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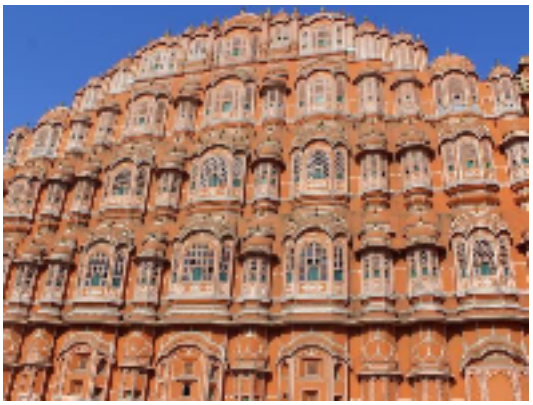
2nd Assessment

“Did You Know?” – Let’s Discover!



- **The Meaning of Its Name:** The name Rajasthan literally translates to the **"Land of Kings,"** reflecting its rich heritage of Rajput rulers, palaces, and battlefields.
- **India's Largest State:** Spanning a massive **342,239 square kilometres**, Rajasthan is the largest state in India by land area. It makes up roughly 10.4% of the country's total land mass, rendering it larger than countries like Germany or the United Kingdom.
- **The Only Hill Station: Mount Abu** is Rajasthan's sole hill station, offering a green, cooler retreat amidst the arid terrain and home to the famous Dilwara Jain Temples.
- **The Temple of 25,000 Rats:** The historic **Karni Mata Temple** in Deshnoke is globally famous for housing over **25,000 revered black rats** (*kabas*). Devotees travel from far and wide to feed them, and catching sight of a rare white rat among the thousands is considered incredibly lucky.
- **India's Only Saline River:** The **Luni River** originates in the Aravalli Range near Ajmer and cuts directly through the Thar Desert. It is entirely unique because its water is fresh for the first 100 kilometres, but turns completely salty downstream as it flows through the salt-rich desert soils before emptying into the Rann of Kutch.

🏰 **Castles, Forts, and Secret Windows**



- **Giant Peek-A-Boo Palace:** The beautiful **Hawa Mahal** in Jaipur looks like a giant pink honeycomb and has **953 tiny windows**! Long ago, royal princesses used these windows to look at street festivals and parades outside without anyone seeing them.
- **The Living Castle:** Imagine living inside a real castle! **Jaisalmer Fort** is a giant fort built out of yellow sandstone that looks like gold. It is a "living fort," which means thousands of people still have their homes, schools, and toy shops right inside its big stone walls.
- **A Wall That Rivals the World:** The massive **Kumbhalgarh Fort** has a giant stone wall that is **36 kilometres long**! It is so big and wide that eight horses could run side-by-side on top of it. It is the second-longest wall in the whole world, right after the Great Wall of China.
- **The Invincible Plains Fort:** Bikaner's majestic **Junagarh Fort** is highly unique because, unlike most major Rajasthani fortresses that rely on high mountain peaks for defence, it was constructed right on flat desert plains. Despite its low-lying position, it was never successfully conquered by invadersthroughout its history.

🎨 The Real-Life Box of Crayons



- **Cities of Different Colours:** Rajasthan's biggest cities love to dress up in matching colours! **Jaipur** is painted completely pink, **Jodhpur** looks like a sea of bright blue houses, **Udaipur** is full of sparkling white lakeside palaces, and **Jaisalmer** glows bright yellow like gold.
- **The Magic Sun Clock:** In Jaipur, there is a giant playground of stone instruments called **Jantar Mantar**. It features the world's largest stone sundial. By just looking at where the

sun casts a shadow on the stone, you can tell the exact time down to two seconds without a watch!

🐪 Friendly Animals and Desert Wonders



- **The Ship of the Desert:** Camels are the ultimate desert superheroes here! Their feet have special thick pads so they don't sink into the soft sand or get burned by the hot ground. They can also close their nostrils completely during a sandstorm to keep the dust out of their noses.
- **The Clever Desert Fox:** Deep in the sand dunes lives the tiny **Thar Desert Fox**. It has super large ears that act like built-in air conditioners to help it stay cool in the scorching summer heat, and it can hear the tiny footsteps of desert bugs from far away!
- **A Giant Flying Bird:** Rajasthan is home to the **Great Indian Bustard**, which is the state bird. It is nearly 4 feet tall—almost as tall as a kid! It is one of the heaviest flying birds on Earth, meaning it takes a lot of running and wing-flapping just to lift off into the air
- **Current Affairs**

🗳️ Governance & Politics

- **Gujarat UCC:** President Murmu granted assent to Gujarat's Uniform Civil Code legislation.
- **INDIA Bloc Protests:** The opposition alliance held a massive rally at Ramlila Maidan protesting electoral roll revisions.
- **DA Hike:** The Union Cabinet approved a 3% hike in Dearness Allowance for central employees.
- **Viksit Gram Swaraj:** A ₹7,395.55 crore package was cleared for rural infrastructure acceleration.
- **Maharashtra MLC Fallout:** Internal friction emerged within the ruling *Mahayuti* alliance following election results.
- **PM-Kisan:** The Central Government officially rolled out the 24th economic tranche to farmers.

🚀 Science, Technology & Infrastructure

- **ISRO NVS-03 Launch:** ISRO successfully launched the next-gen navigation satellite to

restore NavIC capabilities.

- **ESTIC 2026 Conclave:** PM Modi inaugurated the conclave at Bharat Mandapam to map India's AI and biotech roadmaps.
- **Green Hydrogen Deals:** India secured global long-term commercial energy agreements exceeding 5.5 lakh MTPA.
- **Container Scheme:** The Cabinet greenlit ₹10,000 crore for the Container Manufacturing Promotion Scheme.
- **PNG Drive 3.0:** Minister Puri launched an expansion drive to scale up piped natural gas installations.

🌪️ **Climate & Environment**

- **Cyclone Arnab:** A severe cyclonic storm battered the coast of Andhra Pradesh with heavy downpours.
- **Delhi Cold Record:** The national capital recorded its coldest October day in 75 years, improving air quality.
- **Punah Bharan App:** Union Minister Paatil launched an application to map and identify groundwater recharge zones.

⚖️ **Legal & Security**

- **Meta Lawsuit:** Bombay High Court rejected Meta's petition to shift a ₹1,000-crore lawsuit to California.
- **Tribunal Overhaul:** The Supreme Court ordered immediate infrastructure and staffing blueprints for NCLT and NCLAT.
- **Kuno Poaching Probe:** Wildlife authorities launched an investigation into the gunshot death of a cheetah cub.
- **Transgender PIL:** A petition was filed in the Supreme Court challenging current documentation amendment pathways.

🏏 **Sports & Youth**

- **India vs NZ Series:** India suffered an 87-run defeat in the 4th T20I in Auckland.
- **Smriti Mandhana UNICEF:** The cricket star was appointed as a Celebrity Advocate for UNICEF India.