

'Green Lungs' to be developed in 13 Cities | Rajasthan | 26 Jun 2023

Why in News?

On June 25, 2023, Rajasthan Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has approved a financial proposal of Rs 19 crore to develop 'green lungs' in 13 cities of the state.

Key Points:

- Forest areas around 13 cities will be developed with the said amount.
- According to the approval, forest areas will be developed and opened for the common people at a cost of Rs. 2 crores each in Moongaska of Alwar, Rajgarh in Churu, Mangalwar in Chittorgarh, Nathdwara & Ganesh Tekdi in Rajsamand, Risala in Udaipur. Forest areas will be developed and opened to the public at a cost of Rs 1 crore each in Khairkhedi of Baran, Shyampura of Banswara, Qila Block of Chittorgarh, Neelkanth Mahadev of Dausa, Kanota Dam of Jaipur, Bandaria Magara of Rajsamand and Kacha Dam area of Tonk.
- With this decision of the Chief Minister, the common people in these cities will get a pure environment & greenery and the environment will also be protected.
- It is worth mentioning that an announcement in this regard was made by the Chief Minister in the budget for the year 2023-24.

'Chief Minister Folk Artist Promotion Scheme - 2023' | Rajasthan | 26 Jun 2023

Why in News?

On June 24, 2023, Rajasthan's Minister of Art, Literature, Culture & Archaeology, Dr. B.D. Kalla said in the first meeting of the State Appellate Policy Making & Supervision Committee organized by the Department at the Government Secretariat in Jaipur that under the 'Mukhyamantri Lok Kalakar Protsahan Yojana-2023', folk artists of the state will be given the opportunity to perform 100 days of art in their local areas by honouring their art.

Key Points:

- Minister Dr. B.D. Kalla said that as per the intention of the Chief Minister, folk artists would be given employment for 100 days per family every year through the performance of folk arts.
- He said that if the art of the folk artist is protected and he gets 100 days of assured employment, then he can easily raise his family.
- At the same time, the art of the artist will also go to the general public and they will get more work and these artists will be given opportunities to perform in government programs, festivals, fairs, festivals, ceremonies, schools and colleges etc.

- A web portal for online registration of folk artists will also be launched soon. All the folk artists of the state will be able to register themselves on the web portal through their Jan Aadhaar card.
- Under the scheme, folk artists will be given folk artist incentive cards. This card will be the primary
 document of artists to get an art performance opportunity, which will identify an artist.
- Rajasthan Sangeet Natak Akademi, Jodhpur has been made the nodal agency for the operation of 'Mukhyamantri Lok Kalakar Protsahan Yojana-2023'.



Jungle Safari started in Tiger Reserve Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary | Rajasthan | 26 Jun 2023

Why in News?

On June 23, 2023, Ashok Chandna, Rajasthan's Minister of State for Youth Affairs, Sports and Information & Public Relations, flagged off the first Jungle Safari at Tiger Reserve Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary in Dalelpura, Bundi, to take forward Bundi district in the tourism sector in the State.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Minister of State said that the launch of Safari in Tiger Century is a lifeline for the entire district. In the coming times, employment opportunities will open for the youth.
- Along with this, new dimensions of development will be established. Tourists coming from every corner of the country will be happy and the people of the area will get employment.
- 4 foreign and 14 native tourists were taken on a jungle safari in Ramgarh Vishdhari Tiger Reserve.
- Tiger Reserve Ramgarh Vishdhari Wildlife Sanctuary has many features. It is about 1500 sq km with a core area of 500 sq km.
- Various species of animals live in it. With all these features, this sanctuary will emerge as a major centre of attraction for tourists in the coming days.
- Tiger, panther, chitli, deer, bear, wild cat, chital, sambhar, fox, nilgai, chital, swamp deer, monkey, langur, mongoose, squirrel, porcupine etc. will be seen on the route of jungle safari.
- Apart from this, around one hundred birds including peacock, quail, pigeon, heron, eagle, vulture,

owl, sparrow, parrot will be seen.
To enjoy the jungle safari, domestic tourists will have to spend Rs.780 per tourist, foreign tourists will have to spend Rs.1150 per tourist and students will have to spend Rs.700 per student.



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