

## State Level Seminar Raj. Pulmocon 2023 | Rajasthan | 17 Jul 2023

#### Why In News?

Two day state level seminar Raj. Pulmocon 2023 was organized. During this, the book Lang Rajasthan was released.

#### key points

- Addressing the function organized at Park Paradise, the Education Minister said that medical science experts do deep research, their findings are beneficial for human health. He said that there will be exchange of ideas from such seminars, which will prove to be better for the medical world.
- He said that Bikaner has made radical development in the medical field. The PBM hospital here is proving useful for the patients of Bikaner division and the surrounding states. The Cancer Research and Cardiovascular Center here has become a lifeline for the patients.
- Disaster Management Minister Govind Ram Meghwal said that such seminars should be held from time to time, so that medical experiences of experts can be shared.
- He said that Acharya Tulsi Cancer Research Center of Bikaner has proved very useful for the patients of Punjab and Haryana.
- Energy Minister Bhanwar Singh Bhati said that the history of Sardar Patel Medical College has been golden. The teachers and students here have brought laurels to Bikaner in the country and the world.
- He said that the Mukhya Mantri Chiranjeevi Swasthya Bima Yojana of the state government is a historic and unique scheme of the country, this scheme has removed the sorrows of lakhs of people of the state.
- LifeTime Achievement Award was given to Dr. P.R Gupta during the seminar. Dr. Mahendra Kumar, Dr. C.R Chaudhary, Dr. Situ Singh was given the Dr. SK Sarkar Orientation Award.



# Jail Minister and Former Union Minister inaugurated 'The Asha Filling Station' in Central Jail Alwar | Rajasthan | 17 Jul 2023

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On July 15, 2023, Minister of Prisons Department and Social Justice and Empowerment Tikaram Jully and former Union Minister Bhanwar Jitendra Singh installed petrol pumps in the Central Prison premises under the innovative initiative of the Prisons Department to connect the inmates with employment and provide facilities to the general public. Inaugurated 'The Hope Filling Station'.

### key points

- Prisons Department Minister Jully said that the Prisons Department and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. With the cooperation of the Central Jail, the 'Ashayein' organization has started operating this petrol pump, in which the well-behaved prisoners living in the open jail will be able to get employment according to their ability.
- He said that the State Government was providing skill training to the jail inmates through various innovations. At the same time, work is being done to connect the prisoners living in open jails to the mainstream of the society through these innovations.
- He said that this petrol pump would be operated by the inmates only, which would be monitored by the Prison Monitoring Committee.
- Former Union Minister Bhanwar Jitendra Singh said that this initiative of the Prisons Department will provide employment to the prisoners living in open jail according to their ability, which will prove to be an important link for them and their families to live a dignified life and join the mainstream of the society.

# Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart- 2023 | Rajasthan | 17 Jul 2023

#### Why In News?

On July 15, 2023, Rajasthan Tourism Minister Vishvendra Singh inaugurated the third edition of Rajasthan Domestic Travel Mart at Rajasthan International Center, Jhalana, Jaipur to promote domestic tourism in the state.

#### key points

- Tourism Minister Vishvendra Singh said that there are immense possibilities of domestic tourism in the state. Rajasthan Tourism is one of the most preferred destinations in the country due to its tourism products, tourism friendly policies, plans and innovations.
- Rajasthan Tourism Development Corporation Chairman Dharmendra Rathore said that Rajasthan with its visionary tourism policies like Rural Tourism Policy, Film Promotion Policy is a role model for states across the country. It is the first state to give industry status to the tourism and hospitality sector.

- He said that so far around 1000 hotels have benefited from this in areas like UD tax and electricity rebate. The state government has also increased the tourism development fund from Rs 1000 crore to Rs 1500 crore. In addition, 5 international golf courses and 5 MICE centers are also coming up in the state.
- Rajeev Arora, Chairman, Rajasthan Small Scale Industries Corporation said that due to the initiative of the government, 206 new projects with a proposed investment of Rs 4500 crore and 14856 rooms have been registered in the year 2022 as compared to 187 projects in the year 2019.
- In the year 2022, 10.87 crore tourists visited Rajasthan as compared to 2.20 crore during the year 2021. The increase in the number of tourists by 8 crores in one year is a big achievement of the state government.
- Gayatri Rathore, Principal Secretary, Tourism Department said that efforts have been made by the state government to include a maximum number of tourism units in the ambit of industry benefits.
- The state government has enforced conversion orders on hotels, motels, hotels with 10 or more rooms in rural areas, hotel-run tourism units on RIICO land, hotels, RTDC and RSHC hotels, central and state government museums, by the revenue department and the district collector.
- Rajasthan is a favorite destination not only in tourism but also in the field of investment. New religious circuits are also being developed in the state.
- Apoorva Kumar, President, FHTR said that along with promoting tourism, there is an urgent need to preserve the tangible and intangible heritage of the state and that is why this year the theme of the Mart is aptly Sustainable Tourism.
- A travel publication on Regal Rajasthan– Sustainability Empowering the Future was also released during the event.
- It is noteworthy that RDTM is being organized by the Department of Tourism, Government of Rajasthan and Federation of Hospitality and Tourism of Rajasthan (FHTR). This year the theme of the Mart has been Sustainable Tourism.
- Over 200 exhibitors from Rajasthan displayed their tourism products and over 200 domestic tour operators from across India participated in the event which lasted till 16th July.
- Over 7000 B2B structured meetings between buyers and sellers took place during the two days, showcasing the efficiency and potential of their over 600 tourism products like hotels, motels, resorts, eateries, heritage properties, amusement parks etc.
- Buyers from almost all the states of the country like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal, Odisha etc. participated in the Mart.

