Grant** > **Non-Tax Revenue** (Same for FY 2019-20 & FY 2020-21)
- In **State's Own Tax Revenue**: GST > Sales Tax > State's Excise Duty > Tax on Vehicles > Stamps & Registration > Taxes & duties on Electricity > Land Revenue > Other taxes (Same for FY 2019-20 & FY 2020-21)

- **In Share in Central Taxes:**

- **FY 2019-20:** Corporation Tax > GST > Income Tax > Custom duty > Union Excise duty > Other Taxes > Service Tax
- **FY 2020-21:** Corporation Tax > GST > Income Tax > Custom duty > Union Excise duty > Service Tax > Other Taxes

Capital Receipts:

- Capital Receipts include major component of proceeds from Public Debt, Net Public Account, Contingency Fund.

Expenditure:

- Total = **Rs 2,25,731 crore** during 2020-21.
- Includes two components **Revenue expenditure (Rs 1,85,750 crore)** and **Capital expenditure (Rs 39,981 crore)**.

Highlights of Schemes/Projects Outlay 2020-21:

Rs 1,10,200.82 crore are proposed under Schematic Outlay in Budget Estimates 2020-21. The Sector-wise details of the Schemes outlay is as under:

(₹in crore)			
S. No.	Sector	Proposed Outlay	% to Total
1.	Agriculture & Allied Services	9363.89	8.50
2.	Rural Development	11878.04	10.78
3.	Special Area Programme	76.20	0.07
4.	Irrigation & Flood Control	3620.25	3.28
5.	Power	18505.06	16.79
6.	Industry & Minerals	951.82	0.86
7.	Transport	6834.38	6.20
8.	Scientific Services	12.77	0.01
9.	Social & Community Services	54767.76	49.70
10.	Economic Services	1681.87	1.53
11.	General Services	2508.78	2.28
Total		110200.82	100.00

New Boards & Funds in Rajasthan Budget 2020

On 20th February 2020, Shri Ashok Gehlot presented the State Budget 2020-21 in Vidhan Sabha. Among other things, it included various new welfare boards & proposed constitution of some new funds in Rajasthan Budget 2020-21 as under:

New Welfare Boards:

Rajasthan State Economically Backward Class Board (RSEBCB)

- The RSEBCB will be formed for the welfare of people belonging to economically backward class.

State Mining Exploration Trust

Board of Investment

- The Board of Investment under the chairmanship of the chief minister has been proposed to expedite approval process for large investment proposals which currently takes 3-6 months.
- As per the existing practices, investment proposals above Rs 100 crore are cleared by a state-level empowered committee, after which they go the cabinet for final approval. But once the new board gets instituted, the proposals would not require cabinet approval in normal cases.

New Funds:

Rajiv@75 Fund

- The Budget proposed a Rs 75 core fund for startup on the name “Rajiv Gandhi @75 Fund”.

Pravasi Rajasthani Shramik Kalyan Kosh

Nirogi Rajasthan Management Fund

- Under Nirogi Rajasthan, a campaign to create awareness among people to prevent all kinds of lifestyle diseases.
- Each village in the state will have two 'swastha mitras' - a male and a female - to spread the door-to-door campaign in the villages.
- Each district will be allocated Rs 1 crore each.

Nehru Bal Protection Fund

- A separate fund of Rs 100 crore has been proposed for the first time for rehabilitation of children, who are rescued from child labour and other children who needs support and care of the [state government](#).

Tourism Development Fund

- The Rs 100-crore tourism development fund will be used for promoting [tourism](#) and developing '*ease of traveling policy*' in Rajasthan.
- The tourism department will prepare a plan for detailing the areas where the [corpus](#) would be spent.

State Budget 2020-21: Seven focus areas as pledges

February 2020, the state Budget for the first time announced seven focus areas as pledges. These are:

- **First Pledge:** Nirogi Rajasthan - Healthcare;
- **Second Pledge:** Prosperity of farmers,
- **Third Pledge:** Welfare of women, child and senior citizens;
- **Fourth Pledge:** Competent workers, students and youth;
- **Fifth Pledge:** Delivery of education
- **Sixth Pledge:** Water, power and road
- **Seventh Pledge:** Skill development and technical education

State Budget Highlights

On February 20, 2020 - Rajasthan Chief Minister Shri Ashok Gehlot presented the state budget for year 2020-2021. This post summarises Rajasthan Budget 2020-21 highlights:

Fiscal Indicators

- Estimated revenue receipts ₹1 lac 73 thousand 404 crore 42 lac
- Estimated revenue expenditure ₹1 lac 85 thousand 750 crore 3 lac
- Estimated revenue deficit ₹12 thousand 345 crore 61 lac
- Estimated fiscal deficit ₹33 thousand 922 crore 77 lac which is 2.99% of GSDP.

Medical & Health

- Provision of ₹14 thousand 533 cr. 37 lacs for Medical and Health related departments
- Establishment of **Nirogi Rajasthan Prabandhan Kosh** of ₹100 cr.
- Early intervention center at district level
- Strict Action for adulteration, establishment of an Authority, Fast Track Court
- Upgrading govt. Hospitals of Pipar City and Phalodi as District Hospital
- Mother and Child Care centre at Osian
- New Trauma Centers at Sanchor, Sojat city, Lohavat, Taranagar, Balesar and Bhopalgarh
- New Cancer Registry System
- MRI/CT Scan facility on PPP mode in District Hospitals, wherever possible
- PET CT SCAN Machine at Jaipur, Jodhpur and Bikaner.
- Dental Chair with X-ray machine at 150 health establishments
- Increase of 1000 beds in hospitals

Medical Education

- Completing construction of 15 new Medical Colleges in next 4 years with exp. of approx `5000 cr.
- Developing Udaipur, Kota, Ajmer and Bikaner main hospitals as Organ Retrieval Centers
- New Gastrosurgery, Organ transplantation and Nuclear medicine departments in SMS Medical College, Jaipur
- New DSA machine worth of ` 10 cr.
- New Pediatric Cath Lab at MDM Hospital, Jodhpur
- G + 8 IPD Block at SMS Hospital, Jaipur with exp. of `28 cr.
- Proper running of State Cancer Institute at Jaipur
- Exp. of `57 cr. on various developmental works in MDM Hospital, Jodhpur and Regional Cancer Center with exp. of approx `10 cr

Ayurved

- New Homeopathic colleges at Ajmer and Jodhpur with exp. of `18 cr
- New integrated Aayush Hospital of 50 beds at Sikar with exp. of `4.50 cr

Agriculture

- Provision of `3 thousand 420 cr. 6 lacs
- 12500 farm ponds, exp. of `150 cr
- Provision of `91 crore for micro irrigation facility
- 25000 Solar Pumps with exp. `267 cr
- Advance storage of 2 lac ton Urea and 1 lac ton DAP with exp. `30 cr
- Increase of area under Date farming on 1500 hectare area in next 4 years
- 100 custom hiring centres with exp. of `8 cr

- 44 new independent mandi, 100 new Gaun Upaj Mandi

Cooperative

- Loan worth 1800 cr. distribution to more than 8 lac first time coop. members
- `534 cr interest subsidy to CCBs
- 2000 new GSS in next four years
- 500 selected PACS / LAMPS will be benefited with solar energy
- 130 new godowns at GSS, KVSS and Upbhokta Bhandar with exp. of `22 cr

Animal Husbandry

- New Sexed Sorted Semen Scheme, `10 cr
- Training to 4000 cattle rearers

Women and Child Development

- **A-3 APP** for Anganbadi Karyakarata, Asha Sahyogini and ANM
- Indira Gandhi Mahila Shodh Sansthan at Jaipur
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- Improving quality of Anganbadi Poshahar

SJED

- Provision of `8 thousand 500 cr. 7 lacs
- Announcement of **राजस्थान राज्य आर्थिक पिछड़ा वर्ग बोर्ड**
- Palanhar Hostels (Half way home) at every divisional headquarter
- Announcement of **Nehru Bal Sanrakshan Kosh** `100 cr.+
- As next stage to Cochlear implant policy for mandatory hearing screening

Minorities

- Construction of residential school buildings for minority boys and girls at Masuda and Kaman Block, exp. `41.60 cr
- Construction of 3 minority girls hostel buildings at Nagaur, Sawai Madhopur and Ladnu
- 100 bed boys hostel at Jaipur, `5 cr
- Grant of `5 cr. to Waqf Board

TAD

- Skill Developmental Centers at Pratapgarh, Dungarpur and Udaipur
- Increasing capacity of tribal residential schools upto 2400 with exp. of `10 cr
- Separate cadre for hostel wardens
- Subsidy of `45000 each to tribal farmers for Solar Pump, `22.50 cr

Youth Affairs and Sports

- Block and District level games, exp. of `5 cr
- 500 Sports Coaches on contract, `10 cr annual
- Increasing DA of sports persons
- Increasing prize money for Olympics, Asian games and Commonwealth games medal winners

Industry

- Rajasthan International Exports Expo at Jodhpur
- New Industrial Areas at Alwar, Churu, Sikar, Jalor, Tonk, Bundi, Bharatpur, Banswara and Udaipur
- Plug and play facility at SEZ-2 Sitapura Jaipur

Gandhi Smriti

- Khadi Plaza at Jaipur, ₹10 cr
- Financial assistance for computerization of 144 Khadi Institutions and Bunkar Sangh, Exp. of ₹2 cr

Mines and Petroleum

- E-auction of at least 2000 hectare blocks of major minerals and 1000 hectare blocks of minor minerals
- 3 Petroleum Exploration Licences will be sanctioned
- New DD Petroleum Office in Barmer
- Dedicated skill center at Jodhpur and Barmer for Hydrocarbon sector

Rural Development and Panchayat Raj

- Construction of new office buildings of 57 new PS and 1456 new GPs, as per need

Tourism

- Developing policy of 'Ease of Traveling in Rajasthan'
- Announcement of **Tourism Development Fund** ₹100 cr
- ₹4 cr for renovation of 4 heritage properties of RTDC
- Training of 1000 State level and 5000 local guides

Education

- Provision of ₹39 thousand 524 cr. 27 lacs
- English Medium Mahatma Gandhi School at remaining each 167 blocks

- Additional faculty in 200 and additional subject in 300 Senior Higher Secondary Schools as per requirement, `25 crore
- For physical, mental and intellectual development of students **Saturday** will be **No Bag Day** in all govt. schools
- 66 new KGBV in 3 years, 22 KGBV in first phase

Higher and Technical Education

- Skill enhancement and employable training (SEET) for skill developmental
- Rajiv Gandhi E-content Bank for Video lectures in colleges
- MBM Engineering college, Jodhpur will be upgraded with University level facilities

PHED

- Provision of `8 thousand 794 cr. 51 lacs
- Re-structuring works of `750 crore for 500 Janta Jal Yojna, `100 cr for year 2020-21
- Works of total `625 cr will be taken up for 250 villages for **नल से हर घर में पेयजल आपूर्ति** exp. of `160 cr
- Works of 30 projects in 16 districts will be initiated to provide drinking water for Rural Families, `1350 cr
- Project of total `165 cr for Jaipur, , `50 cr for year 2020-21

Energy

- Provision of `18 thousand 530 cr. 75 lacs
- Development of Ultra Mega Solar Park
- Establishment of 800 MW Solar Plants at RVUNL power plants
- Development of green energy city, 300 MW Rooftop Solar Systems in next 5 years

- Total 50000 Agricultural Electricity connections will be given on priority
- 2 block electricity in day time to farmer in phased manner, 6 new GSS of 220 KV, 30 new GSS 132 KV and 287 new sub station of 33 KV and increasing capacity of 1500 sub stations, total exp. of `2000 cr.
- 9 new GSS of 132 KV will be commissioned

PWD

- Provision of `6 thousand 808 cr. 63 lacs
- Upgrading 8,663 KM rural roads with exp. of 4,245 cr. by March, 2025 under PMGSY-III
- Renewal of severely damaged roads with approx. 400 cr.

Transport

- Mandatory treatment by Private Hospital in case of Accidents
- Primary Trauma Centre at 40 CHC
- मुख्यमंत्री सड़क सुरक्षा पुरस्कार
- Upgrading Pipad city transport office to DTO
- Traffic Park in each District

Water Resources and CAD

- Provision of `4 thousand 557 cr. 87 lacs
- Renovation of 18 Dams with total Exp. of ` 503 cr under DRIP
- Works of 378 cr. under RWSRPD
- ERCP to be given top priority
- Efforts to get ERCP declared as National Project

LSG & UDH

- Town Hall at Dholpur & Karauli
- DPR for Auditorium at Jodhpur
- Purchasing equipments of `176 cr. for Sewer cleaning etc.
- ROB at Civil Line, Jaipur
- Parking at Ramniwas Bagh, Exp. of `100 cr.
- Developing Coaching Hub in Jaipur
- High Level Bridge in Bhilwara on Kothari River
- Under Pass and Elevated roads in Kota, Exp. `250 cr

Skill and Employment

- Announcement of **Rajasthan Shramik Kalyan Kosh** `10 cr.
- E-class room at Govt. all 229 ITIs
- मुख्यमंत्री कौशल मार्गदर्शन योजना

Science and Technology

- New Regional Science Office at Bharatpur

DoIT

- **राजीव @75 फण्ड** for Startups, Rs 75 cr.
- Online BPAS at all Urban Local Bodies
- Artificial intelligence Lab
- PDS benefits by Jan Aadhar Card

Art and Culture

- Renovation of 22 Monuments, exp. of 22.70 cr.
- 2 cr. Historical Records will be digitised and made online
- **राजस्थान रत्न पुरस्कार योजना** will be started again

Forest and Environment

- Gurunanak Jayanti Parks at [Hanumangarh](#), [Sriganganagar](#), [Kota](#), [Alwar](#) & [Bundi](#).
- Constitution of **राजस्थान राज्य वन विकास निगम**

Food and Civil Supplies

- Computerization of Food and Civil Supplies Offices, ` 16 Cr.
- Fair price shops will be authorized for E-Mitra Centres

Relief, Disaster Management and Civil Defense

- `10-10 Cr. Model equipments to Civil Defense and State Disaster Response Force
- Drone to District Collectors
- 100 Fire Tenders to Districts, `26 cr.
- `12 cr. for water resources department for flood control, `3 cr. for forest department for control of forest fire

Home

- Extension of ERSS, total exp. of `100 cr.
- Two new field units in SOG against Mafias
- One new Anti-narcotic unit in SOG

- Setting up of DNA division in regional labs of Jodhpur and Ajmer

GAD and ARD

- Pilot Project for Door Step Delivery of Govt. Services in Jaipur and Jodhpur
- Rajasthan State Flying School (Club) will be started again

Revenue and Sainik Kalyan

- Construction 35 revenue offices/residences with exp. `25 cr.
- 12 Modern Survey equipments for Settlement Department
- Modernisation of 24 District Sainik Offices
- Construction of Shaheed Smaraks at 14 Districts, exp. `2.80 cr.

Devsthan

- Expansion of **वरिष्ठ नागरिक तीर्थ यात्रा योजना** and proportionate participation

Judicial Administration

- 48 new Courts in Year 2020-21

Employee Welfare

- Increase in DA from 12 to 17 percent from July, 2019
- Recruitment on approx 53000 posts

Others

- Decision for Multi storey residences for Hon'ble MLAs near Vidhan Sabha
- Women Welfare, Rajasthan FPO, Handicrafts and Startup Policy

Rajasthan Budget 2020-21 Highlights: Tax Proposals**Stamp & Registration Department:**

- Concession in stamp duty shall be given on lease deed executed by State Government and Local Authorities.
- Full Exemption from stamp duty and concession in registration fees shall be given on transfer of Sick Micro and Small Enterprises.
- Stamp duty shall be calculated on auction price in case of auction sale of immovable property of Sick Micro and Small Enterprises.
- Discrepancies in DLC Rates especially of Group Housing Schemes shall be removed in Neemrana, Bhiwari and Alwar areas.
- Amnesty Scheme will be launched to give 100% waiver of interest and penalty payable on stamp duty.
- Existing DLC rates will be reduced by 10% to facilitate industries and DLC rates will not be revised in next year also. Rates of stamp duty will be increased by 1%.
- Facility of online payment of stamp duty will be provided on loan documents executed by Banks and NBFCs online on the portal of National e-governance Services Ltd.(NeSL).
- Time limit for adjudication of stamp duty on the instruments by Collector (Stamps) will be fixed one month in case of instruments executed in the State and three months in case of instruments executed out of State.
- Provisions relating to Land Tax will be simplified and rates will be rationalised and payment procedure will be made transparent and simple.
- Facility of Lump-sum advance payment of stamp duty will be provided for loan documents executed by banks and financial institutions.

- As per the amendments made in Indian Stamp Act relating to rate of stamp duty on securities instruments provisions of Rajasthan Stamp Act will be amended accordingly.
- Collector (Stamps) will be given powers similar to civil court to prevent evasion of stamp duty in case of misclassification of documents.

Commercial Taxes Department:

- GST Audit Authority and Business Intelligence Unit will be constituted. In the interest of tax payers re-organization of Commercial Taxes Department will be done.
- To bring uniformity in administrative structure, designation of Officers of Commercial Taxes Department will be made equivalent to the officers of Government of India.
- To facilitate movement of goods and to check economic offences, Radio Frequency Identification Device (**RFID**) and Automatic Number Plate Recognition (**ANPR**) network based pilot project will be started on main routes of the State.

Colonization Department:

- On payment of all outstanding instalments of agriculture land allotment in all categories of allottees in colonization are as upto 31 December, 2020, (i) waiver of 50 percent interest and (ii) waiver of 100% of above interest on one-time payment of remaining all instalment.

Urban development, Housing and Revenue Department:

- To promote investment by private institutions for construction of stadiums, playgrounds and sports complexes, cent percent exemption will be given in premium rates of agriculture to non-agriculture land allotment and regularization, land-use conversion fee and building license fee.

Transport Department:

- Reduction in rate of motor vehicle tax by Rs. 50 per seat per month for all three distance based categories of sub-urban routes.

- Reduction in rate of motor vehicle tax by Rs. 100 per month for contract carriage buses for seating capacity based two categories.
- ceiling of Rs. 100 per seat per month in rate of motor vehicle tax for vehicles plying within two municipalities having distance less than 10 Km.
- Motor Vehicle Tax imposed on 23-32 seater vehicles operating as contract vehicle with industries will be determined Rs. 10000/- in place of Rs. 14000/-.
- Parity of One Time Tax of Construction Equipments Vehicle and vehicle fitted with equipment. Both categories will now pay tax at the rate of 10% of cost of chassis and 8% for completely built vehicle.
- Rate of tax increased from 10% to 25% of the similar category of transport vehicles imposed on non-transport vehicles used for hire and reward purposes.

Mines and Petroleum Department:

- '**State Minerals Exploration Trust**' will be constituted. For the calculation of Extracted minerals and royalty, modern techniques like IT, drone, etc. will be used.
- In above tax proposals no new tax has been imposed and relief of more than Rupees 130 Crores approximately has been given.