



Rajasthan Appoints Task Force for Identifying New Expressways | Rajasthan | 08 Feb 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the Rajasthan government has appointed a **task force** for **identifying new expressways to connect more cities** with the network of roads **for fast movement of traffic**.

Key Points

- The new expressways will **facilitate seamless transportation of people and goods** and **enhance [tourism](#) and economic development** along the routes in the State.
- The **task force would submit its report to the State government within six months** after looking into the scope for construction of new expressways.
 - They will get the **opinion of subject experts during the performance** of its task.

'Kisan Sathi' Portal | Rajasthan | 08 Feb 2024

Why in News?

With the use of [Information Technology \(IT\)](#) in the agriculture sector, the '**Kisan Sathi**' portal has started acting as a **single window platform for the farmers in Rajasthan**.

Key Points

- The **IT applications** have simplified the procedure for the agriculturists to **apply for various government schemes and monitor the benefits available to them**.
- According to the State Agriculture Commissioner, **more than 12 lakh farmers had used the web portal** so far and **benefited from the schemes for agriculture, [horticulture](#), [animal husbandry](#) and [agricultural marketing](#)**.
 - The **paperless work** had **speeded up the procedure** and **brought transparency to the system**.
- The Kisan Sathi portal has **facilitated direct benefit transfer of ₹1,600 crore to about three lakh farmers**, while the **licenses for selling seeds, fertilizers and pesticides** were issued in large numbers with the help of online verification.
- The portal, **launched in 2021** as an initiative for "**ease of doing farming**", had brought **revolutionary changes** for the farming community.
- The mobile apps developed for the farmers have also created **new platforms** connecting them with the buyers of agricultural produce.
 - **The apps are rendering services for** registration of sellers of farm produce, distribution of seed mini-kits, registrations for [bio-farming](#) and online submission of seed and fertilizer samples.

Vayu Shakti 2024 | Rajasthan | 08 Feb 2024

Why in News?

All frontline aircraft, including the [Rafale fighter jets](#) and [Prachand attack choppers](#), will take part in the [Indian Air Force's \(IAF\) Exercise Vayushakti](#) scheduled to be held **on February 17 in Rajasthan's Jaisalmer at the Pokhran Air to Ground Range.**

- It is a **triennial exercise** (once every three years) aimed at showcasing the capability of the IAF to conduct **full spectrum operations (Day and Night)** and to see the participation of aircraft and helicopters, transport aircraft and **unmanned aerial vehicles.**

Key Points

- The VayuShakti-2024 would be in the form of a **major firepower demonstration** in Jaisalmer where all the **major fighter aircraft**, including the Rafale, [Su-30MKIs](#), Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) [Tejas](#), [Mirage 2000](#) and [MiG-29s](#), would be showcasing their firepower by shooting different missiles and bombs at designated targets.
- The next exercise planned by the IAF is the [Exercise Gaganshakti](#) which would see the entire IAF get activated from Ladakh to the Indian Ocean Region and from Bhuj to Arunachal Pradesh.
 - The pan-India-level exercise **Gaganshakti, conducted once in five years.**
 - Gagan Shakti is conducted by the IAF **to showcase its air dominance over the entire extended area of the Indian Ocean Region.**

Rafale

- French **twin-engine and multirole fighter aircraft.**
- Equipped to perform air supremacy, interdiction, aerial reconnaissance, ground support, in-depth strike, anti-ship strike, and nuclear deterrence missions.

Sukhoi Su-30MKI

- Twin-engine, two-seat, multirole fighter aircraft developed by Russia's Sukhoi and built under **license by India's Hindustan Aeronautics Ltd (HAL)** for the IAF.
- Designed to perform air superiority, ground attack, electronic warfare, and maritime strike missions.

Tejas

- The Tejas by HAL is a multi-role light fighter aircraft **designed by India's Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA).**
- The first Mk-1A Tejas delivery to IAF will occur in March 2024.

MIG 29s

- It is a twin-engine, multirole fighter jet, **developed by Soviet Russia in the 1970s.** It has been upgraded since.
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Panchkarma Centers in Every City of Haryana | Haryana | 08 Feb 2024

Why in News?

Recently, **Haryana Health, Family Welfare, and Ayush Minister Anil Vij** has announced that **Panchkarma centers** will be **opened in every city** of the state.

- **Tourism wellness centers** will also be set up in tourist places.

Key Points

- The minister also announced the establishment of a **drug testing laboratory** within the [Ayush department](#).
 - To promote Ayush in the state a number of steps have been taken:
 - The **5500 Ayush yoga assistants will be recruited** soon and they will be assigned the responsibility of yoga training in prestigious parks, Dharamshala, and community centers in urban areas.
 - **Ayush yoga inspectors and coaches** will also be recruited through [Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam](#).
 - In the first phase, **1121 Vyamshallas** are under construction in the state, **with 656 of them handed over to the Ayush department**.
 - **892 yoga assistants** have been appointed in yoga centers and community spaces. In the next phase, 1353 new yoga centers have been earmarked.
 - The approval to run **Ayurvedic pharmacy at Shri Krishna Ayush University** has been granted and officials have been directed to begin indoor and outdoor Ayush treatment facilities at the university.
 - The State Medicinal Plant Board officials have been directed to **initiate training programs for the cultivation of medicinal plants for farmers**.
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Coordination Panels in Districts to Check Pollution | Haryana | 08 Feb 2024

Why in News?

Recently, Haryana chief secretary Sanjeev Kaushal called for **formation of coordination committees** comprising officials from various departments **for effective [pollution control](#) measures**.

Key Points

- The chief secretary also mandated a **complete ban on discharging sewage water** into drains in **Rohtak, Panipat, and Karnal districts**.
- The government had prepared an **action plan for treatment and diversion of 32.7 MLD (million liters per day) of sewage** generated **across 80 villages in Panipat district**.
- As part of this initiative, [sewage treatment](#) has been **successfully implemented** using a three-

tier pond system in 38 villages, while purification processes are currently underway in 42 other villages.

- Efforts are being made to **improve the existing sewage treatment** infrastructure.
- In line with **sustainable water management** practices, a **framework** has been prepared to **reuse treated sewage water for micro-irrigation purposes** across the state.
- Implementation of phase - I of the project on **'Reuse of Treated Wastewater for Irrigation Purpose through Micro-Irrigation'** at Panipat.
- Phase - II initiatives aimed at further **enhancing irrigation practices and environmental sustainability.**

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