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CAPF eAWAS

“CAPF eAWAS” web portal

Why in News: Union Home & Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah launched the “CAPF eAWAS” web portal. Central Armed Police Forces have always been a strong pillar in every aspect for the country’s internal security.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a new era of development has begun and India is becoming a global production hub, CAPF personnel who ensure internal security have a big role in this. The Government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi believes that it is its job to care for the families of Jawans, so that Jawans who guard our borders in difficult circumstances, can do their work without worries. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is concerned about Jawans and especially their families and has taken many unprecedented decisions in the last 8 years. Housing Satisfaction Ratio (HSR) was around 33 per cent in 2014, which is 48 percent today.

The launch of the CAPF e-Awas portal will increase HSR by 13 per cent without construction of new buildings. Government is confident that with these meaningful efforts by MHA, the HSR will be 73 percent by November 2024, which will be a great achievement. There Was system in the CAPFs that only the Forces for which houses had been constructed would be allotted to their personnel, this created several thousand vacant houses, now this will be changed by the e-accommodation portal and vacant houses will be available for personnel of other CAPFs. e-Transfer Software has been created to bring transparency in transfer of CAPF personnel, now ITBP and CISF have started using this software on an experimental basis.

So far, about three crore saplings have been planted in the MHA’s plantation drive, however it is the responsibility of senior officers to inculcate an attachment in the Jawan’s for saplings they have planted, this attachment will be life changing for them. Union Home and Cooperation Minister, Shri Amit Shah launched the “CAPF e-AWAS” web portal in New Delhi.

In his address, Shri Amit Shah said that the Central Armed Police Forces have always been a strong pillar of the country’s internal security and this day is a very important day for their personnel. A new era of development has begun

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is becoming the global production hub and CAPF personnel who ensure internal security have a big role in this. He said since Independence till date, more than 35,000 police personnel have lost their lives while ensuring internal security and due to their sacrifices citizens sleep in peace with a sense of security. Shri Shah said that the government led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi believes that it is its responsibility to care for the families of Jawans who protect the nation's borders in difficult circumstances, so that they can serve the country without worry. He said that the CAPF e-Awas portal launched today is another step in the same direction.

The Union Home Minister said a system had been created in the CAPFs under which only personnel of the Force for which houses had been constructed could be allotted these houses. This had left many thousands of houses vacant. This has now been changed through the e-Awas portal and houses lying vacant will also be available for personnel of other CAPFs.

This will increase the Housing Satisfaction Ratio by 13 percent without even constructing a building. Shri Amit Shah said since Shri Narendra Modi became the Prime Minister in 2014, the Ministry of Home Affairs has developed various schemes to increase the Housing Satisfaction Ratio. These include building offices, strengthening hospitals and increasing the number of residences. He said that in the last eight years more than 31,000 houses have been constructed, more than 17,000 houses are under construction and about 15,000 additional houses are proposed to be constructed.

The Housing Satisfaction Ratio was around 33 per cent in 2014, which is 48 percent today, with the launch of the CAPF e-Awas portal, the Housing Satisfaction Ratio will increase by 13 per cent without construction of new buildings. Shri Amit Shah expressed confidence that with these meaningful efforts of the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Housing Satisfaction Ratio will reach 73 percent by November 2024, which will be a great achievement.

The Union Home Minister said Prime Minister Narendra Modi is concerned about Jawans and especially their families and many unprecedented steps have been taken in this direction in the last 8 years. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Modi, the Government of India has started the 'Ayushman CAPF' scheme to provide better medical facilities to families of Jawans, under which more than 35 lakh Ayushman Cards have been distributed to 10 lakh personnel. Under this scheme, about 56,000 bills worth more than Rs. 31 crore have been paid so far.

Shri Amit Shah said that an e-Transfer software has been developed to bring transparency in the transfer of CAPF personnel. At present, ITBP and CISF have started using this software on an experimental basis. With the e-Transfer software, the posting can be linked with the age and health status of Jawans. Shri Shah said earlier there were 42 courses in the Prime Minister's Scholarship Scheme and now more than 80 new courses have been added. Central ex-gratia has also been increased by making it more scientific. Air courier services have also been implemented and several steps have been taken to strengthen the Kendriya Police Kalyan Bhandar.

The Union Home Minister said the government under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi is ready to consider any positive suggestion for the welfare of Jawans. But we also have to do our part to keep our work environment in proper condition.

So far about three crore saplings have been planted in the plantation drive of the Ministry of Home Affairs, but it is the responsibility of senior officers to inculcate the spirit of attachment in the Jawans to the saplings they have planted, the attachment with a sapling which will become a tree would change the Jawan's life.

While starting the tree plantation drive, the thinking was to create a good environment at the workplace, but at the same time there is a need to promote creative and positive thinking, which brings change and a feeling of satisfaction in human nature. Shri Amit Shah said the Prime

Minister has always taken efforts for the welfare of soldiers and especially their families and the Ministry of Home Affairs is always ready to implement his thoughts.

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Bustard adapted to produce 2 -eggs clutch

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Mains: Project Great Indian Bustard

Prelims: the great Indian bustard, The desert national park.



Why is it in the news?: The perceived belief and recorded observation of egg-laying habits of the Great Indian bustard have been changed due to recent excessive rain in western Rajasthan.

About Great Indian Bustard

- **Great Indian Bustard**, scientifically known as *Ardeotis nigriceps*, locally known as *Godovan*, is a large bird of the bustard family (Otididae), one of the heaviest flying birds in the world.
- It is the **State bird of Rajasthan** and is considered **India's most critically endangered bird**.
- The great Indian bustard is an inhabitant of dry grasslands and scrublands on the Indian subcontinent; its largest population is found in the Indian state of **Rajasthan in the Desert National Park**.
- Also, it is found in small populations in Maharashtra, Karnataka, and Andhra Pradesh.

Their reproduction behavior

- Some of the reproductive behaviors of great Indian bustards are known, and the finer details of nesting and mating, as well as migratory activities related to mating and nesting, are thought to vary greatly among populations and individuals.
- They are usually capable of year-round breeding, and for most populations, the breeding season lasts from March through September, which largely sums up the monsoon season.
- They do not return to the same nests year after year, and prefer to create a new one instead, and sometimes prefer to use the nests made in previous years by other great Indian bustards.
- This year it has been observed that 4 female **Great Indian Bustards** laid two eggs at a time during the current rainy season in the **Desert National Park** after heavy rainfall in western Rajasthan.
- It is a result of having a diet with additional proteins during the monsoon season.

- The main threats to the Great Indian bustard are bird hunting, intensification of agriculture, and power lines.

Protection status of the Bird and measures are taken.

- **International Union for Conservation of Nature Red List:** Critically Endangered.
- As per the research done by the **Wildlife Institute of India**, there are around 150 Great Indian Bustards left across the country which includes about 128 birds in Rajasthan and less than 10 birds each in the rest of the States like Gujarat, Maharashtra, Andhra Pradesh, and Karnataka.
- The **Great Indian Bustard** comes under **both in situ and ex-situ conservations**.
- In 2019, the **WII, in collaboration with the government of Rajasthan and the International Fund for Houbara Conservation**, Abu Dhabi, is implementing the **ex-situ conservation** initiative.
- The Ministry of Environment, Forests, and Wildlife have taken up an initiative on conservation breeding of the Great Indian Bustard in collaboration with Rajasthan, Gujarat, and Maharashtra Forest Departments and technical support from the Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun implementing the in-situ conservation.
- **Species Recovery Programme:** It is kept under the **species recovery program** under the **Integrated Development of Wildlife Habitats** of the Ministry of Environment, Forests and Climate Change (MoEFCC).

About The Desert National Park

- This National Park is situated in Rajasthan, India, near the towns of Jaisalmer and Barmer.
- The Park is an exceptional example of the ecosystem of the Thar Desert. Sand dunes form around 44% of the Park.
- It covers an area of 3162 km², considered one of the largest national parks.
- The park was gazetted in 1980.
- Common Fauna found in this park are

1. The Chinkara or Indian Gazelle (*Gazella bennettii*) is a common antelope of this region.
2. Rare inhabitants are the desert fox, wolf, and desert cat.
3. Birds like sandgrouse, partridges, bee-eaters, larks, and shrikes are commonly seen.
4. In the winter, the birdlife is augmented by species such as the demoiselle crane and MacQueen's bustard.

- Common Flora found in this park are

1. The park includes open grassland, thorny bushes, and dunes.
2. 168 plant species have been recorded in the park. Some species of trees that inhabit the park include *Tecomella undulata*, *Moringa concanensis*, *Helitropium rariflorum*, and *Ammannie desertorum*.

About project Basturd

- On World Environment Day 2019, the Rajasthan forest department announced its Project Great Indian Bustard.
- In order to, protect the remaining bustard population, the state government of Rajasthan initiated Project Great India Bustard on World Environment Day in 2013, this effort attempted to locate the

Indian bustard's exclusive habitat, fence it off to prevent human intrusion, and provide enclosed breeding habitat.

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