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Jyotisar Anubhav Kendra

Why in News?

On July 31, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, while inspecting the under-construction project at Geeta Sthali Jyotisar, said that Jyotisar Anubhav Kendra based on Mahabharata theme would be constructed at Geeta Sthali Jyotisar at a cost of Rs 205 crore.

Key Points:

- This project will be world famous and will become a center of attraction for tourists coming from far and wide.
- A budget of Rs 205 crore will be spent by the state government for this project. Out of this budget, an amount of Rs 30 crore has been spent so far. In this Geeta Sthali Jyotisar, out of the budget released by the Government of India, a budget of Rs 29 crore has been spent on the construction work of the building.
- In the building of A block to be built in Jyotisar Anubhav Kendra, depicting the characters of Mahabharata, ticket counter, audio guide, in the building of B block tableaux highlighting the main causes of Mahabharata like Draupadi Cheer Haran, Lakshya Griha etc are included.
- Various techniques including 3D mapping, holography are being used in this project.



Graveyard Object of Mahabharata found from historic Karna Kot Mound

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on August 1, 2023, a Mahabharata period graveyard object has been found from the historical Karna Kot mound of Bhattu village of Bhuna, Fatehabad district of Haryana. Pottery and cups were carved from this object in that period.

Key Points:

- It is known that things of historical importance are being obtained from the Karnakot mound of the Mahabharata period in Haryana due to the flow of soil in the rainy season. Graveyard objects have been recovered from this mound during the recent rains.
- This stone is made of porcelain and even after a century this piece of stone is still safe. After the recent rains, when this piece of stone emerged from the soil, the researcher and safety engineer of this village, Ajay Kumar, kept it with him and informed the Archaeological Department.
- The remains that have been found are a circle of the material used for making pottery during the Mahabharata period, which is called the Graveyard. It is a porcelain-like material with excellent Luster and strength. Molds of utensils and cups were prepared from this graveyard during the Mahabharata period.
- Ajay Kumar, the researcher and safety engineer of this mound, said that this graveyard is wonderful in itself and is a reflection of the pottery-making method of

the Mahabharata period, by which utensils were made.

A terracotta bangle belonging to the Harappan civilization as well as fragments of an ivory bangle has been found from this mound. Apart from this, remains of ivory bangles have also been found here.



Chess dice from the Harappan period have also been found here.

- It is worth mentioning that Bhattu village located in the Tohana constituency has preserved history in itself. Evidence from the Mahabharata period to the Anglo-Sikh war has been found here.
- This place has been witness to so many historical wars and the weapons used in these wars still come out from here every day, in which the remains of swords, cannonballs & horse riders are prominent.



Amrit Bharat Station Scheme: 15 Railway Stations of Haryana will be Redeveloped

Why in News?

On August 6, 2023, Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment works of 508 railway stations in the country through video conferencing under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme. These include 15 railway stations of Haryana.

Key Points:

- It may be noted that in the first phase of this ambitious Amrit Bharat station scheme, 15 railway stations of Haryana will be redeveloped. These stations include Ambala City, Bhiwani Junction, Faridabad, Pataudi Road, Hisar, Bahadurgarh, Jind Junction, Narwana Junction, Narnaul, Kalka, Rewari, Rohtak, Sirsa, Sonipat and Yamunanagar-Jagadhri stations.
- Apart from this, 34 stations of the state will also be included in the second phase of the scheme.
- It is worth mentioning that modern facilities like wide concourse, foot over bridge, lift, escalator, waiting room, commercial area and retail counter etc. will be provided at these stations to be redeveloped under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.
- The plan envisages multimodal transport. Passenger amenities at other minor stations will also be upgraded and will be provided with facilities like widened FOBs, frontage improvements, waiting areas, lifts, escalators etc.



Final Survey Report of Five Rail Projects in Haryana will be prepared soon

Why in News?

On August 7, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, while presiding over the meeting of the Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Board in Chandigarh, said that on the survey report prepared by the Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation to develop better rail infrastructure in the state, the Rail The ministry will soon prepare the final survey report of five rail development projects.

Key Points:

- In the meeting, the Chief Secretary said that the final location of three rail projects including rail connectivity between Indira Gandhi Airport Delhi to Maharaja Agrasen Airport Hisar, Garhi Harsaru-Farrukhnagar double line & new double line connectivity from Farrukhnagar to Jhajjar and Jhajjar-Charkhi Dadri-Loharu line. Survey report will be prepared.
- A joint visit to the Karnal-Yamunanagar new railway line and Kaithal railway elevated will also be done to finalize the survey report in the state.
- The Chief Secretary informed that the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor project has been included in the PM Gatishakti National Master Plan. Palwal, Nuhan, Gurugram, Jhajjar and Sonipat districts will benefit from this project.
- There is an effort to complete the construction of Manesar to Patli section of Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor in the current financial year.
- ➤ In the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor Project, 4.7-kilometer tunnel, double container traffic, tunneling to meet the needs of high-rise buildings and the state-of-the-art technology of New Austrian Tunneling Method are being worked on.
- Apart from this, 68 percent of construction of a 5.8-kilometer-long elevated track on Kurukshetra-Narwana railway line has been completed to eliminate five manned level crossings in Kurukshetra.





'Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0' launched in Haryana

Why in News?

On August 7, 2023, the Government of India decided for nationwide implementation of 'Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0' with the objective of increasing vaccination coverage for all vaccines specified in the National Immunization Schedule, under which the first phase of this mission has started in Haryana, scheduled from August 7 to August 12, 2023.

Key Points:

- ➤ A state government spokesperson said that three phases of 'IMI 5.0' scheduled for the months of August, September and October 2023 would be conducted in all the districts of Haryana.
- In the first phase, 65000 children of 0-5 years and 13600 pregnant women will be vaccinated.
- An official spokesperson said that the Government of India has recently launched the 'U-WIN (Winning over Immunization) Portal' which will be used for all data recording and reporting for IMI 5.0.
- The first round of 'IMI 5.0' has started in all the districts of Haryana. In most of the districts this campaign has been started by eminent personalities.
- The activities of this mission were launched by Moolchand Sharma in District Faridabad, Minister Dr. Banwari Lal in District Rewari, Minister Omprakash Yadav in District Narnaul, Haryana Deputy Speaker Ranbir Gangwa in District Hisar.
- In other districts of the state including Bhiwani, Faridabad, Fatehabad, Jind, Kurukshetra, Rewari and Yamunanagar, the mission was launched by the MLAs of the respective areas.
- Under 'Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0' children up to 5 years of age are being vaccinated against measles and rubella. The main objective of this campaign is to eliminate Measles and Rubella by the end of this year.

Ambulance Service Started in Five Districts of Jharkhand

Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on August 8, 2023, under the National Health Mission,

orders have been given to deploy ambulances under dial 108 emergency service in Jharkhand, under which 5 districts have been selected.

Key Points:

- In the first phase of deployment of ambulances in the state, approval has been given for regular operation of ambulances ensuring their stoppage at 69 base locations in Dhanbad, Hazaribagh, Khunti, Lohardaga and Ramgarh districts.
- All the 206 new ambulances parked in the NHM campus are being gradually deployed at the designated places.
- In the second phase, ambulance service will be started in Ranchi, Giridih, Dumka, Palamu, East Singhbhum and Pakur districts, for which recruitment of drivers and para emergency medical technicians is being done.
- It is known that in place of the old company M/s Jikitza Health Care Limited, the new company GBK Emergency Management and Research Institute (EMRI Green Health Services) of Secunderabad will take over its responsibility.
- The old company, Jikitza, was asked to hand over the same to the concerned company by 12 midnight on 18th August.
- > It is known that since November 14, 2017, free 108 ambulance service is being run in Jharkhand. Under the MoU, the company's agreement with the government expired on November 14, 2022.
- > The injured, general patients and pregnant women will get the benefit of ambulance service under emergency service.
- > How many ambulances will be started in the state?
 - Dhanbad 27
 - o Hazaribagh 19
 - o Ramgarh 10
 - o Lohardaga 6
 - o Khunti 6
- In the respective districts, if an accident has to be taken to the hospital for treatment, a sick person or the elderly in the family should be taken to the hospital for health check-up from home, or a pregnant woman should be taken for delivery, people should call 108. But according to the case, immediate service will be available. The service of all ambulances is being made available 24 hours.



- These features will be:
 - o 51 Ventilator Supported Advanced Life Support (ALS)
 - o 131 Basic Life Support (BLS) with oxygen
 - 24 Child Care Supported NeoNatal Life (ALS Neo Natal) Support Ambulance



Deputy Chief Minister Inaugurated Waste Treatment Plant in Sirsa

Why in News?

On August 6, 2023, Haryana's Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala inaugurated the Effluent Treatment Plant (CETP) built at a cost of Rs 6 crore 20 lakh in the industrial area of Sirsa district of the state.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Deputy Chief Minister said that water waste treatment plants will be built in the industrial area in the state, taking a step towards this goal, starting from Sirsa.
- There are 171 plots in this industrial area of district Sirsa, in which about 115 units are working. It will be very beneficial for them.
- ➤ It is known that the Sirsa Industrial Area had been demanding for a long time to set up a CETP plant to treat industrial waste. Due to this waste, earlier the water level used to rise from 350 to 400 BOD, which has now come down to 10. Farmers can also use this water in their agriculture.
- Installation of CETP will not only help in environmental protection but also get rid of dirt and bad smell. After treatment, this water will be used for irrigation and the green belt of industry. Industries will also benefit from the construction of this type of plant.



A proposal to honour Home Guards

Why in News?

On August 8, 2023, Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij while presiding over a review meeting with the top officials of the Home Guard and Civil Defence Department (Home Guard) in Chandigarh informed that a proposal would soon be sent to the state government to award medals for outstanding services to Home Guard volunteers.

Key Points:

- Apart from this, the Home Minister directed the officers that all the Home Guards of the state should get their duty allowance by the 7th of every month.
- In the meeting, he informed that a proposal will be prepared and sent to the government to give risk allowance to home guards on the lines of police personnel for policing duty.
- Also, a proposal for use of postal ballot by volunteers will be sent to the Election Commission.
- The Home Minister was apprised in the meeting that there is a strength of 14,000 Home Guards in the state and at present there are 12,000 Home Guards working in the state, out of which 9050 Home Guard volunteers are discharging the duties of law and order, traffic and driver etc. in the police department.
- > The Home Minister directed the officials to make a provision to give EPF etc. to home guards.
- Officials informed in the meeting that the accidental death claim has been increased from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 50 lakh by HDFC Bank for home guard volunteers.
- Apart from this, a provision has also been made to give Rs 3.25 lakh by the bank to the dependents of the volunteers in case of natural death.



- In the meeting, the officials apprised that at present, various trainings (traffic, flood disaster, first aid etc.) are being given to Haryana Home Guard volunteers from time to time at the Joint Training Institute located in Panchkula.
- Apart from this, home guards will soon be trained at the training center to be set up in Karnal.
- ➤ At present, identity cards of home guard volunteers of 14 districts have been made and identity cards of the remaining districts are under process.



6 Schemes under Padma Yojana

Why in News?

On August 9, 2023, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, who also holds the charge of the industries and commerce department, said that in order to promote MSMEs and startups in the state, the state government will give full support to private sector entrepreneurs like government projects, for this six schemes are being made under the Padma scheme.

Key Points:

- The Deputy Chief Minister said that the Padma Scheme has been given the form of a policy by the state government, so that more and more industrial clusters can be developed in the state.
- On the demand of industrialists in the state, now big industrial parks will be developed starting from 25 acres, whereas earlier it was starting from 100 acres, in which there was a provision to develop complete infrastructure on behalf of the state government.
- Just as the state government was sponsoring government projects under the Seeds Scheme, the PDS scheme has been created for the private sector on the same lines. For this, 6 schemes are being made, which will be implemented in the next one month.

- ➤ If an industrialist wants to set up 20 units in 25 acres, then he will be able to get all the facilities like the facilities given to government projects. For this, the government has made a provision of Rs 1000 crore.
- According to the new provisions, at least 25 MSMEs or other units will be set up in industrial parks ranging from 25 acres to 100 acres. The infrastructure for this will be prepared by the state government.
- Out of the blocks created for industries, incentives of up to Rs 50 crore will be given by the government in A, B, C and D blocks, which can be 50 to 85 percent support for projects.
- It is known that the present state government had discussed the creation of a venture capital fund during the budget.
- If a startup comes to the state and wants any financial benefit, then the state government will become a partner in it, for this an overall fund of Rs 50 crore has been kept.
- If someone comes up with a new concept worth up to Rs 20 lakh, then the state government will support it under the 'Entrepreneurship Acceleration Scheme'.
- The total investment subsidy of 30 per cent (maximum Rs 30 lakh) of the project cost will be sponsored. An interest subsidy scheme has also been created, in which interest up to 6 percent (maximum Rs 20 lakh annually) will be paid by the government.
- If someone achieves this by improving marketing or branding at the national or international level, then such an industrialist will be given Rs 10 lakh annually. This will give a boost to small startups at the block level.

43 Prisoners of the state to be Released on Independence Day

Why is News?

On August 10, 2023, an official spokesperson of Haryana informed that the state government has decided to release 43 prisoners on August 15, 2023, on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of Independence, giving special remission.

Key Points:

Seven prisoners aged 60 years and above, who have completed 50 per cent of their actual sentence without remission, will be released.



- Similarly, the sentence of convicted prisoners who have completed two-thirds or 66 per cent of the sentence without remission from the actual sentence period has also been reduced. 33 such prisoners will be released on the occasion of Independence Day by giving the benefit of remission.
- An official spokesman said that there are 3 such convicted prisoners who have completed their sentence but are not able to pay the fine due to being poor, they will also be released on August 15, 2023, by giving the benefit of special remission.
- > The said prisoners must deposit the amount of fine imposed by any court, if they do not deposit this fine amount before August 15, they will not be released.

CM inaugurated the logo of the state level program under Drug Free Campaign

Why is News?

On August 10, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated the poster (logo) of the state-level program under the drug-free campaign launched by the state government.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister informed that the State Task Force will soon be formed at the state level and district level under the anti-drug campaign. Saints, social organizations, police, intellectual class as well as people willing to work in the eradication of drugs will also be included in this.
- ➤ It is worth mentioning that the state level drug deaddiction campaign was started by the state government on June 26, 2023, the drug de-addiction day.
- > The state government will provide full cooperation to the social organizations for smooth conduct of any kind of activities in the state for de-addiction.
- ➤ In this episode, the Chief Minister inaugurated the poster (logo) and praised the efforts of Vishwa Shiksha Niketan and Sunrise Global Foundation and Karuna Welfare Trust for the activities being conducted with the aim of keeping the youth away from drugs.
- President of Vishwa Shiksha Niketan, Dr. Sadhvi Amrita Didi, Chief Executive Officer of Sunrise Global Foundation, Dhanendra Vashishtha told that for

- social awareness to root out drug addiction, Nukkad Natak (stage) competition (school and college) will be organized across the state.
- ➤ The competition will be concluded on Vivekananda Jayanti, National Youth Day on January 12, 2024 under the leadership of the Chief Minister.



Government's policy on providing govt. jobs to the family members of martyred jawans

Why is News?

On August 15, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed that the state government has issued a policy notification to provide government jobs on compassionate basis to the martyred soldiers and family members of the armed police forces who have laid down their lives in the service of the country.

Key Points:

- Under this policy, defence officers, armed forces or central armed police forces by the Ministry of Home Affairs will be provided government jobs as per the compassionate policy to soldiers who are martyred in conflict, IED blasts, terrorist or militant attacks, border skirmishes during any operation or operation in a specified area.
- Apart from this, government jobs will be provided to the dependents of soldiers who have been martyred in incidents such as MT cardiac arrest, exceptional courage and duty in air accidents and natural disasters and in the discharge of duties in the UN Peacekeeping Force.
- The Chief Secretary informed that earlier as per the previous policies of May 30, 2014 and September 28, 2018, government jobs were given only to the



- dependents of those martyrs who were killed in border clashes, terrorist attacks or riots and who were declared martyrs by the Ministry of Defence or Ministry of Home Affairs.
- > The definition of eligible family members has also been enhanced in the new compassionate policy.
- The new policy aims to help the family by providing a job through compassionate appointment to one of the eligible members of the state-based family of soldiers killed in combat of the armed forces and central armed police forces.
- If there is a husband or wife in the family of the casualty for compassionate appointment and they do not want an appointment, then the benefit will be given to one of the married or unmarried children. This includes legally adopted children. Provided that the child was adopted by the martyred soldier while he was alive.
- ➤ If the martyr soldier was unmarried, then only with the consent of his parents, unmarried or married brother or unmarried sister or for whom consent is given by parents, brothers and unmarried sisters, will be given the benefit of this policy.

Shatrujit Kapoor became the new DGP of Haryana

Why is News?

According to information received from the media on August 16, 2023, Shatrujit Kapoor has become the new DGP of Haryana. He reached the police headquarters in Sector 6, Panchkula and took charge. He will remain in this post for 2 years.

Key Points:

- ➤ It is worth mentioning that Shatrujit Kapoor is a 1990 batch IPS. He has replaced P.K. Aggarwal, who retired on August 15.
- Apart from Shatrujit Kapoor, R.C. Mishra and Md. Aqueel were also in the race for the post of DGP, but they got the post as per the choice of the state government.
- ➤ It is known that in the panel meeting by UPSC on August 10, 3 names were approved for DGP, in which the names of Shatrujit Kapoor, Mohammad Aqueel and R.C. Mishra were approved for DGP.

- ➤ It is worth mentioning that after P.K. Aggarwal who retired in Haryana's DGP panel, the senior most is 1989 batch IPS officer Mohammad Aqueel. He is currently in charge of DG Jail. He will retire on December 31, 2025.
- RC Mishra is a 1990 batch IPS officer at number two. He currently holds the command of the Police Housing Corporation. He will retire in June 2024.
- ➤ Shatrujit Kapoor is the third senior 1990 batch IPS who is the DG of Anti Corruption Bureau (ACB). He will retire on October 31, 2026.



Haryana will now take the help of AI to assess the production and loss of crops

Why is News?

On August 17, 2023, Haryana Agriculture Department Director Narhari Singh Bangar said that the Haryana Agriculture Department will now take the help of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to assess the production and loss of crops. At present, the state government gets this work done through the employees.

Key Points:

- Director Narhari Singh Bangar said that the central and state government has given its approval. For this, applications have been invited from agencies. The government plans to use this technique in the upcoming Rabi season. About seven crore rupees will be spent on this project.
- > AI (Artificial Intelligence) is a technology that provides the ability to think and make decisions independently



- by modeling the processes of the human psyche. Haryana Agriculture Department has aimed to make the process from cultivation to production smooth and safe by using this technology.
- The Agriculture Department estimates the estimated production for crops every year according to the area. For this, the employees of the Agriculture Department select certain areas in the districts and estimate the crop production in that area. Along with this, the department is also dependent on the employees to assess the loss in the crops due to disease or other reasons.
- According to the officials of the Haryana Agriculture Department, photographs of the crop will be taken every week through satellite and other means in the AI model. The AI model will study the color of the crop, the length of the plant, the leaves in the photos given every week. State-of-the-art computers will be used in this.
- > The AI model will report twice in the middle of the crop and before harvesting. From this, the production will be estimated. A similar technique will be used for crop damage assessment. From this, it will be known that what kind of disease is there in the crop, if it is there then how much it can affect the production.
- Many times there are complaints of farmers in the assessment of loss that the assessment was not correct. They will not get full compensation. If the assessment of loss from Al's report is correct, farmers will not have such complaints and they will be able to get full compensation for the loss.
- The data that will be collected from AI will be matched with the data collected by the employees. If there is the similarity between the two or there is not much difference, then later the department can get this work done by AI only.
- Paddy, wheat, mustard and cotton will be included in the first phase of the scheme. Karnal and Hisar districts have been selected first under the scheme. About seven crore rupees will be spent on the scheme in both districts. After this, it is proposed to implement the scheme in seven districts and then in the entire state.
- > 60 percent expenditure on the scheme will be borne by the Center and 40 percent by the state government.

- > These will be the advantages of technology-
 - Correct estimation of crop production with the help of AI will make it easier to fix crop prices.
 - O Use of technology will save human labor and time.
 - Cost expenditure on old technology will also come down.



Another Industrial Township to be developed in Haryana

Why is News?

On August 20, 2023, Haryana Deputy CM Dushyant Chautala announced that an industrial township would be developed in Mothuka village adjacent to Yamuna Khadar in Faridabad district. A plan has been prepared for this.

Key Points:

- There is a plan to develop an industrial township in about 100 acres. In such a situation, IT centres, data centres or manufacturing plants can be set up here. This will also create employment opportunities for the youth in this area.
- Apart from this, JBM company will make electronic bus in Palwal. With the coming of industries in both these districts, employment opportunities will be created.
- He told that with the efforts of the Haryana government, a mobile factory is being set up in Mewat on 180 acres, in which mobile batteries will be made. Production is likely to start in this company from next year. Apart from this, a huge warehouse is being built in Manesar.





Haryana Govt. to launch Spirulina-based products to tackle malnutrition

Why is News?

On August 19, 2023, the Haryana government announced the introduction of Spirulina-based products to tackle malnutrition among children with a six-month pilot project in Nuh district.

Key Points:

- Under the Poshan Abhiyan, three nutrition-enriched programs will be implemented in all the blocks of the aspirational district Nuh.
- The objective of these programs is to reduce malnutrition and anemia among children and women.
- Nutritional support in the form of ready-to-eat foods, nutrition packets and antioxidant-rich foods will be provided to children and women in all blocks of Nuh district.
- The Women and Child Development Department will provide 'Orthonut' (peanut mixture) under the Integrated Child Development Scheme (ICDS) to the severely acute malnourished and moderate acute malnourished children in Nuh district on a pilot basis.
- A study conducted by the Institute of Health Management and Research (IHMR), Bangalore showed a reduction in malnutrition in children given spirulina for six months.
- Spirulina, an algae that grows in both freshwater and salt water, is known to be rich in nutrients and have antioxidant properties.



Many Important Projects have been Approved to Speed up the Development of Gurugram.

Why in News?

On August 19, 2023, under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, the 12th meeting of Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) was held at PWD Rest House, in which several important schemes were approved to speed up the development of Gurugram City through (GMDA).

Key Points:

- After extensive discussion with the members of the Authority, the Chief Minister approved the annual budget of Rs 2574.40 crore for the year 2023-24.
- In the annual budget, Rs 570.06 crore for infrastructure (roads, water supply, sewerage, storm water etc.), Rs 1151.77 crore for capital work, which health services, especially Rs 300 crore for Sheetla Mata Temple, Rs 36 crore for urban environment and a provision of Rs 538 crore has been made for operation & maintenance.
- ➤ For the annual budget, the authority will get revenue of Rs 2043.17 crore from various heads. Also, the balance requirement of Rs 531.23 crore will be met from the already available corpus fund.
- In the meeting of the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority, a new master water supply line was also proposed regarding the demand for water supply to different areas and new sectors of the city, on which the Chief Minister approved the 20.50-kilometer-long master water supply line. A budget of Rs 125 crore was also approved for this line.



- The new line of 200 MLD capacity from Basai Water Treatment Plant Part II will supply water to sectors 101, 104, 108, 110, 110A, New Palam Vihar, Palam Vihar, Sector 23, crossing NH-48, cyber hub etc. Through this line, the demand for water supply in the new and old cities will be met.
- ➤ In the 12th meeting of the GMDA, the Chief Minister approved the transfer of land for the proposed new Sewerage Treatment Plants (STPs) in Sector 107 near Daulatabad and Sector 78 near Naurangpur.
- Similarly, in the meeting, under the work of the upgradation of the road connecting Southern Peripheral Road (SPR) from Faridabad Road to NH 48, administrative approval was given for an amount of Rs 109.14 crore for the underpass being constructed at Vatika Chowk.
- The underpass is being constructed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) and GMDM on a 50:50 share basis.
- ➤ In the meeting, the Chief Minister also discussed with the officers of GMDA to increase the revenue through advertisement and other means.



509 Schools of the State will be known as Martyrs

Why in News?

On August 20, 2023, District Education Officer of Sonipat district of Haryana, Naveen Gulia said that students studying in government schools in Sonipat district will now be able to know about freedom fighters and brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country. For this, the state government is going to name 509 schools of the state after the martyrs, taking a big step to pay homage to the martyrs. This includes eight schools of Sonipat.

Key Points:

- All the records and website of the education department are being updated to change the name of these government schools to the names of the martyrs. With this step of the government, the families of the martyrs are feeling proud.
- These include 358 high, senior, secondary schools and 151 secondary and primary schools in the state. These schools are being named after the freedom fighters of that village and the brave martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the country.
- With this, where the young generation will get an opportunity to know about the martyrdom of the martyrs, the feeling of patriotism will also be awakened in their hearts.
- Two schools each from Sonipat, Gohana, Kathura and Kharkhoda blocks have been included in the schools which will be renamed after the freedom fighters or brave martyrs of that region. In these schools, the names of some schools have also been changed and written on the main gate.
- These schools will be known as Martyrs in Sonipat:

	Blocks	Martyr	School
	Sonipat	Freedom Fighter Mahavir Prasad Jain	Government Senior Secondary School, Shahzadpur
	Sonipat	Freedom Fighter Chaudhary Chandan Singh	Government Senior Secondary School, Bainyapur Lahrada
	Gohana	Shaheed Sukhbir Singh	Government Senior Secondary School, Rukhi
	Gohana	Freedom Fighter Babu Moolchand Jain	Government High School, Sikandarpur Majra
	Kathura	Martyr Sepoy Captain Singh	Government Senior Secondary School, Dhanana
	Kathura	Shaheed Mahavir Singh	Government High School, Bhanderi
	Kharkhoda	Shaheed Ravindra Singh Dahiya	Government Girls Senior Secondary School, Rohna



Kharkhoda	Shaheed Rai Singh	Government
		Primary School,
		Jharonthi

Where will the names of how many schools be changed?

- Rewari 94, Bhiwani 85, Jind 61, Palwal 38, Rohtak 36, Charkhi Dadri 28, Jhajjar 28, Gurugram 25, Kaithal 21, Mahendragarh 16, Hisar 13, Fatehabad 10, Ambala 8, Faridabad 8, Kurukshetra 8, Sonipat 8, Yamunanagar 5, Panchkula 5, Panipat 5, Sirsa 4, Karnal 2, Nuh -1.
- > Total 509



Now the Biography of Maharaja Agrasen will be Read by the Students of Class V in Haryana, Included in the Syllabus

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on August 23, 2023, the Haryana government has included the biography of Maharaja Agrasen in the school curriculum. This biography will be taught in the Hindi subject of class V. For this, the green signal has also been received from the State Educational Research and Training Council, Gurugram.

Key Points:

It is worth mentioning that in a letter written by the State Educational Research and Training Council to the Director of the Secondary Education Department, it has been said that according to the guidelines of the

- Haryana School Education Project Council, Maharaja Agrasen's biography has been included in the syllabus of Hindi subject of class V.
- It is known that on July 6, 2021, under the leadership of National President of All India Agrawal Conference, Gopal Sharan Garg, the people of Agrawal community had demanded that the biography of Maharaja Agrasen be included in the school curriculum.
- On July 26, 2021, the Assembly Speaker put this demand in front of Chief Minister Manohar Lal. Now notification has been issued in this regard.
- ➤ It is known that Maharaja Agrasen has been the promoter of humanity, the priest of non-violence, the founder of the republic, the messiah of the poor, a strong supporter of nationalism. He gave a new direction to society by starting the tradition of 'Ek Eint-Ek Mudra'. Maharaja Agrasen has a deep connection with the history of Haryana.

Civil Enclave to be established in Ambala for RCS flight operations

Why is News?

On August 23, 2023, Haryana Home and Health Minister Anil Vij informed that a civil enclave will be set up by the Airport Authority of India in the state's Ambala district for RCS flight operations under the cooperation of the Ministry of Defense and the flagship program of the Ministry of Civil Aviation.

Key Points:

- For the establishment of the Civil Enclave, an amount of more than Rs 133 crore will be sent to the Ministry of Defense by the Aviation Department of the State Government, for which the State Government has given its approval.
- This civil enclave will be developed in about 20 acres of land along with the Air Force station of Ambala in the state and work on it will start soon. Tenders worth about Rs 16 crore have been floated so far for the operation of the Civil Enclave.
- The Home and Health Minister informed that this enclave was sanctioned under the 'Udaan Yojana'. Due to his untiring efforts, this enclave has been approved and soon flights will start from here.



- Ships will be moored in the enclave, while the airstrip will be used for the flight of airplanes, the approval of which has already been given by the Airforce.
- by Ministry of Defense vide letter dated June 26, 2023 have been agreed to by the Government of Haryana and proposed transfer of account details for payment of cash compensation amount calculated by Ministry of Defense for this project the method has been sought by the state civil aviation department.



Haryana got the gift of 8 new projects

Why is News?

On August 23, 2023, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala informed that the 63rd meeting of the 'Project Sectioning and Monitoring Group-1' of the National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) was held in New Delhi, in which 8 new projects worth about Rs 461 crore were gifted to Haryana.

Key Points:

- Giving information about the new projects, the Deputy Chief Minister, who also holds the charge of PWD Department, said that these 8 projects include strengthening of 4 major highways, 2 new flyovers and 2 new railway over bridges.
- > It is known that the path of progress of any state passes through road and rail and the state government is committed to strengthen the infrastructure of both these routes.
- Under these projects, the road from Maham to Kalaanaur and further Beri village will be strengthened, which will cost about Rs 51.62 crore.
- Similarly, Rs 60.89 crore will be spent on strengthening of Jhajjar-Kosli road, Rs 137.57 crore on improvement of Nuh-Palwal road and Rs 19.46 crore on strengthening of Rohtak-Kharkhoda-Delhi border road.

- > A new flyover will be constructed at Sukhpura Chowk on Old NH-71A in Rohtak at a cost of Rs 65.88 crore.
- Similarly, a new flyover will be constructed along with a 'Carrier Lined Channel' on 'Panipat-Safidon-Jind-Bhiwani Road' in Panipat, this flyover will cost Rs 26.47 crore.
- A new railway overbridge will be constructed on the 'Jind-Panipat Railway Section' in Panipat at a cost of Rs 73.24 crore. Apart from this, a new flyover will be constructed from 'Panipat GT Road to Dahar' along with the existing railway overbridge in Panipat district.
- The state government is widening and strengthening the road route as per the requirement for the convenience of the people of the state, where the need for flyovers or railway overbridges is felt, they will be built on priority.



World Athletics Championships 2023: Haryana's Neeraj Chopra becomes the 1st Indian World Champion

Why in News?

On August 28, 2023 Neeraj Chopra of Haryana's Panipat district with a best throw of 88.17m became the first Indian athlete to win a gold medal at the Senior World Championships in the men's javelin throw event at the World Athletics Championships 2023 held in Budapest, Hungary.

Key Points:

Notably, Neeraj Chopra was already the first Indian track and field athlete to win a gold medal at the Olympics (Tokyo 2020), Diamond League title (2022) and Junior World Championships (2016).



- Neeraj Chopra, who holds the national record of 89.94m in men's javelin throw, had won a silver medal at the World Championships in Oregon last year. It was India's first silver medal at a global track and field event and the country's second after Anju Bobby George won a bronze in the women's long jump at Paris 2003.
- Reigning Commonwealth Games champion Arshad Nadeem of Pakistan won the silver with a season's best throw of 87.82m, while Jakub Wadlejch of the Czech Republic won the bronze with a throw of 86.67m.
- > The other two Indian athletes also put up impressive performances in the 12-man javelin throw final in Budapest. Kishore Jena finished fifth with a personal best throw of 84.77m, while DP Manu finished sixth with a throw of 84.14m.





World Wrestling Championship: 18 Wrestlers from Haryana selected

Why is News?

According to information received from the media on August 27, 2023, 18 wrestlers are from Haryana out of the 30 wrestlers selected in the trials held at the SAI Centre in Patiala, Punjab for the Senior World Wrestling Championship to be held in Serbia's capital Belgrade from September 16 to 24.

Key Points:

- According to the information, wrestlers from Haryana also dominated the Senior World Wrestling Championship held in Patiala, Punjab on August 25-26. In the competition to be held in Belgrade, 18 wrestlers have made their place in the Indian contingent by performing their best game.
- In the trials held in Patiala, seven wrestlers from Haryana have got tickets in the women's category, six in freestyle and five in Greco-Roman.
- The players of the state have made their mark in the world of wrestling. Haryana's wrestlers have their own strength in international-level competitions. Young wrestlers of the state are shining on the international stage.
- > These wrestlers from Haryana were selected-
- Freestyle Category: Aman (57kg), Akash Dahiya (61kg), Anuj (65kg), Naveen (74kg), Sachin Mor (74kg) and Sumit Malik (125kg).
- Greco Roman Category: Manish (60kg), Ankit Gulia (72kg), Sajan (82kg), Manoj (87kg) and Mehar Singh (130kg).
- Women's Category: Antim Panghal (53kg), Sarita (57kg), Anjali (59kg), Manisha (62kg), Antim (65kg), Priyanka (68kg) and Jyoti Berwal (72kg).

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