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Haryana Sahitya Akademi Announces Various Awards for the Year 2020

Why in News

- On September 30, 2021, **Haryana Sahitya Akademi** announced **Shrestha Kriti Awards, Hindi Story Awards and Manuscript Grants** for the year 2020 in **Hindi and Haryanvi languages**.

Key Points

- Hisar's **Dr. Sharmila's** work '**Teen Tukde Suraj**' in Hindi poetry category for best work awards. In the story category, **Vijay Vibhor** of Rohtak's story collection '**Phir Wahi Pehli Raat**'. In the novel category, '**Pal Jo Yun Gujrein**' by **Lajpat Rai** of Panchkula. In the essay section, **Pankaj Sharma's** satire collection '**Muft Baaton Ke Mafatlal**' of Ambala city. In the biography section, '**Haryana Shikhar mahilaye**' by **Dr. Ashok Kumar** of Charkhi Dadri. The work of **Baljit Singh** of Hisar in the travelogue section '**kale pani ka safed sach**'. And in the children's literature category, **Mahendra Singh Sagar's** work '**Bal Udaan**' of Bhiwani has been selected.
- Similarly, poetry collection '**Yadan Ka Jharokha**' of **Dr. Jai Bhagwan Sharma** of Jhajjar in Haryanvi language and '**Lok kala Sirmaur: Nihalchand Shivcharan**' by **Rambir Singh** of Sonipat have been selected for the best work award. The prize money of Rs 31 thousand each will be given to these award winners.
- Similarly, in the Hindi story competition of the year 2020, **Suresh Barnwal's** story '**Gile Panne**' from Sirsa got first place, **Bhavna Saxena's** story '**Naubat**' from Faridabad got second and **Vinita Malik's** story '**Naveen**' from Bhiwani got third place. These awardees will be given **prize money of Rs.5,000, Rs.4,000 and Rs.3,000 respectively**.
- Out of the manuscripts received for the year 2020, a total of 20 manuscripts in Hindi and Haryanvi languages have been selected for grant. Under this scheme, a grant amount up to Rs 20,000 is provided to the author after the publication of the book.
- The authors whose manuscripts have been selected are **Kartar Singh Jakhar** (Bhiwani), **Sharada Mittal** (Panchkula), **Sunita Devi** (Sangrur), **Dr. Hemlata Sharma** (Panchkula), **Shyam Vashist** (Bhiwani), **Seema Gupta** (Panchkula), **Dr. Suresh Kumar** (Ambala Cantonment),

Dr. Satyawan Saurabh (Bhiwani), **Neelam Narang** (Hisar), **Vijay Vibhor** (Rohtak), **Bani Singh Jangra** (Hisar), **Ashok Bairagi** (Sonipat), **B. Madan Mohan** (Jagadhri), **Vipin Choudhary** (Hisar), **Rajbir Verma** (Karnal), **Trilok Chand** (Mahendragarh), **Dalbir Singh** (Rewari), **Shikha Kumari** (Hisar), **Sewa Singh** (Chandigarh) and **Dr. Bahadur Singh** (Yamunanagar).

'First-Aid Box' in 14,386 Government Schools

Why in News

- The Haryana government has started preparations to set up '**First-Aid Boxes**' containing first aid medicines in 14,386 government schools in the state.

Key Points

- Through the Haryana School Education Project Council, the government has earmarked a budget for purchasing '**First-Aid Box**' kits in 11,049 primary schools and 3,337 secondary schools in the state.
- For this, the council has also released a total amount of about **Rs 3 crore for the financial year 2021-22**. Rs 2,000 has been earmarked for each school.
- Under this, **the teacher of science will be made in charge** by giving training of '**First Aid**'.
- In order to provide immediate first aid to school children, the government has released **Rs. 2,87,72,000 for all government schools** in the state under the scheme '**Fund for Protection and Security at School Level**'.

Promotion of Scientific & Technical Research

Why in News

- Taking important steps towards **promoting scientific and technological research and innovation in Haryana** J.C. Bose University of Science and Technology, YMCA, Faridabad has recently signed an MoU with Indian Oil (R&D).

Key Points

- In collaboration with IndianOil (R&D), the University will launch a **Research Fellowship Scheme to encourage**

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young researchers to pursue research in emerging areas of science and technology.

- Under the MoU, Indian Oil (R&D) has made a **budgetary provision of Rs 2.5 crore**. Indian Oil-CSIR-JC The Bose University Research Fellowship Scheme will provide research fellowships for a period of five years to PhD scholars.
- This agreement reflects the commitment of IndianOil (R&D) to nurture a culture of research and innovation in the country. Earlier the agreement was signed by Dr. Sunil Kumar Garg, Registrar of the University and Dr. G. Kapoor, Executive Director (Chemical Technology), Indian Oil (R&D).
- **Central University of Haryana, Mahendragarh and L&T Electrical and Automation Switchgear Training Centre, Delhi** will now work together for the holistic development of the students. In this regard, both the institutions signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).
- Under this partnership, the solution of the problem of training will be ensured according to the industrial requirements faced by the students.
- Under this MoU, the students will be provided industrial training and internship at L&T Electrical & Automation, Switchgear Training Centre, New Delhi.
- L&T Electrical & Automation, Delhi has state-of-the-art facilities for imparting advanced training to the students in various areas of Electrical Engineering like Switchgear, Automation, Digitization of Energy, Power Systems, Power Gear Solutions in Renewables, Industry 4.0 etc.

‘Cyber Security Awareness’ Campaign

Why in News

- Recently, the Haryana Government has decided to run a **‘Cyber Security Awareness’ campaign** in all colleges and universities of the state, so that students, employees and other people of the society can be saved from falling prey to **‘cyber fraud’**.

Key Points

- On behalf of the Principal Secretary, **Haryana Higher Education and Technical Education Department**, all the registrars of universities and principals of colleges

have been instructed to run ‘Cyber Security Awareness’ campaigns in their respective institutions.

- A booklet related to ‘Cyber Security Awareness’ has been published by the state government, in which information about cyber-crime threats, cyber-frauds, cyber-harm etc. is given. Apart from this, ways to avoid these crimes have also been told.
- Cyber security is **a type of security, whose function is to provide security to the data of digital devices connected to the Internet**. Cyber security prevents the wrong activities happening on the Internet, so that the data of the Internet user is not lost. This protection **protects computers, servers, mobiles and networks from cyber attacks** on the Internet. Cyber security is also known by the names **‘information security’** and **‘technology security’**.

Decision to Amend ‘DC Rate’ in Different Districts

Why in News

- On October 4, 2021, the Haryana Government decided to revise the **‘DC Rate’** in various districts of the state.

Key Points

- The **DC rate is the wages of unskilled, semi-skilled and skilled workers**, which is **decided by the district level committee headed by the Deputy Commissioners**.
- After reviewing the matter, the **state government has decided to fix the DC rate on the principles of minimum wage and district specific consumer price**. The **General Administration Department, headed by the Chief Secretary of Haryana**, will fix the DC rate for all categories and districts. This will rationalize these rates and will benefit the employees.
- The initial purpose of the DC rate was to be a readily available labor rate, which could be used in case of time constraints not making it possible to invite tenders, emergency situations such as employing labor for flood control works, etc. could. Over time the **DC rate was recognized as the standard rate for the appointment of adhoc/temporary workers/employees even in non-emergency times**.
- This methodology involves various factors, such as the cost of rented accommodation, vegetable prices, school fee rates, etc.

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- In this, the **districts have been classified into three categories**, in **Category-A** includes Gurugram, Faridabad, Panchkula and Sonapat districts, **Category-B** includes Panipat, Jhajjar, Palwal, Karnal, Ambala, Hisar, Rohtak, Rewari, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Yamunanagar, Bhiwani and Jind districts and **Category-C** includes Mahendragarh, Fatehabad, Sirsa, Nuh and Charkhi Dadri.
- Wages will be group wise, i.e. Group-B (Skilled), Group-C-1 (Semi Skilled Non-Technical), Group-C-2 (Semiskilled II-Technical) and Group-D (Unskilled), as applicable. An increase of 5 per cent per annum will be allowed to keep pace with inflation.

Drone Imaging and Information Service of Haryana Limited (DRIISHYA)

Why in News

- On October 4, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar chaired the **first meeting** of the Board of Directors of the newly formed **Drone Imaging and Information Service of Haryana Limited (DRIISHYA)**.

Key Points

- In the meeting of the Board of Directors, permission was given to sign MoU with **Indira Gandhi Rashtriya Udan Academy** for training of drone pilots.
- It is noteworthy that Drone Imaging and Information Service of Haryana Limited (**DRIISHYA**) **has been formed in the state for quick disposal of various types of survey, girdawari and imaging work.**
- **Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has been nominated as the Chairman of DRIISHYA and Chief Secretary Vijay Vardhan has been made the Senior Vice Chairman.** Apart from this, **10 directors** have been appointed on the board.
- With its formation, the problems faced in the work of manual survey every year in Haryana will be removed and surveys can be done in a scientific manner.
- This is a **unique start in the state.** Apart from revenue, it **can be used in the departments of mining, forest, traffic, town and planning department, agriculture etc.**
- The headquarter of this company has been made in Karnal and it will be the nodal agency for the

procurement of drones. This will help in mapping, maintaining land records, disaster management and emergency services and planning development in urban areas.

'One District One Product' Scheme

Why in News

- Recently, **Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala** informed that all 22 districts of the state have got approval from the Union Ministry of Food Processing Industries for the **'One District One Product'** scheme.

Key Points

- All 22 districts have their own products related to agriculture, horticulture, milk, poultry, etc. sector, which will be **promoted by the government by providing financial and technical assistance** under this scheme. This will give full **benefit to the farmers, micro-entrepreneurs and agricultural exports** will also increase in the state.
- The approved products in these districts include Onion in Ambala district, Sweet lime and Citrus fruits like Lemon, Orange etc. in Bhiwani-Fatehabad-Mahendragarh, Cucumber, Melon, Pumpkin, Watermelon etc. in Charkhi Dadri-Rohtak-Faridabad, will be promoted.
- Similarly, branding of amla in Gurugram district, guava in Jhajjar, poultry in Jind, green leafy vegetables in Karnal, potato in Kurukshetra, tomato in Nuh-Palwal, ginger in Panchkula, milk and milk products in Hisar-Kaithal will be done.
- Similarly, Carrot in Panipat district, Mustard in Rewari, Kinnow in Sirsa, Matar in Sonapat and Mango in Yamunanagar will be given a new identity.
- Dushyant Chautala said that the government will connect every block with its own product with an industrial vision for maximum promotion of small industries in rural areas. For this, the government is working on the scheme of 'One Block One Product' and soon industries of different products will be encouraged in all the blocks like 'One District One Product'.

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Banning the Word 'Gorakh Dhandha'

Why in News

- Recently a notification has been issued by the state government to ban the use of the word '**Gorakh Dhandha**' in any official communication in the state.

Key Points

- After this notification, now the use of this word in any official language, speech or in any context in the state has been completely banned.
- A **delegation of the Gorakhnath community** had urged the Chief Minister to ban the use of the word '**Gorakh Dhandha**', saying it hurts the sentiments of the followers of **Sant Gorakhnath**.
- In August, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had announced a ban on the use of the commonly used term 'gorakh dhandha' to describe unethical practices.
- **Guru Gorakhnath or Gorakshanath Nath was a saint of Yogis**. He traveled all over India and composed many texts. The temple of Gorakhnath ji is located in Gorakhpur city of Uttar Pradesh. This district is named Gorakhpur after Gorakhnath. The disciple of Gorakhnath was Baba Bhaironnath, who was killed by Mata Vaishnodevi.

Special Cell for Housing, House Repair Scheme

Why in News

- On October 6, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that a separate cell would be constituted for redressal of grievances related to **housing scheme and house repair scheme** for persons belonging to scheduled caste category.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said this while talking to the members of the State Working Committee of Haryana BJP Scheduled Caste Morcha at his residence.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister said that a separate portal would be created for these complaints and an officer would also be appointed for this.
- He said that programs would be organized at the block level on his birth anniversary to take the ideology

of famous persons to the people. For this, the state government has made a budget provision of Rs 10 crore under the Sant Mahapurush Vihar Samman and Prasar Yojana.

- Regarding Lal Dora, he said that soon a registry scheme would be implemented in villages for the people living outside the Lal Dora area. He said that if needed, work should also be done through **MGNREGA** to improve the standards, so that people can live comfortably.

Haryana Sanjhi Utsav

Why in News

- On October 7, 2021, '**Haryana Sanjhi Utsav**' began at **Virasat Heritage Village, Kurukshetra** under the joint aegis of **Art and Cultural Affairs Department and Virasat Heritage Village Kurukshetra, Government of Haryana**.

Key Points

- More than **50 teams from different districts of Haryana** are participating in this festival. **51, 31, 21 and 11 thousand will be given to the winners as first, second, third and consolation prizes** respectively.
- It is noteworthy that '**Haryana Sanjhi Utsav**' is being organized for the **first time at the state level**. In this event, along with the folk art of Haryana, the exhibition of ancient themes of Haryana will be the center of special attraction.
- Sanjhi festival of Haryana will continue till October 15. Different colours of Haryana's culture will be seen in it. Haryanvi folk dance, customs, folk traditions and cultural glimpse of entire Haryana will be seen in Sanjhi festival.
- **Teams from Kurukshetra, Ambala, Faridabad, Kaithal** have participated in this festival.

Anshu Malik: Silver in World Wrestling Championship

Why in News

- On October 7, 2021, **Anshu Malik became the first female wrestler** from the country **to win a silver medal in the final of the 57 kg weight category** of the ongoing **World Wrestling Championships in Oslo, Norway**.

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Key Points

- Anshu Malik was defeated by Olympic and World Champion Helen Marolis of America 4-1 in the final.
- In the **tournament held in Norway**, 20-year-old Anshu Malik defeated junior European champion Solomia Vink in the semi-finals on technical prowess.
- Before Anshu Malik, **Geeta Phogat (2012), Babita Phogat (2012), Pooja Dhanda (2018) and Vinesh Phogat (2019) have won bronze medals** at the World Championships.
- With this, Anshu has become **the third Indian wrestler to reach the World Championships**. Before him, **Sushil Kumar (2010) and Bajrang Punia (2018)** have achieved this feat. Sushil won the gold medal in 2010.
- It is noteworthy that 20-year-old Anshu Malik is a resident of Jind in Haryana.
- On the other hand, India's veteran **wrestler Sarita Mor won the bronze medal** by defeating Sarah Lindborg of Sweden 8-2 in the bronze medal match in the **59 kg weight category**. She is the **second female wrestler to win a medal at the 2021 World Championships** and the **sixth female wrestler to win an overall medal**.

World Mental Health Day

Why in News

- **World Mental Health Day** was celebrated on **October 8, 2021** by the **Directorate General of Health Services, Haryana** with the **theme 'Mental Health in Unequal World'**.

Key Points

- A **state level CME** was organized by the State Mental Health Cell under the chairmanship of Dr. Vandana Gupta, DHS Haryana in the presence of Dr. Parveen Garg, former Director, Haryana Health Services Department.
- It was attended by **Program Officers, Psychiatrists and Psychologists from all 22 Districts of Haryana**. To focus on the topic of 'Mental Health Care for All', CME involved faculty from the Tricity.
- The purpose of World Mental Health Day is to spread awareness and talk about the importance of mental illness.
- Pradeep Kumar, Consultant Ayush Panchkula organized a mini workshop on stress management and good

mental health and Dr. Swapnjeet Assistant Professor, Department of Psychiatry, PGIMER Chandigarh gave a detailed presentation on gender inequality and mental health.

- All 75 participants of 22 districts of Haryana were presented attendance certificates for the CME program organized by State Mental Health Cell, Haryana.

Mundrupi Late Medieval Statue Found on Tosham Hill

Why in News

- Recently, a **stone statue of the late medieval era** has been found on the hill located in **Tosham in Bhiwani district of Haryana**, which appears to be of a male.

Key Points

- **Earlier a stone idol of Lord Vamana was found** on Tosham hill.
- According to historical evidence, this hill was inhabited by Pandavas during their exile and Prithviraj Chauhan used to run his court here in a palace known as Baradari.
- It is noteworthy that Tosham hill is about 800 feet high. Many historical evidences exist on this hill including Ashok Chakra, Panchtirthi Kund, Gyarsiya Kund.

Parivar Pehchan Patra

Why in News

- In the **first meeting of Haryana Family Identification Authority** held on October 11, 2021, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar directed that **benefits of all schemes and services of various departments should be given only through Parivar Pehchan Patra** from November 1.

Key Points

- It is worth noting that the Parivar Pehchan Patra Yojana was **started by the Haryana Government in 2020**.
- Under Parivar Pehchan Patra, **an eight digit unique family ID** is being provided **considering each family as a unit**.
- Its **objective is to create authentic, verified and reliable data of all households in Haryana**, so that the benefits of government schemes can be provided to every beneficiary in a hassle-free manner.

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Construction of Heli-Hub in Gurugram

Why in News

- On October 13, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar informed that the **Central Government has approved the construction of a heli-hub in Gurugram** and soon the proposal of land for this would be sent by the State Government to the Central Government.

Key Points

- It is worth noting that under the recently announced new helicopter policy, provision has been made to build **four heli-hubs in the country** at **HAL Airport (Bangalore), Juhu (Mumbai, Maharashtra), Guwahati (Assam) and Delhi.**
- In addition to the above-mentioned heli-hubs, **Gurugram heli-hub will be the fifth heli-hub** in the country and **the first in the state.**
- It is worth mentioning that the Gurugram Heli-Hub will not only have flight refueling facilities but also parking refueling and repair facilities, which will solve the air traffic problem of Indira Gandhi International Airport (Delhi).

Decision to Start 'Two State Level Institutes'

Why in News

- On October 13, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar gave approval to start the **State Institute of Advanced Studies in Teacher Education in Gurugram and Kurukshetra.**

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that Haryana is **the first state in the country** which has taken the initiative to implement this very ambitious recommendation of the new **National Education Policy.**
- In both these institutes, four-year B.Ed. Students will be given admission in the course from this session itself.
- International standard curriculum of teacher education will be implemented in these institutions. He said that with the start of these institutions, teachers with the latest skills of the 21st century would be created in the

state, which would strengthen the school education of the state.

Haryana Sanjhi Utsav-2021

Why in News

- '**Haryana Sanjhi Utsav**' was organized from 7th to 15th October 2021 under the joint aegis of **Art and Cultural Affairs Department and Virasat Heritage Village, Kurukshetra. Kurukshetra secured the first position in this festival.**

Key Points

- Nirmala Devi, 65, representing Team No. 22, won the first prize, while Chando Devi of Kaithal, representing Team No. 24, bagged the second prize in the festival.
- Similarly, Simran of Karnal representing Team No. 2, Ramandeep of Kurukshetra representing Team No. 23 got the fourth position and Mukesh Rani of Karnal representing Team No. 19 got the fifth position. A special award was presented to 65-year-old Suraj Devi, a resident of Ballabhgarh, team number 29.
- The first prize winner was given prize money of Rs 51,000, the second prize winner Rs 31,000 and the third prize winner Rs 21,000.
- 2 women artists were given Rs.11,000 as a consolation prize and Rs.51,000 to the female artist who won the special prize.
- Renu Hooda, in charge of the Department of Art and Cultural Affairs, Haryana informed that the state-level Haryana Sanjhi Utsav was organized in public form for the first time in collaboration with Haryana Government and Virasat Heritage Village.
- More than 54 women artists participated in the common making competition. Sanjhi songs were sung for the first time during the Sanjhi festival. Women artists performed a folk dance on the songs of Sanjhi. Apart from this, many artists and cultural groups from across the state entertained the people with their performances.

E-Tractor

Why in News

- On October 17, 2021, Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar became the

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first agricultural university in the country to conduct research on electric tractors.

Key Points

- University Vice Chancellor Professor B.R. Kamboj said that this e-tractor covers 23.17 km. Can run at a maximum speed of 1.5 tonnes per hour, and can travel 80 kms with a trailer weighing 1.5 tonnes. The income of the farmers will also increase with the use of this tractor.
- A 16.2 kWh lithium-ion battery has been used in the e-tractor which can be fully charged in 09 hours. During this, 19 to 20 units of electricity are consumed.
- It also has the option of fast charging, with the help of which the tractor's battery can be charged in just 4 hours. The tractor has a very good drawbar pull of 77 percent. In terms of the cost of operation of the electric tractor, it is 32 percent and 25.72 percent cheaper than diesel tractor.
- In this tractor, 52 percent vibration and 20.52 percent noise were found below the maximum permissible limit of the BIS code.
- Due to the lack of an engine with the operator in the tractor, heat is also not generated, which will prove to be absolutely comfortable for the operator.

CM inaugurates 71 'Har Hit Stores'

Why in News

- On October 17, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated 'Har Hit Store' simultaneously at 71 places in the state from Gurugram. Through these stores, the state government has set a target to connect every family of the state with employment by 2025.

Key Points

- First of all, the Chief Minister inaugurated a 'Har Hit Store' in Farukhnagar town of Gurugram district on the spot and became the first customer of that store.
- Thereafter, the Chief Minister inaugurated 70 'Har Hit Stores' across the state through the online medium from Rosie Pelican Tourist Complex in Sultanpur.
- Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that while on one hand youth are

getting employment opportunities from these stores, on the other hand, people will get pure, certified and quality goods at affordable rates near their homes.

- According to the announcement of the Chief Minister, 'Har Hit Store' will be opened for every 3000 population in a rural area and 10 thousand population in an urban area.
- 550 products of 60 household utility companies have been made available at these stores. Apart from MSMEs, small scale industrial units and cooperative sector units, quality products prepared by the Self Help Group of women will be available here at a lower price than the market. All the goods will be sold through a computerized system. After this, Vita booths will also be opened in the state.
- These schemes have been started for each of the families by identifying them through family identity card data.
- During this, the Chief Minister said that in order to make the youth of the state skilled, the government has opened the country's first skill development university in Dudhola village of Palwal district in Haryana.
- He said that the standards of the **Below Poverty Line (BPL)** families have been changed. Now the family whose annual income from all sources is up to Rs 1 lakh 80 thousand will come under BPL, whereas earlier the income limit was Rs 1 lakh 20 thousand per annum.

Covid-19 Sero Survey

Why in News

- On October 18, 2021, Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij released the report of the third round of COVID-19 sero survey conducted in September, 2021, showing the sero-positivity rate among the people of the state at 76.3 percent (urban 78.1 percent and rural 75.1 percent). While 8 percent in the first sero round and 14.8 percent in the second sero round was found.

Key Points

- The highest 85 percent sero-positivity was seen in district Kurukshetra and the lowest was seen in Faridabad 64.2 percent, but in Faridabad 14 percent sample could not be concluded due to some reason, so sero survey of Faridabad district will be done again.

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- On this occasion, the Health Minister also released the book of report of the third round of sero survey.
- In the sero survey, 75.3 percent of men, 77.1 percent of women, 69.8 percent of children aged 6 to 9 years, 73.2 percent of children aged 10 to 17 years have been found. Whereas after vaccination, 81.6% positivity was found in people, 75.5 percent in non-vaccinated people.
- This sero survey was done to assess the presence of antibodies against SARS and CoV-2 as a result of COVID-19 vaccination or by natural infection. In this survey, the detection of natural and vaccination generated antibodies was surveyed and the spike protein test for antibodies formed after vaccination has also been done.
- The **survey was conducted by the Health Department in collaboration with the Department of Community Medicine, PGIMS, Rohtak** in all the districts of Haryana. In this round of sero survey, the sample size was increased to 36,520 as against 18,700 in the first round and 15,840 in the second round.
- In this survey, about 2200 officers and employees of the health department were engaged and a **stratified multilevel random sampling technique** was used and a total of 913 clusters were identified to collect 36,520 samples from all the districts of Haryana.
- Before conducting this survey, 2200 people were given several rounds of training by the IDSP cell of the state. Field activity was captured digitally on the 'Sero Survey Mobile Application' with geo-coordinates for field activity. The entire activity on the portal was being monitored live by the State IDSP Cell.

'Ayushman Bharat' Scheme

Why in News

- On October 19, 2021, Haryana's Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala announced the benefit of '**Ayushman Bharat**' scheme to the numberdar of the state and his family. Under this, cashless treatment can be done up to Rs 5 lakh per year.

Key Points

- Dushyant Chautala said that free Ayushman cards would be given to the number dars and their family members in the state, which would be made in the **Common Service Centers** and empaneled hospitals in the state.

- 612 hospitals are empaneled under Ayushman Bharat scheme in the state, including 436 private and 176 public hospitals.
- There are about 20 thousand numberdars in the state, whose families will get the benefit of the said scheme of the central government.
- If any member of the numberdar's family has forgotten to carry his Ayushman card with him at the time of admission in the hospital in a hurry, even then the treatment will be started immediately after entering it through biometric.
- Under this scheme, after discharge, a message will come on the patient's mobile number that how much has been spent during his treatment, not only this, feedback will also be taken from the patient about his treatment.

'Swasth Haryana' App

Why in News

- On October 19, 2021, Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij launched the '**Swasth Haryana**' mobile app to help people avoid long queues in civil hospitals.

Key Points

- Through this app, any patient can register to get his treatment done in any civil hospital of the state.
- The '**Swasth Haryana**' mobile app has been developed by the **Haryana State Health Systems Resource Center (HSRHC)** in the health institutions.
- Through this mobile app, advance registration of patients, filling of demographic details of patients will be done and patients will be able to view their past registration records.
- Also, patients will be able to choose any health institution and OPD of their choice and patients will also be provided with information about the nearest blood bank.

Ex-Gratia to Soldiers in Disability Cases

Why in News

- On October 21, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced an ex-gratia amount up to Rs 35 lakh to the soldiers of Haryana in cases of disability.

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Key Points

- According to the announcement, now the ex-gratia amount has been increased from Rs.5 lakh to Rs.15 lakh in cases of 20% disability of soldiers, from Rs.10 lakh to Rs.25 lakh in cases of 50% disability and from Rs.15 lakh in cases of 100% disability, 35 lakh will be provided.
- The Chief Minister has given instructions to the officers of the concerned department to notify the announcement of increasing the ex-gratia amount within a week.

Best State Agriculture Leadership Award, 2021

Why in News

- Recently, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar presented the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister J.P. Dalal was given the Best State Agriculture Leadership Award, 2021.

Key Points

- **Haryana has been awarded the Best State Agriculture Leadership Award, 2021 in the category of states**, as a result of the innovations being done in the agriculture sector for the last seven years and implementing new methods.
- **Progressive farmer of the state Kanwal Singh Chouhan was also rewarded** in this program.
- On this occasion J.P. Dalal said that the steps taken by Haryana for innovation include proper use of water, diversification of crops grown in less water and various schemes to increase the income of the farmer.

Haryana Sanskrit Academy Announces Awards for the year 2019 and 2020

Why in News

- On October 22, 2021, **Haryana Sanskrit Academy announced** the awards for the years 2019 and 2020.

Key Points

- Academy director Dr. Dinesh Shastri told that for the year 2019, Prof. Abhiraj Rajendra Mishra (Himachal Pradesh) and Prof. Dr. Man Singh (Uttarakhand) has been selected for the **Sanskrit Sahityalankar Samman**.
- **Haryana Sanskrit Gaurav Samman** for the year 2019 by Prof. Sudhikant Bhardwaj (Delhi) and Captain Rambhagat (Mahendragarh) have been selected for the year 2020.
- Dr. Satyendra Prakash (Gurugram) has been selected for **Maharishi Valmiki Samman** for the year 2019 and Prof. Virendra Kumar Alankar (Gohana) for the year 2020.
- Dr. Sudhir Kumar (Panchkula) has been selected for **Maharishi Vishwamitra Samman** for the year 2019, Dr. Devi Singh (Zirakpur) has been selected for the year 2020.
- Dr. Sudhir Kumar Arya (Delhi) has been selected for the **Mahakavi Banabhatta Samman** for the year 2019 and Sushil Kumar Shastri (Hisar) for the year 2020.
- Acharya Haridutt (Rohtak) has been selected for 'Guru Virjanand Acharya Samman' for the year 2019.
- Mrs. Kusumalata (Kurukshetra) has been selected for **Vidya Martand Pt. Sitaram Shastri Acharya Samman** for the year 2019 and Acharya Seema Rani (Kurukshetra) for the year 2020.
- Dr. Murlidhar Shastri (Bhiwani) for the year 2019 and Dr. Ashok Kumar Mishra (Ambala) for the year 2020 have been selected for the **Vishisht Sanskrit Seva Samman**.
- Acharya Himanshudhar (Bhiwani) for the year 2019 and Acharya Devendra Kumar (Sonipat) for the year 2020 has been selected for **Pt. Yudhishtira Mimansak Acharya Samman**.
- Bhagwati Arya, Kanya Gurukul Jasat (Gurugram) for the year 2019 and Ratiram Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya (Jind) have been selected for the year 2020 for the **Swami Dharmadev Sanskrit Samaradhak Samman**.
- Dr. Jitendra Kumar (Panchkula) has been selected for his book 'Mum Sanskriti Yatra' for the year 2019 in the 'Prose genre' category in the book-awards. In the year 2020, Jaipal Shastri (Bhiwani) has been selected for his book 'Ath-Kavyamidam Mein Jeevanpathayen', Dr. Piyush Agarwal (Ambala) has been selected for his book 'Natyatrayam' (Drama) in 'Padya Vidha'.
- For the Sanskrit Sahityalankar Samman and Haryana Sanskrit Gaurav Samman, an amount of two lakh rupees and a citation is given to the litterateur.

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- 1.5 lakh rupees are given for Maharishi Valmiki Samman, Acharya Sthanudatta Samman, Maharishi Veda Vyasa Samman, Maharishi Vishwamitra Samman. Apart from these, Mahakavi Banabhatta Samman, Guru Virjanand Acharya Samman, Vidya Martand Pandit Sitaram Shastri Acharya Samman, Pt. Yudhishtira Mimansak Acharya Samman, Swami Dharmadev Sanskrit Samaradhak Samman and Vishisht Sanskrit Seva Samman are awarded with a prize money of Rs 1 lakh. 31 thousand rupees are given for the book award.

B.Tech. Study in Hindi Language

Why in News

- On October 23, 2021, All India Council for Technical Education, New Delhi gave recognition to three technical universities of Haryana for conducting B.Tech in Hindi language from the academic year 2021-22.

Key Points

- The three technical universities in Haryana that have been recognized are Guru Jambheshwar University of Science and Technology (Hisar), Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science and Technology (Murthal) and Jagdish Chandra Bose University of Science and Technology (Faridabad).
- Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram University of Science and Technology, Murthal District Sonapat has been recognized for two branches of Electrical Engineering (Electrical Engineering) and Mechanical Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) with 30 seats in each branch.
- Jagdish Chandra Bose University of Science and Technology, Faridabad has been recognized for 30 seats in Mechanical Engineering.

Development of Historical Places as Tourist Area

Why in News

- On October 23, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced the development of the historical places of Mahendragarh district- **Dhosi Parvat and Madhogarh Fort as a tourist destination.**

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that both these places have

great potential for tourism. While plans have been made to develop Dhosi mountain as a pilgrimage site, the Raja Mahal of Madhogarh will also be constructed in the coming times to bring more and more tourists to Madhogarh Fort.

- The state government is working for this in a planned manner. The work of reconstruction of Rani Talab at Madhogarh Fort has been done and the work of Rani Mahal is also in the final stage. 9 crore will be spent on this work.
- It is said that **Dhosi mountain was the abode of great ascetics like Rishi Chavan in ancient times.**
- Along with this, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar gave development projects worth Rs 1358.68 lakh to Mahendragarh district and inaugurated 33 KV sub-station of Azam Nagar Sehore. This substation has been built at a cost of Rs 299.85 lakh.
- Apart from this, the foundation stone of CHC to be built in Satnali was also laid. About 1058.83 lakh rupees will be spent on this building. Residential buildings for health workers will also be built here.

Announcement of National Award for Divyang

Why in News

- On October 25, 2021, **Haryana Speech and Hearing Disabled Welfare Society, Panchkula** was selected for the **National Award for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities** in the category of Best Employer for the year 2021.

Key Points

- Swati Jangid, an Indian Sign Language teacher who has been working with the society since September 2019, has been selected in the Best Employee/Self-Employed (Deaf/Hearing Difficulty) category with Disability for her outstanding contribution to the ISL and representing India in International Chess Tournaments.
- Akash Singh, an alumnus of Gurugram center has also been adjudged Best Employee with Disability/Self-Employed (Deaf/Hearing) category for his achievements in National and International Cricket Championships.
- National Award was announced to Pyarelal of Hisar (Haryana) under the category of best handicapped

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employee/self-employed with locomotor disability, poly malnutrition disability, dwarfism, acid attack victim, leprosy treated, cerebral palsy.

- These awards have been **announced by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment (Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities)**. These awards will be presented in Delhi on 3rd December, 2021 on World Divyang Day.
- It may be mentioned that in order to appreciate the dedicated efforts of individuals and organizations involved in the process of empowerment of persons with disabilities and to encourage others to excel in this field, the most skilled/best disabled employees, best employers, best innovative technological innovations and are awarded with separate awards for providing cost-effective technology.

'Aid for Waste Management' scheme

Why in News

- On October 26, 2021, Haryana Government notified the 'Aid for Waste Management' scheme for the industrial sector with a view to encourage industries to undertake waste management activities, under which industries in the state will be provided facilities such as garbage collection, transportation, treatment and disposal. Incentives will be provided for waste management activities.

Key Points

- A spokesperson of the Industries and Commerce Department said that the scheme would be deemed to have started from January 1, 2021 and would remain in force for a period of five years. Under this scheme, assistance will be provided on purchase of land, machinery and equipment on or after January 1, 2021 and before December 31, 2025.
- Under the Waste Management Scheme, financial assistance up to 50 percent of the project cost including machinery and equipment up to Rs 50 crore would be provided for setting up electronic waste management and e-waste recovery projects for industries operating in the **electronics system design and manufacturing (ESDM)** sector.
- Financial assistance will be provided by way of reimbursement of expenditure incurred only to new

ultra-mega projects, mega projects, large industries, **micro, small and medium enterprises** operating in the **Electronics System Design and Manufacturing (ESDM)** sector anywhere in the state of Haryana.

- The restrictive list of industries notified under HEEP-2020 will not be applicable for this assistance. Eligible units will have to file IEM/Enterprise Registration Certificate (URC) and Haryana Enterprise Memorandum (HUM) on the portal for statistical purposes.
- The unit should be in commercial production. The unit should be in regular production at the time of distribution and subsidy will not be released to the closed unit.
- Under the method of disbursement, the financial assistance will be disbursed in three phases. In the first phase, the first installment of 25% of the eligible assistance will be released after taking 100% possession of the land and 50% of the eligible project cost should be spent by the applicant.
- The second installment of 25 percent of the eligible assistance will be disbursed after the applicant has spent 75 percent of the eligible project cost. The third and final installment of 50% of the eligible assistance will be paid after the applicant has spent 100% of the eligible project cost. In all these cases the applicant will also have to submit a progress report.
- The deficiencies shall be communicated to the applicant within a period of seven days in writing and the applicant shall be given a time period of 10 days to rectify the deficiencies pointed out.

'Haryana-Africa Conclave, Series 1'

Why in News

- To further strengthen the diplomatic and bilateral relations between Haryana and Africa, a two-day '**Haryana-Africa Conclave, Series-1**' was organized on 28-29 October, 2021. It emphasized on increasing bilateral trade and connectivity between Africa and Haryana.

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- Organized by the State Department of Foreign Cooperation under the aegis of Haryana Government in consultation with the Union Ministry of External Affairs under the title '**Transforming Haryana through**

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a Go Global Approach', the conclave was attended by 12 African nations, namely Malawi, Mozambique, Tanzania, Madagascar, Nigeria. Ambassadors and senior most embassy officials from Eritrea, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Senegal, Kenya, Ethiopia and Ghana and ministers and high officials of Haryana participated.

- The first Haryana-Africa Conclave aims to strengthen economic and cultural ties, as it will not only create a framework and opportunities for cooperation, but also enhance people-to-people ties of both the regions. This conclave is a major step towards further strengthening the long standing friendship, which will pave the way for the development of both the regions.
- On the first day of the Conclave, a cultural program followed by a dinner was organized by the Haryana Government at Gymkhana Club, Chandigarh to understand the prevailing cultural ties between the two regions. In this cultural program, folk dances of Haryana, Punjab, Gujarat, Uttarakhand and Jammu and Kashmir were presented by **North Zone Cultural Centre, Patiala (NZCC)**.
- Similarly, on the second day of the conclave on October 29, 2021, an interactive session of representatives and dignitaries from African countries and Haryana was organized, which covered agriculture, skill development, education, information technology, agro-based food processing, dairy, sports, Possibilities of cooperation in cultural exchange, mutual interest and many other areas were discussed.
- The state of Haryana and the African continent share many similarities, with both regions being agricultural and taking advantage of a young demographic and large consumer market. This synergy will provide a strong foundation for building sustainable economic trade and bilateral relations between Haryana and Africa.

'Har Khet-Swasth Khet' Mobile App

Why in News

- On October 29, 2021, Dr. Sumita Mishra, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Haryana launched the mobile app 'Har

Khet-Swasth Khet'. He also released a book teaching the method of soil sample collection under the 'Har Khet-Swasth Khet' campaign.

Key Points

- Dr. Sumita Mishra said that through this app, the farmer-assistant will be able to take soil samples, this will make it easier to get information about the fort number/measles number.
- Through this app, the farmer-assistant will take the soil sample from the field and fill all its information in this app, so that the farmers will be able to get accurate information about the chemicals in their soil.
- Under the said scheme, a target has been set to collect and test 25 lakh soil samples for 49 blocks in the first phase in the financial year 2021-22.
- Sumita Mishra informed that about Rs 68.73 crore will be spent by the state government on 'Har Khet-Swasth Khet' campaign.

National Junior Women's Hockey Trophy

Why in News

- On 29 October 2021, Haryana defeated host Jharkhand to win the 11th Hockey India National Junior Women's Hockey Championship trophy. Haryana became the champions by defeating Jharkhand 3-2.

Key Points

- In the final match, Neelam scored for the winner Haryana in the 9th, 19th and 21st minutes. For the Jharkhand team, Deepika Soreng scored in the fifth minute and Ropani Kumari scored in the 39th minute.
- In the match played for the bronze medal, Maharashtra won the bronze medal by defeating Chandigarh 6-2.
- After the end of the match, Chief Guest Sports Minister Hafizul Hasan Ansari honored the three medal winning teams and all the players of the team with trophies and medals.
- The 11th National Women's Junior Hockey Championship was organized from October 20, 2021 to October 29, 2021 in Simdega district of Jharkhand.



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