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## **International Pushkar Fair- 2022 | Rajasthan | 02 Nov 2022**

### **Why In News?**

On November 1, 2022, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot inaugurated the International Pushkar Fair-2022 at Pushkar, Ajmer, in the state.

### **Key Points**

- The Chief Minister said that Pushkar Dham is the center of faith of all classes and a large number of devotees from all castes and religions come here. Excellent and grand arrangements have been made at the Pushkar fair for the devotees coming here on a large scale.
  - On this occasion, he has also inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of development works worth Rs 110 crore in Ajmer and Pushkar. This included various development works and projects under smart city, Ajmer development authority and forest department.
  - He informed that DPR has been prepared to solve the problem of dirty water in Pushkar Sarovar and development of Pushkar will be done at a cost of about Rs 11 crore and restoration of ghats in Pushkar and other development works will be completed soon.
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## **Rajasthan International Expo-2023 | Rajasthan | 02 Nov 2022**

### **Why In News?**

Presiding over the fifth meeting of Rajasthan Export Promotion Council (Rajasthan Export Promotion Council) held at Udyog Bhawan on November 1, 2022, the chairman of the council, Rajiv Arora said that on March 11 to 13, 2023, to increase exports from the state. Rajasthan International Expo-2023 will be organized in Jodhpur.

### **Key Points**

- Rajiv Arora said that from handicrafts to jewelry, ceramics and other products will be displayed on a wide scale in this international expo.
- Additional Chief Secretary Veenu Gupta said that organizing an international level handicraft expo in Jodhpur is an important part of the Chief Minister's budget announcement and it is being named as Rajasthan International Expo to further broaden this expo and to add many other products.
- It is noteworthy that the council has been formed to increase the percentage of exports in the state and to conduct other activities including exports.
- Commissioner Mahendra Parakh said that Rajasthan ranks 12th in the country in terms of exports and the state has a lot of export potential. The percentage of exports from the state has also increased significantly over the years.
- He said that having an international level expo will not only provide a better market to local

products but will also identify them.

- In the council meeting, various topics including setting up of testing lab of products, center of excellence, beginning of council membership, becoming mission exporter were also discussed extensively on various topics.

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