



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.