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## Haryana Regularise 264 **Unauthorised Colonies**

#### Why in News?

Recently, Haryana Chief Minister regularised 264 unauthorised colonies spread across 17 districts.

#### **Key Points**

- While 91 colonies regularised are under the town and country planning department, 173 colonies fall under the jurisdiction of urban local department.
- According to the CM, the state government has so far regularised 2,101 unauthorised colonies, a step towards comprehensive urban development and community welfare.
- > Basic amenities including roads, sewerage, water supply, and street lights etc will be extended to residents in these colonies as part of the regularisation process.
- To facilitate the development of these colonies, the government has granted administrative approval of ₹438 crore, with an initial disbursement of ₹54 crore to kick start the developmental activities within the colonies.

### Mission Karmayogi Haryana

#### Why in News?

Recently, the Haryana Government has launched 'Mission Karmayogi Haryana,' a pioneering initiative aimed at training all three lakh government employees to foster greater citizen-centricity and ethical outlook in their roles.

#### **Key Points**

- As part of this ambitious program, **Ethics Conclaves** ('Naitikata Shivirs') will be held at Karnal and Panchkula on 31st January and 6th February, 2024 respectively.
- These sessions, designed to be a special platform for the Karmayogi Haryana Project, target all IAS/IPS/IFS/ Other Services/HCS Officers of the State Government.

- o The Naitikata Shivirs will emphasize the significance of workplace ethics, integrity, and cultivating a culture of making the right decisions in the face of challenges, temptations, and adversity. Eminent dignitaries and experts have been invited to share insights and showcase practical examples.
- A comprehensive overview of the Karmayogi Modules will be presented, providing participants with a bird's eye view of the training program.

#### Mission Karmayogi

- It is meant to be a **comprehensive post-recruitment reform** of the Centre's human resource development. Similar to pre-recruitment changes in the form of the **National Recruitment Agency.**
- It is aimed at building a future-ready civil service with the right attitude, skills and knowledge, aligned to the vision of New India.
- It aims to prepare Indian civil servants for the future by making them more creative, constructive, imaginative, proactive, innovative, progressive, professional, energetic, transparent, and technologyenabled.
- Comprehensive reform of the capacity building apparatus at the individual, institutional and process levels for efficient public service delivery.

## Subsidy to Farmers on Solar Energy Pumps

#### Why in News?

Online applications for solar water pumping systems at 75% subsidy under the PM-KUSUM (Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan) **Scheme** on behalf of Haryana Government can be made from 19th January to 29th January, 2024.

#### **Key Points**

- > The state government, through the PM-Kusum scheme, aims to provide farmers with the opportunity for irrigation using solar energy.
- > Applications are invited for solar pumps ranging from 3hp to 10hp under this scheme. The selection of beneficiaries for the current year will be based on the family's annual income and land ownership.



- As per the survey by the Haryana Water Resources Authority, in villages where the groundwater level has dropped below 100 feet, the installation of micro-irrigation systems is mandatory.
- Other farmers must install underground pipe lines or micro-irrigation systems. Farmers engaged in rice cultivation whose fields have a groundwater level below 40 meters are not eligible for this scheme.

#### Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM KUSUM)

- The PM-KUSUM is a flagship scheme initiated by the Indian government in 2019 with the primary objective of transforming the agricultural sector by promoting the adoption of solar energy solutions.
- > It operates on a demand-driven approach. Capacities are allocated based on the demands received from various states and union territories (UTs).
- Through various components and financial support, PM-KUSUM envisions achieving a significant solar power capacity addition of 30.8 GW by March 31, 2026.

# SC notice to Centre Regarding Private Sector Jobs Reservation in Haryana

#### Why in News?

The Supreme Court sought response from the Centre on a plea filed by the Haryana government against the Punjab and Haryana High Court order declaring as 'unconstitutional' its law providing 75% reservation in private sector jobs to the residents of the state.

#### **Key Points**

- The high court had admitted multiple petitions against the Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Act, 2020, that came into effect from January 15, 2022 and provided 75% reservation in jobs in the private sector to candidates from the state.
  - It covered jobs offering a maximum gross monthly salary or wages up to Rs 30,000.

- The Punjab and Haryana High Court was of the opinion that it is beyond the purview of the state to legislate on this issue and restrict private employers from recruiting from the open market for the category of employees who were receiving less than Rs 30,000 per month.
- The high court had observed that the concept of constitutional morality has been violated by introducing a secondary status to a set of citizens not belonging to the state of Haryana and curtailing their fundamental rights to earn their livelihood.
- It had also stated that there is a bar under the Constitution on discrimination among citizens in matters of employment on the basis of their places of birth and residence.

#### Note:

- Job reservation Bills or laws for domiciles have also been announced in other States including Andhra Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Jharkhand.
- The job quota Bill passed in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly in 2019, also reserved threefourths of private jobs for locals.

## Article 16 (Equality of Opportunity in Public Employment)

- Article 16 of the Indian constitution provides for equality of opportunity for all citizens in matters of employment or appointment to any public office.
- There are provisions for reservation in appointments or posts for any backward class that is not adequately represented in the state services.

## Haryana CID Signs MoA for Enhancing Cyber Crime Probe Skills

#### Why in News?

Haryana's crime investigation department (CID) and Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), a Union ministry of electronics and information technology organisation, signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to enhance the skills of law enforcement personnel in cyber-crime investigation through comprehensive capacity building programmes.



- > The programme will encompass training in cyber forensic analysis, cyber threat intelligence, and social intelligence methods.
- Under the MoA, Haryana CID will collaborate with C-DAC to strengthen its cyber forensic capacity building and research initiatives.
- > On the other hand, C-DAC will develop solutions for social media and cybercrime, offer paid training programs, and provide support for research efforts.
- ➤ The collaboration is a significant step towards strengthening the capabilities of law enforcement agencies in combating cybercrime.

#### Criminal Investigation Department (CID)

- Established in 1902 by the British Government, CID is an investigation and intelligence department of state police. On the other hand, CBI is an agency of the Central Government.
- CID is looking into murder, assault, riot or any cases as directed by respective High Courts.

#### Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)

- C-DAC is the premier Research & Development organisation of the Ministry of Electronics and **Information Technology (MeitY)** for carrying out R&D in IT, Electronics and associated areas.
- India's first supercomputer PARAM 8000 was indigenously built (in 1991) by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing.
- It was established in 1988.

## Haryana Right to Service Act, 2014

#### Why in News?

According to Haryana Right to Service Commission (HRTSC) chief commissioner, the Auto Appeal System (AAS)introduced under the Right to Service Act, 2014 is a game changer in ensuring transparency and accountability in service delivery to citizens.

#### **Key Points**

- > The HRTSC, reviewed the findings of an exhaustive study "Comparative evaluation of implementation of Haryana Right to Service Act 2014" conducted by Chandigarh-based Institute for Development and Communication (IDC).
- > The IDC study shows that Haryana has emerged as a leading state by providing a robust grievances redressal forum. The effective implementation of the auto appeal mechanism by HRTSC and imposing a fine on the defaulting officer is ensuring hassle-free services to citizens.
- > To ensure timely and transparent delivery of public services, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the AAS on September 1, 2021.
  - O Before AAS was launched, there was a provision for the manual filing of appeals, in the event of a delay in service delivery. However, it was cumbersome, leading to citizens not coming ahead to file appeals.
- Now if a person's work is not done on time and that work comes under the purview of the Right to Service Act, then under the AAS, the application goes to the appellate authority.
  - o Even then if no work is done, then the application moves to the higher authority. Still, if work is not done at both these levels, then the application goes to the commission automatically.
- The key findings of the study pointed out that among the beneficiaries 73% received the service as requested and 46% of beneficiaries were satisfied with the overall application process.
- The findings also highlighted that the AAS has made the appeal system paperless and reduced legal burden and out-of-pocket costs earlier incurred by the citizens.

#### Haryana Right to Service Act, 2014

It was enacted with the sole objective of providing an effective framework for time bound delivery of services being provided by various government departments under the State of Haryana in order to promote transparency and accountability.



- > The act has **empowered people to seek maximum advantage of services** in a hassle free, transparent and time-bound manner through an effective service delivery mechanism.
- The services delivered within the prescribed time limits and without any hassle will enhance credibility of the government functioning. This will also fulfill the maximum expectations of the people with regard to rendering of services by the Government.

## Visually Impaired Girl Honoured with 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar'

#### Why in News?

Garima, a visually impaired girl of Mahendergarh district was given the 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal-Puraskar' by President Droupadi Murmu in the social service category in New Delhi.

➤ She was honoured for her gallant initiative of "Sakshar Pathshala" in which over 1000 students were connected for education by her.

#### **Key Points**

- The award was presented to 19 youngsters from throughout the country. These children participate in the national Republic Day Parade on January 26th.
- Garima through her "Sakshar Pathshala" encourages and inspires the slum people and children the importance of education in one's life and how it leads the path to progress.
  - Education is a fundamental right and a vital component of a child's life as it even allows them to contribute to the progress of the country.

#### Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

- Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is given to children between the age of 5 to 18 years who have shown outstanding performance in categories such as bravery, culture, environment, art, science and technology, social service and sports.
  - Total 19 children were selected for the year 2024, out of which 4 were in the social service category.

### Panchkarma Centers in Every City of Haryana

#### Why in News?

Recently, Haryana Health, Family Welfare, and Ayush Minister Anil Vij has announced that Panchkarma centers will be opened in every city of the state.

> Tourism wellness centers will also be set up in tourist places.

#### **Key Points**

- The minister also announced the establishment of a drug testing laboratory within the Ayush department.
- To promote Ayush in the state a number of steps have been taken:
  - The 5500 Ayush yoga assistants will be recruited soon and they will be assigned the responsibility of yoga training in prestigious parks, Dharamshala, and community centers in urban areas.
  - Ayush yoga inspectors and coaches will also be recruited through Haryana Kaushal Rozgar Nigam.
  - In the first phase, 1121 Vyamshallas are under construction in the state, with 656 of them handed over to the Ayush department.
  - 892 yoga assistants have been appointed in yoga centers and community spaces. In the next phase, 1353 new yoga centers have been earmarked.
  - The approval to run Ayurvedic pharmacy at Shri Krishna Ayush University has been granted and officials have been directed to begin indoor and outdoor Ayush treatment facilities at the university.
  - The State Medicinal Plant Board officials have been directed to initiate training programs for the cultivation of medicinal plants for farmers.

## Coordination Panels in Districts to Check Pollution

#### Why in News?

Recently, Haryana chief secretary Sanjeev Kaushal called for **formation of coordination committees** comprising officials from various departments **for effective pollution control measures.** 



- The chief secretary also mandated a complete ban on discharging sewage water into drains in Rohtak, Panipat, and Karnal districts.
- The government had prepared an action plan for treatment and diversion of 32.7 MLD (million liters per day) of sewage generated across 80 villages in Panipat district.
- As part of this initiative, sewage treatment has been successfully implemented using a three-tier pond system in 38 villages, while purification processes are currently underway in 42 other villages.
- > Efforts are being made to improve the existing sewage treatment infrastructure.
- In line with sustainable water management practices, a framework has been prepared to reuse treated sewage water for micro-irrigation purposes across the state.
- Implementation of phase I of the project on 'Reuse of Treated Wastewater for Irrigation Purpose through Micro-Irrigation' at Panipat.
- > Phase II initiatives aimed at further enhancing irrigation practices and environmental sustainability.

## 37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela

#### Why in News?

Recently, the President of India, Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the 37th Surajkund International Crafts Mela at Surajkund, Haryana.

#### **Key Points**

- It is an effective platform to connect our craftsmen with art lovers. This fair is both an art exhibition and a business centre.
- The fair showcases the richness and diversity of the handicrafts, handlooms and the cultural heritage of India.
- Around 50 countries will participate in the Mela. These countries include Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Namibia, Nigeria, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Mauritius, Myanmar, Nepal, Russia, Sri Lanka, among others.

- Tanzania will participate as the Partner Nation in the craft mela.
- ➤ **Gujarat** is the **theme state**, which is showcasing its unique culture and rich heritage through various art forms and handicrafts from the region.

## Haryana CM Approves New Projects

#### Why in News?

Haryana government has decided to implement 33 new projects worth more than Rs 190 crores under Rural Augmentation & Mahagram Scheme in 5 districts namely Jind, Hisar, Sirsa, Kaithal and Bhiwani.

#### **Key Points**

- The new works under **Maharagram Scheme** includes:
  - Augmentation water supply system and construction of water works in village Naguran, district Jind at an estimated cost of Rs 43.91 crore,
  - Providing sewerage system in village Naguran, district Jind at an estimated cost of Rs 25.31 crore,
  - Upgradation of water supply scheme in village Khedar, district Hisar at an estimated cost of Rs 10.63 crore.

#### Rural Augmentation and Mahagram Scheme

- > This scheme was launched by the State government through the Development and Panchayat Department in 2008-09.
- It envisages providing sewerage system, Improvements of drinking water supply, construction of pucca streets, improvement in electricity etc.

## Haryana CM Approves 10 Projects Worth 56 crore

#### Why in News?

The Haryana government has decided to **implement 10 projects worth Rs 56.4 crore** under **Rural Augmentation Water Supply programme** in Sirsa, Hisar, Palwal, Mahendragarh, Jhajjar and Rewari districts.



- The CM accorded administrative approval for these projects to be implemented by the public health engineering department.
- According to the officials, the water supply scheme includes:
  - improvement of water supply at Niyana village, Hisar, for Rs 2.95 crore;
  - augmentation of water supply scheme and strengthening of distribution system at Kurangawali, Sirsa, for Rs. 5.9 crore;
  - canal-based water supply scheme in seven villages of Rewari for Rs 16.9 crore;
  - o providing independent water works at Neola block in Jhajjar for Rs. 6.2 crore.
  - construction of boosting stations at Nangal Sirohi tehsil in Mahendergarh for Rs 2.7 crore.

#### **Rural Augmentation Water Supply Programme**

Under this programme, the existing drinking water supply facilities are improved / strengthened in the villages by undertaking an array of activities which amongst other include Drilling additional tubewells, Augmentation of existing canal based schemes, Creating new canal based water works, Constructing boosting stations, Strengthening of existing distribution system.

### Farmers' 'Delhi Chalo' March

#### Why in News?

Recently, the Union home ministry has deployed at least **50 companies of central paramilitary forces** in Haryana to deal with any law and order situation **during farmers' 'Delhi Chalo' agitation**.

#### **Key Points**

- > The Haryana police have asked farmers not to participate without permission in a planned march to the Capital.
  - According to the official sources, the Haryana government had requested the Centre to deploy at least 64 companies of central paramilitary forces, including the Rapid Action Force (RAF).

- > In 2020, the farmers protested against the three laws which after one year of their protest on Delhi borders were repealed in 2021.
- Delhi Chalo was announced in December 2023 demanding the following:
  - A legal guarantee to Minimum Support Price (MSP) for all crops.
  - Implementation of Swaminathan Commmission's formula.
  - Full debt waiver for farmers.
  - Pension for farmers and labourers.
  - Withdrawal of cases against farmers during the 2020-21 protest.
- Farmers protest 2.0 is being spearheaded by different unions. After the 2020 protest, farmers' unions witnessed several factionalism.
  - More than 200 farmers' unions from across the country would participate in the 'Delhi Chalo' march.
- The steps taken to not allow farmers to enter Delhi:
  - Section 144 has been imposed in Delhi.
  - The Haryana government sealed its borders with Puniab.
  - Barbed wire, cement barricades, nails on roads have been put.
  - Massive security at all entry points to the national capital.

#### Minimum Support Price (MSP)

- It is the guaranteed amount paid to farmers when the government buys their produce.
- It is based on the recommendations of the Commission for Agricultural Costs and Prices (CACP), which considers various factors such as cost of production, demand and supply, market price trends, inter-crop price parity, etc.

#### **Swaminathan Commission**

- The Swaminathan Commission was established in 2004.
- Its report states that the government should raise the MSP to at least 50% more than the weighted average cost of production. It is also known as the C2+ 50% formula.



o It includes the imputed cost of capital and the rent on the land (called 'C2') to give farmers 50% returns.

#### Rapid Action Force (RAF)

- ➤ It is a specialised rapid reaction wing of the Central Reserve Police Force, established in October 1992 to deal with riot and crowd control situations.
- It is a zero-response force that can be deployed to crisis situations within a minimum time, instilling confidence, and security among the general public.

## **Haryana Committed Towards** the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra

#### Why in News?

The Haryana government is committed to the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and is actively participating to ensure that the welfare schemes of the government reach every person in society.

#### **Key Points**

- > 41 lakh 64 thousand 673 people have pledged to make India a self-reliant and developed nation by 2047.
- During the yatra, MPs, ministers, MLAs, and officers listen to people's problems and provide solutions. They also make people aware of the welfare schemes of the central and state governments.
- To fulfill the vision to make India a developed nation by 2047, Yatra was started on November 16, 2023. It has covered 6,718 gram panchayats and urban wards in Haryana.
  - Health camps are being organised to check people's health during the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra. Under Nirogi Haryana, the health of more than 46 lakh people was examined and was also provided with medicines.
  - O During the Yatra, more than 7,000 local athletes are being honored by prominent personalities. This has brought new energy to emerging sports talents in Haryana.

## Services and Information through the Jan Sahayak Help Me App

#### Why in News?

Harvana government services and information can now be accessed through the Jan Sahayak Help Me app, citizens can avail of the services via their mobile phones.

#### **Key Points**

- > Registration is essential using either a mobile number or a Parivar Pehchan Patra to access the benefits of the services and information via the Jan Sahayak Help Me app.
- > The app offers information on various government services categorised by departments, including emergency services like Dial 112, police (100), ambulance (108), and more.
- Citizens can avail themselves of services ranging from bill payments to job listings and skill development opportunities.
- Through the Haryana Jan Sahayak app, citizens can avail themselves of services such as dry ration distribution, cooked food, doctor consultations, education, travel passes, financial aid, gas cylinder booking, ambulance services, and more.
- Requests for any service made by an individual through the app are immediately forwarded to the respective district authorities for necessary action.

#### Jansahayak Mobile App

- > It is an initiative of Government of Haryana to provide a single point of interface to citizens for accessing all Government Services, Emergency Helplines and other information services.
- It is a bilingual mobile app in both English & Hindi.

#### Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP)

- ➤ It was launched on November 1, 2021 in the spirit of Antyodaya.
- > It is an ambitious scheme of the state government, which aims to provide the benefits of all government welfare programs and services to eligible families.



Haryana is the first state in the country to make such a scheme for making family identity cards or Parivar Pehchan Patra for every family. So far, no such scheme has been started either in the country or abroad.

## Adventure Sports Competition

#### Why in News?

In spirit of the steps taken by the Haryana Chief Minister to promote adventure sports and tourism in the Shivalik and Aravalli mountain ranges of the state, the National Adventure Club organized the 30th National Adventure Festival from 2nd to 10th February, 2024, in the Morni Hills.

#### **Key Points**

- About 275 boys and girls from all over the country between the age group of 16-45 participated along with a team of seven participants from Bangladesh in this Festival.
- The competitions included activities like trekking, rock climbing, repelling, river rafting, snow skiing, archery, commando obstacle, river crossing, etc.
- The National Adventure Club awarded the prestigious "Bharat Gaurav" and "Adamaya Sahas Puruskar" awards at the national and international levels to distinguished adventure players.
  - Inspector Ram Lal was awarded the "Adamaya Sahas Puruskar", which included a cash prize of Rs.31,000, a certificate of appreciation, and a plaque.

#### Pact to Share Yamuna Water

#### Why in News?

Haryana signed an agreement with Rajasthan to share water from **Sutlej Yamuna Link (SYL)** canal, with its excess water flowing from its **Hathnikund barrage**, especially during the rainy days.

#### **Key Points**

According to the agreement, the two states will prepare a detailed project report for laying pipelines from Western Yamuna Canal of Hathnikund barrage. Three pipes would be meant for Sikar, Jhunjhunu and Churu districts, while an additional pipe will be laid to take water towards southern Haryana through Dadri district.

#### Sutlej-Yamuna Link (SYL) Canal

- The Issue stems from a controversial 1981 watersharing agreement drawn up when Haryana was carved out of Punjab in 1966.
- Punjab:
  - Punjab vehemently opposes sharing any additional water with neighboring states. They stress that Punjab lacks surplus water and highlights the reduction in their water allocation over the years.
  - Many areas in Punjab may go dry after 2029 and the state has already over-exploited its groundwater for irrigation purposes as it fills granaries of the Centre by growing wheat and paddy worth Rs 70,000 crore every year.
  - Water in about 79% of the state's area is overexploited and in such a situation, the government says sharing water with any other state is impossible.
- > Haryana:
  - Haryana strongly advocates for the canal's completion, citing a looming water crisis and asserting that Punjab has been utilizing Haryana's share of water.
  - It says that providing irrigation is tough for the state and there was a problem of drinking water in southern parts of Haryana, where groundwater has depleted up to 1,700 feet.
  - Haryana has been citing its contribution to the central food pool and arguing that it is being denied its rightful share in the water as assessed by a tribunal.

### Prime Minister Lays Foundation Stone of AIIMS Rewari

#### Why in News?

Recently, the Prime Minister laid the foundation stone of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), Rewari, in the presence of Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya.



- During the ceremony, the PM highlighted the vision of Viksit Bharat and underscored the importance of the health sector in propelling the country towards that vision by 2047.
- The establishment of AIIMS in Rewari, Haryana, has been approved under the Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana (PMSSY) scheme of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
  - PMSSY aims to correct regional imbalances in the availability of affordable and reliable specialized health services and to enhance facilities for quality medical education in the country.
  - Under PMSSY, the establishment of 22 new AIIMS has been approved. Of these, 15 AIIMs have been approved since 2014.
- This new AIIMS is being developed at a cost of Rs 1650 crore on 203 acres of land at Majra Mastil Bhalkhi village in Rewari district of Haryana.

#### Vision India@2047

- It is a project initiated by the NITI Aayog, the apex policy think tank of India, to create a blueprint for India's development in the next 25 years.
- The project aims to make India a global leader in innovation and technology, a model of human development and social welfare, and a champion of environmental sustainability.

#### Pradhan Mantri Swasthya Suraksha Yojana

- It was announced in 2003 with objectives of correcting regional imbalances in the availability of affordable/reliable tertiary healthcare services and also to augment facilities for quality medical education in the country.
- The Nodal Ministry is the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare.
- > It has two Components:
  - Setting up of AIIMS like institutions.
  - Upgradation of government medical colleges in various states.
    - The project cost for upgradation of each medical college institution is shared by the Centre and the state.

### Haryana Budget Session: Before 2024 Assembly Polls

#### Why in News?

Haryana CM Manohar Lal Khattar, who also holds the finance portfolio, is expected to present his fifth successive **budget** estimates before the legislature on February 23, 2024.

#### **Key Points**

- The opposition has decided to bring a no-confidence motion against the ruling alliance.
- The demand of farmer organisations to seek statutory backing for the Minimum Support Price (MSP) for crops is likely to be a dominant feature of the proceedings.
  - In March 2021, the opposition had brought a motion of no-confidence against the coalition government which the ruling combine sailed through comfortably, getting 55 votes out of 87 MLAs present and voting in the House.
  - The motion was brought amid dissension among the MLAs of the ruling alliance over the enactment of three central farm laws and the protests by the farmers.

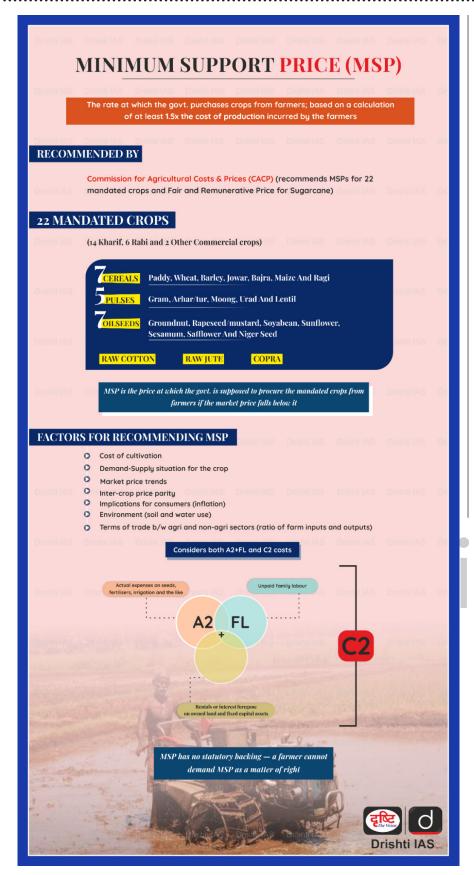
#### **No-Confidence Motion**

- This is a motion moved in the Lok Sabha (and not in the Rajya Sabha) to test the confidence of the government.
- The motion needs the support of 50 members to be admitted.
- If a no-confidence motion is passed, the government must resign.
- No-confidence motions are significant political events that usually occur when there is a perception of the government losing majority support.

#### **Budget**

- It is the government's blueprint on expenditure, taxes it plans to levy, and other transactions which affect the economy and lives of citizens.
- According to Article 112 of the Indian Constitution, the Union Budget of a year is referred to as the Annual Financial Statement (AFS).
- The Budget Division of the Department of Economic Affairs in the Finance Ministry is the nodal body responsible for preparing the Budget.





# Haryana: Dedicated to Farmers' Welfare

#### Why in News?

According to **Governor** Dattatreya, the government has always given top priority to the welfare and upliftment of the poor, farmers, youth and women.

#### **Key Points**

- The government is tirelessly working for the all-round, allencompassing and inclusive development of the state based on education, health, security, self-reliance, self respect, service and good governance.
  - O Under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana, an amount of ₹4,157.73 crore has been directly deposited into the accounts of 19.94 lakh farmers of the state in the last four years.
  - The state government has set a unique example by purchasing 14 crops at the Minimum Support Price (MSP).
  - O A sum of ₹90,000 crore has been directly deposited into the accounts of the farmers registered on the 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' portal while ₹836.12 crore has been deposited into the bank accounts of the bajra producing farmers under the Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana.
- ➤ Under the Prime Minister Crop Insurance Scheme, claims worth about ₹8,178 crore have been given to 32.06 lakh farmers whose crops were damaged.





- The government has implemented the natural farming scheme to protect soil health from degradation and discourage the use of hazardous pesticides.
- ➤ Under the 'Mera Pani-Meri Virasat' scheme, a financial assistance of about ₹117.22 crore has been provided at the rate of ₹7,000 per acre for sowing alternative crops instead of paddy across 1.72 thousand acres of land.
- > The governor said the farmers, who repay their loans on time, have been granted the facility of interest-free crop loans.
- The state government has notified the Haryana Ex-Situ Management of Paddy Straw Policy, 2023, to make stubble a source of income for the farmers and to protect the environment.

- This policy will focus on increasing private investment in straw-based projects and ensuring the use of straw by incentivizing the farmers.
- The target is to eliminate the problem of crop residue burning by 2027 under this policy.
- The government has gone beyond the individual identity card 'Aadhaar' and made a system of identification of the family in the form of 'Parivar Pehchan Patra', making it a medium to deliver benefits of government schemes to every family.
- > Government has launched a strong campaign against corruption.
  - In 2023, the Anti-Corruption Bureau registered 205 cases, conducted 152 raids and arrested 186 government employees, including 30 gazetted officers, 156 non-gazetted officers and 40 private persons.



The governor said the government is making efforts to increase the number of women police personnel in the Haryana Police from 10 to 15%.

#### Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) Scheme

- The PPP scheme was formally launched in July 2019 to achieve Haryana government's vision for 'paperless' and 'faceless' delivery of schemes, services and benefits offered by the state government.
- Under this, each family is considered a single unit and gets an 8-digit unique identification number, called family ID.
- Family IDs are also linked to independent schemes like scholarships, subsidies and pensions, so as to ensure consistency and reliability.
- ➤ It also enables **automatic selection** of beneficiaries of various schemes, subsidies and pensions.
- The primary objective of Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP) is to create authentic, verified and reliable data of all families in Harvana.

#### Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi

- ➤ It was launched on **24th February**, **2019** to supplement financial needs of land holding farmers.
- Financial benefit of Rs 6000/- per year in three equal installments, every four months is transferred into the bank accounts of farmers' families across the country through Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
- ➤ It is a **Central Sector Scheme** with 100% funding from the Government of India.
- > It is being implemented by the **Ministry of Agriculture** and Farmers Welfare.

#### Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana

- It was launched in 2016 and is being administered by the Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare.
- ➤ It replaced the National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (NAIS) and Modified National Agricultural Insurance Scheme (MNAIS).
- > Farmers including sharecroppers and tenant farmers growing notified crops in the notified areas are eligible for coverage.

## Viksit Bharat-Viksit Haryana

#### Why in News?

Recently, a three-day multimedia exhibition titled 'Viksit Bharat-Viksit Haryana' was organised in Majra Bhalkhi village of Rewari district, Haryana.

#### **Key Points**

- The exhibition, organised under the aegis of the Information, Public Relations, Languages and Culture Department of Haryana, aimed to familiarize the general public with the developmental initiatives and schemes of both the Central and State Governments.
- The exhibition showcased two models each of the upcoming 22nd All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) to be built in Majra-Bhalkhi village and the Gurugram Metro.
  - Attendees were educated about various public welfare schemes implemented by institutions like AIIMS, Gurugram Metro, Indian Railways, as well as by the Government of India and Haryana Government.
- The event effectively raised awareness among youth, women, and school students. It served as an accessible platform for explaining the public welfare schemes of both the Central and State Governments in a comprehensible manner.

## 37th Surajkund International Crafts Fair

#### Why in News?

At the 37th Surajkund International Crafts Fair, the 182-meter-tall replica of the **Statue of Unity**, situated on Sadhu Bet Island in Gujarat, remained the center of attraction for the tourists.

#### **Key Points**

- The Statue of Unity, crafted by sculptor Ram V Sutar and unveiled to the public in 2018, serves as a prominent tourist destination.
  - Through this grand sculpture, the pivotal role of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel in political integration is vividly portrayed.
- Tourists were also drawn to the stalls of Dhordo, acclaimed as the premier tourist village of Gujarat.
  - During the fair, visitors eagerly captured moments with the renowned Garba dance showcased at the village's stall, highlighting Gujarat's vibrant culture.
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)'s recognition of Garba as a vital cultural symbol underscores its importance



in **Gujarat's heritage**. This esteemed honor further emphasizes Garba's role in fostering social inclusion and unity, particularly during the **nine-day Navratri festival**.

#### Gujarat's Dhordo - Best Tourism Village

- Dhordo has been conferred the prestigious title of Best Tourism Village by the United Nations World Tourism Organisation (UNWTO). Dhordo received this title at the Best Tourism Village - 2023 award ceremony organized by the UNWTO at Samarkand in Uzbekistan.
- > The village has become a popular tourist destination due to its rich cultural heritage, handicrafts, and the famous **Rann Utsav**.
- > The UNWTO awards the title of "Best Tourism Village" to villages that meet certain criteria.
  - The criteria include promoting sustainable tourism, preserving local culture and heritage, providing a safe and welcoming environment for tourists, and offering unique experiences to visitors
  - Additionally, the village must have a welldeveloped tourism infrastructure and must be able to demonstrate its commitment to responsible tourism practices.

#### The Statue of Unity

- It is the tallest statue in the world. At 182 meters, it is 23 meters taller than China's Spring Temple Buddha statue and almost double the height of the Statue of Liberty (93 meters tall) in the US.
- In January 2020, it was added to the 'Eight Wonders' of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

## Haryana Cops to Impose National Security Act Against Protesting Farmers

#### Why in News?

According to Haryana Police in Ambala District, amid a stand-off with the farmers, who are protesting with their demands, any loss to the government and private property during the protest will be compensated by attaching the property and seizure of bank accounts of the protestors.

#### **Key Points**

- Continuous efforts are being made by the farmer organisations to break the barricade imposed on Shambhu Border by the farmers regarding their march to Delhi and daily attempts are being made to spoil the law and order by pelting stones at the police administration and creating disturbance.
- If public property is damaged by the agitators during the movement, there is an amendment in the Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984 (PDPP Act)
  - Under the provisions of the Supreme Court in which, the people who caused damage to public property during the movement or called for the movement and the officials of that organisation are held responsible for any damage caused.
- According to the Haryana Public Administration's Property Recovery Act, 2021, in case of damage to government property, there is a provision to compensate for the loss of public property by attaching property and confiscating bank accounts of the person causing the loss.
- The police have initiated the National Security Act (NSA),1980 against the farmer leaders.

## Prevention of Damage to Public Property Act, 1984

- > It punishes anyone "who commits mischief by doing any act in respect of any public property" with a jail term of up to five years and a fine or both. Provisions of this law can be coupled with those under the Indian Penal Code (IPC).
- Under this Act, public property includes "any building, installation or other property used in connection with the production, distribution or supply of water, light, power or energy; any oil installation; any sewage works; any mine or factory; any means of public transportation or of telecommunications, or any building, installation or other property used in connection therewith".

#### Haryana Public Administration's Property Recovery Act, 2021

The Bill provides for recovery of damages to properties caused by persons during disturbances to public order by an assembly, lawful or unlawful, including riots and violent disorder.



- It also ensures compensation to the victims.
- The recovery will not only be made from those who indulge in violence but also from those who lead the protest, the organizers, those involved in its planning and provide encouragement and the participants.
- The provision for the constitution of Claims Tribunal to determine the liability, to assess the damages caused and to award compensation.

#### National Security Act, 1980

- The NSA is a preventive detention law enacted in 1980 to maintain public order and national security.
- Preventive Detention involves the detainment (containment) of a person in order to keep him/her from committing future crimes and/or from escaping future prosecution.
  - Article 22 (3) (b) of the Constitution allows for preventive detention and restriction on personal liberty for reasons of state security and public order.
  - Article 22(4) states that no law providing for preventive detention shall authorize the detention of a person for a longer period than three months.
- The act also provides for the constitution of a National Security Council, which advises the Prime Minister on matters relating to national security.

## First Edition of Gurugram Marathon

#### Why in News?

More than 27,000 people have registered so far for the first edition of the Gurugram Marathon.

#### **Key Points**

- A marathon expo will be organized at Leisure Valley
   Park in which participants will be given marathon
- > The administration held a series of meetings with several runners' groups, universities, colleges, school associations, all corporates in the city, and citizen groups to ensure maximum participation.
- Cricketer Shikhar Dhawan is the event's brand ambassador. The marathon has been divided into four categories. Three of them are competitive, in which winners will get cash rewards.

### The Savera Programme

#### Why in News?

Recently, Haryana Chief Minister inaugurated the Savera programme, aimed at early detection and prevention of Breast Cancer. It was initiated by the Medanta Foundation in collaboration with the Health Department in Gurgaon.

#### **Key Points**

- Under the scheme, visually impaired people will conduct screening for breast cancer as they have natural tactile sensitivity.
- The importance of this ability has been understood, tested, and used by people associated with the medical world. Visually impaired people can detect breast cancer up to half a centimeter, whereas a normal doctor can detect it up to one centimeter, after examination.
  - In its initial phase, the programme will be launched at Civil Hospital in Sector 10, the polyclinic in Sector 31, and PHC in Wazirabad.
- According to the CM, about 90,000 women across the country lose their lives due to breast cancer, on a daily basis.
  - He also mentioned the establishment of the National Cancer Institute at AIIMS in Jhajjar district, which has been equipped with 1,000 beds.

#### Cancer

- About:
  - It is a complex and broad term used to describe a group of diseases characterised by the uncontrolled growth and spread of abnormal cells in the body.
  - These abnormal cells, known as cancer cells, have the ability to invade and destroy healthy tissues and organs.
  - In a healthy body, cells grow, divide, and die in a regulated manner, allowing for the normal functioning of tissues and organs.
  - However, in the case of cancer, certain genetic mutations or abnormalities disrupt this normal cell cycle, causing cells to divide and grow uncontrollably.



#### Breast Cancer

- It is a disease in which abnormal breast cells grow out of control and form tumours. If left unchecked, the tumours can spread throughout the body and become fatal.
  - Breast cancer cells begin inside the milk ducts and/or the milk-producing lobules of the breast.
  - The earliest form (in situ) is not life-threatening.
     Cancer cells can spread into nearby breast tissue (invasion). This creates tumours that cause lumps or thickening.
  - Invasive cancers can spread to nearby lymph nodes or other organs (metastasize). Metastasis can be fatal.
- Treatment is based on the person, the type of cancer and its spread. Treatment combines surgery, radiation therapy and medications.

#### Cervical Cancer:

- Cervical cancer develops in a woman's cervix (the entrance to the uterus from the vagina).
- Almost all cervical cancer cases (99%) are linked to infection with high-risk human papillomaviruses (HPV), an extremely common virus transmitted through sexual contact.
- Two HPV types (16 and 18) are responsible for nearly 50% of high grade cervical pre-cancers.
- Cervical cancer is the fourth most common cancer among women globally. About 90% of the new cases and deaths worldwide in 2020 occurred in low- and middle-income countries.

### Haryana Budget 2024-25

#### Why in News?

Recently, **Chief Minister of Haryana** Manohar Lal Khattar **unveiled** the **budget for the financial year 2024-25**, setting aside Rs 1.89 lakh crore, an increase of over 11% from 2023-24.

#### **Key Points**

- **Key highlights** of the budget 2024-25:
  - The budget of Rs. 1,89,876.61 crore is presented for the year 2024-25, with no new taxes proposed.

- This includes Rs. 1,34,456.36 crore as revenue expenditure and Rs. 55,420.25 crore as capital expenditure, accounting for 70.81% and 29.19% of the total budget respectively.
- During the period 2014-15 to 2023-24, Haryana's Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP), at constant prices (2011-12 prices), has recorded a compound annual growth rate of 6.1% from Rs. 3,70,535 crore in 2014-15 to Rs. 6,34,027 crore in 2023-24.
- o In 2023-24, the share of the tertiary sector in Gross State Value Added (GSVA) is estimated at 52.6% and 18.1% in the primary sector. The primary, secondary, and tertiary sectors have recorded growth of 8.6 percent, 6.3%, and 13.8% in 2023-24.
  - The share of the secondary sector has been estimated at 29.3%.
- The turnover of State Public Enterprises (PSE) in 2022-23 was estimated at Rs. 79,907 crore, indicating an increase of 11.94%.
- The CM also announced that the interest and penalty will be waived on crop loans taken by farmers from Primary Agriculture Credit Societies (PACS).

#### **Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP)**

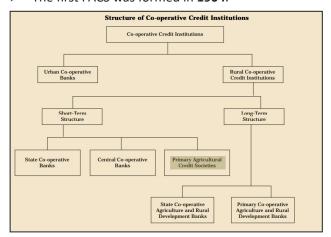
- It is a measure in monetary terms, the sum total volume of all finished goods and services produced during a given period of time, usually a year, within the geographical boundaries of the State, accounted without duplication.
- These estimates of the economy, over a period of time, reveal the extent and direction of the changes in the levels of economic development.
- It is classified under three broad sectors such as Primary sector, Secondary sector and Tertiary sector and is compiled economic activity wise as per the methodology prescribed by the National Accounts Division, National Statistical Office, Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation.

#### **Primary Agricultural Credit Societies (PACS)**

- PACS are village level cooperative credit societies that serve as the last link in a three-tier cooperative credit structure headed by the State Cooperative Banks (SCB) at the state level.
- Credit from the SCBs is transferred to the District Central Cooperative Banks (DCCBs), which operate at the district level. The DCCBs work with PACS, which deal directly with farmers.



- PACSs provide short-term, and medium-term agricultural loans to the farmers for the various agricultural and farming activities.
- The first PACS was formed in 1904.



## Haryana Government Withdraws Bill on Disposal of Bodies

#### Why in News?

Recently, the Haryana government withdrew the Haryana Honourable Disposal of Dead Body Bill, 2024, after objections from opposition parties.

#### **Key Points**

- As per the Bill, the officer incharge of a police station had the power to take possession of the body if he or she had reason to believe from "personal knowledge or otherwise" that the body could be used by a family member or a group of persons for remonstration.
- The issue raised was that no remedy was available in the Bill to the affected party after the Executive Magistrate passed an order on the cremation of a body by an urban local body or gram panchayat if the family refused to conduct the same.
  - The Bill did not have any appeal provision to the Executive Magistrate's order.
- Earlier, the bill aimed to ensure decent and timely last rites of the dead.
- In consideration of the respect and dignity owed to a dead person, nobody should be allowed to raise any demand or bait for pursuing any demands by

- way of any protest or agitation by not performing the timely last rites of a dead body.
- It is essential to prevent any individual from using a body as a means of protest or demonstration in any form.
  - The proposed legislation also emphasizes the responsibility of public authorities in cases where family members disown a body, leading to denial of proper last rites.
- It is pertinent to note that the entitlement to dignity and fair treatment, in accordance with Article 21 of the Constitution of India, extends beyond the living to include the body after death.

#### Article 21

- It declares that no person shall be deprived of his life or personal liberty except according to procedure established by law. This right is available to both citizens and non-citizens.
- The right to life is not merely confined to animal existence or survival but also includes the right to live with human dignity and all those aspects of life which go to make a man's life meaningful, complete and worth living.

## Khelo India Youth Games 2024 Medal Tally

#### Why in News?

Recently, Haryana emerged among the top three states in Khelo India Youth Games (KIYG) 2024, the sixth edition of the flagship event under the Indian government's Khelo India initiative.

#### **Key Points**

- Over 5,600 athletes from all over the country competed at the Khelo India Youth Games 2024, which ran from 19th to 31st January, 2024. Tamil Nadu hosted the KIYG 2024 in four cities Chennai, Madurai, Trichy and Coimbatore.
  - Maharashtra defended their Khelo India Youth Games title after topping the medals tally with 57 gold medals, 48 silver and 53 bronze. It was their fourth KIYG title.



- Host state Tamil Nadu finished second with 38 gold, 21 silver and 39 bronze for their best-ever finish.
- Haryana, who have won two KIYG titles, came third with 35 gold, 22 silver and 46 bronze medals.
- A total of 926 medals 278 gold, 278 silver and 370 bronze were on offer across 26 sports at KIYG 2024 Tamil Nadu.
  - Squash made its KIYG debut this year while Silambam, a form of indigenous martial arts, featured as a demonstration sport.

#### Silambam

- It is an ancient weapon-based martial art that emerged in Tamilakam, which is now the Tamil Nadu region of India. It is one of the oldest martial arts in the world.
- The term Silambam contains a meaning which itself reveals about the sport, silam stands for a 'mountain' and bam stands for bamboo which is the main weapon used in this form of martial arts.
- It is closely linked to the Kerala martial art kalaripayattu.







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