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## Shri Vishwakarma Kaushal Vishwavidyalaya to set up North India's Largest Logistic Skill Academy

### Why In News?

According to the information provided by the Directorate of Information, Public Relations and Languages of Haryana on June 28, 2023, Shri Vishwakarma Kaushal Vishwavidyalaya located in Palwal district of the state will set up North India's largest Logistics Skill Academy.

### Key Points:

- Keeping in view the demand of skilled workers in the logistics sector, Shri Vishwakarma Kaushal Vishwavidyalaya has decided to set up a Logistics Skill Academy. About 3000 youth will be trained every year in this academy for the logistics hub.
- TVS Logistics Company will be the partner of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University in this project.
- The Vice-Chancellor of the University Dr. Raj Nehru said that this is a very fast emerging field of employment. There is a shortage of trained people in the logistics sector. Through this academy, a large number of youth can be trained for logistic companies.
- Through this academy, 8th and 10th pass youths who have driving licenses will get employment opportunities. They will be given training at the Logistics Skill Academy.
- For this, the course will be designed according to the needs of the logistics sector. In this, along with the job role of logistic crane operator, training will be given to operate other goods carrier vehicles.
- Youth undergoing training at Logistics Skill Academy will get employment opportunities in TVS Logistics. With this, along with NCR districts, the youth of other districts of the state will also get employment opportunities. It will start with a package of about two lakh rupees annually.
- The Vice Chancellor informed that soon there will be an MoU between Shri Vishwakarma Skill University and TVS Supply Chain Solutions Company. Through this, the way for the placement of the youth taking the training will be cleared.

- Apart from this, other logistics companies will also be able to get skilled worker operators through this Logistics Skill Academy.
- Rishi Dewan, Regional Chief Operating Officer, TVS Supply Chain Solutions, said that Shri Vishwakarma Skill University is adding different skills. In this episode, Logistics Skill Academy will be a new chapter in itself. Through this, by training the youth power, their energy will be put to good use in the interest of the country.



## Startup-20 Gurugram Summit

### Why in News?

On July 4, 2023, the Startup-20 Gurugram Summit organized by the Startup 20 Engagement Group under the chairmanship of India G-20 concluded successfully. The 2-day summit was attended by over 600 delegates from 22 countries.

### Key Points:

- It is known that Union Minister of State for Commerce and Industry Som Prakash inaugurated the G-20 Startup-20 Summit in Gurugram on July 3.
- The two-day summit served as a platform for innovations, collaborations, knowledge sharing and fostering strategic alliances within the global startup ecosystem.
- During the closing ceremony, Startup 20 President Dr. Chintan Vaishnav officially handed over the torch to Brazil as Brazil is to chair the G20 next year and has committed to continue the Startup 20 initiative in 2024.
- Underlining the importance of Startup 20, Saudi Arabia, represented by Prince Fahd-bin-Mansour, emerged as the first country to ratify and support Startup 20's appeal to allocate an ambitious amount of \$1 trillion per year to the startup ecosystem by 2030.

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- It is worth mentioning that earlier also, under the able leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, foreign delegates were given a grand welcome by hosting the anti-corruption working group meeting in Gurugram in the first week of March.



## Approval to amend the Freight Assistance Scheme notified under HEEP-2020.

### Why in News?

The Cabinet meeting held in Chandigarh on July 4, 2023 under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal approved amendments to the Freight Assistance Scheme notified under the Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy (HEEP)-2020.

### Key Points:

- It is known that various industrial associations and exporters of the state had requested the state government to revise the scheme for all MSMEs and review the block-wise capping to motivate exporters.
- As per the new amendments, Rs 25 lakh will be provided as a freight subsidy for payment of transportation costs from the unit's premises to port/air cargo/international borders, along with other non-financial incentives to

make exports of micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) competitive in the global market.

- Freight support up to the extent of 1% of free-on-board (FOB) value or actual freight, whichever is lower, shall be ensured on the basis of the level of ZED certification, excluding Government duties and taxes on the movement of goods from the manufacturing site to the port/air cargo/international border.
- For the thrust sector (notified under HEEP), a maximum subsidy of up to Rs 25 lakh will be ensured to the manufacturer exporter engaged in the thrust sector located in 'C' and 'D' category blocks and up to Rs 15 lakh to the manufacturer exporter engaged in thrust sector 'A' and 'B' category blocks.
- For all other eligible manufacturer exporting units (non-thrust sector), subsidy up to a maximum of Rs 20 lakh will be ensured to the manufacturer exporter located in 'C' and 'D' category blocks and up to Rs 10 lakh to the manufacturer exporter located in 'A' and 'B' category blocks.
- The new amendment policy will ensure a 100 per cent subsidy for ZED Gold-certified units for transportation from the manufacturing site to port/air cargo/international border, a 75 per cent subsidy for ZED Silver-certified units and a 33 per cent subsidy excluding government duties and taxes out of free on board (FOB) value or 1 per cent of actual freight for ZED bronze certified units.
- As per the amendment, applications of all eligible units will be submitted on the web portal of the department within a period of 6 months from the date of the end of the financial year and the Director General/Director, MSME will be the competent authority to sanction freight subsidy of more than Rs 10 lakh.
- The agenda was approved by the Cabinet with a change in the effective date of launch and implementation of the scheme.
- The effective date of implementation of the scheme will be 1st July, 2023 which means that the actual export should be made on or after 1st July, 2023, which will be determined on the basis of the bill of lading.
- The policy was notified with an aim to attract investment of Rs 1 lakh crore and create 5 lakh jobs in the state.
- The Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy (HEEP), 2020, identifies five pillars for the overall

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socio-economic development of the state to promote industrial competitiveness, balanced regional development, exports, innovation & entrepreneurship and strong industrial infrastructure.

## World's Biggest Jungle Safari in Gurugram & Nuh

### Why in News?

On July 5, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar held a review meeting regarding Aravalli Safari Park in New Delhi and informed that the world's largest jungle safari park will be developed in Gurugram and Nuh districts of the state.

### Key Points:

- The Chief Minister said that 10,000 acres of land in the Aravalli area in Gurugram and Nuh districts has been identified for a jungle safari park. The Jungle Safari Park will be developed in 3 phases and a target of about 2 years has been set to complete the first phase.
- After its construction, it will help in preserving the Aravalli mountain range. On the other hand, tourism will also get a boost in Gurugram and Nuh areas.
- In order to fulfil the vision of developing a safari park in line with the biodiversity park concept in the state, a 2-stage tendering process has been adopted to provide design consultancy services for the development of the Aravalli Safari Park project.
- In the process, two companies with international experience in designing and operating such facilities were shortlisted. The PMC will be selected soon.
- Efforts will be made to bring all types of animal and bird species to this jungle safari. Apart from the indigenous species of wildlife, studies are also being done on bringing in exotic animals that can adapt to the climate here.
- These types of jungle safari parks are also centres for preserving and protecting extinct species and such species will be preserved in the safari park.
- The meeting also discussed the setting up of a museum at Rakhigarhi in Hisar district, in which the Haryana government is working with the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) to preserve the old civilization of Rakhigarhi and develop that site.



## Cabinet Approves Haryana Micro & Small Enterprises Facilitation Council (Amendment) Rules, 2023

### Why In News?

On July 4, 2023, Haryana Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Council (Amendment) Rules, 2023 has been approved in the cabinet meeting held under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal

### Key Points

- Draft rules 'Haryana Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Council (Amendment) Rules, 2023' have been prepared to include the composition of 'District Facilitation Council' in Haryana etc.
- Highlights of the Haryana Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Council (Amendment) Rules, 2023 clarify that 'Council' means the Haryana Micro and Small Enterprises Facilitation Council established by the State Government under section 20 of the Act to deal with cases where The principal amount exceeds Rs.20 lakhs.
- The District Council will have the ADC as the chairperson, while an officer (not below the rank of Assistant District Attorney) from the administration of the Department of Justice and an officer from the DC office (not below the rank of Accounts Officer) will be members.
- Similarly, a member of the Micro and Small Industries Association (nominated by the state government) as a non-official member and an officer of the district unit of the MSME (not below the rank of the assistant director) will be appointed as a member-secretary. .

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- The Council or the District Council, as the case may be, shall upload basic information relating to its functioning including annual progress reports on the official web portal created for the purpose.
- The Council or the District Council, as the case may be, shall furnish such information to the Member-Secretary of the National Board for Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises as may be necessary from time to time and in the manner defined in the Act.



## Approval of Annual Work Plans worth Rs 1371.91 crore in the State-Level Steering Committee Meeting

### Why in News?

On July 5, 2023, the State Level Steering Committee of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana held in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal approved annual action plans worth Rs 1371.91 crore for various schemes for the year 2023-24.

### Key Points:

- These include various schemes of Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Horticulture Department, Chaudhary Charan Singh Agricultural University, Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board, Central Soil Equality Research Institute, Karnal, Indian Wheat & Millet Research Institute, Karnal.
- In the meeting, the Chief Secretary said that the Agricultural University will strengthen the Biopesticide Laboratory of Uchani and develop a new Natural Farming Pesticide Production Unit.
- Apart from this, an advanced soil testing laboratory and vermicompost demonstration unit will be set up.
- The Indian Wheat & Millet Research Institute will set up a wheat-based Agri-Preneurship Centre to increase the income of small and medium farmers where special programs will also be organized to promote natural farming.
- Work will be done by the Agriculture Department to promote organic farming. Apart from this, better work will also be done on soil execution and water conservation implementation.
- The Chief Secretary said that CSSRI Karnal will create a better infrastructure to recharge groundwater in the villages under a pilot project in the fields of farmers. Also, permanent production systems will also be developed for farmers to cultivate dates on saline land.
- He said that agricultural scientists should develop the latest varieties in the field of low-cost and low-water agriculture & horticulture and share them with the farmers so that the farmers can take advantage of them and become financially strong and strong.
- The Horticulture Department will provide training to the farmers at 7 places to move them towards horticulture. These include Guava at Bhuna, Vegetables at Gharaunda, CSTF Ladwa, PTC Sharamgarh, IHDC Sundrah, Hodal and Pinangwa Training and Facilitation Centre.
- Successful organic farmers in the state should make short video films of farms and horticulture farms and share them with the farmers so that other farmers can be encouraged by them and move towards the latest horticulture and agricultural crops.
- The Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare will work on increasing and strengthening the capacity of community-based water drainage system, spray training and digital lab for scheduled caste farmers.
- Apart from this, special emphasis will be laid on traditional agriculture development scheme, the use of every drop and more crops and providing custom hiring, hi-tech, highly productive equipment to the farmers.
- Along with this, detailed work will be done on National Food Security and Nutrition Mission, National Mission on Edible Oil Seeds and Certified Seeds, National Bee Keeping and Honey Mission.
- DPR-based projects of National Agriculture Development Plans, Annual Action Plans, Soil Health Fertility, Development of Rainfed Areas, Agro-Forestry, and Annual Action Plans of PMDC, SMAM, and CRM were also discussed in detail in the meeting.

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## Haryana Cabinet approves providing financial assistance to Widowers and Unmarried men and women

### Why in News?

The Cabinet meeting chaired by Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal on July 7, 2023 has approved the proposal to provide financial assistance to widowers and unmarried men and women.

### Key Points:

- The scheme will come into effect from July 1, 2023. Under this, unmarried men and women in the age group of 45 to 60 years will also be provided a monthly financial assistance of Rs 2750, whose annual family income is less than Rs 1.80 lakh.
- Apart from this, widowers who have attained the age of 40 years and whose annual income is less than Rs. 3 lakh will also be eligible for financial assistance of Rs. 2750 per month.
- The financial assistance under this scheme will be provided till the age of 60 years. After that, 'Old Age Honor Allowance' will be provided to the eligible persons.

## Haryana Govt. Approved 'No Litigation Policy-2023'

### Why in News?

In the cabinet meeting chaired by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal on July 7, 2023, 'No Litigation Policy-2023' for expansion of Manesar Industrial Model Township in the revenue estate of Kasan, Kukrola and Sehraan villages of Manesar tehsil of Gurugram district of the state. Approval was granted.

### Key Points:

- The objective of this policy is to accelerate development and make landowners partners in the development process. Also, it has to be ensured that the farmers get proper benefits.
- Landowners who do not opt under the No Litigation Policy 2023 will be eligible for benefits under the Rehabilitation and Resettlement for Land Owners and Land Acquisition Displaced Policy (R&R).

- It is known that the State Government notified about 1810 acres of land in villages Kasan, Kukrola and Sehraan in Manesar Tehsil of District Gurugram under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 on January 10, 2011, for the purpose of development of Manesar Industrial Model Township Extension.
- After the issue of notification under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act 1894, the Supreme Court vide order dated April 25, 2011, stayed the above-said acquisition proceedings. The stay granted by the Court was vacated on 2nd December, 2019 and thereafter the said land was notified under Section 6 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 on 17th August 2020 and subsequently, the award was announced on 8th August 2022.
- It may be recalled that on August 9, 2022, it was assured by the Chief Minister in the Haryana Assembly that in order to ensure proper rehabilitation of the displaced land owners, the Rehabilitation and Resettlement Policy 2010 would be amended for this acquisition proceedings.
- In pursuance of this, a specific policy has now been formulated for the rehabilitation of landowners whose land was acquired under Award No. 1, 2 and 3 of August 16, 2022 for an area of 1758 acres for Kasan, Kukrola and Sehraan villages respectively.
- The benefit of this policy will be applicable to land owners whose land was notified on January 10, 2011, for compulsory acquisition under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act, 1894, in respect of whose land under Section 9 of the Act through Award No. 1, 2 and 3 dated 16th August 2022 respectively. Compensation was declared for Kasan, Kukrola and Sehraan villages.
- The No Litigation Policy-2023 allows eligibility of 1000 square meters of developed land/plot in lieu of one acre of land on a proportionate basis.
- Farmers/landowners will have the right to opt for the scheme within a period of 6 months from its notification and launch of the portal.
- In order to ensure immediate benefits to the land owners, HSIIDC may issue a land eligibility certificate assuring to development of residential or industrial areas based on the allotment share of the land owners within a period of 3 months from the closure of the scheme.

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- Landowners or land eligibility certificate holders will have the freedom to trade, buy or sell land eligibility certificates. This implies that the landowner can monetize the certificate in the open market or sell it back to HSIIDC.
- This certificate can be transferred or pledged to any bank or financial institution. Plots developed by HSIIDC with the position will be offered to land eligibility certificate holders once infrastructure facilities are available in respect of the site to be allotted.
- For developed residential plots or industrial plots, as the case may be, eligible landowners will be offered plots at an allotment price equal to the reserve price fixed by HSIIDC at the time of first flotation.
- The size of the plot offered by HSIIDC will be of standard size, i.e. 100 sqm and 150 sqm plots for developed residential use and 450 sqm plot for developed industrial use.
- Allotment of residential plots will be ensured in cases where self-occupied residential was acquired due to unavoidable reasons.
- Under this category, owners of self-occupied residential structures/houses acquired by the government, which existed on or before notification under Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act notified on January 10, 2011, will be assured of allotment of additional residential plots in addition to the proposed allotment share.
- The land owner will also be entitled to avail of the annuity payment being provided for a period of 33 years.
- The annuity payment will be Rs 21,000 per acre per annum for a period of 33 years. This annuity amount will be increased by a fixed amount of Rs 750 every year.
- To make the policy more acceptable and on the lines of Land Pooling Policy 2022, land owners/land eligibility certificate holders can request HSIIDC to buy back the valid land eligibility certificate.
- Further, to make the policy more acceptable and benefit farmers on the lines of Land Pooling Policy 2022, land owners/land eligibility certificate holders can request HSIIDC to buy back the land eligibility certificate at a price of Rs 35,400 per square meter if he/she does not avail the annuity payment incentive.
- If the land owner/land eligibility certificate holder avails the annuity payment incentive, the value of the buyback will be Rs 35,100 per sqm.



## 8<sup>th</sup> State Level Meeting for Standardization of Products & Monitoring of Quality Systems

### Why in News?

On July 10, 2023, the 8th State Level Committee meeting for monitoring the standardization and quality systems of various products was held in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal.

### Key Points:

- In the meeting, the Chief Secretary said that the state government will set up standardization cells for procurement in construction works in the departments, which will improve the quality of works along with monitoring.
- The cell will coordinate between the state government, industries and the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) concerning standardization activities.
- Training camps will be organized at state and district level for standardization of various products and effective monitoring of quality systems in the state.
- The Consumer Affairs Department, Haryana has been made the nodal department for standardization systems in the state.
- The Chief Secretary emphasized on the procurement of BIS-certified products and services by the state government departments as per the instructions issued by the Bureau of Indian Standards and said that this is a commendable initiative of the Bureau. Therefore, people should buy quality products and materials from the ISI brand.
- License checks can be done on the BIS Care App of the Bureau for information about ISI mark and such

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activities are necessary to create a strong Quality Eco-System in the state.

- The meeting also discussed the capacity building of state government officials on promotion of standard manufacturing, conformity assessment and consumer outreach.
- The meeting discussed in detail about acting as a communication channel between the government, industry and BIS regarding the creation of standardization systems in the state.
- Apart from this, various schemes like implementation of standards for Piped Drinking Water Supply Management System of BIS, Ready Mix Concrete Process Certification, Management System Certification Scheme, Hall Marking, Conformity Assessment Scheme for Milk and Milk Products, Strategy for Implementation of Quality Control Orders issued by Central Government were appraised in detail.
- In the meeting, Deputy Director General, Bureau of Indian Standards, Rajiv P made a detailed presentation on the agenda explaining the objectives of the BIS.



## State Foreign Cooperation Department & Tanzania Investment Centre Signed MoU for Joint Development

### Why in News?

The Foreign Cooperation Department (FCD), Government of Haryana and the Tanzania Investment Center (TIC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for shared development on July 11, 2023 at the MoU signing ceremony held at the TIC office in Dar es

Salaam, Tanzania, East Africa has taken an important step towards promoting bilateral economic cooperation.

### Key Points:

- The MoU was signed by Dr. Raja Shekhar Wondru, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of External Cooperation from Haryana and Executive Director Gilead Terifrom from TIC.
- The Deputy High Commissioner of India to Tanzania was present in this programme. Apart from this, more than 50 business representatives from different regions of Haryana were also present.
- The historic agreement aims to promote greater cooperation between the two entities and facilitate investment opportunities, leading to sustainable economic growth and development between the two regions.
- The MoU between Haryana's Foreign Cooperation Department and Tanzania Investment Center outlines a comprehensive framework for cooperation, which will lead to economic, trade, science, equipment, education, tourism, culture, conservation of historical monuments and research, skill development. This will help in enhancing mutual cooperation in vocational education, capacity building and other areas of mutual interest.
- The signing of the MoU reflects the shared commitment of both FCD and TIC to promote economic diversification, employment generation and sustainable development.
- By combining their expertise, resources and networks, both organizations will promote an enabling environment for foreign investors and enhance economic cooperation and encourage the development of key areas of mutual interest.



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## Data Centre Planning as an essential service for public safety and order

### Why in News?

On July 13, 2023, the Government of Haryana has declared employment as essential services under data centres as established under the Haryana State Data Centre Policy, 2022 to ensure public safety, maintain public order and maintain community delivery or services.

### Key Points:

- A notification to this effect has been issued by Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal.
- As per the provisions under clause (ii) of section 3 of the Haryana Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1974 (40 of 1974), the state government has announced that the Haryana Essential Services Maintenance Act will apply to employment covered under the Haryana State Data Centre Policy, 2022 and under data centres as established.

## State Govt's Notification to Increase the Honorarium of Sarpanches & Panches

### Why in News?

On July 11, 2023, the Haryana government issued a notification regarding increasing the honorarium of Sarpanches and Panches and the increased rates will be applicable from April 1, 2023.

### Key Points:

- As an increase in the honorarium of Sarpanches and Panches in the state, now Sarpanches will get Rs.5000 and Panches will get Rs.1600.
- It is known that at present, Sarpanches and Panches in the state get an honorarium of Rs 3,000 and Panches respectively Rs 1,000 per month. The Sarpanches and Panches demanded an increase in their honorarium from the Chief Minister, which was fulfilled by the Chief Minister Manohar Lal.
- To increase the honorarium of Sarpanches and Panches, the government has amended the 'Haryana Panchayati Raj Finance, Budget, Accounts, Audit, Taxation and Works Rules-1995'.

- These rules will now be called 'Haryana Panchayati Raj Finance, Budget, Accounts, Audit, Taxation and Works (Amendment) Rules-2023'.

## Agreement signed between CCHAU and Agricultural University of Tanzania

### Why in News?

On July 13, 2023, a spokesman of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (CCHAU) informed that an agreement has been signed between CCHAU and Sokoine Agricultural University, Morogoro, Tanzania, East Africa to promote research and innovation in agriculture.

### Key Points:

- The agreement was signed by Prof. Raphael T. Chibunda, Vice Chancellor of CCHAU and College of Agriculture and Sokoine Agricultural University of Tanzania.
- According to this MoU, scientists, researchers and students of CCHAU will try to strengthen the economic condition of farmers with the help of innovative research.
- CCHAU's advanced agricultural techniques and innovations will also benefit Tanzanian farmers. With HAU's technology, Tanzanian farmers will be able to strengthen their economic position by increasing agricultural production and creating new startups.
- CCHAU scientists will impart training on commercial and new techniques of agriculture to promote faculty exchange, training, research and cooperation in agricultural extension activities in Tanzania and India.
- The two universities will participate in seminars, conferences and cooperate with each other.
- It is known that at present, the 47th International Trade Fair is going on in the Tanzanian city of Dar-es-Salaam, in which a delegation from Haryana under the direction of Chief Minister Manohar Lal is on a tour to explore and promote business and education opportunities in Tanzania.
- The 50-member delegation includes top officials of the Haryana government, businessmen and vice-chancellors and officials of four universities.

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## CM hoisted the 135 feet High Tricolour installed at a cost of 46 lakhs in DCRUST

### Why in News?

On July 16, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal hoisted the 135 feet high Tricolour at Deenbandhu Chhoturam University of Science & Technology (DCRUST) located at Murthal in Sonapat district of the state at a cost of about Rs 46 lakh.

### Key Points:

- The Chief Minister also inaugurated the newly constructed Atal Academy and Idea Lab at a cost of Rs 35 crore.
- The Chief Minister said that the tallest national flag has been installed in DCRUST, which is a proud and inspirational project. While passing through here, this flag will also be seen spreading the message of nationalism from the highway. Special arrangements have been made for lights on it so that it will keep shining 24 hours a day. Under the new rule, there will be no need to take it off at night.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister talked about other projects and said that the Atal Academy and Idea Lab dedicated to science and architecture will promote research. The name of DCRUST itself includes science, which is making progress, especially in the field of science.
- AICTE has been particularly supported in this project. The establishment of Idea Lab will help in developing new ideas and making them useful in lifestyle through science.



## CM unveiled the statue of Dada Kushal Singh & Brigadier Hoshiyar Singh at Kharkhoda

### Why in News?

On July 16, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal unveiled the statues of Dada Kushal Singh and Brigadier Hoshiyar Singh in the Kharkhoda sub-division of the Sonipat district of the state.

### Key Points:

- Speaking at the function, the Chief Minister said that both of them are great personalities of this region and their speciality is their loyalty to the country and religion. Their guru's devotion and sacrifice can never be forgotten.
- It is known that in the year 1675 when Sri Guru Tegh Bahadur ji raised a bugle against Aurangzeb, Dada Kushal Singh sacrificed his head by performing dharma.
- Similarly, Brigadier Hoshiyar Singh, who has been awarded the Army's highest honour 'Param Vir Chakra', participated in the battles of the years 1965 and 1971 and displayed his valour.
- The Chief Minister said Brigadier Hoshiyar Singh had refused to retreat despite the ceasefire. He said that today every tenth person in the country's army is from Haryana, which is the result of the passion of the youth of the state towards patriotism. There are 17 lakh such families in the state who belong to ex-servicemen.

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- Keeping true loyalty to the ex-servicemen, the state government has provided jobs to 367 people in the last 8 years from the families of the martyrs in all the battles fought after the 1971 war.
- The families of the martyrs will be given Rs 50 lakh as compensation, Rs 50 lakh to the families of those killed in an IED blast, Rs 15 lakh, Rs 25 lakh and Rs 35 lakh to those injured in any war.
- Apart from these, a monthly pension of Rs 10,000 is also being provided to the families of martyrs in World War II.



## Notification issued to Promote the use of Renewable Energy in MSMEs

### Why in News?

On July 17, 2023, the Haryana government issued a notification to promote the use of renewable energy in micro, small and medium industries in view of the need for green energy and other alternative energy sources to meet the future energy demand globally.

### Key Points:

- According to a notification issued by the Department of Industry and Commerce, under the State Renewable Energy Scheme, the MSME industry will have to adopt renewable energy sources, which include industrial application-based renewable energy, solar PV power generation, solar thermal applications (solar hot water generators and hot air generators), biomass gasifiers, biomass plants, up-gradation of biomass-based boilers and other industrial equipment & machinery based on renewable energy.
- The state government will provide interest subsidy at the rate of 5% to such industries on a term loan of up to Rs 10 lakh per annum for 3 years.

- To avail the subsidy, the documents in the prescribed proforma can be uploaded on the website of the department till 3 months before the end of the financial year. The Director General, Micro, Small and Medium Industries, Haryana will be the competent authority to provide these incentives.
- According to the notification, if an applicant is found to be taking the said benefit on the basis of incorrect facts, then he will have to refund the incentive amount with a compound interest rate of 12 percent per annum and legal action will also be taken against him.
- Apart from this, any kind of incentive/assistance grant given by the state government can be denied.
- It is known that the Micro, Small and Medium Industries Policy of Haryana has been notified from 2019 to April 25, 2024.



## Plastic Waste Processing Machines to be installed in 143 Blocks of the state

### Why in News?

On July 17, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal chaired the third meeting of the Special Task Force to review the implementation of Plastic Waste Management Rules and ban on Single-Use Plastic Items in Chandigarh.

### Key Points:

- These include plastic shredders, belling machines and dust removal machines, which will be installed at a cost of around Rs 16 lakh per unit. These units will facilitate recycling and also reduce the amount of plastic waste.
- This far-reaching initiative aims to tackle the twin challenges of plastic waste pollution and the need for better road infrastructure.

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- It was informed in the meeting that from July 1, 2022 to May 31, 2023, 17,407 challans were issued under the action plan to ban single-use plastic items. They were fined Rs 1,46,62,750 after 15,045 kg of single-use plastic was seized across the state.
- The Chief Secretary directed the officers of the Public Works Department (B&R), Urban Local Bodies, Executive Engineer Panchayati Raj and State Marketing Board to make it mandatory to use plastic waste materials in road construction as per the norms of Ministry of Road Transport and National Highways.
- The Chief Secretary directed the Deputy Commissioners and District Municipal Commissioners to hold regular review meetings of the Special Task Force on Plastic Management through virtual means.
- Apart from this, he also directed the officers to create awareness among all sections of the society, especially at the rural level, and to promote wide-scale publicity activities on plastic waste management to solve the environmental issue.



## CM Inaugurated & Laid the Foundation Stone of 347 Projects worth ₹2741 crore

### Why in News?

On July 18, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of 347 projects worth Rs 2741 crore through video conferencing from Ferozpur Jhirka in Nuh district of the state.

### Key Points:

- These projects include inauguration of 157 projects worth Rs 1270 crore and foundation stone laying of 190 projects worth Rs 1462 crore.
- The Chief Minister also dedicated nine projects worth Rs 305 crore to the residents of Nuh district in Ferozpur

Jhirka. Ministers, MPs and MLAs inaugurated and laid foundation stones of development projects in the programs organized in the districts.

- The Chief Minister announced 4 new drinking water projects for 66 villages of Nuh assembly constituency. About 306 crore rupees will be spent on this. He also announced the construction of a road from Nuh to Munda village.
- Apart from this, it was also announced to increase drinking water capacity from 55 LPCD to 70 LPCD in 80 villages in Ferozpur Jhirka.
- By adding the cost of these projects to Rs 2,741 crore, it becomes approximately Rs 15,000 crore. Inaugurating and laying the foundation stones of projects on such a large scale digitally from one place is a great example of e-governance, saving time and money as well.
- The inaugurated Rainy Well-based drinking water scheme is the biggest project for Nuh district, which will directly benefit the residents of Ferozpur Jhirka.
- It is known that the people of this area used to observe fast in Ramzan and when they broke their fast in the evening, they needed water, which they had to buy water from. Now people will not have to buy water from this project.



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## Reconstitution of Shri Mata Mansa Devi Shrine Board Panchkula

### Why in News?

On July 18, 2023, the Governor of Haryana reconstituted the Shri Mata Mansa Devi Shrine Board Panchkula with immediate effect in exercise of the powers conferred by Section 4 of the Shri Mata Mansa Devi Shrine Act, 1991.

### Key Points:

- The Chief Minister of Haryana will be the chairman of this board and the urban local bodies minister will be the vice-chairman.
- The members of the board will be the Chief Secretary and the Commissioner & Secretary of the Urban Local Bodies Department. The Deputy Commissioner and Chief Administrator of Shri Mata Mansa Devi Shrine Board, Panchkula will be the Member Secretary.
- The non-official members include Haryana Assembly Speaker Gian Chand Gupta, Latika Sharma, Banto Kataria, Panchkula Mayor Kulbhushan Goyal, Panchkula Chamber of Commerce and Industries Chairman Arun Grover and Hari Chand Gupta.
- The associate members include Vishal Seth and Ishwar Jindal.

## Saraswati Board responsible for the Maintenance of RCC Parallel Drain

### Why in News?

On July 18, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, who is also the Chairman of the Haryana Saraswati Board, has directed to hand over the maintenance of 'RCC Parallel Drain' prepared along the Saraswati River in Kurukshetra to the Haryana Saraswati Board.

### Key Points:

- It is known that till now its responsibility was with the Haryana Urban Development Authority.
- Saraswati Board Vice Chairman Dhooman Singh Kirmach said that this drain runs from Khedi-Markanda to Narkatari STP through the middle of Kurukshetra

city. Its total length is about 18 km and its capacity is 70-80 cusecs of water.

- He said that he had been trying for the last one year to maintain this drain. Due to the authority of this drain coming to the board, flood water can also be drained through this drain during rainy days. The drain will also be covered from above.

## Former IPS officer Rajbir Deswal Unveiled his 22<sup>nd</sup> book Titled 'Jind Anta- Stories of Sixties'

### Why in News?

On July 22, 2023, D.S. Dhesi, Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister of Haryana, released a book titled 'Jind Anta-Stories of the Sixties' written by Rajbir Deswal, IPS (Retd. Additional Director General of Police) in a program organized at Police Officers' Mess, Moginand, Panchkula.

### Key Points:

- It is known that this is the 22<sup>nd</sup> book written by Rajbir Deswal in the last few years.
- On this occasion, the Chief Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister described the book 'Jind Anta-Stories of the Sixties' as important and said that it shows the history of Jind city culturally and socially. This book will also inform the readers about 'Jind - a City that sleeps peacefully'.
- An ex-policeman, writer, singer, musician, photographer and lawyer, Rajbir Deswal is a multi-talented man of rare exuberance. The former Additional Director General of Police is also working on another book 'Tea Bags'.
- The present book 'Jind-Anta: Stories of the Sixties' is a reminiscence of the author's childhood spent in the village and the small town of Jind. Although it is a short bio-autobiographical sketch, the document talks more about the prevailing cultural, social, family, environment or ideology of the past.
- The book documents the practices, traditions, customs, styles of dress, entertainment, and other aspects of a simple lifestyle that are considered simple and commonplace.

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- It has two parts: the first part deals with the atmosphere prevailing in a village called Anta and the second part deals with the experiences of a boy growing up like David Copperfield, who is everyone's favorite in that mofussil town.
- The tag lines describe the mofussil city of Jind - 'A city that used to sleep peacefully' and the tagline - 'The moon sometimes rests here', which describes the pristine and wild surroundings in the countryside of village Anta.
- This is Rajbir Deswal's 22nd book, which includes eight books on poetry in three languages - Hindi, English and Urdu. Rajbir Deswal's stories are read many times by readers and he practices in Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh after retirement from Indian Police Service.



## Haryana Became the First State in the country to introduce Crèche Policy

### Why In News?

On July 26, 2023, Haryana Women and Child Development Department issued notification of Haryana State Crèche Policy-2022, which will benefit the **working women of the state**. With this, Haryana has become the **first state in the country to bring a crèche policy**.

### Key Points:

- Regarding the crèche policy, Minister of State Kamlesh Dhanda said that the state government has formulated this policy keeping in mind the working women, under which a child aged six months to six years can be kept in the crèche for eight to ten hours.
- Skilled and trained personnel will be deployed in the crèche. In this, the crèche worker will be given a

salary of Rs 15,000 and the assistant will be given a salary of Rs 7,500 per month.

- According to the department's Additional Chief Secretary Sumita Mishra, it will be mandatory for all institutions with more than 50 employees to open crèches in the state.
- The crèche will have all arrangements for children's play items and toys as well as nutritious food, regular health check-up and vaccination, sleeping arrangements, education and physical and socio-emotional development.
- It is known that Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has already issued instructions to open 500 crèches. So far, 165 crèches have been started in 16 districts in the state. These will be upgraded under the new policy.
- The Women and Child Development Department has tied up with the Mobile Crèche Organization to set up a crèche with modern facilities. These crèches will be open 26 days in a month. Identity cards of parents and staff will also be made for the safety of children.
- No child will be left alone in the crèche. The child will also be given morning breakfast, lunch and evening snacks in the crèche and the government will bear the cost of this. One thousand rupees will be given every month for cleanliness. There will also be arrangements for children's sleeping and feeding room in the crèche.
- In the crèche policy, the maximum distance from the office of working women has been fixed at 500 meters.
- Families whose annual income is less than one lakh rupees for crèche, Rs 50 for each child, Rs 100 for one lakh to 1.80 lakh, Rs 250 for 1.80 lakh to three lakh, Rs 350 for three to five lakh annual income. 500 per month for income above Rs.5 lakh and above Rs.5 lakh.



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## Liver and Kidney Transplant Centre to be built in Rohtak

### Why in News?

According to the information given by a government spokesman of Haryana on July 26, 2023, for the treatment of serious diseases related to liver and kidney in the state, patients will soon get the facility of liver and kidney transplant at Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences (PGIMS) located in Rohtak district.

### Key Points:

- In this regard, Chief Minister Manohar Lal has approved the proposal of the Medical Education and Research Department.
- An official spokesman said that the state government is constantly providing better health facilities to the people of the state. In this series, along with setting up of the Transplant Center at PGIMS, Rohtak, manpower has also been approved.
- The posts of 3 liver transplant surgeons, 2 renal transplant surgeons and 2 nephrologists have also been approved for this centre.



## Depot Holders will now have Super-Fast 5-G 'POS Devices'

### Why in News?

On July 26, 2023, Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana, Dushyant Chautala, after presiding over a meeting of senior officials of the Food and Supplies Department, said that the state government will provide 5-G 'POS devices' to all depot-holders in the state so that poor people can get ration. Delivery work can be completed soon.

### Key Points:

- With the help of this device, people will be able to deposit and withdraw money from the bank account of the depot-holder just like a micro-ATM.
- The Deputy Chief Minister directed the officers to explore the possibilities of making Harhit Store and Ration Depot a joint model. With this, if the depot holders keep other items like tea leaves, and salt, then their income can increase.
- The Deputy Chief Minister said that technology is changing rapidly, in view of this, all depot holders will be given 5-G 'POS devices' for super-fast speed, so that they can complete their work quickly and there is no crowd at the shop.
- This device will be given the form of a micro-ATM so that people will be able to deposit their money in their own bank account with biometrics and also be able to withdraw cash. This will be of special benefit to those people who do not have the facility of a bank or ATM in the villages.

## Revised Freight Assistance Scheme notified in the state

### Why in News?

On July 26, 2023, the Haryana Government notified the Revised Freight Assistance Scheme for all MSME exporting units located in the state by amending the notified freight assistance scheme under 'Haryana Enterprises and Employment Policy (HEEP) - 2020'.

### Key Points:

- According to a notification to this effect issued by the Department of Industry and Commerce, in order

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to make the export of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) competitive in the global market, the port/air cargo/cargo from the premises of the unit will be allowed to move from the premises of the unit, along with other non-financial incentives. Rs 25 lakh will be provided as freight subsidy to pay the transportation cost to the international borders.

- Freight support up to the extent of 1% of free on board (FOB) value or actual freight, whichever is lower, shall be ensured on the basis of level of ZED certification, excluding Government duties and taxes on movement of goods from the manufacturing site to the port/air cargo/international border.
- For thrust sector (notified under HEEP), a maximum subsidy of Rs 25 lakh will be ensured to the manufacturer exporter engaged in thrust sector located in 'C' and 'D' category blocks and up to Rs 15 lakh to the manufacturer exporter engaged in thrust sector 'A' and 'B' category blocks.
- For all other eligible manufacturer exporting units (non-thrust sector), subsidy up to a maximum of Rs 20 lakh will be ensured to the manufacturer exporter located in 'C' and 'D' category blocks and up to Rs 10 lakh to the manufacturer exporter located in 'A' and 'B' category blocks.
- The new amendment policy provides for 100 per cent subsidy for ZED Gold certified units for transportation from the manufacturing site to port/air cargo/international border by road, 75 percent for ZED Silver certified units and free-on-board (FOB) value for ZED bronze certified units excluding government duties and taxes out of 1 percent of actual freight. A 33 percent subsidy will be ensured.
- As per the amendment, applications of all eligible units will be submitted on the web portal of the department within a period of 6 months from the date of end of

the financial year and the Director General/Director, MSME will be the competent authority to sanction freight subsidy of more than Rs 10 lakh.

- The time period for delivery of service will be as follows: The letter should be approved in 45 working days and the letters will be approved within seven days and will be delivered within seven days.
- The effective date of implementation of the scheme is July 1, 2023, which means that the actual export should be done on or after July 1, 2023, it will be determined based on the bill of lading.
- The documents in the prescribed proforma for availing the subsidy can be uploaded on the department's website up to 6 months before the end of the financial year.
- The Director General, Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Haryana will be the competent authority to give these incentives.
- According to the notification, if an applicant is found to be taking the said benefit on the basis of incorrect facts, then he will have to refund the incentive amount with a compound interest rate of 12 percent per annum and legal action will also be taken against him.
- Apart from this, any kind of incentive / assistance grant given by the state government can be denied.



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