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Haryana Airport Development Limited Company

Why In News?

- On August 31, 2022, The cabinet meeting chaired by the Chief Minister of Haryana, Mr. Manohar Lal, approved the development works of airports/airstrips/helipads under the Government of Haryana as well as other important projects like setting up of Integrated Manufacturing Clusters under the Government of India. Approval was accorded to the formation of Haryana Airport Development Corporation Limited Company for completion.

Key Points

- Besides, the Department of Civil Aviation and the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited (NICDC) will work on the '**Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor**' project through a joint venture.
- The main primary objective of setting up the above corporation is to manage, regulate and implement the airport projects/joint venture projects of the state government with the objective of establishing and operating an integrated aviation hub at Hisar and other airfields of Haryana. In addition, the corporation will assist in the operation, maintenance, development, design, construction, up-gradation, modernization and management of airports.
- The Corporation purchases/manages all properties and infrastructure such as runways, taxiways, aprons, terminals for passengers, airport renovation including provision of cargo facilities, building expansion and management for providing aeronautical activities and services. Will assist in land acquisition.
- Also the Corporation is involved in the development, project financing, project monitoring, installation, strengthening, up-gradation, repair, rehabilitation, improvement, operation, construction, maintenance and implementation of the Corporation Project at Integrated Aviation Hub at Hisar and other airfields/airports in Build, Design, will work either directly or in public-private partnership (PPP) mode in developing the infrastructure.
- In addition, the incorporation of Haryana Airports Development Corporation Limited will assist in procurement, implementation, operation and maintenance of plans, projects, programmes,

concessions and other contractual arrangements on a commercial format for the provision and development of projects and infrastructure.

- In addition, the Corporation will also undertake planning, development, operation and maintenance and disposal of project site, land and built-up areas of the Civil Aviation Department in accordance with the prescribed laws, specifications and standards.
- It may be mentioned that Haryana Government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Union Ministry of Civil Aviation and Airports Authority of India under the Regional Connectivity Scheme of the Government of India on 7th July, 2017.
- Apart from this, the state government is also working on a proposal to develop an integrated manufacturing cluster in the city side area of Maharaja Agrasen Airport Hisar under the 'Amritsar-Kolkata Industrial Corridor' scheme of the Central Government. About 1605 acres of land has already been identified for its first phase.
- The Integrated Manufacturing Cluster Project will be implemented as a joint venture with the Department of Civil Aviation, Haryana and the National Industrial Corridor Development Corporation Limited launched by the Government of India as an autonomous body.

Surcharge Waiver Scheme-2022

Why In News?

- On August 31, 2022, Managing Director of Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam Dr. Saket Kumar said that the Surcharge Waiver Scheme-2022 has been started by the Haryana Government to solve the problem of outstanding electricity bills.

Key Points

- The benefits of this scheme can be availed by such consumers of urban and rural areas, whose bill was outstanding till December 31, 2021 and the bill is still pending. This plan is for both Connected and Disconnected customers.
- Dr. Saket Kumar informed that under this scheme, the complete surcharge of domestic (urban and rural) agricultural consumers and electricity connections related to government, gram panchayat and municipal corporation will be frozen so far and they will be given only the basic amount till now will have to pay.

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- The consumer can also deposit the principal amount in lump sum or with the next three bills. Consumers will also be given an additional discount of 5 percent on the principal amount on a lump sum deposit.
- He said that the frozen surcharge will be waived in proportion to the continuous payment of the next six bills. If the consumer does not deposit his principal amount in lump sum or fixed installments and does not deposit the next 6 bills continuously, then his frozen surcharge will be added back to the bill and the consumer will be excluded from the scheme.
- All categories of consumers can take advantage of this scheme. The surcharge on the outstanding principal amount of such consumers will be recalculated and interest will have to be paid at the rate of ordinary 10 percent per annum instead of the current rate of interest of 1.5 percent per month.
- Wrong bills made by all types of consumers will be corrected according to the conditions of the department. Such consumers, whose case is pending in the court, can also adopt this scheme. Provided that they have to withdraw their case from the court.
- About 2240985 consumers of the state will get the opportunity to take advantage of this scheme, including 24479 government consumers and the department's interest of about Rs 1834 crore can be waived off. This scheme will continue till November 30, 2022.

Backward Classes (A) will get Reservation in Panchayati Raj Institutions

Why In News?

- On August 31, 2022, Haryana Backward Classes Commission's report was approved in this regard to ensure political reservation rights of Backward Classes (A) in Panchayati Raj Institutions in the cabinet meeting chaired by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that the commission constituted under the leadership of Justice (Retd) Darshan Singh, former judge of Punjab and Haryana High Court, conducted a thorough inquiry to assess the political backwardness of the citizens belonging to backward classes. The Commission observed that the Backward Classes

Block-A (BC-A) people need to be provided political reservation in Panchayati Raj institutions due to lack of adequate representation in the political setup.

➤ Reservation recommended by the Commission in Gram Panchayat

- The posts of Panch in each Gram Panchayat shall be reserved for the Backward Classes (A) in the same proportion as the total number of seats, which shall be one-half percent of the population of the Backward Classes (A) in the total population of the Gram Sabha area. If the decimal value is 0.5 or more, it will be rounded to the next higher integer.
- Provided that if the population of the Backward Class (A) is two percent or more of the total population of the assembly area, there shall be at least one Panch belonging to the Backward Class (A) in every Gram Panchayat.
- Similarly, eight percent of the total number of posts of sarpanch in a block and if the decimal value is 0.5 or more, it will be reserved for backward class (A) by rounding it to the next higher integer.

➤ Reservation recommended in Panchayat Samiti by the Commission

- The members' posts in each Panchayat Samiti shall be reserved for the Backward Classes (A) in the same proportion as the total seats, which shall be one-half percent of the population of the Backward Classes (A) in the total population of the block. If the decimal value is 0.5 or more, it will be rounded to the next higher integer.

➤ Reservation recommended by the Commission in the Zilla Parishad

- The posts of members in each Zila Parishad shall be reserved for the Backward Classes (A) in the same proportion as the total number of seats, which shall be one-half percent of the population of the Backward Classes (A) in the total population of the Zilla Parishad area.
- The Commission has said that as directed by the Apex Court, the reservation shall not exceed 50 percent of the total seats reserved in favour of Scheduled Castes and BC(A) in any Panchayati Raj Institution.
- It is further clarified that on adding the number of seats so reserved for Backward Classes (A) with the number of seats reserved for Scheduled Castes, if their total number exceeds 50 percent of the total seats in Panchayati Raj Institutions then the number of seats

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reserved for the Backward Classes (A) shall be kept so that the reservation of Scheduled Castes and BC (A) shall be limited to 50 percent of the total seats of the Panch of the Gram Panchayat, the member of the Panchayat Limited and the member of the Zilla Parishad. Don't be more

- Explaining these recommendations, the Commission has given an example that assuming the population of backward class block A in the village is 25 percent of the total population of gram sabha, then 12.5 percent seats will be reserved for the citizens of backward class block (A).
- Where the Scheduled Caste population in a village is 50 percent or more, the Backward Class (A) will not get any reservation irrespective of the percentage of its population.

Haryana Enterprise Promotion Rules, 2016

Why In News?

- The Cabinet, which met under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on September 1, 2022, approved the amendment to the 'Haryana Enterprise Promotion Rules, 2016'.

Key Points

- The state government has enacted the Haryana Enterprise Promotion Act, 2016 and related rules to create an ecosystem in the state that matches the ease of doing business and is also better than the best global standards for delays in doing business as well as reducing costs.
- The Haryana Enterprise Promotion Board (HEPB) has been constituted under Section 3 of the Haryana Enterprise Promotion Act, 2016 and the Empowered Executive Committee (EEC) has been constituted under Section 4 of the said Act.
- In the Empowered Executive Committee (EEC), the Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister is the Chairman of the Committee. The Administrative Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department is the member-cum-Chief Executive Officer of the committee.
- Town and Country Planning, Environment, Forests, Public Works (Buildings and Roads), Finance, Public

Health Engineering, Electricity, Urban Local Bodies, Labour, Director General of HSIIDC or Administrative Secretaries of Industries and Commerce departments are the directors of the committee.

- The major role of EEC is to examine the cases of incentives/special packages under various schemes/policies of the Government and recommend the same to the Haryana Enterprise Promotion Board.
- The EEC further approves and recommends cases for special packages including reimbursement of GST. However, the Administrative Secretary of the Excise and Taxation Department is not a member of this committee. There was a need to amend Rule 4(1) of the Haryana Enterprise Promotion Rules, 2016 to include the Administrative Secretary of the Excise and Taxation Department as a member of the Empowered Executive Committee (EEC).
- Apart from this, the cabinet gave ex-post (post-facto) approval to amend the Haryana Public Service Commission (Limitation of Works) Regulations, 1973. According to this amendment, instead of Haryana Staff Selection Commission, HPSC has been made mandatory to conduct the recruitment process for various posts of Post Graduate Teacher Group-B. The recruitment process for all other Group-B posts is being conducted by HPSC.

22 New Varieties of Wheat Dedicated to the Country

Why In News?

- On September 1, 2022, Director, Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research (IIWBR), Karnal, Dr. Gyanendra Pratap Singh said that under the supervision of IIWBR, 22 new species of wheat were dedicated to the farmers in the country.

Key Points

- This is the first time that so many species have been approved simultaneously in 2022 in partnership with various research institutes of the country.
- Of these, five species are from IIWBR Karnal (Haryana), besides area expansion of two species of the institute has also been done. This is a revolutionary step in the production of wheat in the country, as it will present more options to the farmers of the country.

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- These decisions were taken in the 61st seminar held on 29 and 30 August in Gwalior under the joint auspices of the Indian Institute of Wheat and Barley Research (IIWBR), Karnal and Rajmata Vijayaraje Scindia Krishi Vishwavidyalaya, Gwalior (Madhya Pradesh).
- Dr. Gyanendra Pratap Singh said that the report was presented by the Species Identification Committee in the seminar, in which the committee discussed 27 proposals. Out of this, 22 varieties of wheat have been approved and approved for farmers' fields. These will soon be released by the Central Species Approval Committee.
- Of these 22 species, five are from IIWBR Karnal. These include DBW-370, DBW-371, DBW-372 and DBW-316, besides DDW-55.
- The production of DBW-370 with early sowing and high production has been approved for 74.9 quintals per hectare, 371 for 75.9 quintals per hectare, 372 approved for two zones has been approved for 60 quintals per hectare (75.3 quintals per hectare for Central India).
- The production of 316 (late sown species) is 41 quintal per hectare for Northeast India, while for the central zone in limited water, the variety DDW-55 of Kathia wheat has been approved, in which only one watering is required.
- Principal Investigator (Crop Improvement), IIWBR, Dr. Gyanendra Singh said that apart from this, two species of IIWBR have joined DBW-187 and 303 mega species. There are 187 such species, which have been approved for 20 million hectares, which has reached five million hectares of area in the country. In Haryana, 50 percent of these species are being sown.
- Expanding the area of these two species has been approved for high fertility, early sowing in the middle zone. Apart from this, the species approved are PBW 826 (for two zones), PBW 883, HD 3369, 3406, 3411 and 3467 of IARI New Delhi, HI 1653, 1654, 1650, 1655, 8826, MACS of IRI Indore. Pune's 6768, 4100, CG Bilaspur's 1036 etc. are included. IARI New Delhi includes ten species.

'Operation Akraman-2'

Why in News?

- On September 6, 2022, Haryana Director General

of Police (DGP) Prashant Kumar Agarwal said that a day-long special operation 'Operation Akraman-2' was launched by the Haryana Police to nab the miscreants.

Key Points

- As part of the 'Operation Akraman-2' operation, the police conducted extensive raids across the state throughout the day and registered 710 cases under relevant sections of the IPC, NDPS, Excise and Arms Act etc. and arrested 964 accused.
- The DGP said that the objective of this campaign launched by Haryana Police on September 5 is to take effective action against criminal elements, curb street crime and illegal weapons, crackdown on illegal liquor and drug trafficking.
- He said that we want to create fear of law among the criminals by raiding their areas/roads/houses suddenly to crack down on miscreants and anti-social elements in every district without leaving any scope for them to escape.
- According to reports received from various districts, 645 teams of about 3500 policemen raided many places in the field. During the raid, the raiding teams also managed to nab 45 proclaimed offenders and 34 bail jumpers. The arrested miscreants were wanted in several cases and were absconding to evade arrest.
- The highest number of 116 accused were arrested in Panipat district, followed by 108 in Gurugram and 102 in Ambala. Similarly, maximum 24 POs and bail jumpers were nabbed in Sonapat district and nine were arrested from Panipat.
- The DGP said that police teams also raided the jail premises of the state to check any kind of illegal activities, equipment and other items.
- Assessing the special drive, he described it as a step towards strict police action against criminals and further strengthening faith in law among the general public. He said that such special operations will continue in future also.
- 'Operation Akraman' is a special state-level operation to simultaneously raid the premises of criminal and anti-social elements. Under this, raiding police teams have been formed. These police teams jointly take action to curb criminal elements without leaving them the scope of escape.

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New School Health Scheme 'SEHAT'

Why in News?

- On the occasion of National Teachers' Day on September 5, 2022, Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya launched a new school health scheme 'SEHAT' under the Ayushman Bharat programme for health check-up of school children at Indradhanush Auditorium, Sector 5, Panchkula.

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- The Governor also felicitated 93 teachers of the state for their outstanding work in the field of education in 2020 and 2021 at the State Teacher Award ceremony organized by the School Education Department at Indradhanush Auditorium.
- The Governor said that a new school health scheme 'Sehat' has been started under the Ayushman Bharat program. Under this scheme, the health of 25 lakh school children will be checked twice a year from the upcoming academic session. The data collected in the investigation will be linked to the e-treatment portal, which will make the digital health record of the child available at any place.
- Speaking on the occasion, Education Minister Kanwar Pal said that the Haryana government has taken several steps for qualitative improvement in education. Haryana is not only the first state in the country, but also in the world, where 5 lakh tabs were provided free of cost to students and teachers of 10th and 12th standard.

Distribution of Subsidy on Farm Equipment Through "e-RUPI vouchers"

Why In News?

- On September 7, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Dr. Sumita Mishra informed that for the first time, subsidy on agricultural equipment would be distributed by the department through 'e-RUPI vouchers'.

Key Points

- In this regard, he said that after the implementation

of this new initiative, on the one hand, farmers will not have to run from pillar to post to get their subsidy, on the other hand, there will be more transparency in the implementation of the scheme through this digital mode.

- He said that after being selected by the district level executive committee, the farmers can negotiate with the manufacturers approved by the department regarding the cost of the related equipment and the grant amount will be provided to them at the time of procurement itself.
- Dr. Mishra said that now farmers will not have to pay the entire amount from their own pocket, because after the e-RUPI initiative, farmers will have to pay only their share of the cost. In this way, the farmers will get relief from the additional burden that earlier had to bear the interest for arranging the total cost.

Agriculture and Horticulture Department will Give Internship to BSc, MSc and PhD students

Why In News?

- On September 7, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Dr. Sumita Mishra said that the state agriculture and horticulture department will now give internships to BSc, MSc and PhD students. Students will also be given stipend by the department for this internship.

Key Points

- On the basis of merit, 10 students for BSc in each department, 5-5 students for MSc and PhD will be selected for internship program and work will be given in different divisions. Certificates will also be given to the students upon completion of the internship.
- Dr. Sumita Mishra said that under this scheme, all the students of Chaudhary Charan Singh Agricultural University of Hisar, Maharana Pratap Horticulture University of Karnal and Central Institute, Haryana located in Haryana will get an opportunity to do internship in Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department and Horticulture Department of Haryana.

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- Under this, students of BSc, MSc and PhD degrees in the field of Agriculture and Horticulture Department are being included for mutual benefit. Apart from this, the trainees will get an opportunity to know about departmental programs, methodology, technology centers, opportunities to meet and interact with farmers and technical knowledge of agricultural and horticultural crops during internship.
- Dr. Sumita Mishra said that this experience of internship received from the department will prove to be very helpful in the future of the students. This internship is neither a job nor any such assurance for jobs in departments.
- Under the internship program, the internship program for B.Sc. students will be of 4 weeks, while the internship program for MSc and PhD students in Agriculture and Horticulture will be of 8 to 12 weeks.
- Those B.Sc. students, who are already being given a stipend of Rs 13,000 per month by the university, will be given the facility of internship program only for work in the departments. While Rs 9,000 will be given to MSc students and Rs 12,000 as stipend to PhD students by the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture.

Haryana Land Pulling Policy-2022

Why In News?

- On September 9, 2022, the Haryana Town and Country Planning Department notified the 'Haryana Land Pulling Policy-2022'.

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- Farmers' land will no longer be forcibly acquired in Haryana for urbanisation and industrialisation. The land will be purchased only on the basis of the wishes of the farmers.
- Along with this, land banks will be prepared in the state for different projects, so that the projects can get land on time and development work can be done quickly.
- After getting the land at the will of the farmers, the Haryana Urban Development Authority (HSVP) will develop residential, commercial, institutional and infrastructure located within the urban area in the published development plan.

- Besides, Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (HSIIDC) will also set up new industrial units in Haryana. Land rights certificates will be issued to land owners.
- The Haryana Land Pulling Policy-2022 was approved in the Haryana Cabinet meeting on July 29.
- Under the policy, any land owner will be able to offer land for the project within 60 days of seeking applications directly or through aggregator. This period can also be extended as required, which will not exceed 30 days. There will be no fee for the application and the application will be accepted only online.
- Land owners can also take developed land in lieu of land. This will be based on the market value of the undeveloped land given to the land owners in the total cost of the project.
- Annual interim financial assistance will be provided to every generator contributing to the development project, which will be included in the total cost of the project. If the land is offered through the aggregator, the aggregator will be eligible to receive the remuneration, provided that the remuneration is not less than 0.5 percent.

Haryana's Historical City 'Rakhigarhi' will get International Recognition

Why In News?

- On September 10, 2022, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar directed the officials to develop this area as an archaeological site in the museum building under construction in Rakhigarhi.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister directed the officials of the Archaeological Survey of India to complete the excavation work of the protected site at Rakhigarhi at a fast pace. Also, the security of these historical sites should also be ensured, so that no person can harm these sites.
- In order to give international recognition to the historical city of Indus Valley Civilization 'Rakhigarhi', a museum is being constructed by the government in Rakhigarhi, in which the artifacts of about 5000 years old Indus Valley Civilization will be preserved.

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- With the development of Rakhigarhi as a tourist destination, on the one hand, tourism will increase, while the revenue of Haryana will also increase and with the arrival of tourists here, employment opportunities will also be created for the youth of the village.
- Photographs labs have been prepared in this museum being built in Rakhigarhi, in which visitors will be able to know the history of Rakhigarhi through pictures. Apart from this, a kids zone has also been created in the museum. For the first time, a kids zone has been constructed in a museum in Haryana, so that children can also be aware of their history in sports.
- Apart from this, open air theater, gallery, library has also been constructed, which will give information about history to the visitors, especially the younger generation.
- It is worth mentioning that the central government had announced Rs 2500 crore to build tourist places and five historical sites in the country, including Rakhigarhi. The state government is also building a state-of-the-art museum here at a cost of Rs 32 crore. Rest houses, hostels and a cafe are being constructed in it.
- Rakhigarhi is located in Narnaund sub-division of Hisar district of Haryana. Apart from Rakhikhas and Rakhishahpur villages, archaeological evidence is spread in the surrounding fields. Rakhigarhi has seven mounds (RGR-1 to RGR-7). Together they form the settlement, which is the largest settlement of the Harappan civilization.
- The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) started excavation in this village for the first time in 1963. After this, between 1998-2001, ASI again started excavation under the leadership of Dr. Amarendranath. Later, the Vice Chancellor of Deccan University, Pune, Prof. Under the leadership of Vasant Shinde, excavation work was done in Rakhigarhi from 2013 to 2016 and 2022.
- 56 skeletons have been found in Rakhigarhi since 1998. Of these, 36 were discovered by Prof. Shinde did it. The skeletons of two women found in the excavation of mound number-7 are about 7,000 years old. Khol (shell) bangles, a copper mirror and semi-precious stone beads have also been found in the hands of both the skeletons. The presence of shell bangles suggests that the people of Rakhigarhi had trade links with distant places.

- Prof. According to Shinde, the civilization found in Rakhigarhi was about 5000-5500 AD. East While the time of civilization found in Mohenjodaro is about 4000 AD. East considered. Mohenjodaro has an area of about 300 hectares, while Rakhigarhi is spread over an area of more than 550 hectares.
- Prof. According to Shinde, the evidence found in Rakhigarhi, which contains evidence of ancient civilization, also indicates that the place was richer than Harappa and Mohenjodaro even in terms of business transactions.
- It had trade links with Afghanistan, Balochistan, Gujarat and Rajasthan. Especially for making jewellery, people used to bring raw materials from here, then they used to make and sell their ornaments in these places. The people of this civilization used to melt precious metals like copper, carnelian, agate, gold and make garlands of beads from them. Kilns were used to make jewelry from stones or metals. Such furnaces are found in abundance. DNA testing of the skeletons found here is going on.

'E-books scheme' And 'Sushma Swaraj Smriti Samman' will start in Haryana

Why In News?

- On September 13, 2022, Director, Haryana Sahitya Akademi, Dr. Chandra Trikha said that the 'e-books scheme' will be launched by the end of this year to promote Hindi in Haryana. The Academy is conducting online recording of five well-known books in the first phase.

Key Points

- Director Dr. Chandra Trikha informed that first e-books of Munshi Premchand's 'Godan', Ramdhari Singh Dinkar's 'Rashmi Thi', 'Kuruksheetra', Dharamvir Bharti's 'Kanupriya' and 'Andha Yug' would be made available. Along with this, the work of recording some mythological texts is also going on.
- Writing workshops are proposed at the district level to encourage new creators. 'Sushma Swaraj Smriti

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Samman' is being launched to encourage special writing in speech and Hindi. The writers will get a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh.

- He said that books on Hindi literature of Haryana are being prepared on the occasion of Amrit Mahotsav of Azadi. The YouTube channel of the Academy was started last year, which has received a very good response. Four new schemes have also been launched during the last one year. These include Sahityakar Samman Yojana, Best work award, publication of Harigandha pamphlet and literary events.

Scheduled Caste and Backward Class Dharamshalas and Social Sector Institutions will get 75 percent and 50 percent Subsidy Respectively on Solar Energy.

Why In News?

- On September 14, 2022, Haryana Power Minister Chaudhary Ranjit Singh said that with a view to promote solar energy as alternative energy, the state government has decided to give 75 percent subsidy on solar power plants to be installed on the rooftops of dharamshalas of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes in Haryana and 50 percent subsidy on buildings of social institutions.

Key Points

- Chaudhary Ranjit Singh gave this information while addressing reporters at his office. He said that the state government will provide 50 percent financial assistance on the buildings of social institutions and the remaining 50 percent expenditure will have to be borne by the beneficiary institutions.
- The Power Minister said that awareness has come among the people about the 'Mhara Gaon, Jagmag Gaon' scheme. The Electricity Department is also running a continuous campaign to prevent theft of electricity.
- He said that in the year 2019-20, 171688 campuses were checked and 45394 electricity theft cases were caught and a fine of Rs 138.79 crore was imposed, out of which Rs 92.94 crore was recovered.

- Similarly, in 2020-21, 226213 premises were checked and 73524 electricity theft cases were caught and a fine of Rs 245.71 crore was imposed, out of which an amount of Rs 131.7 crore was recovered.
- In the year 2021-22, checking was done in 312102 premises and 75839 cases of power theft were caught and a fine of Rs 272.23 crore was imposed, out of which an amount of Rs 132.53 crore was recovered. Thus, a total amount of Rs 357.17 crore was recovered as penalty.

Faridabad Railway Station will be Redeveloped on the Lines of a World Class Station

Why In News?

- On September 15, 2022, Union Minister of State for Power and Heavy Industries Krishan Pal Gurjar informed that Faridabad railway station has been selected to make Faridabad railway station a world-class railway station under the ambitious plan of redevelopment of railway stations of Indian Railways.

Key Points

- Union Minister of State for Power and Heavy Industries Krishan Pal Gurjar said that major upgradation works will be done for the convenience of railway passengers at this railway station through redevelopment works.
- The total amount of the project is Rs 262 crore. Under the proposed scheme, iconic buildings will be built on both sides at Faridabad station. Along with this, there will be separate arrival and departure facilities like the airport at the railway station.
- There will be multi-level car parking on both sides of the station. The 72-metre wide furnished space will be on either side of the railway station. Two foot-over-bridges of 12 meters wide will also be built here, so that barrier-free movement can be done.
- Apart from this, other facilities including waiting room area, food court with more capacity and space will also be developed here.
- The new proposal also provides for facility for local transport in the railway station premises itself. Along with this, the railway station building will be redeveloped on the lines of smart and green building.

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HAU's Krishi Vigyan Kendra got the Best Center Award at the National Level

Why In News?

- On September 14, 2022, Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar conferred the best Krishi Vigyan Kendra award at the national level to Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Krishi Vishwavidyalaya's Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mahendragarh at the Outlook Summit and Swaraj Puraskar-2022 event held in New Delhi.

Key Points

- Union Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Narendra Singh Tomar. B. R. The award was presented to Kamboj.
- It is noteworthy that 731 Krishi Vigyan Kendras from all the 11 Agricultural Technical Application Institutes of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, including Krishi Vigyan Kendra Mahendragarh, had applied for this prestigious award, out of which the said center was selected for the award.
- Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Mahendragarh will get this prestigious award for wide dissemination of innovative technologies through farm demonstrations, setting up of enterprise units under Project (ARYA) to attract youth in agriculture, accurate weather information to farmers under Rural Agro Weather Service at the right time, with nutrient sensitive agricultural resources and innovation among women working in agriculture. Along with this, self-employment of scheduled caste youth through various trainings, balanced use of fertilizers on the basis of soil health card for land improvement and time-bound implementation of various projects run by the government for the upliftment of farmers have been provided.

Haryana's New Initiative to make PMMSY Successful

Why In News?

- On September 19, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal announced a new initiative for fish farmers to make the 'Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana' a success in the state.

Key Points

- As a new initiative, the Chief Minister said that under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, the subsidy coming from the Central Government which comes late, will now be given by the Haryana Government in advance.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister announced to set up a testing lab related to fisheries in Sirsa itself for the fish farmers of Sirsa district, which will directly benefit the shrimp farmers here. Earlier, fish farmers here had to go to Rohtak and take the facility of lab testing.
- Along with this, Chief Minister Manohar Lal also announced to set up a wholesale fish market in one of the districts of Jhajjar or Gurugram for the purchase and sale of fish, which will benefit the farmers in economic progress.
- The Chief Minister also informed that an aquapark would be constructed at Garwa village in Bhiwani district at a cost of Rs 30 crore. This aqua park will be on 25 acres. In this, new research related to fisheries, new varieties of fisheries, research on seeds will be done. This will directly benefit the fish farmers.

Draft Haryana Ex-Situ Management of Paddy Straw Policy-2022

Why In News?

- On September 19, 2022, Haryana chief secretary Sanjeev Kaushal has prepared a draft Haryana ex-situ management of paddy straw policy-2022 by the New and Renewable Energy Department to completely curb crop residue burning incidents in the state and ensure proper management of stubble.

Key Points

- The final approval to the draft Haryana Ex-Situ Management of Paddy Straw Policy-2022 will be given by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.
- The Chief Secretary said that the Haryana Ex-Situ Management of Paddy Straw Policy-2022 aims at stubble-based biomass, power projects, industries, compressed biogas plants, waste-to-energy plants, brick

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kilns, A conducive environment has to be created to attract investment in packaging materials etc. Along with this, farmers should be encouraged to cut, make and store stubble in their fields and to facilitate it to be sold for use in various projects.

- Through this policy, a link will be established between farmers and industries / gaushalas / users for demand and supply management of crop residue. Also, emphasis will be laid on the use of stubble in power plants, industrial boilers, brick kilns or any other industrial, commercial or institutional establishments.
- Promotion of Research and Development (R&D) in new technologies is also one of the main objectives of this policy.
- Various financial incentives have also been provided in the draft of this policy to promote the use of power projects, CBG plants, ethanol and other biofuels in the state.
- The Chief Secretary said that district wise mapping strategy for stubble demand has also been included in the policy.
- He said that continuous work is being done by the Agriculture Department to make farmers aware and encourage for crop residue management in the state. Baling units (Hay-rake, Shrub Master and Straw Baler) are being provided by the department to farmers under individual category at 50 percent subsidy and for opening customer hiring centers at 80 percent subsidy.

Haryana Central University gets IDA Education Award-2022

Why In News?

- Recently, Haryana Central University, Mahendragarh has received IDA Education Award 2022, achieving another achievement in the field of higher education.

Key Points

- This award has been given to the university for the work done for the students and faculty members in the field of higher education.
- The award was presented by the University Vice-Chancellor Prof. Tankeshwar Kumar accepted.

- It is known that the IDA Award is a prestigious award in the field of higher education.
- For IDA Education Award 2022, more than 2300 nominations were received from more than 1100 educational institutions in 25 states of the country in various categories, in which Haryana Central University, Mahendragarh, under the Higher Education category, received this award for Student and Faculty Wellbeing, i.e. Institute and Partners. for the educational and emotional needs of students, researchers, faculty and staff and digital wellness.

Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP)

Why in News?

- On September 22, 2022, Haryana Pollution Control Board Chairman P. Raghavendra Rao said that the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) will be implemented in ncr districts from October 1.

Key Points

- Under the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), there will be a ban on the operation of generator sets in NCR districts from October 1. Generator sets will be allowed only in essential services, such as running hospitals, medical equipment, army-related work or other emergency situations.
- Also, industries based on coal, diesel and generators will not be able to run where the PNG line has been laid. Where the PNG line has not been laid, this rule will be applicable from January 1, 2023.
- P Raghavendra Rao said that this time the revised GRAP is being implemented in NCR, under which the GRAP has been divided into four stages based on the air quality. If the AQI i.e. air quality index reaches above 200, the first stage will be poor. Stage 3 will be severe if AQI crosses 400 and stage 4 will be 'very severe' if AQI crosses 450.
- Significantly, 14 districts of Haryana fall in the NCR region. To reduce pollution in NCR districts, registration on the Dust Control App will be necessary for construction and demolition in more than 500 square meters area.
- He said that when the GRAP is implemented, emphasis will be laid on the use of clean fuel in industries.

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Industries where PNG gas is supplied will use gas and industries where gas has not been supplied so far should use biomass as fuel.

- He directed the officials to ensure a ban on the use of coal in dhabas, hotels and restaurants etc. Along with this, a district environment plan should be prepared in all the districts.
- He also instructed to constitute special monitoring teams to prevent air pollution and conduct patrolling at night as well as random checking.
- P Raghavendra Rao said that like the Meteorological Department, the Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology will give a pre-estimate of the air quality three days in advance. Earlier, information about air was available on the same day, but now people will be able to get information in advance. The advantage of this will be that people will be able to prepare in advance to avoid pollution.

Air Travel from Ambala to Srinagar and Lucknow soon

Why in News?

- On September 22, 2022, Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij, after a review meeting with officials of the Civil and Aviation Department, has informed that the air service from Ambala to Srinagar and Lucknow will start soon.

Key Points

- About 20 acres of land along the junction of the military has been selected for the construction of the terminal in Ambala. The Army has also transferred this land to the Air Force. The terminal will be built on this land at a cost of about Rs 40 crore. For this, the Union Ministry has given all the approvals and also approved the funds.
- Officials of the Civil and Aviation Department, Haryana, said that the Air Force has also given NOC to start air travel in Ambala. In addition, air travel will be started by building a temporary terminal until the terminal is ready.
- Home Minister Vij directed the officers to complete all necessary formalities for air travel so that the public could get its benefits quickly.
- At present, people have to travel to Chandigarh or Delhi for air services.

Stage Home Policy Approved in Haryana

Why In News?

- On September 26, 2022, on the proposal of Haryana Tourism Minister Kanwar Pal Gurjar, Chief Minister Manohar Lal approved the home stay policy to make village tourism (rural tourism) more effective than hotels to promote culture and tourism in the state.

Key Points

- The state government is serious about promoting rural tourism. Under the home stay policy, tourists from India and abroad will get a chance to stay in a plain-rural environment instead of expensive hotels when they visit major tourist destinations in the state. They will be able to enjoy rural tourism.
- The Tourism Minister said that this policy has been first implemented in the hills of Morni in Panchkula, where so far 30 licenses have been granted by the state government.
- Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal directed the officials of the Tourism Department during his visit to Rakhigarhi that the process of granting licenses under the stay-home policy in Rakhigarhi of Hisar district, which was the site of the Indus Valley Civilization, should be expedited soon.
- Haryana has great potential for development of sites like Adibadri, Lohgarh, Kalesar, Buddhist Stupa, Aravalli forest area, Kurukshetra, Shivalik and Saraswati river. Village tourism can develop a lot here. For the tourists to stay at these places, the people in the respective villages will make huts of two rooms.
- The Haryana government plans to train villagers on how to interact with tourists, how to give good information about sightseeing and other food along with desi food. This will not only increase the income of the villagers, but tourists will not even experience distance while staying away from home.
- Additional Principal Secretary to CM, Who is looking after tourism work in the Chief Minister's Office, Dr. Amit Agarwal said that this will provide employment to the local people and tourists will be able to enjoy rural lifestyle and food.

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E-Crop Compensation Portal

Why In News?

- On September 26, 2022, following the Haryana government's special girdawari order, the revenue department launched the e-crop compensation portal link to know the crop loss due to unseasonal rains.

Key Points

- On the 'Meri Fasal Mera Byora' portal in the state, farmers can link their mobile numbers and family ID cards and upload information and photos of the damaged crop within 72 hours of crop failure.
- On the portal, farmers will have to give complete information about the crop including the measles number of the land, whether there is crop insurance cover or not and how many acres the percentage of the crop is damaged. This will not include farmers covered under Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana, Chief Minister Horticulture Insurance Scheme and Seed Development Corporation programme.
- Patwaris will have to physically check the report of damage on the portal in the next one week and then submit the report to the government.
- In this regard, instructions have been issued by issuing letters to all DCs on behalf of the Financial Commissioner and Additional Chief Secretary, Revenue Disaster Management, Haryana.
- The Additional Chief Secretary has instructed that all the complaints coming on the portal should be physically checked by Patwaris and Kanungo in the field. The patwaris will have to check the defect information and photograph given by the farmers. Patwaris will have to submit their report in the next seven days. After this, the government will compensate the affected farmers according to the rules of crop failure.

Dr. Sonia Khullar will be the New Director General of Health of Haryana

Why In News?

- On September 27, 2022, additional chief secretary of the health department, G. Anupama said, "Dr. Sonia Khullar has been appointed as the Director General of Health, Haryana.

Key Points

- It is known that Dr. Sonia Trikha Khullar, a senior IAS officer who was principal secretary to Haryana Chief Minister Dr. Rajesh is Khullar's wife. She is currently a well-known gynecologist in the Health Department of Haryana.
- The current Director General of Health The post was falling vacant due to veena Singh's retirement. Sonia Khullar has been given the responsibility of this post. They will also have the powers of drawing and disbursing officer.

Haryana-Saskatchewan Round Table Conference

Why In News?

- On September 28, 2022, Haryana-Saskatchewan Round Table Conference was held in Chandigarh to identify new opportunities, strategic partnerships, facilities, support and strengthen mutual relations and interests of the Canadian province of Saskatchewan.

Key Points

- The Haryana-Saskatchewan Roundtable was jointly organized by the Department of Foreign Cooperation and the Saskatchewan India Office, Canada High Commission.
- It is to be noted that under the leadership of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, the state government has constituted a separate Department of Foreign Cooperation to increase foreign investment in Haryana.
- The State Foreign Cooperation Department is constantly in touch with foreign countries and meetings are held with investors to promote investment in the state through different programs. In this episode, the Haryana-Saskatchewan Round Table Conference was organized.
- Speaking at the conference, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Foreign Cooperation, Yogendra Chaudhary said that the Haryana government is committed to strengthen relations with Saskatchewan in the areas of skill development, academic research, trade, exports and parliamentary exchanges.
- He said that full support would be provided to Canadian companies willing to invest in Haryana as well as investors from Haryana willing to invest in Canada.

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- Anant Prakash Pandey, Director General and Secretary, Department of Foreign Cooperation, said that this conference is an important step towards the MoI signed in March 2022 between the Department of Foreign Cooperation, Government of Haryana and the Ministry of Trade and Export Promotion of Saskatchewan Province, Canada.
- The conference has provided an appropriate platform to bring together stakeholders to establish a strategic partnership under the said agreement.
- Assistant Deputy Minister of the Canadian Mission in India Richel said that there are many similarities in the development journey of Saskatchewan and Haryana. Both the provinces have immense potential to take advantage of each other's strengths to meet the common goal of economic development in different regions.

Chandigarh International Airport Renamed as Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport

Why In News?

- On 28 September 2022 Chandigarh International Airport was renamed as **Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport, Chandigarh** on the occasion of 115th birth anniversary of freedom fighter Shaheed Bhagat Singh. The name was officially inaugurated by the Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

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- Chandigarh International Airport could not be named after Shaheed Bhagat Singh for 14 years due to politics in the name of Mohali-Chandigarh. The governments of both Haryana and Punjab had agreed to name the airport after Sardar Bhagat Singh, but the Punjab government wanted to put Mohali behind it and the Haryana government did not want to change Chandigarh.
- It is worth noting that Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his monthly radio program 'Mann Ki Baat' on September 25 had announced to name the Chandigarh International Airport after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.
- It is known that Chandigarh International Airport Limited is a joint venture of Airport Authority of India

(AAI), Government of Punjab and Haryana. AAI holds 51 per cent stake in the project, while Punjab and Haryana government has 24.5 and 24.5 per cent. It was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 11, 2015.

- At present, 82 flights are operating from Chandigarh International Airport. There are direct flights from this airport to Ahmedabad, Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata, Lucknow, Srinagar, Ahmedabad, Goa, Bangalore, Hyderabad, Kullu, Pune, Leh, Lucknow, Kolkata, Hisar, Dehradun. While only two international flights are available from this airport to Dubai and Sharjah.

Government School Located in Barola of Ambala District will be Named After Shaheed Karnail Singh or His Wife

Why In News?

- On September 28, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal announced to name the middle school located at village Barola in Ambala district of the state after Shaheed Karnail Singh Benipal or his wife Charanjit Kaur.

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- Goa Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant while addressing a press conference in Chandigarh said that the road leading to Goa International Airport will be named after the martyr Karnail Singh Benipal of Haryana who sacrificed his life for the independence of Goa.
- Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant met Mrs. Charanjit Kaur, wife of Shaheed Karnail Singh Benipal at Barola village in Ambala district and presented her with a citation and a check of Rs.10 lakh from the Government of Goa.
- Dr. Pramod Sawant said that a memorial is being built in the memory of the martyrs at Patradevi, Goa in the memory of the known and unknown martyrs who sacrificed their lives for the independence of Goa. A statue of Shaheed Karnail Singh Benipal has also been made in the government school of Patradevi.
- Ambala MLA Aseem Goel said that the school will be named after the one whose name will be passed by the Barola Panchayat.

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World's largest Safari Park

Why In News?

- On September 29, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar informed that the world's largest safari park will be set up in an area of about 10 thousand acres falling in the Aravalli mountain range of Gurugram and Nuh districts of the state.

Key Points

- This project will be the largest such project in the world. Currently the largest curated safari park outside Africa is in Sharjah, which opened in February 2022, with an area of about two thousand acres.
- The proposed Aravalli Park will be 5 times the size and will include a large herpetarium, aviary/bird park, four zones of Big Cats, a large area for herbivorous animals, an area for exotic animals and birds, an underwater world, nature trails/visitor/tourism zone, There will be botanical gardens/biomasses, equatorial/tropical/coastal/desert etc.
- The Chief Minister said that there is immense potential for jungle safari in Haryana-NCR region. After the realization of the jungle safari scheme, tourism in NCR will get a big boost and employment opportunities will be created for the local people.
- Haryana's Jungle Safari project will be a joint project of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Government of India and the Government of Haryana. Under one scheme, the central government will also provide funds to Haryana for this project.
- An international EOI was floated for the project and two companies with international experience in designing and operating such facilities have been shortlisted. She will now participate in an international design competition to design, oversee and operate the park. At the same time, an Aravalli Foundation will be set up, which will manage the project.
- The Chief Minister said that the Central Zoo Authority has done an evaluation study of the area for this and has agreed to the technical feasibility of setting up such a park.
- The Chief Minister said that with the development of jungle safari, on the one hand, while it will help in preserving this mountain range, on the other hand, a large number of people from Delhi and surrounding areas will come here for tourism, which will provide

employment opportunities for the local people. Villagers in nearby villages will benefit under the home stay policy.

- Significantly, the Aravalli Mountain range is a cultural heritage site, where many species of birds, wild animals, butterflies etc. are found. According to a survey conducted a few years ago, 180 species of birds, Mammals, 15 species of mammals, wildlife, 29 species of reptiles i.e., land crawling and water living creatures and 57 species of butterflies exist in the Aravalli Mountain range.

Center of Excellence in Post-Harvest Management and Coldchain

Why In News?

- On September 29, 2022, in Birmingham (UK), Haryana's Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister J. Dr. Sumita Mishra, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department in the presence of P. Dalal signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on behalf of the Government of Haryana with the University of Birmingham for setting up a Center of Excellence in Post-Harvest Management and Cold Chain in the state of Haryana.

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- It is to be noted that the Agriculture Minister and other officials have gone to Birmingham to participate in the ongoing Cold Chain Summit at Birmingham University on 29th and 30th September and will also visit the institutions associated with the Center of Excellence to be set up in Haryana.
- Minister Jai Prakash Dalal said that this centre of excellence will prove to be a milestone in the field of reducing post-harvest losses, enhancing the knowledge of farmers and other stakeholders, use of environment and farmer friendly technologies and research and development. As a result, diversification towards horticulture will increase greatly in the state.
- Addressing the participants at the Cold Chain Summit, the Agriculture Minister said that Haryana currently has about 7 per cent area under horticulture crops. 393 horticulture clusters, 13 integrated packhouses have been built in the state and 50 other pack houses

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are under construction. More 500 integrated pack houses will be set up in the coming five years.

- He said that Haryana would be a pioneer state in providing systematic supply chain of fresh fruits and vegetables and connecting farmers directly to the agricultural market. So far, 59 MoUs have been signed by various farmer group organizations with companies in the agriculture sector in the state.
- He said that to strengthen the supply chain, setting up of integrated packhouses, pre-shipment treatment facilities like E-radiation, Vapor Heat Treatment (VHT), Hot Water Dip Treatment (HWDT) etc. need to be created.

- Dr. Sumita Mishra talked about developing a conducive system to promote clean green energy and cold chain system, so that losses from harvesting crops to retail sales can be prevented.
- It is noteworthy that under the able leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, the state government is continuously running welfare schemes in the interest of farmers. Haryana has also launched the Chief Minister's Horticulture Insurance Scheme to make horticulture farmers risk-free.
- In addition, the state government is continuously encouraging farmers to adopt crop diversification to promote horticulture crops.



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