



Rajasthan won a total of 6 Gold, 12 Silver and 15 Bronze Medals in the 66th National School Games. | Rajasthan | 14 Jun 2023

Why in News?

In the team & individual sports events of the 66th National School Games that ended on June 13, 2023, the players of Rajasthan made a splash with their performance and won 6 gold, 12 silver & 15 bronze medals Rajasthan.

Key Points:

- On the final day of the 66th National School Games, Sania Khan of Jaipur made the state proud by winning a silver medal in the individual event of team event in tennis in New Delhi. At the same time, Lavanya Arora of Sriganganagar district won the bronze medal in judo in Bhopal, which was Rajasthan's fifth medal in judo.
- In the National School Games, the state won the silver medal for the first time in the team event, securing second place in the country.
- In chess, Pranay Chordia of Udaipur and Yukti Harsh of Bikaner won gold medals by performing individually best on their respective boards, both of these medals are in addition to the 6 gold medals won by the state.
- Keshav Bissa of Bikaner won the gold medal for the state in weightlifting as well as became the best player in the competition.
- For Rajasthan, Kavita Dudi of Nagaur won gold medals in 3000 m Racewalk, Neetu Kumari and Sumit Kumar of Churu won Discus Throw, Maya Mali of Bhilwara won Wrestling and Tashree Menaria of Jaipur won gold medals in Boxing.
- Apart from this, the players of the state also impressed everyone with their performance in other sports including badminton, hockey, volleyball and taekwondo.

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Inauguration of Nandishala in Rampura Patti of Nohar | Rajasthan | 14 Jun 2023

Why in News?

On June 13, 2023, Rajasthan's Mines Petroleum & Gopalan Minister Pramod Jain Bhaya and local MLA Amit Chachan inaugurated the Nandishala built at a cost of Rs 1.57 crore at Rampura Patti Shri Gaushala in Nohar in Hanumangarh district of the state.

Key Points:

- It is known that in view of the problem of the strayed Nandis in the state, the panchayat level Nandishala scheme was announced and Nandi shalas are being run at the Panchayat Samiti level while implementing it.
- The Gopalan Minister said that in order to solve the problems being faced in Gopalan, the process of the grant was simplified on the basis of the suggestion of Gaushala operators under the leadership of Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot. Where earlier 200 animals and 2 years' experience of operating a cowshed was necessary for registration, whereas, simplifying this process, 100 animals and 1 year of operating experience have been prescribed.
- The grant for small animals which was earlier Rs.16, has been increased to Rs.20 and for large animals, the grant which was earlier Rs.32 has been increased to Rs.40. Now grant for sick cows and Nandi cows is being given for 12 months.
- Listing the achievements of the state government in the last five years, Gopalan Minister said that in the last four and a half years, a 2700 crore grant amount has been paid to the Gaushalas.

Rajasthan is the first state in the country where so much budget is being spent on Gaushalas.

- He said that Gaushalas would be provided a stability grant of Rs 1200 to 1400 crore per year. Giving support to the cattle rearers, where earlier there was a subsidy of Rs 2 on milk production, it has now been increased to Rs 5. So far, more than Rs 400 crore has been provided in the entire state.



District Level Road Safety Task Force will be Formed | Rajasthan | 14 Jun 2023

Why in News?

On June 13, 2023, Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved the formation of a Road Safety Task Force at the district level comprising officials of various departments, taking an important step towards curbing road accidents in Rajasthan.

Key Points:

- The Transport and Road Safety Department will be the administrative department of the District Road Safety Task Force.
- A task force will be formed under the chairmanship of the District Collector of the concerned district. It will include the District Superintendent of Police, the Chief Executive Officer of the District Council, the Chief Medical & Health Officer, and the Commissioner of the Urban Body of the District Headquarters.
- Apart from these, the Superintendent Engineer of the Public Works Department, Secretary of Development Authority / Urban Development Trust of the District Headquarters, Executive Engineer of the Autonomous Government Department, Chief District Education Officer of Secondary Education, Superintendent / Chief Medical Officer of District Hospital, Members of NIC, Project Director of NHAI and IRED/E-DAR representative will be the members.
- An expert representative of an NGO working in the field of road safety, two road safety consultants will be special invitees and district/regional transport officers will be member secretaries in this task force.

- The District Collector will be able to invite the representative of any concerned department to the task force meeting and direct the work of the force.
- **Task Force Functions:**
 - The task force will meet at least once every three months. The District Road Safety Task Force will ensure the effective implementation of the annual action plan and the implementation of the decisions of the committee to reduce road accidents & death rate in the district by 50% by the year 2030.
 - Apart from this, it will carry out regular supervision, timely compliance of audit recommendations by conducting road safety audits, compliance with the directions of the Supreme Court Road Safety Committee, wide publicity of state schemes related to road safety, organizing public awareness campaigns and conducting special enforcement campaigns throughout the year.
- **Task Force Powers and Tenure:**
 - The task force constituted at the district level will coordinate the use of the services of experts from various reputed institutions for research, analysis, impact assessment, field survey, study etc.
 - Along with this, services of road safety consultants will be taken for effective implementation and supervision of works related to road safety.
 - The tenure of the District Road Safety Task Force will be for 3 years.