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Haryana Education Board Signed MoU with International Baccalaureate

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on 29 May 2023, to provide the best quality education to the students in the state, the Haryana School Education Board has signed an MoU with the International Baccalaureate (IB) of Geneva (Switzerland) in the presence of Education Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar at Pathways School in Gurugram district.

Key Points:

- An MoU has been signed with the State School Education Board and IB Board, Geneva to make the state's education level recognized as international.
- On this occasion, Education Minister Kanwarpal Gurjar said that the teachers teaching in schools will be given international-level training from time to time by the IB Board, which will improve the level of teaching as well as provide quality education to the students.
- He said that the students of the state would get international recognition for pursuing higher education.
 Soon the students of the state will get to see positive results in this direction.
- It is known that the board is touching new heights because of the better educational, reformative and positive approach of Dr. VP Yadav, Chairman, Haryana School Education Board. In a very short tenure, he successfully carried out the necessary amendments to the curriculum of the Haryana School Education Board, preparing the lesson plan and phased evaluation plan for the first time.



Foundation Stone of First Phase of Vita Chilling Plant in Salempur at a cost of 5 crores

Why In News?

On 28 May 2023, Haryana's Agriculture Minister J.P. Dalal laid the foundation stone of the first phase of Vita Chilling Plant at Salempur village in Bhiwani district of the state, to be built at a cost of about five crore rupees.

Key Points:

- Apart from Loharu, cattle rearers of Tosham, Badhra and Satnali will benefit directly from this chilling plant. The construction of chilling plant will not only increase the income of the farmers but will also increase employment opportunities for the youth.
- The agriculture minister said that Vita is a name and the Vita products made here will be developed on the lines of Gujarat.
 - In the first phase, its capacity will be 20 thousand liters (about 5283.44 gal) per day, while in the second and third year its capacity will be increased to 40 thousand liters (about 10566.88 gal).
 - It is known that Haryana is the only state in the country where the maximum number of livestock credit cards have been made. Cattle credit cards worth one thousand crore rupees have been made in the state. Loan assistance is being provided to farmers on this credit card at 4 percent interest rate.
 - The agriculture minister called upon the farmers to get artificial insemination done for good breed cattle. Breed improvement will increase milk production.
- Haryana state has been ranked second in milk production in the whole country. It is the endeavor of the state government that the state should occupy the first place in the country in milk production. That's why the state government is promoting animal husbandry by implementing new schemes.





Launch of 'Online Registration Portal' of Haryana State Council for Physiotherapy

Why In News?

On 25 May 2023, Haryana Medical Education & Research Minister Anil Vij launched the 'Online Registration Portal' of the Haryana State Council for Physiotherapy.

Key Points:

- It is necessary for physiotherapists to get registered to work in the state. This portal is another important step towards bringing transparency which will bring great relief to physiotherapists.
- Medical Education & Research Minister said that registering online on this portal will benefit in terms of saving time as well as money, digital automation, enhance efficiency, centralized database, error free functionality, improve communication, reduce paperwork and bring transparency.
- It is known that if a physiotherapist is registered in the council of another state and is willing to work in the state, then he will have to submit the NOC of that council for registration in Haryana. If there is no council in that state, then verification of his degree will be done.
- The entire process of making new registrations from this portal will be online from registration to check list, payment of amount, receipt & issuance of registration certificate.
- Significantly, the State Council for Physiotherapy has 1936 registration manuals so far.
- After the registration of the physiotherapist on the council, when the certificate will be issued to him, then any person can see the complete list on the website of the council.



Foreign Contact Programme' jointly hosted by Ministry of External Affairs and Government of Haryana

Why in News?

On 25th May, 2023 the 'Videsh Sampark Karyakram' Co-chaired by Sanjeev Kaushal, Chief Secretary, Haryana and Dr. Ausaf Sayeed, Secretary (Consular, Passport & Visa, CPV & Overseas Indian Affairs, OIA), Ministry of External Affairs, was jointly hosted by the Department of External Cooperation, Government of Haryana and the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India in Panchkula district of the state.

Key Points:

- The program is a flagship initiative of the Ministry of External Affairs, aimed at further deepening ties with the overseas Indians and partnering with state governments to address issues related to them.
- Through this event, the Ministry of External Affairs apprised the stakeholders and officials of the Haryana Government about the programs, schemes & initiatives taken by the Ministry for the Consular & Passport Services, to promote relations with the overseas Indians and for their welfare and protection.
- In this program, the Government of Haryana & the Ministry of External Affairs brainstormed to strengthen mutual cooperation to solve the issues and problems related to these areas.
 - In the program, Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal said that the state government will set up a special 'Non-Resident Indian (NRI) Cell' to address the grievances of Haryana natives living abroad and protect their interests.
 - It is known that since the year 2017, six outreach programs have been organized with the state governments of Telangana, Maharashtra, Kerala, Gujarat, Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka.
 - It is worth mentioning that the Foreign Cooperation Department has constituted the Haryana Overseas Placement Cell to provide employment opportunities to the youth of Haryana abroad.



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The Chief Minister has given approval to upgrade 113 High Schools in the state to Senior Secondary Schools

Why in News?

On 25 May 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal gave approval to upgrade 113 high schools across the state, fulfilling the announcement of upgrading high schools to senior secondary schools in a public dialogue program organized in the village of Sirsa district of the state.

Key Points:

- It is known that according to the National Education Policy-2020, schools will be upgraded to ensure universal access and availability of education for all students till class 12th.
- After upgrading these schools in the first phase, other schools will also be upgraded in a phased manner by the Haryana Government giving exemption/relief in the rules.
- A total of 113 high schools in 64 blocks of 20 districts of the state will be upgraded to senior secondary schools.
- An official spokesperson said that schools across the state, where the number of students in 9th and 10th class is 80 or more and land of 1 acre or more is available & the nearest senior secondary school is at a distance of 3 kilometers or more, all such Schools will be upgraded.
- 4 schools each in Dabwali & Sirsa block of district Sirsa, 1 school in Nathusari Chowpata, 2 schools each in Raniya and Odha block will be upgraded.
- Similarly, in District Karnal, 2 schools in Indri Khand, 3 in Gharaunda, 2 in Nilokheri, 2 in Karnal, 1 school each in Assandh & Nissing and in Hisar District- 3 schools in the block 22, 2 schools in Uklana, 1-1 schools in Barwala, Agroha, Hansi, Hisar-1 and Adampur sections will be upgraded.
- In District Jind, 2 schools in Pillukheda block, 4 schools in Narwana and 1 school each in Safidon, Julana, Jind & Alewa blocks are to be upgraded.
- In district Palwal, 2 schools each in Hathin & Hasanpur blocks, 4 schools in Palwal block, 2 schools in Sohna

block and 6 schools in Gurgaon block in district Gurgaon will be upgraded. Similarly, in District Fatehabad, 2 schools each in Bhuna, Ratia & Fatehabad blocks, 1 school each in Jakhal and Bhattu Kalan are involved in upgrading.

- 3 schools each in Pehowa & Shahabad in district Kurukshetra, 1 school in Thanesar, 3 schools in Kaithal block in District Kaithal, 1 school each in Siwan, Kalayat & Pundri, 2 schools each in Pinjore & Barwala block in District Panchkula and 1 school in Raipur Rani will be upgraded.
- 2 schools each in Siwani & Bhiwani blocks in district Bhiwani, 1 school each in Sadhaura, Bilaspur, Jagadhri & Chhachhrauli blocks in district Yamunanagar, 2 schools in Ambala City in district Ambala, 1 school each in Saha, Narayangarh & Shahzadpur blocks, 2 schools in Sonipat district Gannaur and 1 each in Sonipat and Mandalana will be upgraded.
- This list includes 1 school in Ballabhgarh in district Faridabad & 2 schools in Faridabad block, 2 schools in Rewari block of district Rewari, 2 schools in Nangal Chowdhary block of district Mahendragarh, 1 school in Rohtak block of district Rohtak, 1 school in Nuh block of district Nuh and 1 school in block Samalkha of district Panipat to be upgraded.
- The spokesman said that with the efforts of the Chief Minister, Pradhan Mantri School for Rising India (PM Shri) schools will be established in the state to raise the level of education in the state and to make it quality. PM Shri is a centrally sponsored scheme for the development of schools.
- PM Sree is envisaged as model schools meeting the needs of 21st century education. Two schools (one senior secondary school and one primary school) will be opened in every block in the state and they will be developed as PM Shri Model Sanskriti School.





Neeraj Chopra becomes World Number One Player in Javelin Throw

Why in News?

On 22 May 2023, Neeraj Chopra of Haryana's Panipat district became the world's number one player in the men's javelin throw rankings released by World Athletics. Neeraj is the first Indian to get this ranking.

Key Points:

- Neeraj Chopra continues to top the rankings with 1455 points, while Anderson Peters of Grenada is the world number two javelin thrower with 1433 points.
- Jakub Vadlejch of the Czech Republic, who won a silver medal at the Tokyo Olympics, is third in the world rankings with 1416 points.
- Significantly, on 5 May 2023, Neeraj Chopra won the Doha Diamond League title with a throw of 88.67 meters. Due to this, he has become the number one javelin thrower.
- Chopra reached World No. 2 on 30 August 2022 but by then, the defending world champion, Anderson Peters was ahead of him.
- In September 2022, Neeraj won the Diamond League 2022 final in Zurich, making him the first Indian athlete to do so.



Approval given to annual work plan of Rs 239.78 crore under Haryana State CAMPA

Why in News?

On 24 May 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal approved the annual action plan of Rs 239.78 crore under the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority (CAMPA) in the 6th Steering Committee meeting of the Haryana State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority held in Chandigarh.

Key Points:

- During the year 2023-24, Rs 111.58 crore has been approved for compensatory afforestation, additional compensatory afforestation and panel compensatory afforestation in an area of 1,197.73 hectares.
- It is known that the Shivalik hilly region located in the northern part of the state and the Aravalli hilly region located in the southern part of the state are highly active and prone to soil erosion due to the sloping topography.
- The state government has taken soil conservation measures to prevent soil erosion in the Shivalik and Aravalli hills. A budget of Rs 20 crore has been released for this.
- Apart from this, under the Wildlife Management Plan 2023-24, Rs 10 crore has been approved for housing improvement and infrastructure development in protected areas.
- Provision has been made for 2 National Parks, 7 Wildlife Sanctuaries, 2 Conservation Reserves and 5 Community Reserves through the State Wildlife Wing.
- Apart from this, Rs 12.87 crore has been sanctioned for tree census in 20 Regional Forest Divisions, which shows the government's commitment towards environmental protection and sustainable development in the state.

The Chief Minister approved a scheme of Rs 34 crore to solve the Water Problem in 9 villages including Nizampur

Why in News?

On 24 May 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal approved a Rs 34 crore plan to solve the water problem



in 9 villages of the region, including village Nizampur in Mahendragarh district, bordering Rajasthan at the end of the state.

Key Points:

- Under this scheme, two groups of 5 and 4 villages will be formed and 10 to 12 water storage tanks will be built in the area by making links with Dhanchauli Minor and Hasanpur distributaries and water will be made available to the farmers through pipes.
- During this, the Chief Minister also approved the demand for setting up a community center in the village and also talked about starting the work of a community center in the neighboring village of Napla.
- The Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of three projects in village Nizampur to be constructed at a cost of Rs 16 crore 11 lakh 81 thousand.
- These projects include Rs 346.81 lakh for Dholeda bypass, Rs 704 lakh for village Bighopur-Dholeda-Khwajpur and Rs 561 lakh for village Iqbalpur Nangli-Nehru Nagar-Bhungarka.
- Dholera Bypass was an old demand of the area and with the realization of this project on the ground, the road infrastructure of the area will be expanded. Similarly, micro irrigation projects will not only promote water conservation but also benefit the farmers.
- Working on the idea of providing water to every village of the state, the old lift system has been renovated at a cost of Rs 143 crore to make Yamuna river water available to South Haryana. With this effort, water has reached 300 tails of the state.

Chief Minister Holds High Level Meeting with Administrative Secretaries

Why in News?

On 23 May 2023, 45 important projects worth more than Rs 100 crore of 11 major departments were reviewed in a high-level meeting with administrative secretaries in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal.

Key Points:

The Chief Minister directed all the officers to ensure the time-bound execution of the projects so that the common people could be benefited from these public welfare projects.

- An ambitious Ranney Well project started by the state government to provide drinking water supply to 80 villages of the Firozpur Jhirka sub-division has been completed. It will be inaugurated soon by the Chief Minister. The cost of this project is about Rs 210 crore.
- It was informed in the meeting that the work of improvement of the water supply system at Balkhi in Mahendragarh district at a cost of Rs 114 crore will also be completed by July.
- Apart from this, a canal-based drinking water supply scheme to 35 villages in the Badhda assembly constituency and the improvement of the water supply system to 52 villages and 5 *Dhanis* of Nagina and Pingwan blocks in Nuh is also going on at a fast pace, which will be completed by the end of this year.
- The Chief Minister directed the officials to conduct a scientific study of the areas from Faridabad to Hodal where Ranney Well-based projects have been built.
- Apart from this, it should also be ensured that drinking water is not used for irrigation and illegal exploitation of drinking water supply systems should also be monitored.
- Instructions have also been given to the police officers to keep strict monitoring so that there is no theft of water. Along with this, a regulatory system should be prepared for the proper management of water.
- It was told in the meeting that the work of the apple, fruit and vegetable market being built in Pinjore at a cost of Rs 139 crore is in the final stage. Out of 52 shops, 39 have been allotted, and the process of allotment of the remaining shops is going on. Soon business will start in this market.
- Apart from this, the foundation stone of the international market to be built in Ganaur will be laid by the Chief Minister in the month of June.
- In the meeting, officials of the Medical Education and Research Department informed that the civil work of Pandit Neki Ram Sharma Medical College, being built at a cost of about Rs 536 crore in Bhiwani, has been completed. Admissions can be made in this college in the academic session 2024-25.
- Apart from this, the work of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya University of Health Sciences being built at Kutel in Karnal is under process. It will have a facility of 730 beds. The department is ready to start OPD services here by the end of this year.



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- Along with this, the work of 6 Nursing Colleges being built across the state and Kalpana Chawla Medical College-Phase-2 in Karnal will also be completed within the stipulated time.
- Before the meeting, the Chief Minister launched the Haryana Project Monitoring System Portal for monitoring projects costing more than Rs 100 crore being implemented by various departments across the state. Now the entire process from the preparation of DPR by the departments till the final approval will be done through this portal.
- It was informed in the meeting that various infrastructure projects, including the road network, have been completed in Faridabad at a cost of Rs 325 crore, due to which the public is getting a lot of benefits.
- In the meeting, Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed the Chief Minister that the committee formed under his chairmanship is continuously reviewing projects worth more than Rs 100 crore for the speedy implementation of pending big projects across the state. So far 6 review meetings have been held and as a result, 12 mega projects worth Rs 1900 crore have been completed so far. Presently work is going on on more than 90 projects of 14 departments.



Institutions with Excellent Work for Road Safety will be Awarded

Why in News?

On 22 May 2023, Hardeep Singh Doon (IPS), Inspector General of Police, Traffic and Highways, Karnal district of Haryana informed that the institutions which are doing good work in promoting awareness in the field of road safety in the state will be rewarded by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India.

Key points

- The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways, Government of India will award corporate houses, auto industries and their associations, university institutions, various agencies of NGOs and trust societies etc. for their outstanding work in the field of road safety.
- Interested institutions can apply for registration on the ministry's website <u>https://morth.nic.in</u> till 30 May 2023.
- Interested institutions can send their proposals in this regard on the online portal.

State Government to provide facilities to working women

Why in News?

On 21 May 2023, the Haryana government has taken an important step to provide facilities to the working women of the state under the state government's scheme by changing the rules, under which now working women will get five thousand rupees even if they have a second child.

Key points

- An official spokesman said that the Women and Child Development Department has launched 'Mukhyamantri Matritva Sahayata Yojana' to compensate for the loss during labour during pregnancy and to ensure nutrition in lactating women.
- Under this scheme, scheduled caste and scheduled tribe women who gave birth to a boy as a second child after March 8 last year will be able to take advantage of this scheme. Orders in this regard have been issued by the Women and Child Development Department.
- Now more than 40 percent disabled women including MNREGA job card, e-labour card, BPL ration card, Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana and Kisan Samman Nidhi beneficiary women will also be eligible to take advantage of this scheme.
- To take advantage of the scheme, the annual income of the concerned woman's family should not be more than Rs 8 lakh. Aadhaar card is mandatory for this scheme.
- Women employees posted in central, or state government jobs and public undertakings will not be



- eligible to take advantage of this scheme. To avail the aid, it is necessary to register the child at least once after registration of pregnancy, as well as to register the child & get the BCG, OPV, DPT and Hepatitis B vaccines.
- To take advantage of the 'Chief Minister Maternity Assistance Scheme', applications can be made through Anganwadi Workers or ASHA.
- It is known that the 'Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana' is already being run for working women launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, under which an assistance of five thousand rupees was given in three instalments. Now the government has decided to change the rules and give the assistance amount in two instalments.

Haryana's monthly Agriculture special magazine 'Shri Anna' released

Why in News?

To celebrate the International Year of Nutrition Grains 2023 on 21 May 2023, Prof. B.R. Kamboj, Vice Chancellor of Chaudhary Charan Singh Agricultural University, Haryana released the 'Shri Anna' agriculture special Hindi magazine of 'Haryana Kheti'.

Key points

- The Vice Chancellor said that in this special issue, the production, importance, maintenance, value-addition, food making of nutritious cereal crops such as jowar, bajra, ragi, kangni, samvak, small kangni and kutki etc. Special information related to making delicious dishes and health is given in the form of articles given by experts, which aims to make all readers aware of nutritious grains & their benefits.
- It is known that the country is leading the International Year of Millets on India's call to promote food security and nutrition in the world. With a production of over 18 million tonnes, India is poised to become a global hub for coarse cereals.
- Ragi (finger millet) is the best source of calcium & potassium, while chena (proso millet) & kutki (little millet) are rich in vitamin B6, phosphorus, fibre and amino acids.

- Kangni (Foxtail millet) is one of the ancient crops and is rich in beta-carotene, vitamins & minerals. This is especially beneficial for children and pregnant women.
- Kodo millet is rich in medicinal properties which calms phlegm & bile defects and is beneficial due to its antibacterial including anti-inflammatory properties. It is also used to purify blood and to keep the nervous system strong.
- Apart from these, samvak and small kangni are also nutritious & rich in medicinal properties.



Chief Minister Launches Community Policing & Outreach Program Haryana Uday

Why in News?

On 21 May 2023, Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal launched the community policing outreach programme Haryana Uday from the Gurugram district of the state, another innovative initiative towards public welfare. The programme will be implemented across the state from 1 June 2023.

Key points

- Community Policing & Outreach Programme Haryana UDAY Programme aims to strengthen community relations and promote better relations between district administration, law enforcement agencies & public.
- The Chief Minister also released the calendar of Haryana Uday Programme and said that by actively participating in this outreach programme, we can create a safer and more inclusive society, which will be responsive to the needs of its residents.
- As people's representatives of their district, everyone needs to work together and communicate with the public towards creating a safe, harmonious society. To achieve these goals, district deputy commissioners,



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commissioners of police and superintendents of police will launch community policing & outreach programs.

- Under Haryana UDAY, under the calendar of Chief Minister's Outreach Program, during the month of June, Strong/ Fitman Haryana, 3-day Women's Market in Gurugram and Yoga practice programs will be organized on 21 June on International Yoga Day.
- Apart from this, sports competitions for the age group of 60 years & above and 3-day Women's Market will be organized in Faridabad during the month of July.
- Under the Community Policing & Outreach Programme, each District Deputy Commissioner will start outreach programmes in their respective districts from 1 June 2023.
- These programs include village public dialogue/ area public dialogue, cleaning of ponds with public participation, music, art & poetry competitions in sports leagues of schools/ Mohalla's, plantation campaign, night stay program in villages once a week by IAS & HCS officers of the district, Youth Parliament / Village Parliament, Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, Various programs like adoption of government schools for cleanliness and improvement of the health of students are included.
- Community Policing Programme will be launched by The Commissioner of Police/Superintendent of Police in their respective districts from 1 June 2023.
- Under the Community Policing Program, programs like Raahgiri, Cyclothon, sports competitions in villages, awareness campaign for drug/drug abuse, care of elderly people and police school etc. will be organized.
- Collective participation will be ensured in this comprehensive community policing & outreach programme. It will be an important medium to promote engagement, partnership and cooperation among many individuals.
- The Chief Minister will review the six-monthly report of the programme along with a presentation from all the districts and the best three Deputy Commissioners/ Commissioners of Police/ Superintendents of Police will be awarded.



Haryana Police Tops PRAGATI Dashboard Ranking

Why in News?

On May 18, 2023, the meeting of the State Apex Committee for the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network and Systems (CCTNS), chaired by Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, it was informed that Haryana Police ranks at the top in the monthly evaluation progress dashboard conducted by the Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) and National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for all states and union territories.

Key Points

- The CCTNS Haryana project aims to enhance citizenfriendliness, promote transparency in police operations and improve delivery of citizen-centric services through effective use of Information and Communication Technology (ICT).
- Recently, the Police Department of Haryana has also launched a new facility, wherein First Information Report (FIR) status updates are sent to the complainants through SMS in Hindi. The messages also include a link to download the FIR.
- Bandwidth has been upgraded in a total of 277 police stations in Haryana, which shows the commitment of Haryana Police to continuously improve connectivity. He urged the officers to expedite the work of State Wide Area Network connectivity, which would provide 10 Mbps bandwidth to the newly established 47 Police Stations including Cyber Crime Prevention and Assistance Scheme across the State.
- It was informed in the meeting that various reports have been developed in the CCTNS system to meet the specific requirements of the Anti Corruption Bureau in the State.
- In addition, a new provision has been made specifically to send Rakka (a document generated by the doctor in the Medico Legal Examination and Postmortem Report System) to the concerned Station House Officer (SHO) through CCTNS. An alert is also sent through email to the SHO and the concerned Superintendent of Police (SP).
- Also, a similar provision has been made for Medical Legal Report (MLR) and Post Mortem Report (PMR) stored in MedLEaPR.



- It was informed in the meeting that the work of linking the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) with CCTNS has been successfully completed. This integration has enabled citizens to place requests for blocking or unblocking devices online.
- In addition, CCTNS has been successfully integrated with other departments such as Health, Prisons, Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL), Prosecution and Courts through Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS).
- This achievement promotes seamless information sharing and collaboration between these departments, thereby further strengthening the criminal justice system.

Ayush Minister Launched 'Yog Manas' App

Why in news?

On May 16, 2023, Haryana AYUSH Minister Anil Vij launched the 'Yog Manas' (Yogshala Management and Analytical System) app of the AYUSH department.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Ayush Minister said that this app has been launched to promote Yoga Vidya to lead a better life, maintain good health and create wonderful human beings. Through this app, the yoga activities of the citizens, the action taken by the yoga assistant, etc. can also be monitored.
- The citizen/participant can register for participation in Yoga Through this app on his/her mobile. The login of the District Ayush Officer has been given in the app and a dashboard has been given along with the module of Yoga Sahayak, through which the activities of Yoga can be monitored by the concerned officials.
- The citizen/participant has to install the Yog Manas application in his/her mobile, After that the citizen/ participant has to activate it by entering his/her basic information.
- The citizen/participant will be visible at the location of nearby yoga shalas through GPS After the app has been started. The citizen/participant will subscribe to his/her session at his/her convenience after registering himself/herself at the respective Yogashala. The enrollment of the citizen/participant will be done after this process.

- The AYUSH minister said that similarly there is a separate login process for yoga assistants. The Yoga Sahayak has to turn on his/her GPS location and select his/her Yogashala. After that, he/she has to create his/her session/batch and thenceforth the session/ batch information will appear. He will also be able to mark his attendance After that.
- A list of different types of yoga asanas has also been given in this application, which the citizen/participant will be able to customize according to himself. Given the login of the District Ayush Officer in the application, he will be able to monitor Yogashala, Yoga Sahayak and Yoga sessions including subscriptions.



Haryana Forest Department to Plant 3 Lakh 78 Thousand 250 Saplings

Why in News?

 As per information provided by a spokesperson of Haryana Forest Department on 16th May 2023, 3,78,250 saplings of 90 varieties will be planted after the first monsoon rains in the state.

Key Points

- The plantation will mainly include medicinal plants, fruit plants, shade givers and wood bearing plants.
- The spokesman said that plantation would be done after the onset of monsoon in panchayati land, main road, school, college, crematorium, playground, government educational institution etc. Under plantation, 75 thousand saplings, 1 lakh and 75 thousand saplings under Jal Shakti will be given free of cost.



- In this work, along with public representatives, cooperation of various non-governmental organizations and schools will also be taken.
- It is known that tree plantation is necessary to improve the environment. Plants purify the air, conserve water, help with climate control, and preserve the soil and benefit the environment in many other ways.
- Plants provide life-giving oxygen and absorb carbon dioxide released by animals. They provide fruits, timber, fibre, rubber etc and much more. Trees also filter particles from the air, thus making it clean and free of toxic substances.

Exchange of Agreement between Rohtak and Gaur Brahaman Vidya Pracharini Sabha

Why in News?

On 16th May, 2023 in the presence of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, MoU was signed between Municipal Corporation Rohtak and Gaur Brahaman Vidya Pracharini Sabha for allotment of 15.37 acres of land of Municipal Corporation Rohtak to Goud Brahmani Pracharini Sabha for 33 years at the rate of Rs. 2 lakh per annum and documents were exchanged.

Key Points

- This long standing demand of Gaur Brahaman Vidya Pracharini Sabha has been fulfilled, by which this land will be used for expansion of the existing educational institution.
- The ex-officio secretary of the Sabha, Dr. Jaipal Sharma said that the Sabha is running more than 100 educational institutions and providing education to all sections of the society. Presently one graduate college, 1 B.A. college and 1 school are being run by the institution. Around 3700 students are studying in these institutes.
- It is known that the Pahrawar land was given on lease to Gaur Brahaman Vidya Pracharini Sabha in the year 2008, but after that Rohtak Municipal Corporation was formed and this land came under the Corporation. Lease amount was also not paid. Meanwhile the Haryana Urban Development Authority acquired the land, the dispute escalated and the HSVP released the land.

- Recently, in the Bhagwan Parshuram Mahakumbh organized in Karnal, it was announced to give this land afresh to Gaur Brahaman Vidya Pracharini Sabha. After approving the proposal in the cabinet meeting, the acceptance letter and lease documents have now been handed over to the assembly.
- The Sabha will use this land to build an educational institution. The lease has been given for 5 years. If the institute is not constructed even in 5 years, then another 5 years will be given.
- It is notable that many announcements were made during Lord Parshuram Mahakumbh, most of which have been fulfilled. These include issuing a special commemorative postage stamp in the name of Lord Parshuram, renaming the under-construction medical college in Kaithal after Lord Parshuram and declaring Parshuram Jayanti as a gazetted holiday.
- Apart from this, the work of setting up of Pujari-Purohit Welfare Board is in the pipeline, which will be completed soon.



Haryana government's gift to Dwarfs and Eunuchs

Why in News?

On 17 May 2023, Haryana's Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment Om Prakash Yadav said after a review meeting of the department that after the elderly and disabled, the state government has now increased the allowance of dwarfs and eunuchs to Rs 2,750 per month. The increased allowance will be applicable from 1 April 2023.

Key Points:

 For dwarf allowance, the height of the male should be 3 feet 8 inches and the height of the female should be 3 feet 3 or less. To get the allowance under both



categories, the applicant will also have to produce a certificate from the civil surgeon.

- Apart from this, the amount of assistance given to destitute children has also been increased to Rs.1850 per month. This assistance will be given to a family of up to a maximum of two children.
- The assistance given to disabled children who do not go to school up to the age of 18 years has also been increased to Rs.2150.
- To get the allowance under both these schemes, the person should be a domicile of Haryana and his age should be at least 18 years.
- The Minister of State for Social Justice & Empowerment informed that the assistance amount for Kashmiri families coming to Haryana displaced from Jammu and Kashmir has been increased to Rs 1250 per month per member but this amount will not exceed Rs 6250 per month per family.

Dabwali to Become Haryana's New Police District

Why in News?

On 14 May 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal announced the creation of a new police district of Dabwali, a sub-division of Sirsa district of the state, in a public dialogue program organized to curb the bad habit of drugs and crack down on drug peddlers.

Key Points:

It is known that the head of the district police is the Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP). In addition to the Senior Superintendent of Police, several Superintendents of Police (SP)/Additional



Superintendents of Police (ADL SP) are also involved in the police administration. The district is divided into several Police Circles headed by a Circle Officer.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister also approved to give of 6.8 acres of land of Haryana Urban Development Authority to Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board for the expansion of the grain market of Dabwali.

State-level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance meeting was organised

Why in News?

On 12 May 2023, a meeting of the State Level Coordination Committee on Crop Insurance was organized under the chairmanship of Sudhir Rajpal, Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department.

Key Points:

- The Additional Chief Secretary took important decisions in the meeting to make 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' farmer friendly, to be implemented from Kharif 2023 to Rabi 2025-26, so that the yojana could be made more simple and transparent for the people of the state.
- Giving importance to the use of technology in the meeting, the proposal to appoint Harsac as a technical partner of the department for technical support was approved and a provision will be made to take complaints of farmers through the portal in the tender to be issued for the next session.
- Keeping in view the transparency of the scheme, the Additional Chief Secretary recommended increasing the time for videography of crop harvesting experiments and raising objections in local disaster survey/harvesting experiments from 72 hours to 144 hours & for the insurance company from 48 hours to 96 hours.
- In this meeting, the insurance amount of the crops covered under the scheme was also decided. The details of which are given below:



Amount Rs. per hectare							
Kharif				Rabi			
Crop	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	Crop	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26
Paddy	96371	101190	106249	Wheat	72896	76541	80368
Pearl millet	46456	48779	51218	Mustard	48927	51373	53942
Maize	49421	51892	54487	Barley	46456	48779	51218
Cotton	98595	103525	108701	Gram	35830	37682	39503
Moong	43243	45405	47675	Sunflower	49421	51892	54487

Inauguration of 46 Health Institutions in 17 Districts Including Mukand Lal District Civil Hospital in Yamunanagar

Why in News?

On 11 May 2023 Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated 46 health institutions in 17 districts including the 275-bed Mukand Lal District Civil Hospital in Yamunanagar district of the state, which cost about Rs 232 crore.

Key Points

- The Mukand Lal District Civil Hospital inaugurated in Yamuna Nagar has cost about Rs 100 crore. This step is definitely important in the direction of increasing the infrastructure for health facilities in the state.
- Apart from this, 46 health institutions have been inaugurated at Bhiwani, Karnal, Fatehabad, Rohtak, Kaithal, Faridabad, Palwal, Sirsa, Panchkula, Nuh, Charkhi Dadri, Jind, Yamunanagar, Hisar, Gurugram, Narnaul and Kurukshetra. These include 1 District Civil Hospital, 2 Sub Divisional Civil Hospitals, 3 Community Health Centers, 1 Urban Health Center, 1 Mother & Child Hospital, 8 Primary Health Centers, 15 Health & Welfare Centers and 15 Sub Health Centers.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also announced the setting up of a new Medical College and an Ayurvedic College in Panchkula.

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister made a big announcement that the patients suffering from 55 rare diseases like Pompe Disease, Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) and Spinal Muscular Atrophy (SMA) would be provided financial assistance by the government. These patients will be given a pension of Rs 2750 per month.
 - It is known that till now pension is provided by the government to the patients of Thalassemia, Haemophilia, Stage-3 and Stage-4 Cancer. Now 55 rare diseases have also been added to this list and the government has made a budget provision of Rs 25 crore for this financial assistance.
- It is known that there are 3 thousand patients suffering from Thalassemia & Haemophilia disease, 4 thousand patients of stage-3 & stage-4 cancer and about 1 thousand patients of 55 rare diseases, who will be given financial help in the form of pension by the government.

Chief Minister Inaugurated the CM Grievances Redressal & Monitoring System Jan Samvad Portal

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Information, Public Relations and Languages Department of Haryana on 10 May 2023, the Chief Minister of the state Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated the CM Grievances Redressal & Monitoring System Jan Samvad Portal.



Key Points:

- A complete account will be kept by uploading the problems and suggestions coming under the Jan-Samvad program on this portal. After this, the concerned officers will also ensure the resolution of these problems and a message about the problem will also go to the complainant.
- It is known that more than 600 services come under the Right to Service Act.
- It is worth mentioning that under the Jan Samvad program, the fourth Jan Samvad program will be organized in the Sirsa district of the state from 13 to 15 May. Under this, the Chief Minister will interact directly with the people of many villages in Sirsa district.
- The Chief Minister said that in order to implement all the problems faced by the government while interacting with the public, these problems would be uploaded on the portal at the district and headquarter level.
- To solve the problems of the people, 'Nagar Darshan Portal' has been created at the urban level and 'Gram Darshan Portal' at the village level. On these, citizens can also upload their problems and development works while sitting at home. After that, it will automatically go to the complaint officer who will take cognizance of them and complete the work by making provisions for estimate & budget etc.
- Earlier the problems coming on these portals were agreed upon through representatives but now citizens can directly send these problems to the portal.
- Better mechanisms have been prepared by the state government to provide good services to the citizens, on which accountability is also being ensured. So far 3609 people have registered their complaints on this demo portal.
- It is known that every Saturday the Chief Minister communicates with any one section of the state through audio conferencing. In these there is direct interaction with the people and the workers also join them. Apart from this, the concerned officers are also involved in this, who listen to the problems faced by them and ensure their solution.



In the meeting of the High Power Purchase Committee and High Power Works Committee

Why in News?

On 10 May 2023, the High Powered Purchase Committee (HPPC) and Department of High Powered Purchase Committee (DHPPC) & High Power Works Purchase Committee meeting in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal approved the purchase and contract of about Rs 275 crore.

Key Points:

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- A total of 26 agendas of Irrigation, Police, Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA), Uttar Haryana Electricity Distribution Corporation, and Public Health Engineering Department were placed in the meeting, out of which 18 agendas were approved.
 - In the meeting, the proposal to enter into a rate contract with the insurance company for livestock insurance was also approved. A claim of Rs 70 crore was given to the farmers under the 'Livestock Insurance Scheme' being run by the state government in the interest of the farmers.
 - The state government has streamlined the arrangements to bring transparency to tender processes. Earlier negotiation was done only with the L-1 party, now this system has been made that up to L-5 parties are called for negotiation in the range of 5% of the bid amount so that rates are fixed in a competitive manner. Can





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The Website of Haryana Airport Development Corporation Launched

Why in News?

On 8 May 2023, the Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana launched the website of Haryana Airport Development Corporation.

Key Points:

- With the creation of the website of Haryana Airport Development Corporation, the civil aviation department in the state would be able to implement and speedy completion of airport development projects. With this, the work of monitoring and inspection of the development works of the Integrated Aviation Hub as well as all other airstrips in Hisar will be completed quickly.
- With the launch of this website, anyone from anywhere in the world can see the development work being done by the Haryana Government in the Civil Aviation Department in the state.
- On this occasion, Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that the formation of the Haryana Airport Development Corporation in the state is important in the field of civil aviation and said that its formation will make it easier to purchase equipment & items for the operation of airports and will speed up the work. The technical feasibility report for the development of airports can be reviewed as and when required.
- Not only this, now preparation and publication of tender documents for aviation activities will be easier, and quality control of development works will be possible through appropriate agencies.
- The formation of the Haryana Airport Development Corporation will help in the repair, maintenance & upgradation of airport infrastructure and institutional capacity building of the civil aviation sector in the state.

Ordinance for Amendment in Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 and Haryana Municipal Act, 1973

Why in News?

On 9 May 2023, in the cabinet meeting chaired by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, the ordinance to amend the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994 and the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 was approved.

Key Points:

- These ordinances will be called the Haryana Municipal Corporation (Amendment) Ordinance, 2023.
- According to the amendment, seats will be reserved for backward class 'A' in each municipality and the number of reserved seats will be as much as possible.
- In case the ratio of backward class 'A' population to the total population of that municipality is 0.5 or more in the same proportion as the total number of seats in the municipality, it is rounded off to the next higher integer.
- Excluding the seats already reserved for Scheduled Castes, such seats shall be allotted by a draw of lots from a maximum of three times the number of seats proposed for the reservation to Backward Class 'A' having the highest percentage of the population of Backward Class 'A' and will be allotted on rotation in the subsequent elections also.
- In the Cabinet meeting held on 8 May, the Council of Ministers approved a proposal to accept the recommendations of the Haryana Backward Classes Commission for the provision of the proportion of reservation for Backward Class-A in contesting municipal elections.
- Since the State Legislative Assembly is not in session and the elections to the Urban Local Bodies are to be held at the earliest, therefore, according to the recommendations of the Haryana Backward Classes Commission, provision has been made in Section 6 & Section 11 of the Act, 1994 and Section 10 of the Act, 1973, there is a need to bring an ordinance for the provision of reservation for Backward Class-A in the elections of Municipal Corporations and Municipal Councils/Committees.

Approval for Amendment in Agri-Business & Food Processing Policy-2018

Why in News?

In the cabinet meeting chaired by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal on 9 May 2023, approval was granted to the proposal for amendment in the Agri-Business & Food Processing Policy-2018 and incentive schemes under it.



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Key Points:

- As per the revised proposal, 25 projects will be set up under the 'Backward and Forward Linkage Scheme' and 15 additional projects under the 'Integrated Cold Chain and Value Addition Scheme'.
- The policy budget will remain unchanged at Rs 433 crore. A budget of Rs 160 crore will be diverted to the above schemes from the plan for the creation, expansion and diversification of individual agri- and food processing units by 31 March 2024, or till the notification of the new agri-business & food processing policy, whichever is earlier.
- This amendment will be helpful in achieving the desired policy objectives and will be useful in creating a vast food processing ecosystem as well as increasing the income of farmers in the state.
- The Haryana Agri-business & Food Processing Policy was notified with a vision to create a prosperous rural economy by achieving accelerated growth in the agriculture sector, creating strong value chain linkages, laying emphasis on research and establishing state-of-the-art infrastructure.
- The objective of this policy was to make Haryana an obvious destination for investors in the food processing sector, promote value addition in agriculture & allied sectors such as dairy, horticulture, livestock, fisheries, poultry etc. and strengthen infrastructure by investing.
- In food processing clusters, thus developing a strong value chain, promoting farm gate processing of fresh food especially fruits, vegetables, milk and fish, promoting startups in the agri-business space and enabling farmers to enhance their income through new means and to carry out agri-marketing reforms.
- The objective of notifying this policy is to attract an investment of Rs 3,500 crore by the year 2023, create employment for 20,000 people in the entire value chain of the food processing sector and engage in perishables (fruits, vegetables), dairy, fisheries etc. to increase the level of processing by 10 per cent.

the e-Fard system implemented in the state

Why in News?

On 6 May 2023, moving in the direction of good governance from e-governance, the Haryana State

Government started the digital signature Jamabandi i.e. e-Fard system in the state to provide great relief to the people.

Key Points

- With the implementation of the e-fard system, people will no longer have to visit the Patwari's offices to get their jamabandi's signed fards, rather people will be able to obtain digitally signed fards i.e. copies through the www.jamabandi.nic.in portal.
- It is known that earlier to get fard one had to go round the Patwaris, even though it used to take months but now this work is done in minutes sitting at home.
- It is worth mentioning that the state government launched the www.jamabandi.nic.in portal on 25 December 2022. The service charge for one Fard is Rs.100 only and Rs.10 for the first Khewat & Rs.5 for each subsequent Khewat.
- The Jamabandi portal acts as a single window for land record-related information. Apart from e-fard, all information related to land data such as Khasra, Khatauni land map, property registration, stamp duty calculator, etc. services is being made available on this portal itself.
- In all the 143 tehsils/sub-tehsils of the state, land records management works have been computerized using the web-halris system and all revenue record rooms have also been computerized.
- Digital revenue record rooms were established at all the district headquarters and state headquarters of the state. Under this new initiative, important revenue records & documents have been scanned and indexed & kept in digital boxes in modern record rooms. For this, 18 crores 50 lakh documents have been scanned. With the help of I.T., it is now easy to maintain records and find them when required.

'Mukhyamantri Dudh Uphaar Yojana' selected for Scotch Gold Award

Why in News?

On 5 May 2023, Haryana's Women & Child Development Minister Kamlesh Dhanda said that to improve the nutritional and health status of children in the age group of 6 months to 6 years, pregnant women,



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lactating mothers in the state, the 'Mukhyamantri Doodh Uphaar Yojana', which is being run by the Women & Child Development Department, has been selected for the Scotch Gold Award.

Key Points

- It is worth mentioning that given the increasing danger of malnutrition among women and children in the state, under the guidance of the Chief Minister, the 'Mukhyamantri Doodh Uphaar Yojana' was started on 5 August 2020 during the Corona period.
- Under the 'Mukhyamantri Doodh Uphaar Yojana', a target was set to make skimmed milk available for 300 days a year at Anganwadi centres to remove the deficiency of vitamins A and D3 in identified children, pregnant women and lactating mothers.
- With the supervision of the department's headquarters, district-level officers, and the cooperation of the workers and assistants working at the Anganwadi centres, continuous improvement was seen in the health of the beneficiaries, especially in their nutritional status.
- In the state, 9 lacks 23 thousand children from 6 months to 6 years, 2 lakh 88 thousand pregnant women and lactating mothers have been provided milk in Rose, Cardamom, Chocolate, Vanilla, Butterscotch and Plain Milk flavours six days a week.
- Through this milk, the beneficiaries have got an abundant amount of protein, calories, calcium, magnesium, vitamin B12, vitamin A and D3, due to which there has been an increase of 3.67 per cent in the number of general category children in the state from the point of view of nutrition while there was a decrease of 3.66 per cent in moderately underweight children.
- It is known that the Skoch Institute encourages efforts to bring change through innovative efforts from the socio-administrative point of view at the national level and in the past also various departments of Haryana state were honoured for their innovative efforts.

Guru Gorakshanath Memorial Festival

Why in News?

Guru Gorakshanath Memorial Festival was celebrated on 4 May 2023 in Karnal, Haryana. In this state level

function, Chief Minister Manohar Lal made several announcements.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced that an educational institution in the state would be named after Guru Gorakhnath. In addition, a Peeth (Bench) will be established in the name of Guru Gorakhnath at Baba Mastnath University, Asthal Bohar, Rohtak, to conduct research on his life and his teachings.
- The Chief Minister also announced that people from the Nath community would be included in the Pujari-Purohit Welfare Board.
- The State Government had provided reservation to BC(A) category in Panchayati Raj Institutions. Now, on the same lines, reservation will be provided to the BC (A) category in the municipal bodies as well.
- To make children aware of the teachings of Baba Gorakhnath, the biography of Guru Gorakhnath and his teachings will be mentioned in the school curriculum.
- Chowks or roads will be named after Guru Gorakhnath in those cities where the Yogi Samaj will give consent.
- It is worth mentioning that the state government is celebrating the birth anniversaries of all saints under the Saint-Great Purush Samman and Publicity Scheme to propagate the teachings of saints & great men. This memorial festival has also been organized in this episode.



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22 Percent Increase in Haryana's GST Collection

Why in News?

According to the data released by the Union Ministry of Finance on 02 May 2023, there has been an increase



of 22 percent in Haryana's GST collection this time as compared to last year.

Key Points:

- Where the state's GST collection was 8,197 crores in the year 2022, it has increased to 10,035 crores in the year 2023.
- The GST collection has increased only in the neighbouring states of Haryana such as 16 percent in Punjab, 17 percent in Himachal, 8 percent in Delhi and 5 percent in Rajasthan. The growth rate of Haryana is more than these states.
- It is known that Haryana is one of the leading states on the parameters of economic development. The state government is giving importance to big industries as well as micro, small and medium industries. The state government has improved power availability and connectivity to promote industries.
- It is worth mentioning that GST is a comprehensive indirect tax which was introduced in India on 01 July 2017 through the 101st Constitutional Amendment Act, 2016 with the slogan 'One Nation One Tax'.

Haryana Home Minister participates in Geeta Sadbhavna Yatra

Why in News?

On 30 April 2023, Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij participated in the Gita Sadbhavna Yatra under the International Gita Festival being organized in Australia.

Key Points:

- Panipat MLA Mahipal Dhanda along with Swami Guru Sharananand Ji Maharaj and Geeta Manishi Swami Gyananand Ji Maharaj also participated in Geeta Sadbhavna Yatra.
- The Sadbhavana Yatra began at the BAPS Swaminarayan Temple in Sydney, Australia and ended at the banks of the Parramatta River.
- It is worth mentioning that various social, religious, and voluntary organizations from India and Australia participated in the Geeta Sadbhavna Yatra.
- The objective of organizing the Geeta Sadbhavna Yatra is to spread the basic message of Geeta's Sadbhavna among the masses globally.

Gita always conveys the message that the whole of humanity is one and cannot be divided based on caste, colour and creed.

Action Plan Prepared for the Protection of Wild and Domestic Stakeholders in Haryana

Why in News?

Presiding over the first meeting of the Haryana State Biodiversity Board on 1 May 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed that keeping in view the decreasing biodiversity, Haryana has prepared an action plan till 2030 at the state level to protect the forest and domestic stakeholders in various areas.

Key Points:

- Significantly, this action plan has been prepared by the Wildlife Institute of India, under which it is also proposed to set up a Haryana Biodiversity Knowledge Center. The centre will act as a source of innovations and technology as well as a think tank.
- The Chief Secretary said that before accepting this action plan, a sub-committee would be constituted to monitor it from time to time. Apart from the Finance Department, experts will be included in this committee, which will collect data on biodiversity and analyse it.
- Tiger has been seen in Kalesar Park in the past. That's why the need to build a Tiger Park there will also be considered. The committee will prepare its report on this and submit it within a month.
- According to the action plan, work will be done by various departments to save species like cows, buffalo, monkeys, nilgai etc. Apart from this, work will also





be done for the management of cultivable land, underground water, drinking water etc. in sufficient quantity for the population living on high-rise floors in the urban area.

The Chief Minister made several Important Announcements for Water Conservation.

Why in News?

On 27 April 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal made several important announcements in the direction of water conservation on the second day of the concluding session of the 2-day water seminar organized by the Haryana Water Resources Authority under Amrit Jal Kranti in Panchkula.

Key Points:

- Important announcements in the direction of water conservation-
- The area under direct seeding of paddy will be increased from 73,000 acres to about 2 lakh acres, increasing the area by 275 percent. This will save 218 mcm of water. For this, provision will be made for the availability of machinery and subsidy.
 - Apart from this, more than 9500 water sources will be renovated in the next two years. These include 5308 ponds, 63 Chowk dams, 81 shallow tube wells and 4000 recharge borewells.
 - An increase of more than 300 percent will be brought under natural farming from 6,000 acres to 25,000 acres. This effort will not only save water but also improve soil fertility.
 - The state government has set a target of reclamation of 1 lakh acres of saline land in brackish water areas. To speed up the work to achieve this, the Agriculture Department will work closely with the Central Saline Soil Reclamation Institute and will finalize its action plan in the next three months. Machines will be made available for this work. If provision of subsidy has to be made, that too will be done.
 - The World Bank has given in-principle approval for the expansion of Atal Bhujal Yojana in 14 districts of the state.

- In the first phase, a budget of 700 crores was received under the five-year plan. In the second phase also, a budget of about Rs 700 crore will be made available by the World Bank. This will cover 90 percent of the waterlogged area of the state.
- In the next two years, 50 percent of the demand for water in the agriculture sector will be met by the treated wastewater of STP. Apart from this, 75 STPs have been set up for the needs of agriculture. water will be used.
- Not only this but in the next two years, 100 percent of treated wastewater will be reused in 18 out of 31 HSIIDC estates. Only 50 percent of water is being used in STP, which will be increased to 100 percent.
- To make more use of water in the industrial sector, the state government has made a special plan, under which Zero Liquid Discharge (ZLD) will be implemented in IMT Sohna, IMT Kharkhoda and Global City Gurugram.
- The area under fisheries will be increased. Presently fish rearing is being done on 2500 acres, which has been targeted to be increased.
- The Energy Department will prepare the DPR of the project for the reuse of treated wastewater in Yamunanagar, Panipat, Hisar and Jhajjar power plants in the next 3 months.
- Possibilities of using treated wastewater for cooling power plants will also be explored, subject to economic viability.
- In the next two years, more than 250 urban ponds will be renovated under various schemes. Installation of Micro STPs and twin pipelines will be ensured in all licensed colonies/HSVP sectors. Treated wastewater will be used in parks and green areas of all urban areas.
- It is worth mentioning that on April 26, Haryana Water Resources Authority inaugurated a two-day water seminar organized in Panchkula under Amrit Jal Kranti.

Haryana Govt. will start Social Audit of 10 Service Schemes

Why in News?

On 27 April 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, while presiding over the second meeting of the



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Governing Body of the Haryana Society in Chandigarh, said that to ensure transparency and accountability in the implementation of schemes and programs by the state government, social justice, jurisdiction, scheduled caste and social auditing of 10 service schemes of Backward Classes Welfare and Antyodaya (Services) Department will be started.

Key Points:

- Other schemes like National Social Assistance Programme, 15th Finance Commission Grant and Swachh Bharat Mission will also be implemented in the current financial year 2023-24.
- Director Social Audit Unit PMAY-G, 15th FCGS, SBM, NSAP, Rurban Mission, Senior Citizen Homes, Anti Drug Centres, Pre-Matric and Post Matric Scholarship, PM-Ajay, Babu Jagjivan Ram Chhatrawas, Residential Schools, SC, ST Ioan plan and prepare an annual calendar

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for conducting a social audit of various development schemes like cases related to atrocities.

- In the meeting, it was decided to constitute a threemember committee headed by the Sub-Divisional Officer (Civil) at the district level to strengthen the Social Audit Unit. Its Block Development and Panchayat Officer and SDO Panchayati Raj will also be its members. The committee will identify the village resource person to conduct the social audit.
- The Governing Body approved the proposal to enhance the honorarium of Village Resource Person from Rs.500 to Rs.650 including TA, and DA per working day.
- Additional Chief Secretary, Rural Development, Anil Malik said that the Social Audit Unit has identified and trained 824 village resource persons from all 22 districts of Haryana. These include members of self-help groups, social organizations and village groups.

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