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CM Launches New Logo and Website of HSIIDC

Why in News

On July 30, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the redesigned logo and website of Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (HSIIDC).

Key Points

- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the State Government is working towards facilitating the lives of citizens, promoting economic development and making Haryana a trillion-dollar economy.
- Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that this new identity of HSIIDC is innovative, modern and professional. HSIIDC will provide services to entrepreneurs who want to grow and expand businesses.
- HSIIDC's new website and brand identity better reflect its market leading position and clearly highlight the wide range of services it offers to its customers. Designed to work seamlessly across digital and physical mediums, the new logo instils a spirit of inspiration, innovation and entrepreneurship.
- The butterfly motif in the new HSIIDC logo symbolizes the transformation from an idea to a successful business, like going through the process of living in a cocoon. The four wings represent Industry 4.0. Thus, this logo represents how HSIIDC helps companies to overcome business barriers.
- The newly designed website has a layout designed to provide a smooth user experience. The website also throws light on the services offered by HSIIDC and gives a glimpse of the redefined approach.
- HSIIDC is the nodal agency of the Government of Haryana for the development of industrial infrastructure in Haryana. The Corporation has developed 6 Industrial Model Townships (Manesar, Faridabad, Bawal, Rohtak, Sohna and Kharkhoda). In addition, 28 Industrial Estates and Theme Parks (Food Parks at Rai, Saha and Badi, Technology Parks at IMT Manesar and Rai and Footwear Parks at Bahadurgarh) have also been set up, with more than 16000 units functioning.

- With 55 years of unmatched expertise in industrial infrastructure development, HSIIDC has planned several flagship projects, including Mixed Land Use Development in an area of over 1080 acres in Global City Gurugram and over 886 acres in Nangal Choudhary District Mahendragarh to develop Logistics Park.

Haryana Land Pooling Policy-2022

Why in News

On July 29, 2022, Haryana Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar approved the 'Haryana Land Pooling Policy-2022'. This policy is an important step towards creating land banks for the main urbanization and industrialization purposes.

Key Points

- Time-limits have been prescribed in the policy at various stages, so that the interests of the land owners are protected and the objective of land development can be achieved in a time bound manner.
- The objective of Haryana Land Pooling Policy-2022 is to achieve the objective of planned development including infrastructure development and to acquire land through voluntary participation of land owners willing to participate in the said development.
- The objective of this policy is a fair and transparent mechanism for pooling of land for the development of a sector or part thereof within the prescribed area of the Development Plan published by the State Government under the provisions of the Haryana Scheduled Roads and Controlled Area Restriction, Unregulated Development Act, 1963. is to be developed.
- Another objective of this policy is to provide maximum benefit to the land owner by linking the allotment of land with the cost of raw land.
- Under this policy, Haryana Urban Development Authority (HSVP) will develop residential, commercial, institutional and infrastructure in case of areas located within urban area in the published development plan.
- In addition, Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (HSIIDC) will undertake development work for industrial infrastructure or institutional purposes anywhere in Haryana under this policy.

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- Under this policy, HSIIDC and HSVP may authorize any department or any board, corporation or other organization owned and controlled by the State Government for any specified development purpose other than the above purposes.
- This policy will be applicable to the land owners offering land for the project for the specified development purpose. This policy will be applicable to those aggregators who collect land under agreement with several land owners to offer land for the project for specified development purpose.
- This policy will be applicable for land according to the land use specified in the development plan. Also, this policy will be applicable in respect of any other area in Haryana where the objective of development is infrastructure or industrial development.
- A land rights certificate will be issued by the developer organization to the land owners, which can be traded or mortgaged.
- Under this policy, any land owner, either directly or through an aggregator, may submit an application for offering land for a project for development purpose within the period specified in the publication, which shall not be less than 60 days. This period can also be extended by the Development Organization as per requirement, but it shall not exceed 30 days. There will be no fee for the application.
- The land owners will submit their application online on the website of the development organization along with the details of the proposed land for the project. Any application submitted manually will not be considered and such application will be rejected.
- Annual interim financial assistance will be provided to each landowner contributing towards the development project, which will be included in the total cost of the project.
- The total cost of the project will be the sum of the value of undeveloped land contributed by all landowners, cost of development, interim annual assistance and administrative fees.
- The land owner, either directly or through an aggregator, will be free to offer the land owned by him through the e-Bhoomi portal of the State Government for the project for the specified development purpose. In this situation, action will be taken on the said proposal as per the policy of Revenue and Disaster Management Department dated February 6, 2017.

- If land is offered through an aggregator, the aggregator shall be eligible to receive remuneration as agreed between the landowners and the aggregator, provided the remuneration is not less than 0.5 per cent.

National Highway-152D

Why In News?

On July 30, 2022, the newly constructed National Highway No.152D from Ambala to Narnaul was opened to the public for testing.

Key Points

- While giving this information, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that the National Highway-152D project will reduce the travel time from Ambala to Jaipur by 4 to 5 hours. This will lead to major diversion of traffic of NCR, due to which the problem of pollution will also be solved.
- Also, it will provide the shortest, fastest and safest route from Ambala to Kotputli on Jaipur Highway and will accelerate the pace of all-round industrial development and economic development of Haryana.
- This National Highway No.-152D is a 6-lane Access Controls Greenfield Corridor constructed under Bharat Mala Project, which is about 227 km from Ismaila bad (Ganghedi) in Kurukshetra district to Narnaul. is long.
- The highway is part of the Ambala-Kotputli corridor, which passes through about 112 villages of 8 different districts of Haryana - Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Karnal, Jind, Rohtak, Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri and Mahendragarh. It is further connected to Narnaul bypass and then nh-148B, which meets the Delhi-Jaipur highway at Paniyala turn near Kotputli.
- This entire corridor is full of advance traffic management system and close tolling system. A total of 16 different locations of interchange have been constructed for entry and exit and every incident on the highway will be closely monitored through ATMs by the control centre.
- Keeping in view the convenience of the people, this ambitious project has also constructed world class side amenities at six places where proper arrangements have been made for people to provide toilet facilities, trauma centres, petrol pumps, kiosk restaurants, dhabas,

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children's parks, trucks and trailer parking, etc. In addition, interchange at 16 locations, 2 main toll plazas and 8 ROBs have also been provided in the project.

- About 2,000 hectares of land has been acquired in this project, on which compensation of about Rs.3000 crore has been disbursed to the farmers and its civil construction work has cost about Rs.6,000 crore.
- The Deputy Chief Minister described the national highway as a new dimension to the industrial sector of the state. He said that till now, the investors who used to give preference to set up their industries in the NCR region, etc., will now be keen to set up industries in the districts falling in this national highway as well.
- The highway has been developed as high speed Axis Controlled prohibiting slow speed vehicles such as motorcycles and other two wheelers, three wheelers, non-motorized vehicles, tractors with or without trailers, multi-axle hydraulic trailer vehicles, quadricycles, etc.

One Time Settlement (OTS) Scheme

Why In News?

On August 3, 2022, an official spokesperson of the Haryana government informed that the state government has taken a major decision in the interest of women and launched the One Time Settlement (OTS) scheme to waive off the outstanding interest on the loans of Haryana Mahila Vikas Nigam.

Key Points

- The spokesman said that under this scheme, if the beneficiary repays the entire outstanding amount of the original loan in one lump sum or in 6 installments by December 1, 2022, then all his interest will be waived.
- The scheme will cover those borrowers whose interest is due for payment to the corporation as on March 31, 2019. The scheme will be applicable on the principal amount by default as on March 31, 2019, but will not include the principal amount paid thereafter.
- Borrowers will be allowed to avail the same within 6 months. If the borrower repays the outstanding principal amount in lump sum or in instalments within six months, the beneficiary will be eligible for 100 percent waiver of female interest.

- The benefit of the waiver will be given to the borrower at the time of payment of the last instalment of the outstanding principal. The interest subvention will be given only to those borrowers who will pay the entire outstanding principal amount within 6 months.

Haryana and Uzbekistan sign FFC

Why In News?

On August 4, 2022, Haryana and Uzbekistan signed the Framework for Cooperation (FFC) at Haryana Bhawan, New Delhi with the objective of strengthening mutual cooperation and bilateral relations.

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- The FFC was signed on behalf of the Government of Haryana by Yogendra Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Department of Foreign Cooperation, and Ikbolzon Ergashev, Lieutenant Governor of the Fergana Region of the Republic of Uzbekistan.
- This FFC will help in forging cooperation between Fergana and Haryana through collective efforts in the fields of automobile, pharmaceuticals, trade, science, education, tourism, culture, conservation of historical monuments and research, skill development and vocational education.
- Speaking on the occasion, Yogendra Choudhary said that Framework for Collaboration is an important step in realizing and implementing the vision of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar to make Haryana a leading and leading state in sectors like automobile, education, skill development, trade and investment. Is. Apart from this, it will also help in facilitating exchange programs between the two regions for economic and socio-economic development.
- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has set up the Department of Foreign Cooperation with a view to make Haryana's identity globally and to establish Haryana as a preferred destination for investors. The Department of Foreign Cooperation through its 'Go-Global Approach' is continuously working for socio-economic development by establishing mutual understanding and cooperation with foreign countries at various levels.

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Haryana Wrestlers Won Medals in Commonwealth Games

Why In News?

On August 5, 2022, in the ongoing 22nd Commonwealth Games (CWG-2022) Games in Birmingham, England, 5 wrestlers from Haryana won the country 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal in wrestling.

Key Points

- First wrestler Bajrang Punia of Haryana won the gold medal by defeating Lachlan McNeil of Canada in the final of men's freestyle 65kg event.
- This is Bajrang Punia's second consecutive gold medal and third consecutive medal at the Commonwealth Games. Poonia, who won a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games-2014, had won her first gold medal at the Commonwealth Games-2018.
- India's second gold medal in wrestling was clinched by women's wrestler Sakshi Malik defeating Canada's Ana Godinez in the final of the women's freestyle 62 kg event.
- This is Sakshi Malik's first gold medal and third medal at the Commonwealth Games. Earlier, she had won a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games-2014 and a bronze medal at the Commonwealth Games-2018.
- Wrestler Deepak Poonia gave India the third gold medal in wrestling. He won the gold medal by defeating Mohammad Inam of Pakistan in the final of men's freestyle 86 kg event. This is Deepak Poonia's first gold medal in Commonwealth Games.
- 21-year-old female wrestler Anshu Malik lost to Nigeria's Odunayo Folasade Adekuoroe in the women's 57kg final and had to settle for a silver medal, although Anshu Malik had opened the account for India's medals in wrestling.
- Anshu Malik has won Gold Medal in Asian Sub Junior Championship in 2016, Bronze Medal in World Cadet Championship in 2016, Gold Medal in World Sports School Championship in 2017, Bronze Medal in Asia Cadet Wrestling Championship in 2017, World Cadet in Athens in 2017 Won Gold Medal in Championships, Gold Medal in Asian Sub Junior Championships in 2018, Bronze Medal in World Junior Championships, Bronze Medal in World Sub Junior Championships and Gold Medal in Asian Sub Junior Championships in 2019.

- Haryana wrestler Mohit Grewal won India's fifth medal in wrestling. Mohit won the bronze medal in the 125 kg freestyle by defeating Aaron Johnson of Jamaica in the bronze medal match.

Inauguration of Driving Training and Research Institute in Karnal

Why In News?

On August 6, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated the Driving Training and Research Institute in Karnal.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that 300 to 350 youth will be trained to drive light and heavy motor vehicles every day in this center. Good driving training will provide good drivers and reduce road accidents.
- Significantly, the foundation stone of this institute was laid by the Chief Minister on March 29, 2018 . He had also announced the opening of this institute in Karnal on December 14, 2016 .
- Set up on 9.25 acres of land at a cost of around Rs 34 crore, the centre has been set up in collaboration with Honda Motor Scooter India Limited.
- Based on international standards, the institute has class rooms, workshops, engine rooms and electronic displays with automated driving test tracks, modern training equipment and computerized systems.
- Training will be given in driving two-wheelers, three-wheelers, four-wheelers, light motors and heavy vehicles. The centre will also have an automated driving test track to impart practical training on the test track and issue driving licences.
- The institute will be fully automated and there will be no human intervention in its functioning. A hostel has also been built for distant students in the center.
- The Chief Minister said that many road accidents occur due to lack of skills and knowledge of road rules with the drivers. Therefore, it has been planned to provide training to the youth aspiring to become drivers to provide them appropriate training.

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- Automatic driver training institutes and regional driver training centers will be set up across the state for adequate arrangements for training of drivers in the state. Under this, three driver training and research institutes equipped with modern facilities and infrastructure have been established in Kaithal, Bahadurgarh and Rohtak. Original equipment manufacturers like Ashok Leyland and Maruti Suzuki India Limited are partners in these three projects.
- Apart from these, 8 other institutions are going to open. These include Kaluwas in Bhiwani district, Chapeda in Nuh, Jaisinghpur Khera in Rewari, Pega in Jind, Murthal in Sonapat, Aurangabad in Yamunanagar, Bahin in Palwal and Kheri Gujran in District Faridabad. A Regional Driver Training Centre will also be set up in District Gurugram.
- After obtaining a training certificate for driving a motor vehicle in these institutes, the applicant will not be required to present himself before the licensing authority concerned. With the establishment of these centers, a large number of unemployed youth in the state will get employment opportunities in the country and abroad.
- The Chief Minister said that about 5 lakh road accidents take place in India every year. Of these, about 1.5 lakh people have to lose their lives. The state of Haryana ranks 13th in road accidents in the country. Transport Department, Haryana has been declared as the lead agency by the state government for all road safety works.
- He said the state government aims to reduce these accidents in the state by 50 per cent by surveying the causes of deaths in road accidents and rectifying their causes. Road safety is a multi-dimensional subject. It is not only the government which has a role to play, but the public, NGOs and industries also have to come forward so that a safe road system can be established.

Digital Haryana Vidhan Sabha inaugurated

Why In News?

On August 8, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated the first session of the Digital Haryana Legislative Assembly and the national e-Vidhan Application on Tablet (NEVA) for the first time.

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- The Haryana Assembly is the third assembly in the country to go digital. Now all its work will be done through e-assembly.
- The Chief Minister said that in 2020, Haryana has received the President's Award in the digital sector, besides 100 out of 150 awards received from the Central Government have been received in the digital sector itself.
- Addressing the House during the inaugural session, the Chief Minister said that through this application, members of the Legislative Assembly can keep track of Q&A, Calling Attention Motion, Starred and Unstarred Questions, audio and video of the Vidhan Sabha. MLA can use this application not only on mobile but also on computer.
- The Chief Minister said that the NEVA application has been made only for MLAs. All MLAs are given the same password first, but later everyone will have to create their own secret password and use it carefully.
- He said that information about the development of the area along with the works of the Assembly will also be updated inside it. With this, the MLAs will be able to know how much development work has been done in their area, how much amount has been spent by the government in their area. This information will also be easily available to the general public through MLAs.
- Speaker Gianchand Gupta said that a new revolution has begun with the formation of Haryana e-Vidhan Sabha. This will have far-reaching consequences. Haryana has done the work of digitizing the Assembly on priority basis.
- He said that with the assembly going paperless, Rs 5.5 crore will be saved annually, which will also be beneficial for environmental protection.

Players Stood at Fourth Place will get Rs 15 lakh

Why in News?

On August 9, 2022, Haryana Minister of State for Sports, Sandeep Singh announced a cash reward of Rs.15 lakh to the players who finished fourth in other national and international sports competitions on the lines of Olympics.

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- The Minister of State for Sports, Sandeep Singh made this announcement after the passing of the congratulatory motion moved by Leader of Opposition Bhupinder Singh Hooda. It is worth mentioning that Bhupendra Singh Hooda had proposed a congratulatory motion to the players for their outstanding performance in the Commonwealth Games in the House.
- Sports Minister Sandeep Singh said that a player of the state, who stood fourth in the Commonwealth Games, would be given a reward of Rs 15 lakh. For the first time, the government had rewarded 15 lakh rupees to the players who finished fourth in the Tokyo Olympics.
- Sports Minister said that out of the total medals won in the Commonwealth Games, the participation of players from Haryana was about 33 percent.
- Under the sports policy, the gold medalist will be encouraged by giving a prize of Rs 1.50 crore, silver medalist Rs 75 lakh and bronze medalist Rs 50 lakh.

2G Ethanol Plant in Panipat**Why in News?**

On the occasion of World Biofuel Day on August 10, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the second generation (2G) ethanol plant at Panipat, Haryana to the nation through video conference.

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- The commissioning of the plant is part of a long series of steps taken by the government over the years to promote the production and use of biofuels in the country. This is in line with the Prime Minister's constant endeavor to make the energy sector more affordable, accessible, efficient and sustainable.
- The 2G Ethanol Plant has been constructed by Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOCL) at an estimated cost of around Rs 900 crore and is located close to Panipat Refinery.
- Based on state-of-the-art indigenous technology, this project is a new addition to India's 'Waste to Wealth' (Waste to Wealth) efforts by using about 2 lakh tonnes of rice straw (parali) annually to produce around 30 million liters of ethanol annually.

- The ethanol produced from this plant will be blended with motor spirit (petrol) to meet the Government of India's target of 20 percent Ethanol Blended Motor Spirit (EBMS).
- With the creation of end use for agro-crop residues, farmers will be empowered and they will get an opportunity to get additional income. This project will provide direct employment to the people involved in the operation of this plant and indirect jobs will be created in the supply chain for rice straw cutting, handling, storage etc.
- No fluid will leak out in the project. By reducing stubble burning, the project will reduce greenhouse gases equivalent to about 3 lakh tonnes of carbon dioxide emissions annually, which can be equated to the removal of about 63,000 cars annually on the country's roads.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that with the establishment of this modern plant, stubble would become a source of additional income for the farmers of Haryana, where rice and wheat are grown in abundance. This plant will reduce pollution in Delhi, Haryana and NCR.

ATM Fraud Investigation Cell Set up in Haryana**Why in News?**

On August 11, 2022, Haryana Police Spokesperson said that in view of increasing digital world as well as increasing cases of ATM frauds, State Crime Branch of Haryana Police has started 22 ATM Fraud Investigation Cells (AFIC) in all 22 districts of the state.

Key Points

- The spokesperson said that the AFIC, which was started on July 1, 2022, has been handed over 132 untrace cases from different districts of the state for investigation by the State Crime Branch.
- It is worth noting that at present ATM is an important part of the life of common people. Criminals have worked to break into this important part. Many times in such financial fraud cases, untrace report is given by the district police and the accused escape.
- Additional Director General of Police (State Crime Branch) OP Singh has given strict instructions to solve

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this problem and work on untrace cases again. Under the same concept, ATM Fraud Investigation Cell has been started under State Crime Branch in Haryana, in which the initiative has been taken to solve the untrace cases of the districts.

- Often the accused escape due to lack of evidence in research, but the ATM Fraud Investigation Cell has been established keeping in mind these crimes, so that the hard earned money of the general public can be saved.
- At present, the cell working under the State Crime Branch is studying all the untrace cases closely, so that after solving these cases, the criminals can be put behind the bars and the public has faith in the action and loyalty of the police and Can be deep.

Four officers of Haryana Police Selected for Union Home Minister's Medal

Why in News?

While giving information on 12th August, 2022, Haryana Police Spokesperson said that four personnel of Haryana Police were awarded 'Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation' in the year 2022 for maintaining high professional standards in investigation of crime related cases.

Key Points

- Significantly, 28 women policemen are also included in the list of 151 policemen announced for the Union Home Minister's Medal 2022. The list includes 15 personnel from CBI, 5 from NIA, 11 from Maharashtra Police, 10 each from Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh Police, 8 each from Kerala, Rajasthan and West Bengal Police and the rest from other states.
- The spokesperson said that the 151 policemen from across the country who have been awarded this prestigious medal include Haryana Police Inspector Basant Kumar, Lady Sub-Inspector Suman Devi, Sub-Inspector Yogesh Kumar and Head Constable Gopal Chand.
- Haryana Director General of Police Prashant Kumar Agrawal, while congratulating the four Haryana Police personnel selected for excellence in investigation by

the Union Home Ministry, said that the police officers who were decorated with prestigious medals made excellent contribution in the field of investigation through scientific investigation.

- It is worth mentioning that the medal was instituted in 2018 by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs with the objective of promoting high professional standards in crime investigation and recognition of such excellence in investigation by investigating officers.
- Under this, this medal is given to the policemen who have displayed honesty, devotion and extraordinary courage in work by setting high standards in the investigation of any crime.
- In 2018, the then Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh had started five Police Medals to encourage policemen. These include Special Operations Medal, Police Internal Security Service Medal, Extraordinary Efficiency Medal, Utkrisht and Ati Utkrisht Seva Medal and Medal of Excellence in Investigation.

Haryana Government Announces Creation of New Municipal Council, Pataudi-Mandi

Why in News?

On August 14, 2022, Haryana Government has announced to form a Municipal Council, Pataudi-Mandi by merging Pataudi Municipality and Helimandi Municipality (Revenue Estate Jatauli) and 10 adjoining villages. A notification in this regard has been issued by the Urban Local Bodies Department.

Key Points

- According to the notification issued, villages Narhera, Janola, Rampur, Chhawan, Milkpur, Mirzapur, Mubarakpur, Devlawas, Herahedi and Khanpur will be part of this new Municipal Council, Pataudi-Mandi.
- On the formation of Pataudi-Mandi Municipal Council, Pataudi MLA Satyaprakash Jarawata said that finally after 75 years of independence, the word Haley, a symbol of slavery, has been liberated. People said that Haley was an English governor. The name of the city is not proper after his name. Now this controversy has ended with the formation of a new city council.

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First IKEA 'Mixed Use Commercial Project'

Why In News?

On August 16, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated the construction of the first IKEA 'Mixed Use Commercial Project' in North India at Ingka Centers in Gurugram, Sweden in the presence of Klas Molin, Ambassador of Sweden to India.

Key Points

- The mixed-use IKEA project, to be built at an investment of about Rs 3,500 crore, will be constructed in Gurugram's Sector 47.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that this project would be a world class retail and leisure destination to meet the needs of the customers of North India and the region. This will increase investment as well as employment and business opportunities.
- The Chief Minister said that IKEA takes 27 percent of what it sells in India from local sources, which it aims to increase to 50 percent in the coming years. Such initiatives will on one hand provide more employment opportunities to the local youth, while on the other hand it will boost the national economy.
- Referring to the investor-friendly policies of the state government, the Chief Minister said that the Haryana government believes in 'Act' i.e. accountability, communication and transparency in the system. To achieve these objectives, a transparent system has been developed by effective and continuous dialogue, brainstorming for early decision making and establishing digital systems in the current system.
- Susan Pulverer, CEO, Ikea India said, "We have a long-term commitment to benefit the people, the environment and the local economy through our business in Delhi NCR. With Ingka Centers, we will make a significant contribution to the growth of the home furnishing market and provide people with an unmatched retail experience. We will provide affordable, elegant, sustainable home furnishing products and services with the best design, he added.
- In this project, Ingka Centers will invest 400 million pounds, i.e. Rs 3500 crores. There will be great retail, workspace and space for community events. The project is expected to create around 2500 jobs.

Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University has Developed Two Improved Varieties of Mustard

Why In news?

On August 17, 2022, the spokesperson of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, informed that the scientists of the university have developed **two new advanced varieties of mustard**. These varieties will also benefit farmers in the states of **Punjab, Delhi, North Rajasthan and Jammu** along with Haryana.

Key Points

- The spokesman said that the team of oilseed scientists of the university has developed two new varieties of mustard **RH 1424 and RH 1706**.
- Due to higher yield and better oil quality of these varieties, the All India Coordinated Research Project (Mustard) meeting held at Rajasthan Agricultural Research Institute, Durgapur (Rajasthan) has identified the states of Haryana, Punjab, Delhi, North Rajasthan and Jammu for cultivation.
- He informed that RH 1424 variety has been found to be very suitable for timely sowing and cultivation in rainfed conditions in these States, while RH 1706, which is a value added variety, has been found to be a very suitable variety for timely sowing in irrigated areas of these States. These varieties will prove to be milestones in increasing the productivity of the above mustard growing states.
- He informed that Haryana has been at the top position in the country in terms of productivity of mustard crop for the last several years. This has been possible due to the development of high yielding varieties of mustard in this university and the adoption of advanced techniques by the farmers.
- Haryana Agricultural University is a leading centre in mustard research in the country and so far a total of 21 varieties of mustard with good yield potential have been developed here. The recently developed mustard variety RH725 is very popular among farmers in many mustard growing states.

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Hathnikund Dam Project

Why in News?

On August 18, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar gave his approval for sending the preliminary report prepared by the Haryana Irrigation and Water Resources Department regarding ambitious Hathnikund Dam project to the Central Water Commission. Apart from the Water Commission, this report will also be sent to the five states.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that Hathnikund Dam is an ambitious project of Haryana Government. This report is very important in the construction of this project. Every year during the rainy season water is wasted and the Yamuna River area gets flooded. Due to this, the Haryana government has decided to build a dam in Hathnikund.
- The catchment area of this dam is about 11170 square km. Will happen. With its construction, Haryana will not only get electricity but also water supply. The annual power generation capacity of Hathnikund Dam will be 763 MU.
- This dam is to be built in the region of Himachal Pradesh, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. This report will be sent to the Central Water Commission and the states of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan and Delhi.
- The Chief Minister said that with the construction of Hathnikund Dam, ground water recharging will take place in the surrounding area and farmers will get benefit from it. Apart from this, every year during rainy days flood situation arises in the area of the Yamuna River. This destroys the crops of the farmers. With the construction of the dam, the problem of floods will be solved.
- Renuka, Kisau and Lakhwar, all three dams will get the benefit of the construction of this dam. The balancing reservoir function of these three dams will be made Hathnikund Dam.
- The Chief Minister said that the dam would not only supply electricity and water, but it would also be made a centre of tourism. Any dam is also important from the point of view of tourism.

Halsa President Inaugurated ADR Center of Rewari

Why In News?

On August 20, 2022, Justice Augustine George Masih, Judge, Punjab and Haryana High Court and Executive Chairman, **Haryana State Legal Services Authority (HALSA) duly inaugurated the new building of alternative dispute resolution (ADR) centre at Rewari district headquarters with the significance of 'Justice for all'.**

Key Points

- On this occasion, Justice Augustine George Masih and Administrative Judge of Sessions Division Rewari, High Court, Justice Manoj Bajaj launched the special campaign 'Aging with Dignity' of Haryana State Legal Services Authority and released the rights poster of the elderly.
- Augustine George Masih, executive president of HALSA, said that through this center, the public will get a meaningful option to settle their cases. This is the 14th alternative dispute resolution centre building at the district level in Haryana. Haryana is the leading state in the country in terms of separate alternative dispute resolution centre.
- He praised the 'Aging with Dignity' campaign and said it is a commendable initiative in honour of senior citizens who have built the future of the country.
- Justice Manoj Bajaj said that the services provided through the ADR centre will provide accessible, affordable and speedy justice to the complainants, which will save both their money and time. Due to family disputes, people compromise after fighting the pending battle in court, ADR center proves to be effective for such people.
- He said that due to the publicity of legal services, now the trend of people towards Lok Adalats and ADR centers is increasing continuously, through which lakhs of pending cases of the state are being settled every year. Legal services have also proved to be very beneficial in providing justice to the poor sections of the society, women and the needy.

Hafed Launches Multigrain Flour, Biscuits and Namkeen

Why In News?

On August 22, 2022, **Haryana State Cooperative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited (HAFED)**

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launched multigrain flour, biscuits and namkeen, expanding its range of consumer products.

Key Points

- The products launched in the HAFED brand include multigrain flour, five different varieties of biscuits, i.e. cumin, coconut, flour-Jaggery-Saunf, naan-khatai and dry fruit biscuits. Other products include six different types of namkeen namely Punjabi Tadka, Gujarati-Mix, Khatta-Meetha, Bikaneri Bhunjia, Peanut Pakoda and Garlic Pakoda.
- HAFED has tied up with Haryana Dairy Development Cooperative Federation Limited (HDDCF) for manufacture and packing of biscuits and namkeen products in HAFED brand through 'M/s Chandigarh Sweets' (major stake of which has been taken by Haldiram Delhi).
- Similarly, HAFED has roped in an agency for manufacture and packing of multigrain flour in the HAFED brand. The main ingredients of multigrain flour include gram, ragi, barley, soybean, maize, jowar, oats, psyllium husk and shyama tulsi.
- The unique combination of about ten ingredients of multigrain flour is very beneficial for health, digestion and increasing immunity in the human body. HAFED will promote sales of newly launched consumer products through its existing network of HAFED outlets, distributors and institutions.
- Speaking on the occasion, Kailash Bhagat, Chairman, HAFED said that HAFED has taken initiatives to boost its sales and broaden its customer base in the current competitive market. This will further strengthen the Federation's overall presence in the market through its consumer products.

Country's Largest Hospital 'Amrita Hospital' Inaugurated in Faridabad

Why In News?

On August 24, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and dedicated the country's largest hospital 'Amrita Hospital' in Faridabad to the public.

Key Points

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that with the opening of Amrita Hospital, not only the people

of Faridabad and Haryana state will be facilitated but the entire population of Delhi NCR will also get treatment facility here.

- Speaking on the occasion, Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal said that Haryana is moving forward in terms of health facilities. In 2014, there were 7 medical colleges in the state, which has now increased to 13. In the coming time, 9 more medical colleges including this college will be opened. There will be a medical college in every district in the state. At the same time, the benefits of Ayushman Bharat Yojana will reach more than 21 lakh people in the state.
- Built by mother Amrita Anandmayi 'Amma', the hospital is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities. The hospital will have 2600 beds, including 534 ICU beds, and is to be equipped with 81 specialized departments, the highest in India.
- The hospital will have 64 state-of-the-art operation theatres. Apart from this, a fully residential MBBS program with 150 seats will be conducted here. There will also be a nursing college and a college for allied health sciences. It will have the largest, fully automated smart lab in the country for processing blood and other important samples.

National Teacher Award

Why In News?

On August 25, 2022, the Ministry of Education, Government of India released the final list of names of 46 teachers from different states of the country selected for the National Teacher Awards 2022. It also includes the name of Haryana professor Anju Dahiya.

Key Points

- President Draupadi Murmu will present the National Awards for the year 2022 to selected teachers and teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day on September 5, 2022 at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 50,000 and a silver medal.
- Anju Dahiya is the only professor from the state to be selected for the National Teachers Award. Anju Dahiya, professor of chemistry at Government Senior Secondary School, Badwasani in Sonapat district, has done commendable work towards making the subject easier.

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- He has made the subject of chemistry easier with activities like sports and poetry. Students are able to understand the subject through activities and remember it for a long time. He divided the subject of chemistry into poetry and sports activities. The quiz competition was organized and the children were motivated to participate. The students learned from sports activities that they remembered. This made them find the subject easier.
- Professor Anju Dahiya has also promoted the Indian education system abroad. He stayed in Uzbekistan for 15 days and inspired the people there about the Indian education system. Research papers were also presented. There he told the people how to teach children with sports and other activities.
- On the occasion of Teachers' Day, the Department of School Education and Literacy of the Ministry of Education organizes a national function every year on September 5, in which national awards are given to the best teachers of the country.
- The selection of teachers for the awards is done in a transparent manner through an online three-tier selection process.
- The objective of conferring the National Award to Teachers is to underline the unique contribution of the teachers of the country and to honor such teachers, who have not only improved the quality of school education but also enriched the lives of their students with their commitment and hard work.

Book 'The Guru: Guru Nanak Ki Sakhiyan' released

Why In News?

On August 28, 2022, the book '**The Guru: Guru Nanak Ki Sakhiyan**', authored by rajni Sekhri Sibal, a retired IAS officer of Haryana cadre, was released at an event held at golf club in Chandigarh.

Key Points

- The book is based on a collection of sakhis about the life of Sri Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Rajni Sekhri Sibal has written ten sakhis of Guru Nanak Dev ji in this book.
- Batala, Nankana Sahib, Kartarpur Sahib have been specially mentioned in this book. He has called Guru Nanak Dev Ji Baba Ji in this book.

- The book is a collection of 500-year-old anecdotes: an inquisitive child who questions the world around him; a perceptive teenager who thought rationally in an irrational world; A conscious youth who sought the rationale behind existing norms and customs; An intelligent and sympathetic human being, who tried to remove the deeply rooted prejudices in the society and a gentle, calm and pure soul, who spreads harmony, peace and compassion.

Neeraj Chopra won the Lausanne Diamond League Title

Why In News?

On August 26, 2022, Haryana's javelin thrower and Tokyo Olympics gold medalist Neeraj Chopra won the Lausanne Diamond League title with a throw of 89.08m in his first attempt.

Key Points

- Neeraj Chopra, a resident of Khandara village in Panipat, topped the Diamond League meet to become the first Indian player to win the Lausanne Diamond League title.
- With this win, he has qualified for the Diamond League Final to be held in Zurich, Switzerland on September 7-8, as well as for the 2023 World Championships, which has a qualification mark of 85.20m.
- Neeraj Chopra finished second at the Stockholm Diamond League earlier this year with a personal best throw of 89.94m .
- Recently, Neeraj won a silver medal in the final match of the World Athletics Championships with a throw of 88.13 meters. He is the second athlete to do so after Anju Bobby George (2003).

MoU signed between United Nations World Food Program (WFP) and Haryana

Why In News?

On August 29, 2022, an MoU was signed between the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) and the Department of Foreign Cooperation of Haryana.

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Key Points

- The MoU was signed by Anant Prakash Pandey, Director General of the Department of Foreign Cooperation and Bishov Parajuli, Representative and Country-Director of the United Nations World Food Programme in India in the presence of Yogendra Chaudhary, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Foreign Cooperation.
- The main objective of this agreement is to contribute to achieving the goals of food and nutrition security. This will improve mutual understanding and friendship for the strategic initiatives to be taken between WFP and the State of Haryana and strengthen mutual relations.
- Before signing the MoU, Bishov Parajuli, Representative and Country Director of the United Nations World Food Programme, said the MoU is based on the 'Automated Grain Distribution Machine and 'Annapurta Programme' already running on a pilot basis between the World Food Programme and the Haryana government.
- He said that through this partnership, we aim to bring together technical experts in this field for cross learning by sharing best practices in the field of food and nutritional security, among other activities.
- Anant Prakash Pandey, Director General, Department of Foreign Cooperation, said on the occasion that WFP's global and national expertise will be leveraged through partnerships to achieve national goals for providing food security to the people and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- He said the Haryana government, in collaboration with WFP, would explore other areas such as supply chain adaptation and implementation of public distribution system reforms, women empowerment including financial and social inclusion, climate adaptation and resilient food systems in which to move forward jointly.
- Under this collaboration-framework, WFP will facilitate the transfer and exchange of knowledge, skills and expertise to strengthen existing capabilities and solidify existing systems by providing technical support. The duration of this partnership will be five years.

Haryana Government announces State Teacher Award-2021

Why In News?

On August 29, 2022, the Haryana government announced the State Teacher Award-2021. A total of 47 teachers will be given this award by the state government in a function organized on the occasion of Teacher's Day.

Key Points

- An official spokesman said that out of the total 47 teachers selected for the State Teacher Award-2021, four principals, one head master of high school, 13 PGTs, four head masters of fundamental schools, two Sanskrit, three Hindi, two drawings, one science, two social studies, one DPE Two primary head masters and 12 primary school teachers.
- These teachers include the maximum number of 10 teachers from Rewari district, followed by Bhiwani district with 7 teachers. Apart from this, 6 teachers from Sonapat district, 4 teachers each from Jhajjar and Karnal districts, 3 teachers each from Hisar, Fateha bad and Kurukshetra districts, 2 teachers each from Gurugram and Mahendragarh districts and 1 teacher each from Kaithal, Panipat and Charkhi-Dadri districts.
- As an award, each awardee teacher will be given a cash prize of Rs. 1 lakh, a silver medal, a certificate, a shawl and two advance increments including dearness allowance for future service.
- It is noteworthy that the State Teacher Award is announced at the state level every year by the state government to honor the teachers who have made outstanding contributions in the field of education. The selection process is based on merit base.



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