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Haryana Govt. approves Research Initiative in line with National Education Policy, 2020

Why in News?

According to the information given by the Directorate of Information, Public Relations and Languages of Haryana on August 30, 2023, the Haryana Government has approved the proposal to encourage research for self-reliant India in accordance with the National Education Policy 2020.

Key Points:

- The Haryana State Council of Higher Education has written to the vice-chancellors of state-funded and private universities in Haryana asking them to follow the proposed guidelines. The offer includes CM fellowships in science, technology, social sciences, humanities and problem-solving research.
- The spokesperson of the department said in this regard that its objective is to comprehensively cover 4 spectrums. The first is to find solutions to contemporary problems faced by various systems including agriculture, industry, social system, economy and technology etc.
- Second, it is important to create an authentic database for policy-making and implementation, in addition to this, it is important to find out the areas of development to create more options for livelihood. Under this, the youth of Haryana will conduct research in emerging areas of science, technology and applications of science & technology.
- The spokesperson said that efforts have been made to identify specific research topics from forty-seven consultative meetings. Funds ranging from Rs 75,000 to Rs 1,00,000 have been earmarked for each project, depending on the size and scope of the project, after recommendations from experts. Additionally, sponsoring organizations will be able to seek 25 percent contribution through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives.
- He said that to ensure transparency of the project and detailed guidelines on the format of research submission, interested parties can get information from the Council's website <https://hshec.org/>.

- This initiative reflects Haryana's commitment to promote self-reliance, innovation and holistic development in line with the educational vision of the country.

Public Health and Engineering Minister laid the foundation stone of 13.27 MLD capacity water house in Patikara

Why is News?

On September 3, 2023, Haryana's Public Health and Engineering Minister Dr. Banwari Lal laid the foundation stone of the construction work of 13.27 MLD capacity water house in village Patikara in Mahendragarh district of the state.

Key Points:

- After the construction of this water house, supply of drinking water will be ensured from 70 liters per person per day in the entire area of the city council. Rs 235.16 lakh will be spent on the water house to be built in Patikara.
- On this occasion, the Public Health and Engineering Minister instructed the officials that sewerage facility is to be linked with drinking water under 'Amrit to Yojana' to ensure sewerage system of the city and drinking water of 135 liters per person per day.
- Public Health and Engineering Minister said that drinking water supply is being increased in the state as per the instructions of Chief Minister Manohar Lal. The construction work of Rs 172.49 lakh water house is in progress at Nirpur falling in Narnaul urban area. After the completion of the work of these two water houses, drinking water of 70 liters per day per person will be made available in the remaining area of the Municipal Council.



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The Governor released the books published in the form of 4 abridged versions of Valmiki Ramayana

Why is News?

On September 1, 2023, Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya released the books published as four abridged versions of Valmiki Ramayana by Ramayana Prasar Parishodh Pratishthan located in Ambala district of the state.

Key Points:

- The Governor was apprised that Ramayana will be translated into 435 languages and at present 15 languages have been translated and translation work is going on in 13 languages.
- The Secretary of the Foundation informed about the plan of other research works and said that the objective of this scheme is to make constitutionally and development-based policy-based on Valmiki Ramayana, to draft evaluation.

Dr. Pawan Kumar received Lalit Kala Akademy National Award

Why is News?

Recently, Dr. Pawan Kumar, Associate Professor, Department of Fine Arts, Kurukshetra University (KU) located in Kurukshetra district of Haryana, at the National Prize Distribution Ceremony of Lalit Kala Akademi at the 63rd National Art Exhibition in Kamani Auditorium, New Delhi. (Off Hope-II) has been awarded the prestigious Lalit Kala Akademi National Award.

Key Points:

- Deputy Director of the Public Relations Department, Dr. Deepak Rai Babbar said that Lalit Kala Akademy had received 5714 entries from 2291 artists from across the country for this time's National Art Exhibition and Awards.
- Out of these entries, 20 artists were selected for awards, in which Dr. Pawan Kumar, Associate Professor,

Department of Fine Arts, Kurukshetra University, was honoured with the Lalit Kala Akademi National Award in the field of photography.

- The National Exhibition of Art (NEA) annually invites works of visual art from a variety of genres, including painting, sculpture, printmaking, photography, digital art, video art and installation. This time the works of a total of 20 artists from across the country were displayed in the exhibition.



Deputy CM launches 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' scheme from Gurugram

Why is News?

On September 1, 2023, as an important initiative of the Government of India, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala launched the 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' scheme from Sector 15 Part-II market of Gurugram district of the state.

Key Points:

- It is worth mentioning that under an important initiative of the Government of India, with the cooperation of the State Governments, 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' scheme has been launched in three states of the country including Haryana, namely Assam and Gujarat & three Union Territories, namely Puducherry, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Daman & Diu.
- The Deputy Chief Minister said that this scheme has been launched to encourage tax payment. By being a part of this scheme, if the residents of the state pay tax to the government, then the government will also reward them in the form of incentives.

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- An annual corpus fund of Rs 30 crore has been earmarked for this scheme.
- Under this scheme, a lucky draw will be conducted for consumers who upload bills on the mobile app or portal, under which two prizes of Rs 800 and Rs 10 lakh each will be given in the monthly draw.
- At the same time, two winners of the draw held on a quarterly basis will get a prize money of Rs 1 crore each.
- In this regard, Union Revenue Secretary Sanjay Malhotra said that the objective of this program is to promote the trend of customers asking for invoices/bills for all their purchases.
- Under the 'Invoice Promotion Scheme', the objective of this scheme is to bring a radical change in the behaviour of the general public, so that they start considering it their right and entitlement to 'demand bills' from all the vendors.
- All bills (B2C invoices) issued to consumers in the respective states and union territories will be eligible under this program. The minimum value of an invoice to be considered for the lucky draw has been kept at Rs 200.
- Invoices can be uploaded through mobile application 'Mera Bill Mera Adhikar' available on iOS and Android as well as web portal web.merabill.gst.gov.in.



Haryana's Science Teacher Satyapal Singh honoured with National Teacher's Award

Why In News?

On September 5, 2023, President Draupadi Murmu presented the National Teacher's Award 2023 to Satyapal Singh, a science teacher of Government Senior Secondary

School, Budauli in Rewari district of Haryana, at a function held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi on the occasion of Teachers' Day.

Key Points:

- President Draupadi Murmu presented the National Teachers' Awards for the year 2023 to a total of 75 selected teachers from across the country at a function held at Vigyan Bhawan.
- In this teacher's honor ceremony, all the awards were given a cash prize of Rs 50,000, a citation, a shawl, a shawl and a shawl.
- Satyapal Singh, a science teacher of Government Senior Secondary School in Budauli village, is the only teacher from Haryana who has been awarded the National Teacher's Award this year. Earlier, he has also received the State Teacher's Award in the year 2021.
- Satyapal Singh, a resident of Rewari, was first posted as a science teacher in the Government High School of Tankari village in Rewari in the year 2002. At that time the school's laboratory was in a dilapidated condition. With his efforts, he made the laboratory the best laboratory and made the student proficient in science by conducting additional classes. While posting in Pranpura School, a village in Rewari, he also improved the lab there.
- Satyapal Singh has also written books for students from class 3 to 8. Jharoka EVS books for classes 3, 4 and 5 are being taught all over Haryana. At the same time, he wrote a book of science modules from sixth to eighth grade, which was beneficial for students as well as teachers.
- Apart from this, he has participated with students in 10 state level science exhibitions and national level science exhibitions. Under his guidance, 45 students have been selected for the National Resource and Merit Scholarship Test, i.e. NMMS. At the same time, 3 state-level science laboratories have been prepared by them at their own expense.
- A chocolate app for teachers and children at SCERT was developed by him. Prepared video modules for Diksha App and SCERT. Apart from this, YouTube channels and videos were created for e-learning of students during the Kovid period.
- **National Teacher's Day:**
 - Celebrated on 5th September every year since 1962, the day aims to honor the contribution of teachers including school teachers, researchers and professors in India.

Note:

- The then President of India, Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, suggested celebrating his birthday as Teacher's Day in response to the students' request for the celebration.

➤ **National Teacher's Award:**

- The National Teachers Awards aims to celebrate the unique contribution of some of the finest teachers of the country and to honor those teachers who through their commitment have not only improved the quality of education but also enriched the lives of their students .
- These awards are presented by the President of India on 5th September every year.
- The award consists of a silver medal, a certificate and a cash amount of Rs 50,000.
- This year, in addition to the teachers selected by the School Education and Literacy Department, teachers selected by the Higher Education Department and Skill Development Ministry have also been included in the scope of the award.



The Chief Minister Made Several Important Announcements for the prisoners of the state.

Why In News?

On September 5, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, while inaugurating the newly constructed extension building of the state's District Jail, Bhiwani, revealed many important announcements for the prisoners of the state.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister announced a telemedicine facility for prisoners in all the jails of the state.
- Apart from this, an amount of Rs 10 crore was announced to change the diet system for prisoners, with this the diet of prisoners will be increased by Rs 10.
- The Chief Minister also approved petrol pumps outside 11 jails of the state.
- On the lines of police personnel, it was announced to provide free facilities in Haryana State Transport buses to jail personnel also.
- Apart from this, it was also announced to provide facilities for jail employees under online transfer policy in a couple cases.
- The Chief Minister said that an additional amount of Rs 1 crore will be provided to the jail inmates and the jail staff should take a pledge that if they behave well towards the prisoners, it will contribute significantly to human development.
- At present, there is enough space to keep 22 thousand criminals in jails, but the government is emphasizing on making adequate arrangements for 26 thousand criminals.
- The Chief Minister said that jail staff need training, for this a jail training center is being set up in Karnal, which will be ready in the month of December.
- Small scale industries are being established in the jails of the state. Many types of talents and talents are also hidden in the prisoners. Honorarium is given by getting them to work in jails, for this the department is studying what kind of remuneration they should get.
- Apart from this, high security facilities are being provided to the jails of the state.
- Apart from construction of jails at nine places in the state, expansion work is also being done. Apart from this, arrangements are also being made for snipers in jails to catch narcotics.
- In the jail expansion work, five barracks for male prisoners and one barrack for female prisoners have been made in the new jail premises. The capacity of a male barrack is 126 and the capacity of a female barrack is 114. Earlier the capacity of prisoners in the old jail was 561, which has now increased to 1335.

Note:



Now Jan Aushadhi Centers will open at Railway Stations, 50 stations Selected in the First Phase

Why In News?

On September 10, 2023, Naveen Kumar, Senior Commercial Manager, Ambala Division, Haryana, said that Jan Aushadhi Centers will now be opened at stations to provide affordable and accessible medicines to the common people. It also includes Rajpura railway station under Ambala division, which is located in Punjab.

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- After inspecting the station for Jan Aushadhi Kendra, the Commerce Department has prepared a report and sent it to the headquarters.
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra will be opened at Rajpura railway station under Ambala division. The

name of the only station in the division has appeared in the list released by the Railways. This facility will be available in the station premises, so that passengers and the general public can get quality generic medicines at affordable rates.

- It is noteworthy that in the first phase, 50 stations from 17 states of the country have been selected. Whereas, in the second phase, there is a plan to open Jan Aushadhi Centers at Ambala Cantt, Ambala City, Chandigarh, Saharanpur, Patiala, Bathinda and Shimla railway stations.
- Earlier also, Jan Aushadhi Centers have been opened at various places by the Central Government, where generic and quality medicines are available at cheap prices. On the same lines, now a plan has been made to open Jan Aushadhi Kendra (PMBJK) at railway stations also, so that more and more people can get its benefits.
- At present, treatment facilities at railway stations and trains are quite complex. In case of sudden ill health, first the TTE has to be informed and then after receiving the message from the control, the doctor reaches the train. Many times this delay takes a heavy toll on the patients and their caregivers. With the opening of Jan Aushadhi Center at the station, railway passengers along with the general public will get a lot of convenience.
- Under this, the design of Jan Aushadhi Center will be prepared by the National Design Institute (NID). Also, for transparency in the allocation of Jan Aushadhi centers, the process will be done online i.e. through e-tender.
- The operator will have to obtain permission from the Pharmaceuticals and Medical Devices Bureau (PMBI) of the Ministry of Chemicals and Fertilizers before operating the Jan Aushadhi Kendra.
- Under the scheme, priority will be given to individual entrepreneurs in the allotment of Jan Aushadhi Kendra.
- In the first phase, the facility of Pradhan Mantri Jan Aushadhi Kendra will be available at 50 railway stations of the country. This includes Tirupati and Secunderabad railway stations. Now Jan Aushadhi Centers will open at Railway Stations, 50 stations Selected in the First Phase Of Andhra Pradesh, New Tinsukia, Lumding and Rangia of Assam, Darbhanga, Patna and Katihar of Bihar, Janjgir Naila, Bagbahara and Pendra Road of Chhattisgarh, Ankleshwar and Mehsana Junction of Gujarat.

Note:

- Apart from these, Sini Junction of Jharkhand, Srinagar of Jammu and Kashmir, SMVT Bangalore, Bangarpet, Mysore and Hubli Junction of Karnataka, Palakkad of Kerala, Ratlam, Mandal Mahal, Bina and Nainpur of Madhya Pradesh, Lokmanya Tilak Terminals of Maharashtra, Manmad, Pimpri, Solapur, Nagbahir and Malad, Khurda Road of Odisha, Phagwara and Rajpura of Punjab, Sawai Madhopur and Bhagat ki Kothi of Rajasthan, Tiruchirappalli, Erode and Dindigul of Tamil Nadu and Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay Junction of Uttar Pradesh.



Government will Insure the Crops of Farmers of Seven Districts

Why In News?

On September 11, 2023, Haryana Agriculture Minister JP Dalal mentioned that under the 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana' in the state, the crops of farmers not insured by the insurance company, will be insured by the state government. The government will soon issue guidelines regarding this.

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that the insurance company had refused to insure the crops in seven districts of Cluster-2. Despite the premium amount being paid by the farmers, the insurance company has given up.
- The insurance company has been through huge losses. Because of many cases filed relating to claims of Cluster 2 in the court, the insurance company had withdrawn from Cluster 2.

- Haryana Government has created three clusters under 'Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana'. Each cluster includes different districts. Cluster two includes Ambala, Karnal, Sonapat, Hisar, Jind, Mahendragarh and Gurugram.
- The work of Cluster 2 was handed over to the Agriculture Insurance Company. Till July, the premium amount was deducted from the accounts of about two lakh farmers. Separate premiums have to be paid for each Kharif crop.
- Meanwhile the company refused to insure the crops. After members of the opposition parties criticized the government, the government immediately decided to insure the farmers.
- After the controversy escalated, the Agriculture Welfare Department had written a letter to the State Level Bankers Committee and issued orders to return the premium amount to the farmers. With this decision, the bank returned the amount to the farmers but the government did not take responsibility for their crops. The premium amount will not be returned to the farmers, the state government will provide insurance on this premium.



Haryana's Preeti Lamba gets Asian Games Ticket

Why In News?

On September 11, 2023, on the second and last day of the Indian Grand Prix-5 being held at the Sports Complex in Sector-7, Chandigarh, Haryana, athletes from across the country performed brilliantly and won various competitions, in which the state's runner Preeti Lamba won the Asian Qualified for the Games.

Note:

Key Points:

- Sports experts said that the performance here will greatly help the players in winning medals in the Asian Games to be held in China this month.
- It is known that more than 300 top ranking players from across the country have participated in the two-day Indian Grand Prix-5.
- **Here are the winners:**
 - **10,000 m walk race (women):** Bandana Patel of Uttar Pradesh was first with 52.53.98 minutes, Monika of Haryana was second with 57.36.87 minutes and Pinki of Haryana was third with 58.56.75 minutes.
 - **400m Hurdle Race (Women's Category):** R Vithya Ramraj of Tamil Nadu stood first with a timing of 55.43 seconds, Sinchal of Karnataka stood second with a timing of 58.46 seconds and Ramandeep Kaur of Punjab stood third with a timing of 1.01.02 seconds.
 - **3000 meter race (women's category):** Haryana's Preeti Lamba was the winner and qualified for the Asian Games. Kalaben of Gujarat stood second.
 - **Triple Jump (Women's Category):** Sharwari of Maharashtra stood first, Niharika of Punjab stood second and Kajal of Haryana stood third.
 - **Hammer Throw (Women's Category):** Tanya Chaudhary of Uttar Pradesh stood first, KM Rachna of Uttar Pradesh stood second and Fatima of Uttar Pradesh stood third.



In Case of Death Due to Collision with Animals, the Family will get Rs 5 lakh

Why In News?

On September 11, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal announced financial assistance of up to Rs. 5 lakh to the family of the victims in the case of death due to the collision of stray animals roaming on the roads in the state in a short-term extension training class program organized at Sadhna Kendra, Jhinjauli, Sonipat.

**Key Points:**

- A campaign is being run to remove these helpless animals from the roads and send them to Gaushalas and Nandishalas.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that in case of death of a farmer in the field, the government provides financial assistance of Rs 5 lakh to the family and also in case of dismemberment during agricultural work.
- This year, 50 thousand solar tube well connections have been given to farmers at 75 percent subsidy. Next year their number will be increased to 70 thousand.
- It is known that Haryana is the only state in the country which buys more than a dozen crops from farmers at MSP. Farmers are being strengthened financially through Crop Insurance Scheme, Bhavantar Bharpay Yojana, Mera Pani Meri Virasat Yojana.
- The state government has increased the monthly salary of rural watchmen from Rs 6 to Rs 11 thousand. In case of sudden death, the family will be given a lump sum benefit of Rs 5 lakh and on retirement, on the lines of Anganwadi worker, a lump sum benefit of Rs 2 lakh will be given.



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Actress Meeta Vashishtha Becomes President of HFEP

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on September 12, 2023, the Haryana government has appointed film actress Mita Vashishtha as the Chairperson of the Governing Council to monitor the implementation of the Haryana Film and Entertainment Policy (HFEP).



Key Points:

- This post was vacant after the death of director and producer Satish Kaushik. He was appointed as the first Chairman by the Haryana Government.
- Mita Vashishtha's ancestral village is Jatal village of Panipat district. He has done PG in Literature from Punjab University.
- Mita Vashishtha has 43 years of experience in films, television serials and theater productions.
- She has served as visiting faculty in prestigious institutions like National School of Drama (NSD), National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), National Institute of Design (NID), Whistling Woods International (WWI).
- In addition, she has also held the position of Head of the Department of Acting at the Film and Television Institute of India (FTII).
- According to Haryana Government spokesperson, apart from Mita Vashishtha, the Council will also have an Administrative Secretary of Information, Public Relations, Language and Culture Department, Co-Chairman of the Governing Council and Director General and Member Secretary of Information, Public Relations, Language and Culture Department.
- The other members of the governing council include administrative secretary, tourism department, administrative secretary art and cultural affairs department, vice-chancellor, state university of performing and visual arts, Rohtak or their representative, media advisor to the chief minister Haryana and seven non-official members nominated by the state government.

- The Council will serve as an advisory body, providing guidance to the Executive Committee in effective implementation of the provisions of the policy.

Rohtak's Suhana Saini Becomes World Number One Ranked Player

Why in News?

In the latest world rankings released by the International Table Tennis Federation on September 12, 2023, table tennis star Suhana Saini from Rohtak district of Haryana has secured the first position in the Youth Star Contender Table Tennis World Rankings due to her excellent game.

Key Points

- Suhana Saini has achieved this feat by pairing with Bangalore's Yashasvi Ghoshale.
- Earlier, this pair had also been world ranking number one from October 22, 2022 to March 7, 2023.
- Currently Suhana has world rank 15 in Under 17 singles and world rank 28 in Under 19 singles. Whereas in India Suhana is at number one in Under 19.



Goalkeeper Shreya Hooda Selected in Asian Games Football Team

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on September 14, 2023, Shreya Hooda, resident of Sonapat district of Haryana, has been selected in the Indian women's football team for the Asian Games to be held in Hangzhou, China from September 23 to October 8.

Note:

Key Points:

- Shreya Hooda's family originally belongs to village Asan in Rohtak district of the state.
- It is known that Shreya started practicing 11 years ago. She became a part of the Indian team in the year 2022.
- It is known that Shreya Hooda started playing under football coach Anil Dhull in the year 2012.
- Apart from playing for the country in Under-14 and Under-16 teams, Shreya represented the state thrice in School Nationals and won three gold and two silver medals.
- It is noteworthy that she has also won a gold medal for the team in Khelo India Youth Games. Apart from being in the Indian team that won the AFC Women's Club Championship, she played in a goalless draw against Jordan at the Petra Stadium in Amman in March this year.
- In July 2023, he was named in the 34-member Indian squad for the AFC Olympic Qualifiers Round 2 to be played in October. Now he has been selected in the Asian Games team.
- Shreya has been selected for the post of junior trainer in the sports department this year. His appointment is in Sonipat only.



Wrestler Bijendra Registered his Name in the International Book of World Records by Pulling an Alto Car with His Eyes.

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on September 14, 2023, Steelman wrestler Bijendra Singh,

President of All India Youth Public Welfare Organization of Bhiwani district of Haryana, performed the 66th show of strength at Shivam Senior Secondary School located in village Lohani, in which he pulled an Alto car with his eyes. Creating a new world record, he got his name registered in the International Book of World Records.

Key Points:

- It is known that wrestler Bijendra Singh has already registered many world records in his name.
- Wrestler Bijendra said that he pulled the Alto car for 50 meters by sticking a hook made of thin iron rod in the bone below the eyes.
- Even before this, he had picked up a 55 kg young man with his teeth and ran for 100 meters and had made a cruiser move over his body.
- It is known that steelman wrestler Bijendra Singh has set a target of 100 power-performances.



'PM E-Bus Service' will Start in 10-15 Districts of Haryana

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on September 17, 2023, preparations have started to implement the Prime Minister e-Bus Service Project of the Government of India in 10 to 15 districts of Haryana, under which electric buses will run in the Municipal Corporation areas of the city.

Key Points:

- These electric buses will run like autos in the city, going from chowk to chowk and stopping at stoppages. This will make it easier for passengers to reach the nearest destination in the city. Passengers will get the opportunity to travel easily at low fares.

Note:

- These electric buses will be state-of-the-art. Like roadways buses, they will be 12 meters long and will have an AC facility. The cost of one bus is around Rs 2 crore. These buses will cover a distance of 200 kilometers in one charge. The company will also maintain these buses. The drivers on the buses will also be from the company.
- There will be artisans from the company in the workshop. The roadways administration will pay a charge of about Rs 62 per kilometer to the company for these buses. The operator will be from Roadways.
- Initially, Hisar district depot will get 50 electric buses. These buses will run in the city from 6 to 9 am. There will be bus service on the routes every 15 minutes.
- It is known that earlier city buses used to run in the city, which are now closed due to non-availability of permits and other reasons. In these city buses, passengers had to pay Rs 10. Now passengers have to go in auto and the fare in auto is Rs 20. Auto travel is costlier than city buses. This is the reason that now electric buses will run in their place.
- Three acres of land was earmarked for the depot workshop. A charging station for electric buses will be built at this place. Separate charging points will be made for all buses. A separate workshop will be built for the facility of repairing buses.
- It is noteworthy that 'Pradhan Mantri e-Bus Service' is implemented in many states of the country. It is also successful in some states of South India. Passengers have got a lot of convenience from electric buses. These buses will run in Karnal, Faridabad, Gurugram, Rohtak.



of becoming a commando by passing the trained para examination while being a doctor in the Armed Forces Medical Services.



Key Points:

- It is known that no female surgeon has been able to achieve this feat in the past.
- Presently Major Payal Chhabra is serving as a specialist surgeon in the Army Hospital of Union Territory Leh Ladakh, a remote area of the country.
- It is noteworthy that para commandos have to undergo very difficult and complex training. Para commandos are trained in the Air Force Training School of Agra. For this it is important to have a good level of physical and mental fitness.
- It is known that Major Payal has also served as a surgeon in the Army Hospital located on Khardungla Motor Bypass, the second highest in the world. He got his first appointment as Captain on January 13, 2021 in Army Hospital, Ambala Cantt.
- After obtaining an MBBS, MS degree, she also remained a senior resident in the surgery department of Government Kalpana Chawla Medical College, Karnal.

Four Players from Gurukul Kurukshetra Selected for National Mallakhamb Championship

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on September 18, 2023, 4 players from Gurukul Kurukshetra have been selected for the National Mallakhamb Championship.

Key Points:

- Coach Anil Kumar told that Haryana State Mallakhamb Sports Championship 2023 was organized by Mallakhamb Federation of India in Faridabad on 14-15 September, in which the players of Gurukul Kurukshetra performed brilliantly and won a total of 14 medals including 5 gold in the name of Gurukul.

Female Surgeon Major Payal Chhabra Became the Country's First Para Commando.

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on September 15, 2023, Payal Chhabra of Kalayat Nagar in Kaithal district of Haryana has achieved the distinction

Note:

- Gurukul student Gaurav Arya won 3 gold medals in different categories, Hardik won one gold and one silver medal, Rushit won one gold medal. With this, Anand won the silver medal and Hashrat won the bronze medal. Among these, Gaurav Arya, Rushit Arya, Hardik and Anand have been selected for the National Championship.



'Save Trees, get Pension of Rs 2500' Scheme

Why In News?

On September 18, 2023, Gurugram's DFO (District Forest Officer) Rajiv Tejyan said that the state government is now going to give an annual pension of Rs 2500 for the maintenance and conservation of such trees of Gurugram city which are 75 years or more old.

Key Points:

- Now in the state, pensions will be available not only after employment and in old age, but also for the care and conservation of old and heritage trees. The Haryana Government has approved this pension scheme.
- This pension scheme, which will start from November, is part of the Haryana government's 'Pran Vayu Devta Yojana' and is an initiative to preserve old trees in the state.
- The age of the trees has been identified based on their circumference and other criteria set by the department, the District Forest Officer said. The pension will be paid to motivate individuals and organizations like Panchayats and Temple Trusts to ensure proper maintenance of these trees, provide nutrients and keep these trees in proper shape.

- Only healthy trees are eligible under this scheme. 40 such trees have been identified in Gurugram alone. The 40 eligible trees identified are spread across the district and include Kadamba, Indrokh, Banyan, Peepal, Neem and Jand trees.
- These trees are part of the shared heritage in Gurugram and need to be preserved. Additionally, its caretakers and plot owners will be incentivized to ensure that trees are preserved, and will inspire others to plant more such trees.
- It is known that there is a law 'Heritage Tree' in Haryana which prohibits cutting of such trees. According to the Heritage Tree Rules, 2021, if any person or organization cuts, falls or causes any damage to heritage trees, they will be liable to a fine of Rs 500 or imprisonment of 1 year or both.



Haryana Government started a Cashless Facility for Government Employees and Pensioners of the State.

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on September 19, 2023, the Haryana government has started a cashless facility for the government employees and pensioners of the state.

Key Points:

- Government employees of the state will now be able to get four major health services without taking cash in the district hospitals running in Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode. The state health department has issued an order to this effect.
- In the order issued to all civil surgeons, the Health Department has said that the service providers should provide cashless services to the state government employees for all the services provided under PPP mode (CT Scan, MRI, Dialysis and Cath Lab) in the district hospitals.



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Maharaja Agrasen Airport will become Integrated Aviation Hub

Why In News?

On September 21, 2023, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said in a meeting with officials of Civil Aviation and other related departments that Maharaja Agrasen Airport will be developed as an Integrated Aviation Hub.

Key Points:

- In the meeting, Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that a Manufacturing Hub (IMC) will be built on 3200 acres in Hisar.
- The new terminal building of Hisar Airport will be ready by the year 2026. The capacity of this terminal building will be 2.1 million passengers per year.
- The Airport Authority of India has prepared its tender, which will be issued on December 1, 2023. Training facilities for 100 to 200 pilots will also be available here.
- In the meeting, Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala also informed that Flipkart company will build Asia's largest warehouse in Patli Hazipur of Gurugram district. This warehouse will be seven stores in 140 acres.



28 Officers and Volunteers honoured for their Excellent Work

Why In News?

On September 24, 2023, the Higher Education Department held the state level National Service Scheme

(NSS) award distribution ceremony at the Indira Gandhi Auditorium of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, Haryana. In this, 28 NSS coordinators, program officers and volunteers from across the state were honored with State NSS Awards.

Key Points:

- Along with this, 50 NSS program officers and principals were given citations for their special contribution in NSS activities.
- 10 Master Trainers were honored with citation certificates for NEET survey, 12 District Higher Education Officers and Principals were honored with citation certificates for Sports and Socio-Eco Survey.
- 12 volunteers were honored for the state level poster making competition.
- During this, NSS District Coordinator Vijay Sharma was awarded the State Level National Service Scheme Award.

Haryana Chief Minister lays the Foundation Stone of Flipkart Fulfillment centre in Manesar

Why In News?

On September 22, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar laid the foundation stone of Flipkart's regional distribution center in Manesar, Gurugram and virtually inaugurated the grocery fulfillment center in Sonipat.

Key Points:

- Warehousing and transport hub is being set up by Flipkart on 285 acres of land. Out of this, this regional distribution center, to be built on 140 acres of land with an investment of Rs 1389 crore, will be the largest distribution center in Asia.
- This will provide direct and indirect employment to 10 thousand people, while the grocery supply center in Sonipat will create around 2,000 direct and indirect employment opportunities.
- It is noteworthy that this is a new chapter in the development of the Global City area being developed in Gurugram district. The Global City is to be developed

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on approximately 1,000 acres of land between NPR (Northern Peripheral Road) and CPR (Central Peripheral Road).



Medical College to be Built at a Cost of Rs 1200 Crore Inaugurated in Panjapur

Why In News?

On September 25, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated the construction work of Shri Guru Teg Bahadur Sahib Government Medical College to be built at a cost of about Rs 1200 crore in Panjapur village of Yamunanagar district.

Key Points:

- This medical college will be completed in approximately 30 months. This medical college will be equipped with modern facilities, in such a situation people will not have to rush to Chandigarh for treatment.
- With the construction of the medical college, the people of Yamunanagar as well as the surrounding states will be able to get good health services.
- Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Himachal will also benefit from this medical college. In the coming days, Haryana will become a state which will provide doctors to other states also.



Complete Ban on Serving Hookah in Commercial Establishments in Haryana

Why In News?

On September 25, 2023, Chief Minister Manohar Lal has announced a comprehensive ban on serving hookah to customers in hotels, restaurants, bars and commercial establishments across the state on the concluding ceremony of the state level Cyclothon under the drug de-addiction campaign in Karnal, the city of Danveer Karna.

Key Points:

- However, this ban will not apply to traditional hookah used in rural areas.
- Expressing gratitude to the police personnel who worked tirelessly for 25 days during the cyclothon, the Chief Minister announced that all the 250 participating personnel would get Class-I commendation certificates from DGP Haryana.
- Apart from this, he also announced a five-day leave for these dedicated policemen.
- In order to promote bicycle cycling and encourage eco-friendly transport, Manohar Lal also announced that the Haryana Urban Development Authority and any licensed builder providing housing facilities to individuals would gift a bicycle to the property owner along with the property registry.
- In such cases, where the beneficiary already has a bicycle, HSVP or the builder will give Rs 3,000 in exchange for the bicycle.
- It is known that the Chief Minister had flagged off the cyclothon against drug abuse on September 1, 2023.



Note:

Haryana Agricultural University Developed Another New Mustard Variety RH 1975

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on September 25, 2023, Chaudhary Charan Singh Agricultural University (HKRI) located in Hisar, Haryana has developed another improved variety of mustard, RH 1975.



Key Points:

- This variety is an excellent variety for timely sowing in irrigated areas, which will give about 12 percent more yield than the existing variety RH 749.
- It is known that Hakrivi had developed the RH 749 variety in the year 2013. Now after ten years, a better variety than this variety, RH 1975, has been developed for irrigated areas, which will prove to be very beneficial for the farmers due to higher production.
- Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. BR Kamboj told that in the 30th Annual Mustard and Mustard Workshop organized in Jammu, the Identification Committee constituted under the chairmanship of Dr. TR Sharma, Deputy Director General (Crops), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, recently sowed the RH 1975 variety on time in irrigated conditions. Has been marked for.
- The Vice Chancellor said that the RH 1975 variety, which has an average production of 11-12 quintals per acre and a production capacity of 14-15 quintals per acre, has about 39.5 percent oil content, due to which this variety will be more popular among farmers than other varieties.
- This will boost the economic condition of farmers along with an increase in oilseed production.
- RH 1975 variety has been identified for sowing in irrigated areas of Punjab, Delhi, Jammu and North Rajasthan including Haryana, so farmers of these states will get the benefit of this variety. This variety of seed will be made available to the farmers by next year.

- Prior to the above varieties, the mustard variety developed in the year 2018 is RH 725 has become the most popular among farmers at present, which is a single grown variety in about 20 to 25 percent of the area in Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Madhya Pradesh besides Haryana. This variety gives an average yield of 10-12 quintals per acre and its production capacity is also up to 14-15 quintals per acre.
- Director of Research Dr. Jeetram Sharma said that this variety has been prepared by the team of Mustard Scientists Dr. Ram Avtar, Dr. Neeraj, Dr. Manjeet and Dr. Ashok Kumar in collaboration with Dr. Rakesh Poonia, Dr. Nisha Kumari, Dr. Vinod Goyal, Dr. Mahavir and Dr. Rajbir Singh.
- It is noteworthy that last year also this team has developed two varieties of mustard RH 1424 and RH 1706. These varieties will also prove to be a milestone in increasing the productivity of mustard.
- The team has also been awarded the Best Centre Award at a workshop held in Jammu recently for its outstanding work in mustard research.
- It is known that the mustard center of Hakrivi is counted among the best research centers in the country.

Parminder Won Bronze Medal in Rowing in Asian Games

Why In News?

In the 19th Asian Games-2023 held in China on September 25, 2023, young player Parminder Singh from Shahpur village of Yamunanagar, Haryana won the bronze medal in rowing quadruple scull.

Key Points:

- Parminder Singh's team covered 2 km. Won the bronze medal by crossing the distance. Satnam Singh of Bathinda, Punjab had participated along with Parminder Singh in the double scull of rowing.
- At the same time, in quadruple scull, Parminder Singh, Satnam Singh of Mansa, Punjab, Zakir Khan of Bharatpur, Rajasthan, Sukhmeet Singh of Mansa, Punjab won the 2 km final. Won the bronze medal by covering the distance in 6:08.61 time.

Note:

- It is known that player Parminder Singh has previously been a basketball player. During this period, he represented this sport for about three years.
- It is noteworthy that Parminder Singh has acquired the mastery of rowing from his father and coach Arjun Awardee Inderpal Singh.
- It is known that Parminder Singh has won silver medal in single scull of Asia Championship and gold medal in double scull of national competition two years ago.
- Apart from this, he has won gold, silver and bronze medals in many national and international competitions including seven gold medals in the National Championship, gold medal in Asian and national level in Rowing Ergometer.



Manu Bhaker won Gold Medal in Rapid Pistol in Asian Games

Why In News?

Manu Bhaker of Jhajjar district of Haryana has won the gold medal in the 25m rapid pistol at the 19th Asian Games being held in Hangzhou, China on September 27, 2023.

Key Points:

- In the 25m rapid pistol event, China won the silver medal, while Korea won the bronze medal.
- The team included Manu Bhaker, Isha Singh and Rhythm Singh Sangwan. After the pre-season and rapid rounds, these shooters scored a score of 1759.
- Manu topped the qualification round with a score of 590. Isha finished fifth with a score of 586. Rhythm finished seventh with 583. Manu Bhaker and Isha Singh will compete in the individual finals.
- Manu Bhaker is a second-year MA student in Public Administration at DAV College, Sector 10, Chandigarh.



Kurukshetra University's Network will be Strengthened at International Level, MoU signed with Seven Universities

Why In News?

Kurukshetra University (KU) in Kurukshetra district of Haryana signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with seven reputed international universities during the 29th IMT-GT meeting held in blended mode in Batam city of Indonesia on September 27, 2023.

Key Points:

- The agreement was signed by Prof. Somnath Sachdeva, Vice Chancellor of Kurukshetra University (KU).
- The agreement includes six Indonesian universities- Syiah Kuala University, Universitas Lampung, Maritime University of Raja Ali Haji, Universitas Sumatera Utara, Universitas Jambi, and Universitas Riau.
- Apart from this, a University of Technology, Mara of Malaysia has also become part of this agreement.
- Kurukshetra University (KU) will establish a strong network of academic partnerships with these seven prestigious international universities, enabling students and faculty members to exchange.
- The MoU will establish an important academic partnership with Kurukshetra University's Indonesia-Malaysia-Thailand Growth Triangle University Network (IMT-GT Unit). The IMT UNINET network comprises 27 universities from three countries.
- "Through these MoUs, KU has become the first university in the country to expedite the implementation of projects and programmes of cooperation between IMT-GT and India.

Note:

- Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Somnath Sachdeva said that a new era has been ushered in for academic excellence and international cooperation for the University. These MoUs will provide new avenues, which will provide many opportunities for our students to be actively involved in the internationalization of higher education in line with the National Education Policy 2020.
- During this agreement, the country's High Commissioner to Malaysia B.N. Prof. R.K. Reddy, Prof. T.S., Dr. Haja Rozia Mohammed, Janor and Vice Chancellors of seven participating universities from Indonesia and Malaysia participated.



Sarabjot of Ambala won Gold Medal in Asian Games

Why In News?

On September 28, 2023, Sarabjot Singh, a resident of village Dhin in Ambala district of Haryana, won the gold medal in shooting on the 5th day of the 19th Asian Games being held in Hangzhou, China.

Key Points:

- In the Asian Games, the trio of Sarabjot Singh and his two other teammates Arjun Cheema and Shiv Narwal won gold in the 10m pistol men's event with a score of 1734.
- In the men's 10m air pistol event, Pham Kwang Hui of Vietnam won gold, Wonho Lee of Republic of Korea

won silver and Vladimir Svechnikov of Uzbekistan won bronze.

- Sarabjot finished fourth with a score of 199.0, while Arjun Cheema finished eighth with a score of 113.3.
- It is known that Sarabjot is training at Abhishek Rana's shooting academy at Phoenix Club in Cantonment. Sarabjot has so far won around 21 medals.
- **Sarabjot's achievements:**
 - Sarabjot Singh has set many records in shooting at the age of 20. He has also won the gold medal in the ISSF World Cup Shooting Junior Championships in Doha, Taipei, Germany.
 - He won the gold medal in the 10m air pistol team shooting event at the ISSF Junior World Cup held in Germany in May 2022.
 - In the 65th National Shooting Championship held in Bhopal, he won gold in the single 10m air pistol and team event.
 - In the 10m air pistol, he has won about 20 medals at the national and international level.



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