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Haryana's 'Reshma' : Largest Milk Producing Buffalo in India

Why in News

The National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) has given a certificate 'Reshma buffalo' of Murrah breed (from Budha Kheda village in Kaithal, Haryana) for producing 33.8 liters milk. With this Reshma has become the largest milk producing buffalo in the whole of India.

Key Points

- When Reshma gave birth to the child for the first time, she produced 19-20 liters of milk. The second time she produced 30 liters of milk. When Reshma became a mother for the third time, she set a new record with 33.8 liters of milk.
- The team of many doctors saw Reshma milking 7 times, after which she became the highest milking buffalo in India. With the certificate of National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Reshma has come in the number one category of improved variety. Its milk fat quality is 9.31 out of 10.
- Reshma has also won first prize in a cattle fair organized by Dairy Farming Association with 31.213 liters of milk. Apart from this, Reshma has won many more awards.
- It is noteworthy that Naresh and Rajesh Beniwal, the owner of Murrah breed buffalo 'Sultan', that is famous in the whole country, are also the owners of Reshma. Sultan had been the national winner in the 2013 National Animal Beauty Competition in Jhajjar, Karnal and Hisar.
- The Sultan used to give 30 thousand semen doses in a year, which were sold for lakhs of rupees. Sultan died in September 2021.

Special Girdawari for Rabi 2021-22 crop

Why in News

In some districts of Haryana state, the work of special girdawari for the crops of Rabi 2021-22 damaged by the recent hailstorm has started from March 1, 2022.

Key Points

- The general girdawari work of Rabi crops in the state is done till February 28, while the special girdawari work for Rabi crops damaged by the recent hailstorm on February 25-26 has been started from March 1.
- As soon as the special girdawari is completed, the compensation will be directly transferred to the accounts of the farmers. The compensation amount is being distributed for Kharif crops (2020-21) like paddy, cotton, bajra.
- Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that even if the sowing of crops could not be done due to waterlogging in the agricultural land of the farmers, compensation would be given to the aggrieved farmers.
- It is noteworthy that due to heavy rains, water logging and pest attacks, there was damage in the Kharif 2021 crop (Cotton, Moong, Paddy, Bajra and Sugarcane), for which special Girdawari was done by the Haryana Government.

Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversions Bill, 2022

why in the news

On March 4, 2022, Haryana Home Minister Anil
 Vij introduced the 'Haryana Unlawful Conversion
 Prevention Bill, 2022' in the budget session of the
 Legislative Assembly.

key points

- With the passage of this bill, Haryana will become the seventh state in the country to enact a law against forced conversions.
- In this bill, three categories of punishment have been created against those who forcibly convert.
- If conversion is done by allurement, use of force, fraudulent means or coercion, then there is a provision for imprisonment of one to five years and a fine of not less than one lakh rupees.
- A person who hides his religion with the intention of marriage, has been given a punishment of not



less than three years and a maximum of ten years of imprisonment and a fine of three lakh rupees.

- Similarly, a provision of imprisonment of not less than five years and a maximum of ten years along with a fine of four lakh rupees.
- It is noteworthy that before Haryana, this law has been made in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Uttar Pradesh and Karnataka.

Portal for People Seeking Financial Assistance on Medical Grounds

Why in News

On March 5, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched Saral Portal for the convenience of those receiving financial assistance on medical grounds under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

Key Points

- Now applicants for financial assistance can get the benefit of this facility through Saral Portal. Applicants can apply through their PPP ID on Saral Portal.
- The amount of financial assistance received from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund will be directly transferred to the bank account of the applicant or the beneficiary, along with it has been decided to include 22 more serious diseases in the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.
- Applicants can apply for financial assistance on medical basis from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund by uploading other related documents like their medical bills, OPD bills etc.
- As soon as the applicant will put his application on the portal for financial assistance, the application will be login to the concerned area MP, MLA, President Zilla Parishad, President Block Committee, Mayor/MC President and these public representatives will send their recommendation to the Deputy Commissioner within five days.
- The Deputy Commissioner will send the land details to the concerned Tehsildar and the Civil Surgeon for verification of medical documents.
- There will be a meeting of the district level committee every fortnight in which the report will be sent to the Chief Minister's Office after reviewing the cases of providing financial assistance on medical grounds.

Swami Omanand Saraswati Museum

Why in News

On March 6, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated the construction work of Swami Omanand Saraswati Sangrahalaya, a collection center for historical facts in Jhajjar district and gave developmental schemes worth about Rs 78.47 crore dedicated to the development of the district.

Key Points

- Dedicated to the glorious life of Swami Omanand Saraswati, this archeological museum will be constructed at a cost of about Rs 100 crore in Sector 6 premises of Jhajjar.
- With the construction of this archeological museum, where historical objects will be collected, the museum
 will also be helpful for the researchers in the research work related to archeology.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of projects worth Rs 34.25 crore and inaugurated development schemes worth Rs 44.22 crore.
- He dedicated it to the residents of the district by inaugurating the newly constructed 18 beige bus stand in Bahadurgarh city, the newly constructed Revenue Colony in Sector 13 Bahadurgarh, the newly constructed Government Senior Secondary School building in village Kasar and the new building of Government High School constructed in Jakhoda village.
- The Chief Minister inaugurated Swami Omanand Saraswati Smriti Van built by Haryana Urban Development Authority at a cost of Rs 3.20 crore, Sub-Divisional (N) Complex Badli to be built at an estimated cost of about Rs 23.61 crore and Sub-Divisional Residential Colony to be built at a cost of about Rs 7.43 crore was inaugurated.

Best Performing Districts Rewarded For Improving Sex Ratio

Why in News

Haryana Minister of State for Women and Child Development Kamlesh Dhanda honored Rohtak, Charkhi Dadri and Jind districts for their better performance



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in improving the sex ratio in a program organized in Panchkula on the occasion of International Women's Day.

Key Points

- Minister Kamlesh Dhanda honored district Rohtak for the first, Charkhi Dadri second and Jind for the third prize by giving Rs 5 lakh, Rs 3 lakh and Rs 2 lakh respectively and a citation.
- Apart from this, he also honored the winners of Poshan Puraskar, 2021-22. District Mewat was awarded Rs. 2 lakh for securing first position, Rs. 1 lakh to Faridabad for securing second position and Rs. 50 thousand to district Palwal for securing third position and citation.
- Suman of Yamunanagar was honored by giving 'Behen Shanno Devi Panchayati Raj Award' of Rs 1 lakh.
- Apart from this, 46 talents were honored in sports, social sector, worker working in Anganwadi center, women entrepreneur category and government employee category.
- Earlier, Kamlesh Dhanda launched a poster based on nutrition on behalf of the Department of Women and Child Development.

Natural Agriculture Board

Why in News

On March 8, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal said in Kurukshetra that the State Government has decided to constitute a Natural Agriculture Board with the objective of promoting natural farming and providing facilities to the farmers for this farming.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that natural farming would be promoted to rid the people of the state from poisonous products and to save the health of the land.
- A provision of Rs 32 crore has been made in the budget by the State Government for the formation of Natural Agriculture Board.
- The Chief Minister said that work has also been done to give a concrete shape to the 3-year productionbased plan for natural farming. Under this scheme 100 clusters will be formed and 25 acres of land in each cluster will also be linked with natural farming.

After this, the work of certification, branding and then packaging will be done. Along with this, if the farmers suffer losses due to natural farming, then the amount of compensation will be provided by the government.

Pooja Sharma honored with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar'

Why in News

On the occasion of International Women's Day on March 8, 2022, President Ram Nath Kovind honored Pooja Sharma of Haryana with 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' for her extraordinary work towards women empowerment.

Key Points

- In a special ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, the President honored 29 women from across the country with the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar'. For the year 2020 and 2021, 14 awards were given and one award was given jointly to two women.
- These awards are given to women who have done remarkable work in the field of entrepreneurship, agriculture, innovation, social work, art, handicrafts, wildlife conservation, linguistics, merchant navy, education, literature, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) and rights of persons with disabilities.
- Farmer and entrepreneur Pooja Sharma from Gurugram, Haryana has been honored with the Nari Shakti Puraskar for the year 2021 for her outstanding contribution in the field of skill development and women empowerment and entrepreneurship.
- Pooja Sharma formed self-help group 'Kshitij' based in Gurgaon (Gurugram) in 2013 and 'JingEngest' company based in Delhi in 2017.
- They used IARI standardized technology to create processed soy, soy health drinks, biscuits and other soynut items.
- She established 9 Self-Help Groups (SHGs) and trained over 1,000 women in Haryana. Their food manufacturing units employ about 150 women.
- In 2016, ICAR honored him with the 'Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Krishi Puraskar' and the 'Innovative Krishi Samman'.



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It is noteworthy that women who have done exceptional and outstanding work towards the empowerment of weak and marginalized women are honored with Nari Shakti Puraskar every year. The 2020 Nari Shakti Puraskar ceremony could not be held due to the Corona epidemic.

Foundation Stone of Adventure Tourism Center in Village Damdama

Why in News

On March 12, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar laid the foundation stone of Adventure Tourism Center in Damdama village of Gurugram district to promote tourism in the state.

Key Points

- Along with this, he also flagged off the two-day Haryana Aero Sports Carnival organized by Haryana Tourism and Aero Club of India.
- The Chief Minister also released the brochure of Center for Adventure Tourism, Damdama on the occasion. He honored Dr. Supriya Dhanda, Professor of History in Government College, Faridabad with the Outstanding Women Achievers Award given by the Department of Women and Child Development.
- This adventure tourism center of Damdama will be developed on about 19 acres of land, for which Haryana Tourism Department has coordinated with Aero Club of India.
- To be started in Damdama, a village in the lap of Aravalli, an infrastructure will be created for various adventure activities which will include camping sites, air strip for paramotors, aero sports activities, cafeteria and other activities.
- Continuous efforts are being made by the state government to promote tourism. Recently adventure sports were also started in Tikkartal of Morni.
- The Haryana government has planned to open 1000 nurseries in the state to motivate the children towards sports from the very beginning. These nurseries will be established in government and private schools, besides in sports departments, so that children become physically and mentally strong as well as character.

Haryana Chief Minister Honored with Covid-19 Commitment Award

Why in News

On March 16, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar was honored with the COVID-19 Commitment Award by Asia One Magazine. The award was given by the team of Asia One Magazine at the Chief Minister's residence in Chandigarh.

Key Points

- This honor was given to Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar for his contribution to the revival of the state's economy and the collective welfare of the society despite the challenging environment of the Corona epidemic.
- The Chief Minister said that it is the honor of all those Corona Warriors of Haryana who, without caring about their lives, served the patients day and night and made people aware of the pandemic.
- Despite the lockdown, people went door-to-door to deliver daily necessities and medicines. People arranged accommodation and food for the needy trapped away from home.
- The Chief Minister said that due to the Corona Warriors, the state was successful in getting control of the Covid-19 epidemic.

New Income Limit for Old Age Pension

Why in News

On March 17, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said in a press conference in Chandigarh that a new income limit would be fixed for old age pensions in the state.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that the Haryana government has taken this decision to prevent malpractices in government schemes and to weed out the ineligible.
- Recently, in the investigation of PPP (Family Identity Card), 18 thousand widow women have been found in the state, who have remarried, but are also taking widow pension.



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- To get the benefit of old age pension, the income limit in the year 2011 was 50 thousand rupees. In the year 2012, this income limit was increased to Rs 2 lakh. Since then, there has been no change in the income limit of old age pension.
- In order to bring transparency in pension, the state government has sent the data of persons aged 57 to 60 years in the field for verification through family identity card. After verification, their pension will start automatically on attaining the age of 60 years.
- The birth and death registration process has been digitized and linked to Parivar Pehchan Patra, so that the information of family members is updated automatically.
- The Chief Minister said that in the fifth phase, data of about 30.06 lakh families have been sent for verification. Till now the number of verified families below Rs 1.80 lakh is 13 lakh 53 thousand. It is estimated that the number of such families will be around 20 lakhs. Out of the verified households, the number of scheduled caste families is 31 percent and the number of families belonging to backward classes is 37 percent.

Best State Award for Promotion of Sports

Why in News

On March 19, 2022 Haryana was awarded 'Best State Award for Promotion of Sports'. Haryana received this award after beating Odisha and other states for three consecutive years.

Key Points

- Haryana Sports Minister Sardar Sandeep Singh received the 'Best State Award for Promotion of Sports' on behalf of the state at the annual Sports Awards function organized by the ACES Sports Star Awards Hindu Group.
- Apart from this, the players of Haryana brought laurels to the state by getting awards in eight other categories as well.
- Neeraj Chopra of Haryana was awarded the 'Sport Star of the Year' and 'Best Player in Track and Field' award at the ACES Sports Star Awards ceremony.
- Similarly, 'Best Para Male Sportsperson' to Sumit Antil; Ravi Dahiya named 'Best player in the individual

game'; Savita Punia named 'Best player in the team'; The Indian Hockey Team (Men) was awarded the 'Best Movement in the Olympics (Team)' and 'National Team of the Year' and the Indian Hockey Team (Women) with the 'Best Team Award'. It is noteworthy that nine players in the Indian Hockey Team (Women) were from Haryana.

- This year, a jury headed by former Indian cricketer Sunil Gavaskar selected Haryana as the winner of the award for its role in promoting grassroots sports and the Olympic movement.
- The Haryana government has been making continuous efforts to promote sports for years. The skill shown by the players of Haryana in national and international sports competitions and the large number of awards received have proved the significance of the sports policy implemented in the state.

35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela

- Why in News
- On March 19, 2022 Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya and Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar officially inaugurated the world famous Surajkund Crafts Mela after a long gap of two years.
- Key Points

- This is the 35th edition of the Surajkund Mela to be held from March 19 to April 4, 2022. The fair was not organized for 2 years due to the global COVID-19 pandemic.
- Since 1987, Surajkund Crafts Mela has been continuously showcasing the richness and diversity of handicrafts, handlooms and cultural heritage of India.
- Organized jointly by Surajkund Mela Authority and Haryana Tourism in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Tourism, Textiles, Culture, External Affairs and Government of Haryana, this handicraft festival has earned a prominent place on the international tourism calendar for showcasing its crafts, culture and cuisines of India. has been established.
- J&K is the 'Theme State' of 35th Surajkund International Crafts Mela 2022, hence Vaishno Devi Temple, Amarnath Cave, Apna Ghar representing architecture from Kashmir, live performance of House Boat and replicas of Memorial Gate 'Mubarak Mandi-Jammu' are the main attractions.



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- Also, hundreds of artists from Jammu and Kashmir will perform various folk arts and dances. From traditional dance art forms to exquisite crafts, a bouquet of heritage and culture of Jammu and Kashmir will be the main attraction of this fair showcasing the unique culture and rich heritage through various art forms and handicrafts.
- Through this fair, thousands of artisans of the country get a platform to display their art and products widely.
 Along with this, this fair also plays an important role in reviving the heritage craft of India.
- In this fair, traditional and cultural artists performed Kachhi Ghodi, Stick Walker, Kalbelia, Beharupia of Rajasthan, Kangri Nati of Himachal, Bihu of Assam, Bhangra, Jindua, Jhumer of Punjab, Choupal of Uttarakhand, Holi of Barsana of Uttar Pradesh, of Meghalaya. Wangiya, Sambalpuri Odisha, Badhaai of Madhya Pradesh, Lavani of Maharashtra will be performed.
- Surajkund Crafts Mela was upgraded to International level in the year 2013. In 2020, more than 30 countries from Europe, Africa and Asia participated in this fair, while this year also more than 30 countries will be part of this fair.
- These include partner countries of Latin American countries including Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Namibia, Sudan, Nigeria, Equatorial Guinea, Senegal, Angola, Ghana, Thailand, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Iran, Maldives and other countries.

Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversions Bill, 2022

Why in News?

On March 22, 2022, the Haryana Legislative Assembly passed the Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversions Bill, 2022 against conversions through force, undue influence or allurement.

Key Points

With this, Haryana has become the fourth state in the country to pass the Conversion Bill. Similar bills were recently passed in Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Himachal Pradesh.

- The Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversions Bill, 2022 was introduced in the Haryana Legislative Assembly on March 4, 2022.
- Every offense committed under the Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversions Bill, 2022 shall be cognizable and non-bailable.
- According to the Bill, if conversion is done by allurement, use of force, fraudulent means or coercion, then there is a provision for imprisonment of one to five years and a fine of not less than Rs 1 lakh.
- Whoever converts or attempts to convert a minor, a woman or a person belonging to the Scheduled Castes or Scheduled Tribes, shall be punished with imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than four years, which may extend to 10 years and liable to fine not less than Rs 3 lakh.
- Concealment of religion with intent to marry is punishable with imprisonment of not less than three years, which may extend to 10 years. Similarly, anyone found guilty of marrying will have to pay a fine of not less than three lakh rupees.
- According to the bill, mass conversion will be punishable with imprisonment of not less than five years, which may extend to 10 years and with a fine of not less than
 Rs 4 lakh. On the other hand, if proved to be forcible conversion, there will be a maximum imprisonment of ten years and a minimum fine of five lakh rupees.

Vijay Vardhan: Chief Information Commissioner of Haryana

Why in News?

On March 25, 2022, former Chief Secretary of Haryana and retired IAS Vijay Vardhan became the new Chief Information Commissioner of the state. Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar administered the oath of office and secrecy to him at his Haryana residence in Chandigarh.

Key Points

Along with this, the Chief Minister administered the oath of office and allegiance to retired IAS Satyaveer Singh Phulia as State Information Commissioner. Both the retired IAS officers took oath in Hindi.



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- The Governor has made these appointments on the recommendation of the Search and Statutory Committee constituted under sub-section 3 of Section 15 of the Right to Information Act, 2005.
- It is worth mentioning that the State Government had constituted this committee this month to fill the vacant posts of Chief Information Commissioner and State Information Commissioner. After sorting out the applications for both the posts, the committee had stamped the names of Vardhan and Phulia.
- The post of Chief Information Commissioner fell vacant after the completion of the tenure of retired DGP Yashpal Singhal on March 23. He was appointed to this post on April 27, 2017.

New astroturf of Hockey at Gurugram's Nehru Stadium

Why in News?

On March 24, 2022, Haryana's Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs Sardar Sandeep Singh said that a new hockey astroturf would be installed at the Nehru Stadium in Gurugram.

Key Points

- The State Government has fixed an estimated cost of Rs 9.40 crore for Hockey Astroturf in Gurugram. This work will be started in the financial year 2022-23.
- In addition to Hockey Astroturf in Gurugram, new grounds with modern facilities for multi-games will be built on the land provided by panchayats or institutions in district Mewat, so that players can practice on them.
- Sardar Sandeep Singh informed that the government is contemplating to build new multi-game tracks if there is availability of land in Hodal and Palwal also. A plan is also being prepared for the maintenance of Maharaja Janmejay Stadium in Safidon of Jind district.
- The Sports Minister said that the government would provide similar facilities in the area where the youth would be interested in sports.
- It is worth mentioning that Haryana is the first state in the country to have the highest sports budget.

Rule-134A Abolished in Haryana: Now Poor Children Will Study under RTE

Why in News?

Recently, the Haryana Government has issued a notification to withdraw the facility of free education to the children of Economically Weaker Section (EWS) in private schools by removing Rule 134-A of the Haryana School Education Rules, 2003.

Key Points

- Under Rule 134-A, meritorious students belonging to the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) were allowed 10 per cent seats in private schools and could complete their studies up to class 12th.
- After the abolition of Rule-134A, now children from poor families will not get free admission on 10 percent seats in private schools. Under the Right to Education Rules (RTE), the government will provide 25% admission to economically weaker children in private schools.
- To abolish Rule-134A, the School Education Department has amended the Haryana School Education Rules, 2003. The amended rules will now be called the Haryana School Education Rules, 2022.
- Section 12(1)(c) of the Right to Education Act, 2009, (RTE Act) is applicable in the state. Under this, reservation of 25% seats is mandatory for EWS students in private schools.
- Rule 134-A was a provision under the Haryana School Education Rules, which existed before RTE. The new Act provides 25 per cent benefit to EWS, while Rule 134-A provides only 10 per cent benefit.

23rd National Sub-Junior Fencing Competition: Haryana Won Title of boys Category

Why in News?

Haryana has won the overall title in the boys section of the 23rd Sub-Junior National Fencing Competition held at Jainam Manas Bhawan, Raipur, capital of Chhattisgarh.



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Key Points

- Karnataka has won the overall title of the girls category of this competition.
- In the closing ceremony of the competition, Chairman of Chhattisgarh Minorities Commission Mahendra Singh Chhabra distributed prizes and medals to the winners.
- Manipur and Maharashtra became the winner and runner-up respectively in the girls category of the final event of the competition, while Tamil Nadu and Haryana stood third. Similarly, in the boys category, Haryana and Manipur became the winner and runnerup respectively, while Punjab and Maharashtra stood third.
- Tamil Nadu and Delhi became the winner and runnerup respectively in the boys section of the Saber event of the competition, while Punjab and Haryana stood third. Similarly, in the girls category, Delhi and Haryana became the winner and runner-up respectively, while Punjab and Manipur stood third.
- Karnataka and Maharashtra were the winners and runners-up respectively in the girls category of AP event of sub-junior fencing competition, while Tamil Nadu and Haryana stood third. Similarly, in the boys category, Haryana and Manipur became the winner and runner-up respectively, while Maharashtra and Jammu and Kashmir got the third position.
- Overall Haryana stood first, Manipur second, Tamil Nadu third, Punjab fourth and Delhi fifth in boys' category. Similarly, in the girls category overall Karnataka stood first, Manipur second, Haryana third, Maharashtra fourth and Tamil Nadu fifth.

Patwaris Will be Honored for Performing Excellent Work

Why in News?

On March 27, 2022, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala informed that the state government will honor patwaris who have performed excellent work in collaboration with the district administration in covid-19 and other revenue related works.

Key Points

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- To encourage the Patwaris, the government has decided to honor them. This award ceremony will be held in Jind on March 29.
- Top 50 patwaris who have done commendable and good work will be rewarded with one motorcycle each and a certificate of appreciation. Some other Patwaris will be awarded with Certificate of Excellence.
 - The Deputy CM said that in the last two years, during the Kovid epidemic, many Patwaris have fulfilled their responsibility better. The Girdawari assigned related to natural calamities, hail, unseasonal rain, water logging etc. has also made excellent contributions in maintaining the smooth functioning of the system by doing it in a time bound manner.
 - It is worth mentioning that earlier, the Haryana Government had honored 100 women achievers by presenting one scooty each for doing commendable work while holding various posts in Panchayati Raj Institutions from across the state.



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