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### Rajasthan

### Vishwakarma Yuva Udyam Protsahan Yojana

- **♦** Why in News?
- Recently, the Rajasthan government approved the 'Vishwakarma Yuva Udyam Protsahan Yojana' with the aim of making the youth self-reliant and providing new employment opportunities.



- **Solution Key Points:**
- Under the scheme, youth in the age group of 18 to 45 years will be provided margin money and loans at low interest rates through financial institutions, so that they can set up their own enterprise or expand, diversify or modernize an already established enterprise.
- Under the scheme, interest subsidy of up to 8 percent will be given on a loan up to a maximum of Rs 2 crore.

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- Women, Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Divyang category entrepreneurs, enterprises established in rural areas, card holder weavers and craftsmen will get 1 percent additional interest subsidy on loans of more than Rs 1 crore and up to Rs 2 crore.
- Also, margin money grant of 25 percent or up to a maximum of Rs 5 lakh will also be provided on the loan given by the financial institution.

**Facts for Prelims:** 

Pradhan Mantri Vishwakarma Yojana:

- **Announcement:** By the Prime Minister on the occasion of 77th Independence Day (August 15, 2023).
- Approval: By the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs on August 16, 2023.
- Launch: On the occasion of Vishwakarma Javanti on September 17, 2023 from India International Convention and Expo Center, New Delhi.
- **Objective:** To uplift the artisans and craftsmen across the country skilled in various traditional crafts, thereby preserving the rich cultural heritage of India.
- Funding: 100% by the Central Government. The financial outlay is ₹13,000 crore for a period of five years (FY 2023-24 to 2027-28).

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### Developed Rajasthan@2047: Vision Document

- **○** Why in News?
- Recently, the Rajasthan Cabinet approved the vision document 'Developed Rajasthan@2047' for economic prosperity, sustainable development and inclusive progress.



- **Solution Example 2 Key Points:**
- This vision document is in line with the vision of making India a developed nation by the year 2047.
- In accordance with the vision document, the concerned departments will prepare a detailed action plan and will assess the financial requirements yearwise and implement it according to the available resources.
- In this vision document, the target has been set to make Rajasthan an economy of \$350 billion by the year 2029 and an economy of \$4.3 trillion by the year 2047.

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- It includes public welfare and social empowerment, rapid development and employment generation, physical infrastructure and sustainable development for a future-oriented Rajasthan and supporting base policy, finance and governance themes.
- The document gives special priority to 100 per cent literacy, student-centric and skill-based education system, empowerment of youth and women, availability of quality healthcare for all, sustainable water management, smart urbanisation, affordable housing, modern transport, environmental protection and green energy.

#### **Facts for Prelims:**

India's goals for Developed India @ 2047:

- Economic development: Achieve a sustainable GDP growth rate of 7-8 per cent annually.
- Social equity: Eliminate poverty, ensure universal healthcare and provide quality education.
- Global competitiveness: Position India among the top three global economies.
- Environmental sustainability: Achieve net-zero emissions by 2070 and adopt renewable energy.
- Industrial modernisation: Promote manufacturing to contribute 25 per cent to GDP under Make in India.

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### Swami Vivekananda Scholarship for Academic Excellence

#### Why in News?

Recently, the Higher Education **Department** released new guidelines for Swami Vivekananda **Scholarship** Academic for Excellence Scheme 2025-26.



#### **Key Points:**

- Scholarship seats: Scholarships will be given for 150 seats abroad and 350 seats in the country. In the last session, there were 300 seats abroad and 200 seats in the country.
- 'Swami Vivekananda Scholarship for Academic Excellence Scheme' was started in the year 2021-22 as 'Rajiv Gandhi Scholarship Scheme'.
- The objective of this scheme was to provide an opportunity to the toppers and economically weaker students of Rajasthan to pursue higher education in top institutions of the country and abroad. Initially, 500 seats were set for foreign universities and 200 seats for institutions in the country under this scheme.
- As per the new guidelines, after receiving the scholarship, the candidates will give priority to finding jobs in Rajasthan after the completion of the course and will benefit the state with their academic prowess.
- Candidates will prepare project reports for comparative study and improvement of the schemes of the state government and technical assistance will be taken from the students studying in engineering courses.

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### Mathudas Mathur Award - 2025

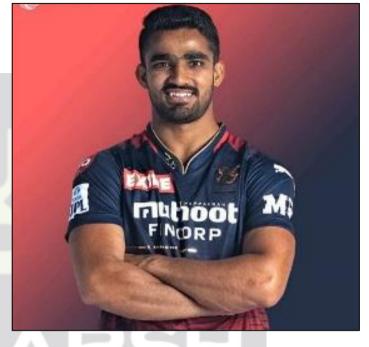
- **○** Why in News?
- Recently, the 'Mathudas Mathur Award' was announced which given to the best cricketers of Rajasthan.
- **Solution Key Points:**

**Award Winners:** 

- Senior Category: MahipalLomror (Nagaur)
- Junior Category: Kartik Sharma (Bharatpur)



- Mahipal Lomror is the fourth cricketer from Rajasthan to receive this award after cricketers Pankaj Singh, Aniket Chaudhary and Ashok Menaria.
- Earlier, Mahipal has also received this award in the senior category in the year2017.
- These awards will be distributed on the birth anniversary of Mathuradas Mathur (6 September).
- As a prize, ₹15,000 is given in the senior category, ₹7500 in the junior and subjunior category along with a Certificate of Excellence, memento and cricket kit.



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### Land allotment to 13 players of Rajasthan under IGNP

- **○** Why in News?
- Recently, orders were issued by the Rajasthan government for land allotment to 13 players of the state under the Indira Gandhi Canal Project (IGNP).

#### **Solution Service Serv**

S.No.	Athlete Name	Sport	Achievement
1.	Omprakash Dhaka	Basketball	Represented India in the 1982 Asian Games held in New Delhi
2.	Avani Lekhara	Shooting	Paralympic Gold Medalist
3.	Sunder Gurjar	Javelin Throw	Paralympic Bronze Medalist
4.	Shyam Sunder Swami	Archery	Paralympic Athlete
5.	Ravi Bishnoi	Cricket	Gold Medal in 2023 Asian Games
6.	Rajat Chauhan	Archery	Gold Medal in 2014 Asian Games
7.	Shagun Chowdhary	Shooting	Bronze Medal in 2014 Asian Games
8.	Mandeep Singh	Volleyball	Participated in 2014 Asian Games
9.	Arjun Lal	Rowing	Bronze Medalist in 19th Asian Games
10.	Zakir Khan	Rowing	Bronze Medalist in 19th Asian Games
11.	Bhopal Singh	Rowing	Participated in 18th Asian Games
12.	Sachin	Kabaddi	Gold Medal in 19th Asian Games
13.	Anantjeet Singh Naruka	Shooting	Participated in Paris Olympic Games

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### **News in Shorts**

S. No.	News
1.	<ul> <li>National Level Continuing Medical Education Program</li> <li>Recently a six-day national level continuing medical education program was organized at the National Institute of Ayurveda, Jaipur.</li> <li>◆ Objective: To understand traditional Ayurvedic dietary principles from a scientific perspective, study nutritional benefits and discuss inclusion in contemporary medical practices.</li> </ul>
2.	Ankit Kumar won silver medal in javelin throw at World  Transplant Games  ◆ Recently, kidney transplant player Ankit Kumar Sohu won a silver medal in javelin throw at the World Transplant Games held in Dresden, Germany.  ◆ Ankit, originally a resident of Gudhagaurji in Jhunjhunu, has previously been a national volleyball player.  ◆ Ankit had won a total of four medals including a gold medal in javelin throw with national records of 32.65 meters and long jump of 15.088 feet in the PGI Transplant National Games held in Chandigarh in March 2025, along with a silver medal in the 200 meter race.

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### 3. Acharya Ramchandra Shukla Award

- ♦ Recently, Professor Nand Kishore Pandey, Vice Chancellor of Jaipur-based Haridev Joshi University of Journalism and Mass Communication (HJU), was awarded the 'All India Acharya Ramchandra Shukla Award' by the Madhya Pradesh Sahitya Academy.
- ♦ He has been given this award for his popular book 'Bharat Bodh and Bhakti Kavita'.

### 4. Yogesh Kumar Sahu

♦ Yogesh Kumar Sahu of Jaipur won the silver medal in the 8th Heroes Taekwondo Championship held in Thailand.



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#### **National**

### **Punauradham Temple**

- **♦** Why in News?
- Recently, the Union Home and Cooperation Minister performed the Bhoomi Pujan of the massive scheme for the overall development of Punauradham temple and complex, the birthplace Mother Sita Sitamarhi, in Bihar.



- **Solution Key Points:**
- Sitamarhi-Delhi Amrit Bharat train was launched.
- Objective: To promote the culture and heritage of Mithila.

#### Mithila:

- History: Started from the Vedic period (1500-500 BC) and it was one of the 16 Mahajanapadas of India.
- Nickname: Tirhut or Tirbhukti.
- Language: Main language Maithili, which belongs to the Indo-Aryan family.
- Madhubani or Mithila Paintings: Mithila Paintings are famous for its unique style, known as Madhubani or Mithila Paintings, which is created using bright earthen natural colours and geometric patterns.

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#### **Schemes**

### PM e-Drive Scheme

- **○** Why in News?
- The Ministry of Heavy Industries has extended the duration of PM e-Drive Scheme from March 31, 2026 to March 31, 2028 (four years).

■ Cabinet Decision: 11th September, 2024

### PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE)

Cabinet approves **PM E-DRIVE Scheme'** for promotion of electric mobility in the country with outlay of **Rs 10,900 crore** for **2 years** 



- Subsidies/Demand incentives worth Rs.3,679 crore to incentivize e-2Ws, e-3Ws, e-ambulances, e-trucks and other emerging EVs
- E-vouchers for EV buyers to avail demand incentives under the scheme
- Allocation of Rs.500 crore for the deployment of e-ambulances
- Provision of Rs.4,391 crore for procurement of 14,028 e-buses by STUs/public transport agencies



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#### **Solution Service Serv**

■ PM e-Drive: Pradhan Mantri Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement.

**■ Effective:** October 1, 2024

**Objective:** To accelerate the adoption of electric vehicles (EV) in the country, establish robust charging infrastructure and strengthen the EV manufacturing ecosystem.

■ Nodal agency for charging infrastructure and development of integrated EV super app: Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL).

■ Outlay: ₹10,900 crore (a fund-limited scheme).

**■ Time Period : 2024-2028** 

■ Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Heavy Industries.

#### **Features:**

Feature	Description
Subsidy and Demand Incentive	■ Incentives for the purchase of electric two-wheelers, three-wheelers, ambulances, trucks, and buses.
E-Vouchers for EV Buyers	■ Aadhar-authenticated e-vouchers will be sent to the buyer's registered mobile number.
E-Ambulance	■ Objective: To provide eco-friendly and electric ambulances.
E-Buses for Public Transport	<ul> <li>Target: Procurement of 14,028 e-buses for State Transport Undertakings (STUs) and public transport agencies.</li> <li>Replace old buses with electric buses under the Vehicle Scrappage Policy of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH).</li> </ul>
Incentive for E- Trucks	■ Incentive for individuals with scrapping certificates from MoRTH-authorized vehicle scrapping centers.
Charging Infrastructure	■ Target: Establishment of public charging stations.

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### DARPG: National Award Scheme for e-Governance 2026

- **○** Why in News?
- Recently, the National Award Scheme for e-Governance 2026 was notified by the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions (DARPG).
- **Solution Service Serv**
- The scheme of 23rd National Award for e-Governance (NAEG) 2026 aims to promote excellence in implementation of e-Governance initiatives, foster sharing of effective practices and recognize significant achievements under seven categories through 16 awards.
- Distribution: Annually

#### **Categories:**

- 1. Reinvention of Government Processes through Use of Technology for Digital Transformation.
- 2. Innovations using AI and other modern technologies for delivering citizencentric services.
- 3. Best e-Governance Practices/Innovations in Cyber Security.
- 4. District Level Initiatives in e-Governance.

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- 5. Grassroots initiatives by Gram Panchayats or equivalent traditional local bodies to deepen/widen service delivery.
- 6. Replication and scaling of nationally awarded and mission-mode egovernance projects by States/UTs/Districts.
- 7. Digital transformation by use of data analytics in digital platforms by Central Ministries/States/UTs.
- e-Governance (NAEG) Awards 2026: A total of 16 awards will be awarded (10
   Gold Awards and 6 Silver Awards).
  - (i) A trophy.
  - (ii) A certificate.
  - (iii) Incentives of ₹10 lakh for each Gold Award winner and ₹5 lakh for each Silver Award winner.

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# **News in Shorts**

S. No.	News
1.	Genome sequencing of peacock, banyan, peepal and Indian
	cow



- ♦ The Indian Institute of Science Education and Research has done genome sequencing of peacock, banyan, peepal and Indian cow, it is the first institute in the country to do so.
- ♦ The institute has completed 542 projects with a financial outlet of Rs 166 crore and has got 9 patents.

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2.

#### Sikkim: Nari Adalat

- **◆ Launch:** Recently, Sikkim started 'Nari Adalat' in Gangtok.
- **♦ Operation:** Women only.
- ♦ Dispute resolution: This



court, running at the village or town level, will resolve cases like domestic disputes, mutual quarrels, small property disputes.

3.

### First National Youth Chef Competition 2025 (NYCC)

◆ Launch: The Ministry of Tourism in collaboration with PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) launched India's first



National Youth Chef Competition in Chandigarh.

- **♦ Theme:** "Celebrating Indian Culinary Heritage: A Blend of Tradition and Innovation".
- ♦ NYCC is a joint effort in collaboration with the Federation of Indian Culinary Associations and the Tourism and Hospitality Skills Council.
- ♦ It will hold regional competitions across India, culminating in January 2026 at IHM Pusa, New Delhi.

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4.

#### Women's Football: Copa America Championship 2025



- ♦ Recently, Brazil's women's football team defeated Colombia's women's football team to win the Copa America champions for the fifth consecutive time.
- ♦ This was the 10th season of the tournament.
- ♦ Brazil's women's football team won this title for the fifth consecutive time and ninth time overall.