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JAIPUR: The biographies of Lord Ram, Lord Krishna, Veer Tejaji and Chhatrapati Shivaji have been included in the latest Hindi textbooks for the primary level notified last month when the new academic session started, officials said on Thursday.

"The National Education Policy-2020 (NEP-2020)'s basic objective is to empower students with creativity, reasoning and practical skills to face the challenges of the 21st century. Following these objectives, RSCERT (Jaipur) have prioritised making education more inclusive, holistic and skill-based and prepared the textbooks for the primary level. To ensure a holistic development of children, Indian traditional knowledge and culture along with modern skills, social-emotional skills, arts and physical education have been prioritised in the textbooks," said the director of Rajasthan State Council for Educational Research and Training (RSCERT), Shweta Fagedia, in the preface of the new books.

An analysis of the contents that have been included in the new textbooks, showed that the biography of Lord Ram has been included in Class V Hindi book (Hindi Suman- Bhag 3) under the title "Maryada Pura-



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shortam Shree Ram."

The three-page-long chapter described Lord Ram as an "ideal character in every era" from whom people must learn "Satya" and "Dharma". It also read, "Lord Shree Ram, one of the greatest men of ancient India, is known for his dignity, truth and devotion to his duties. He was the son of King Dasharath and Queen Kaushalya of Ayodhya. His life is a symbol of sacrifice and ideals. Shree Ram is called 'Maryada Purushottam' because he followed values and ideals throughout his life."

In the same book for Class V, another short biography of Veer

while biographies of Pannadhai and Kalibai Bheel have also been removed from Class IV Hindi book.

The previous book also had lessons on the election process and Great Indian Bustard (GIB), one of most endangered birds that majority concentrates in Rajasthan. However, these are no longer part of the new books.

The latest Hindi textbooks also aimed to introduce the students more to their state and its own culture as they added more local myths, poetries from Rajasthan and also content in Rajasthani language in the books.

Reacting to the development, Congress spokesperson, Swarnim Chaturvedi criticized the removal of Pannadhai and Kalibai Bheel from the textbooks.

"Removing Pannadhai and Kalibai Bheel from textbooks is an insult to Rajasthan's history and tradition. Our children must learn about those who contributed to develop tribal areas in times of emergency and the morale of this state."

Meanwhile, state education minister Madan Dikar said, "Pannadhai and Kalibai Bheel are not neglected as they will be included in the books in later classes. Our goal was to introduce the students more with the local tradition and also the Indian tradition. We framed the curriculum accordingly."

in collaboration with the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) and the Union ministry of education, where training in English, French, Spanish, Japanese and other foreign languages will be provided to boost international job prospects, officials said.

A release from CM office stated chief minister Bhajan Lal Sharma has emphasized his government's priority to provide Rajasthan's youth with international exposure and opportunities. He believes that with the right guidance, young people can be prepared for global competition, and empowering them will play a key role in building a developed Rajasthan.

In this direction, the state government, in collaboration with the English and Foreign Languages University (EFLU) and the Union ministry of human resource development, will establish a "Language Lab" in the state. The lab will offer training in English, French, Spanish, Japanese, and other foreign languages, enabling students to achieve proficiency and enhance their chances of employment abroad.

Officials said that the training will not only open pathways for employment but also help youth secure opportunities in India across sectors such as tourism, trade, IT, education, and services.

The initiative comes after the Rising Rajasthan Global Investment Summit held last year.

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JAIPUR/BARMER/PALI/BHARATPUR: Monsoon has once again become active across Rajasthan, bringing widespread rainfall and triggering both relief and tragedy in different parts of the state.

Since Thursday morning, intermittent showers have been recorded in Jaipur, Udaipur, Chittorgarh, Dungarpur, Kota, Bhilwara, Bundi, Pali, Jalore, and Baran districts.

The India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall in southern and south-eastern Rajasthan over the next three to four days, while most other regions are likely to see moderate to severe showers.

A circulation system over eastern Rajasthan and adjoining Madhya Pradesh is expected to keep the monsoon active for the next week, with Jodhpur and Bikaner divisions most likely to receive increased rainfall activity between August 22 and 29. In the past 24 hours, Shergarh in Baran recorded the highest rainfall at 57 mm.

In Pali district, sudden heavy rain on Thursday afternoon brought relief but also caused the heat but also caused



Three people have died so far due to rain-related incidents, in severe waterlogging and accidents.

Roads turned into streams, vehicles were swept away, and a group of pilgrims travelling to Ramdevra had a narrow escape when their pickup got stuck in a rain-filled pit, reportedly dug by the Water Supply Department. The vehicle tilted dangerously, but locals managed to rescue the passengers just in time.

In Sojat's main market, a young man on a scooter was swept away by gushing water but was pulled to safety by residents, though his vehicle was lost. In Sadri, the Rajputra Dam overflowed following heavy showers in its catchment area, with sheets of water rushing over its walls.

Tragedy struck with three separate deaths from rain-related accidents from different districts.

area, an Air Force jawan from Telangana, identified as Lakshmi Prasad, drowned while on a picnic with his colleagues at the Damoh waterfall.

His fellow jawans fled the scene without informing authorities, and police received word of the incident only after 12 hours, following a call from an Air Force officer in Gwalior. SDRF teams and divers have been pressed into service to locate the body.

In Jalore's Safada village, 34-year-old Chanda Devi slipped into a water tank at her home while filling water on Wednesday evening. She was found later by her family and rushed to Jalore General Hospital, where doctors declared her dead.

In Pali's Giradwa village, a 35-year-old man, Ramesh, drowned while bathing in a pond near the Mahadev temple on Thursday. Villagers tried to save him but he was pulled out lifeless. He was taken to Bangar Hospital, where doctors confirmed his death.

While residents welcomed the revival of monsoon showers, the sudden downpour has once again highlighted the risks of waterlogging, flash floods, and rain-related accidents in several districts.

FAILED STERILISATION CASE

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A sessions court in Barmer has ordered the seizure of the chief medical and health officer's (CMHO) official vehicle on Thursday after the health department failed to pay court-awarded compensation in a 22-year-old failed sterilisation case. The enforcement comes nearly nine years after the compensation decree.

The court's staff, acting under judicial orders, seized the CMHO's vehicle from the Barmer health office.

The action followed repeated defaults by the health department in paying compensation for sterilization failed, and she conceived again. Despite her unwillingness, she was compelled to give birth to another child.

Gitting the government's responsibility for the failure, the woman filed a petition before the court on December 17, 2009, seeking damages.

After protracted hearings, the court delivered its judgment on March 15, 2016. It awarded the petitioner compensation of ₹2 lakh along with litigation costs.

Additionally, the court ruled that she was entitled to interest at the rate of 9% per annum for the period preceding the filing of the case, and 6% per annum thereafter until realization of the decree.

Despite the decree, the compensation was not deposited for

₹2 LAKH IN 2016 OVER A HOSPITAL'S NEGLIGENCE IN A STERILISATION PROCEDURE

years. Petitioner's counsel, advocate Anurag Jain said that despite repeated notices served to the health department, no payment was made. "The operation was carried out in a government hospital under the supervision of doctors accountable to the CMHO. The decree of 2016 clearly fixed liability upon the department. For years, the petitioner waited, but the government failed to comply with the amount, along with accrued interest, now exceeds ₹4 lakh. Against the original ₹2 lakh decree, the prolonged delay in compliance has doubled the financial liability."

Nearly 16 years after the petition was filed, and 22 years after the failed operation, the court has now executed enforcement proceedings. Following the attachment order issued a week earlier, the CMHO's vehicle was formally seized on Thursday.

Advocate Jain emphasized that the case highlights both the hardships of ordinary families and the consequences of administrative negligence. "This woman opted for sterilization solely due to her poor financial condition. The failure of the operation forced her to raise a fifth child. After years of litigation, justice has finally taken shape through the court's attachment proceedings," he said.

The alliance, representing more than 1.1 lakh healthcare

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JAIPUR: The Rajasthan Housing Board launched five new residential schemes across Udaipur, Baran, Bundi, Dholpur, and Barmer, offering a total of 667 affordable houses and flats for different income groups.

Inaugurating the schemes at the Housing Board headquarters on Wednesday, Urban development and housing minister Jhavar Singh Khanna said the initiative was "not just about construction, but a step towards ensuring a safe and dignified life for the people of the state."

Under five special registration schemes, a total of 667 houses and flats will be developed in Udaipur, Baran, Bundi, Dholpur, and Barmer districts, offering affordable housing options to people from different income groups.

The newly launched schemes include 72 houses under the Naitwa Housing Scheme in Bundi, 189 houses in the Atru Housing Scheme at Baran, 200 houses in the Langera Housing Scheme at Barmer, 64 flats in the Bari Road Scheme at Dholpur, and 142 flats in Panerla ki Madri, Udaipur.

These projects cater to different income groups, with prices starting from ₹7.60 lakh to ₹12.45 lakh.

Housing minister Khanna inaugurates the scheme

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BARMER: Barmer-Jaisalmer's former MP and senior Congress leader Colonel Sonaram Choudhary passed away in Delhi on Wednesday night following a cardiac arrest. He was 80.

According to his family, Colonel Choudhary had gone to attend a meeting near Apollo Hospital in Delhi when he suddenly felt chest pain. He drove himself to Apollo Hospital, where he underwent an emergency procedure. After the operation, he even reassured his well-wishers by posting on social media that he was feeling healthy. However, just a short while later, around 11:15 pm, he breathed his last.

His mortal remains were flown to Udaipur Airbase in Barmer on Thursday afternoon, from where they were taken to his Barmer residence for public viewing. His funeral will be held on Friday at his ancestral village, Mohangarh in Jaisalmer.

Chief minister Bhupendra Patel and former CM Ashok Gehlot expressed grief over the demise, recalling Colonel Choudhary's long service to the nation as a soldier and his decades-long contribution to Rajasthan's politics. Both leaders conveyed condolences to the bereaved family.

Colonel Sonaram is survived by his wife Vimla Choudhary and son Dr. Raman Choudhary.

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COL CHAUDHARY PASSES AWAY AT 80

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JAIPUR: The Rajasthan high court has pulled up the state government and the Union government over persistent delays in providing basic judicial infrastructure, calling the issue "very critical" and seeking accountability from top officials, including a list of officers who have failed to comply with directions, a lawyer familiar with the case said on Thursday.

A division bench of Justices Pushpendra Singh Bhatti and Dinesh Mehta was hearing a batch of petitions led by District Bar Association, Banswara & Atru, State of Rajasthan & Ors. During the hearing, representatives of courts in several newly created districts are functioning without basic facilities. The bench recorded these concerns, noting that infrastructure that should have been provided in advance — or at least simultaneously — with district creation was still missing.

Placing a detailed status note before the court, senior advocate Sachin Acharya said 174 land allotment matters for court buildings and judicial residences remain pending; 21 at the state level, 23 with the director of local bodies, and 130 with district collectors. Fresh proposals worth ₹224.29 crore await administrative and financial (A&F) sanction, against which only ₹10 crore has been accorded so far, despite a prior commitment to release ₹40 crore. Revised sanctions of ₹59.28 crore for under-construction projects, ₹258.57 crore for facilities across court complexes and ₹51.04 crore for lawyers' halls and allied amen-

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ties are also pending. The court noted earlier assurances that immediate attention would be given to ladies' toilets, A&F sanctions, revised sanctions for ongoing works, pending infrastructure facilities, and lawyers' halls/chambers — to the advocate, general and additional solicitor general. On the next date, both law officers must assist the court with complete records, concrete steps taken or proposed, and timelines for completion.

They have also been told to furnish the list of erring officers and the proposed action against them, with the bench cautioning that it will contemplate stern action if warranted.

The matters have been posted to August 26, 2025.

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BARMER: A government medical officer in Bhatu village of Barmer district has shifted his residence to a rented house as a protest against the administration's inaction against persistent encroachments. The medical officer in charge, said he had submitted at least ten complaints to the sub-divisional magistrate and tehsildar, and even met the district collector several times, but no action followed.

"Due to lack of staff quarters, employees are unwilling to stay here, night services are suffer-

ing, and patients are facing problems daily. To draw attention, I am now running the OPD in a tent," he said.

The protest is underway at the community health centre (CHC) in Bhatu, where alleged illegal occupation has blocked construction of the boundary wall and staff quarters, with sanctioned funds eventually lapsing and patients also denied access

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