



Rajasthan Lifts Ban on Government Employees

Why in News?

Recently, the **Rajasthan government** has lifted the restriction on government employees participating in activities of the [Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh \(RSS\)](#).

Key Points

- The **ban on joining the RSS has been in place in the State since 1972**. The circular lifted the 52-year-old ban on the government officials.
 - Previous orders listed 17 organizations, with provisions for **disciplinary action against government employees involved with them or participating in their activities**.
 - Now, employees are permitted to join shakhas (morning assemblies) and engage in all other RSS activities.
- **In July 2024, the Centre lifted the ban** on government officials taking part in the RSS activities **followed by Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, etc.**

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS)

- **About:**
 - It is a **Hindu nationalist volunteer organisation founded in 1925 in Nagpur by Dr. K.B. Hedgewar** in response to perceived threats to Hindu culture and society, particularly during British colonial rule.
 - It aims to **promote the idea of Hindutva**, which emphasises Hindu cultural and national identity.
- **Ideology:**
 - The central ideology of the RSS, **articulated by Vinayak Damodar Savarkar**, promotes the idea that India is fundamentally a **Hindu nation**.
 - The RSS emphasises the **importance of Indian culture and heritage**, aiming to unite people under a common national identity.
 - The organization engages in various **social service activities**, including education, health care, and disaster relief, promoting the idea of "Seva" (service) among its members.