



# Yuva Mitras Protest in Rajasthan

## Why in News?

**Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Mitras**, who **lost their jobs after the change of power in the state**, have **intensified their protest** in the districts and tehsils, demanding the reinstatement of their services.

## Key Points

- It is possible that the Rajasthan government will introduce a **new provision** in the state budget to **hire 8,000 yuva mitras within a revamped scheme**.
- The current scheme, Rajasthan Gandhi Yuva Mitra, initiated by the previous government, is **likely to be changed to Viksit Rajasthan Yuva Mitra**.
- Before the **Model Code of Conduct (MCC)** was enforced for Lok Sabha elections, approximately 5,000 yuva mitras protested for over two months, seeking reinstatement in government jobs.
  - The protest ended after the additional chief secretary (ACS) of the chief minister's office (CMO) assured them that they would receive priority under the government's new scheme.

## Rajeev Gandhi Yuva Mitra Internship Scheme (RGYMIS)

- Launched in 2021-22, the **scheme aimed to provide practical work experience to young graduates** and help them develop their skills and knowledge.
- Under this the interns were placed in various government departments and agencies, and they were provided a stipend of up to Rs 10,000.
  - Around **50,000 youngsters were enrolled under this program**.
- According to the Department of Economics and Statistics, the scheme was brought in to develop a **pool of intellectual and self-motivated youths named Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Mitras (RYM)**.
- The initiative also **aimed to educate people about governance** and build their confidence in the government and ensure that their basic needs are met at their doorsteps.

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