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District Advisory Committees of Traders Welfare Board

Why in News?

Recently, the state government has constituted Advisory Committees of traders in all the districts to help the Haryana Traders Welfare Board to solve the problems of the traders of Haryana.

Key Points

- On behalf of the Directorate of MSME of the State Government, Chief Secretary, Industries and Commerce Department, Vijayendra Kumar has issued a notification for the formation of committees of all the districts.
- Each district committee will have a chairman and eleven members. The presidents of each district committee are as follows:
 - o Ambala District Advisory Committee Satish Chhabra
 - o Bhiwani District Advisory Committee Ravindra Bapoda
 - O Charkhi Dadri District Advisory Committee Naveen
 - o Faridabad District Advisory Committee Praveen Choudhary
 - o Fatehabad District Advisory Committee Jaiveer Khichad
 - o Gurugram District Advisory Committee Giriraj
 - O Hisar District Advisory Committee Ved Prakash Jain
 - Jhajjar District Advisory Committee Ashok Gupta
 - o Jind District Advisory Committee Manish Goel
 - o Kaithal District Advisory Committee Satpal Chugh
 - o Karnal District Advisory Committee K.L. Taneja
 - O Kurukshetra District Advisory Committee Ashok
 - Mahendragarh District Advisory Committee -Pawan Jain
 - Mewat District Advisory Committee Sanjay Garg
 - o Palwal District Advisory Committee Vijay Kumar Singla
 - O Panchkula District Advisory Committee B.B. Single
 - o Panipat District Advisory Committee Umadutt Paliwal
 - Rewari District Advisory Committee Basant Lohia

- Rohtak District Advisory Committee Rajesh Kumar (Tinnu Lumba)
- Sirsa District Advisory Committee Gangaram Gupta
- O Sonipat District Advisory Committee Jairam Sharma
- Yamunanagar District Advisory Committee Manoj Gupta

Dispute between Haryana and Punjab over Chandigarh

Why in News?

In the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on 3rd April, 2022, it was decided to convene a special session of the Vidhan Sabha on 5th April with reference to the Punjab government's claim on Chandigarh.

Kev Points

- Significantly, on 1 April, the Punjab Legislative Assembly passed a resolution unanimously reiterating its claim on Chandigarh.
- In the long-running Chandigarh claim dispute, the Central Government's decision to introduce Central Service Rules instead of Punjab Service Rules for the employees of Chandigarh UT has added fuel to the fire.
- Significantly, Harvana was carved out of Punjab by the Punjab Reorganization Act of 1966. Chandigarh was handed over to Haryana, but when it was opposed, Chandigarh was made the capital of both the states by giving it the status of a Union Territory.
- In respect of Chandigarh, the property was divided between Punjab and Haryana in the ratio of 60:40.
- On July 24, 1985, according to the agreement between the then Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi and Akali leader Longowal, the date of handing over Chandigarh to Punjab was fixed as January 26, 1986, but after some time Longowal was assassinated and this transfer could not be possible.

Seed Processing Plant inaugurated at HAU

Why in News?

> On April 4, 2022, the Vice Chancellor of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Prof.



BR Kamboj inaugurated the Seed Processing Plant and Control Room in the Farm Directorate of the University at a cost of Rs.84 lakh.

Key Points

- With the help of this new plant, the university will provide more and quality seeds to the farmers in less time.
- This seed processing plant is very modern and automatic, with a capacity of 40 quintal per hour. The already installed seed processing plant had a capacity of 20 quintal per hour.
- Due to this plant being equipped with a dust aspiration system, there is no dust and soil in the seed processing hall during seed processing and the people working on the plant are saved from fatal respiratory diseases.
- In this seed processing plant, mainly the seeds of crops like wheat, barley, mustard, gram, moong, guar, millet etc. will be prepared.
- This plant is certified by Haryana State Seed Certification Agency (HSSCA).
- Director of Research Dr. Jitram Sharma informed that Haryana Agricultural University is providing high quality seeds of various Rabi and Kharif crops to the farmers. About 10 thousand quintals of seeds are produced every year in the Directorate of Farms alone.

Cabinet approves proposal to give three state police awards

Why In News?

> 5 The proposal for giving three State Police Awards was approved in the cabinet meeting chaired by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on April, 2022. Among these, 'Chief Minister-Padak' for gallantry, 'Home Minister-Padak' for excellence in investigation and 'Haryana Police Uttam Seva-Padak' for doing other good work will be given.

Key Points

The Chief Minister's Medal for Gallantry will be awarded to all rank officers and employees of the Haryana Police who are involved in saving life and property or preventing crime or arresting criminals,

- facing hardcore criminals, controlling mass movement, Will play a vital role in preventing and managing large scale law and order disturbances or for anticipating risk, above normal duty and displaying exceptional and distinguished acts of exceptional bravery.
- ➤ The Home Minister's medal for excellent investigation will be awarded to those officers and employees, who use innovative, scientific methods of investigation, forensic and online investigation tools, play a special role in proving the guilty by speedy filing of charge sheet
- This will help in maintaining high standards of crime investigation in the state and promote high standards of professionalism among the police force. Not only this, the rate of punishment of the guilty will increase, which will benefit the society.
- Haryana Police Uttam Seva Medal will be awarded to those officers and employees of the police who are involved in law and order, IT technology, traffic management, administrative work in police stations, community policing and all other jobs of Police Department or through record-keeping and housekeeping.
- For this, those policemen will also be eligible, who not only help in making policy decisions, but who have not yet been recognized for any formal award or reward.
- ➤ A one-time cash prize of Rs 21,000 along with a medal, scroll, a certificate signed by the Chief Minister and the Home Minister will be carried on the uniform of the officers and employees to be awarded these medals with a color display above the left pocket.
- In addition, for Group-B and C police officers, there will be an extension of six months in their service after retirement (if they are not availing any other extension in service). The number of medals in a calendar year shall not exceed 10 in each category.

'Vachan Purti' mission

Why in News?

On April 7, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced the Mission Vachan Purti to give the rights of land purchased by the families of Kashmiri Pandits in Sector-2 of Bahadurgarh district from 1991 to 1993.



Key Points

- While making this historic announcement during the state level program, the Chief Minister handed over the ownership papers to the specially invited 182 family beneficiaries.
- ➤ This entitlement was paid to them through a draw, after verification of the measurements of the land recorded at that time on April 6, 2022.
- Apart from this, some families have already got their land. Thus till date, through this entire process, the promise given by the state government to 209 families has been fulfilled.
- ➤ It is noteworthy that after making some suitable amendments in the year 1997, some plots were issued in favor of Kashmiri Pandits, but the families who did not get the land at that time, had to wait for almost three decades.

Meeting of Northern Regional Police Coordination Committee in Gurugram

Why in News?

On 7th April, 2022, a meeting of the Northern Regional Police Coordination Committee was organized in Gurugram to further strengthen the police coordination in North-Indian states to curb crime and discuss other serious issues.

Key Points

- The meeting was co-chaired by Commissioner of Police, Delhi Rakesh Asthana and Director General of Police, Haryana Prashant Kumar Agrawal, in which all the seniors from the northern states including Haryana, Punjab, Uttar Pradesh, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Chandigarh, Jammu and Kashmir, Delhi Senior officers of CAPFs including police officers also participated.
- During the meeting organized by Haryana Police, a mutual understanding was reached after the top officers of the police and the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) discussed a number of matters to enhance inter-state police coordination to deal with crime in the states of northern India.
- ➤ In this important meeting, the emerging trends of terrorist-gangster-criminal nexus, sensitive issues like drug trafficking, sharing of best practices of social

- media surveillance, capacity building in the area of use of drones in police activities, terrorist/criminals in jailed etc. Matters like monitoring of activities etc. were also discussed closely.
- Police officials also decided to plan for enhanced coordination and cooperation during inter-state raids and searches.
- > The sharing of real-time information related to any kind of inter-state criminal activities was also emphasized, which will help in increasing the coordination between the police forces. Along with working on serious issues like inter-state security system, crime, organized crime, cyber crime, drugs smuggling, human trafficking etc., importance was given in this meeting to maintain coordination between the police.

Ethiopian Investment Commission Signed with Haryana for Cooperation

Why in News?

Recently, a two-day meeting of 'Haryana-Ethiopia Investment Commission' (EIC) was organized by the State Foreign Cooperation Department at Gurugram and Chandigarh. The Framework for Cooperation between the State of Haryana and Ethiopia was signed on the occasion.

Key Points

- In this meeting, the framework of cooperation between the State of Haryana and EIC, Ethiopia was signed by Yogendra Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Department of Foreign Cooperation, Haryana and Dr. Tijita Mulugeta, Ambassador of Ethiopia.
- The primary objective of this meeting was to strengthen trade and investment relations between the Democratic Republic of Haryana and Ethiopia.
- ➤ A spokesperson of the Department of Foreign Cooperation said that a pioneering initiative has been taken by the Department to organize the 'Haryana-Africa Conclave, Series-1' in October 2021 in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs.
- Twelve countries of the African continent including Ethiopia participated enthusiastically in this conclave.
- On this occasion, dignitaries from the Government of Haryana, businessmen and exporters from the



pharmaceutical, agro-processing and textile sectors of Haryana participated.

Haryana One of the Top 3 Best Performing States in the Country

Why in News?

On April 8, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana Public Health Engineering Department, A.K. Singh said that Haryana has completed the target of 'Har Ghar Nal Se Jal' mission. With this achievement, Haryana has been ranked among the top 3 best performing states in this mission.

Key Points

- Although the Central Government had set a target to achieve this goal by 2024, due to the efforts of the Haryana Government, this target has been achieved two years before the scheduled time.
- This mission was announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in August 2019 to improve the lives of people by ensuring clean water from tap to every household in the rural areas of the country. In Haryana also, this mission was implemented to make provision for supply of tap water to every household in the villages.
- Through this mission, a constant effort was made to free women from the heavy burden of labor of fetching water from afar.
- ➤ In Haryana 'Jal Jeevan Mission' was started in 2019, at that time 17.66 lakh connections out of total 30.96 lakh connections were already provided in the state. Haryana had achieved 100 percent coverage of tap water connections on November 1, 2021, in 18 districts except Mahendragarh, Palwal, Nuh and Jind.
- Now by providing 1.41 lakh tap connections in the remaining 4 districts- Mahendragarh, Palwal, Nuh and Jind, the state has made a record of providing tap connections to 100% households.

Annual awards announced by Haryana Sahitya Akademi

Why In News?

On April 9, 2022, Additional Principal Secretary to

the Chief Minister and Director General, Information, Public Relations and Languages Department, Dr. Amit Agrawal informed that litterateurs have been selected by Haryana Sahitya Akademi for various awards for the year 2021. These awards have been approved by the Chairman of the Academy, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

Key Points

- > It has been decided to confer the special Sahitya Sadhana Samman, 2021 by the Akademi to Dr. Jaigawan Goyal, Kurukshetra, for lifelong Sahitya Sadhna, whose award amount is Rs.5 lakh.
- Dr. Jai Bhagwan Goyal has also been honored with the Panshree Samman by President Ram Nath Kovind recently in the field of literature and education. More than thirty books of Dr. Goyal, the eminent scholar of Hindi literature, have been published.
- Similarly, nationally renowned senior litterateurs Rohit Yadav, Mandi Ateli have been selected for lifetime Sahitya Sadhna Samman (amount of Rs 7 lakh) given by the Academy at the national level for overall writing.
- Apart from this, Mahakavi Surdas Samman (amount of Rs 5 lakh) will be given to senior litterateur and Ghazalkar Hareram Sameep, Faridabad. Senior lyricist and thinker Dr. Ramakant Sharma, Bhiwani has been selected for the Pt. Madhav Prasad Mishra Samman (Rs 2.50 lakh).
- Dr. Pradyuman Bhalla, Kaithal for his special contribution to the Babu Balmukund Gupta Samman (Rs 2.50 lakh) and Lala Deshbandhu Gupta Samman (Rs 2.50 lakh) for literary journalism, senior poet and editor Raghuvindra Yadav, Narnaul has been selected.
- For his remarkable contribution in the field of Haryanvi language and literature, V.M. Baichen, Bhiwani has been selected for the Pt. Lakhmichand Award (Rs 2.50 lakh). Similarly, Janakavi Mehr Singh Samman (amount of Rs 2.50 lakh) for Haryanvi language and literature will be given to Lahna Singh Attri, Karnal.
- Well-known lyricist and thinker Dr. Rajendra Gautam, Delhi has been selected for the Haryana Gaurav Samman (amount of Rs 2.50 lakh) given for making the state proud in the field of literature at the national level.
- Anju Dua Jaimini and Namita Rakesh, Faridabad have



- been selected for the **Best Female Creator Award (Rs 2.50 lakh)** for their remarkable contribution in the field of Hindi literature.
- Poet Dayachand Myna Samman (amount Rs 2.50 lakh) will be presented to Shamsher Kausaliya, Mahendragarh.
- The special Hindi Sevi Samman (amount Rs 1 lakh) has been started by the Academy from the year 2021. Senior educationist and thinker Dr. Shiv Mar Khandelwal, Sonepat, Ravi Sharma, London (Rohtak), Dr. Surendra Gupta, Ambala, Smt. Asha Khatri Lata, Rohtak, Rajesh Chetan, Delhi and Mahendra Jain, Hisar have been selected for this honor.
- ➤ Similarly, Shruti Ravish, Sonipat has been selected for the Swami Vivekananda Yuva Writer Award (amount of Rs 1 lakh) under the Young Writers Award.

Museum dedicated to Sikh Gurus to be built in Haryana

Why In News?

Recently, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced to set up a museum dedicated to Sikh Gurus in the state.

Key Points

- > The Chief Minister said that the life and teachings of Sikh Gurus would be displayed in this museum.
- ➢ It is worth noting that the state government has also started Sant Mahapurush Vichar Prasar Yojana in Haryana, under which the tradition of celebrating the birth anniversary of great men and gurus has started.
- Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya also announced financial assistance of Rs 10 lakh to Guru Ravidas Vishwa Mahapeeth, while Himachal Pradesh Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar announced an assistance of Rs 5 lakh.
- On this occasion, the Governor of Haryana also inaugurated the 'Samajik Samarsata Bhawan' of the Mahapeeth.
- Guru Ravidas was forgiving, prudent and a true teacher of the society. He was one of those great souls whose thoughts, behavior, qualities and teachings have been guiding people for ages.

'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' Portal

Why in News?

On April 12, 2022, Haryana's Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister JP Dalal launched 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' portal for the convenience of the farmers of the state for redressal of grievances of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.

Key Points

- > Through this portal, farmers can register their complaints from anywhere.
- Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister JP Dalal said that after registering the complaint, they will be given a ticket number, from which they will also be able to know the latest status of their complaint.
- Haryana is one of the few states in the country in which insurance companies have paid claims more than the total premium (which includes the farmer's share of the state and central government subsidies).
- The concerned department is moving in the direction of collecting data and in this series, the module of settlement of grievances has been started in the 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' portal for redressal of farmers' grievances.
- The Agriculture Minister said that the work of adding other modules/columns on the 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' portal will be done in future also and efforts will be made to link it with other platforms, so that the farmer can get quick benefits.
- > Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is being implemented in the state from the year 2016.
- Under this scheme, maize, cotton, paddy and millet in Kharif and wheat, barley, gram, mustard and sunflower crops are being insured in Rabi.

'Akhand Bharat Sandesh Yatra'

Why in News?

On April 12, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar flagged off 'Akhand Bharat Sandesh Yatra, 2022'.

Key Points

Apart from Haryana, 131 daughters from Uttar Pradesh, Rajasthan, Delhi and Andaman and Nicobar are involved in this journey started by the Indian Media Center.



- On the occasion of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav, Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that under the 'Ek Bharat, Shrestha Bharat' scheme, the daughters involved in this 'Akhand Bharat Sandesh Yatra', would be successful in giving the message of unity in the society.
- > The Chief Minister announced an assistance of Rs 5 lakh for the daughters involved in the Yatra.

One-stop digital platform 'Nagar Darshan' Portal

Why in News?

On April 13, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar digitally launched the 'Nagar Darshan' portal to update the complete records of urban local bodies in the state on a digital platform.

Key Points

- On this portal, citizens will be able to place their demands, complaints and suggestions according to the development projects being run in their area.
- Now citizens will be able to put any demand related to development works in their ward on the 'Nagar Darshan' portal. Apart from this, they can also register complaints and suggestions online on this portal, which will automatically be sent to the concerned department for further action.
- The details of completed, ongoing and required development projects in urban local bodies will be available online on the 'Nagar Darshan' portal.
- Apart from this, it will also prove to be effective in increasing the credibility of development works and will also act as a source of information for citizens, which will help in better implementation of development plans and projects in urban local bodies.
- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that the main objective of 'Nagar Darshan' is to make all government services accessible to citizens through the websites of urban local bodies, which will ensure efficiency, transparency and reliability of all services provided to citizens.

Training Institute for Drone Pilots

Why in News?

➢ In a meeting of the Board of Directors of Drone Imaging and Information Service of Haryana Limited (DRIISHYA) held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on April 14, 2022, it was decided to set up a training institute under the aegis of DRIISHYA to provide training to drone pilots in Haryana.

Key Points

- This institute will prove to be helpful in meeting the various training needs of personnel of DRIISHYA and other organizations.
- Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that the establishment of Drishya is a unique beginning in the state, as now with the help of drones, the extension of the area can be traced as well as illegal encroachments can be controlled.
- While directing the concerned officers to ensure speedy disposal of various types of survey and imaging work, the Chief Minister said that apart from the Revenue Department use of drones should also be ensured in other departments like Urban Local Bodies, Power, Disaster Management, Mining, Forest Transport, Town and Country Planning, Agriculture etc.
- It is worth mentioning that Haryana is the first state to form a separate corporation to provide faster speed to UAV powered governance applications.

Recovery of Mahabharata period sand and crystals

Why In News?

Recently, during the excavation of Saraswati Sarovar in village Biholi in Kurukshetra, sand and crystals of Mahabharata have been found.

Key Points

- According to the research of ONGC and Central Water Commission, this sand is found on the course of Saraswati river.
- It is noteworthy that such sand and crystals have also been found in the course of Saraswati river in Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan and Gujarat.
- It is said in the Vedas and Mahabharata that the Saraswati river dried up in the desert (possibly the Thar desert). Although the Hindu opinion is that the river Saraswati still flows underground and meets the



- Ganges and Yamuna at Prayagraj. Some historians believe that the Helmand River in southern Afghanistan is similar to the Saraswati River.
- During the Indus Civilization, Saraswati was a large river, which received water from the Sutlej and Yamuna. But due to the geological movements in this region, Yamuna got separated from the Indus system. After this the flow of water in Saraswati decreased and its drainage area decreased and it dried up.

Poster and Pamphlet on the Theme 'Child Marriage is a Heinous Crime'

Why in News?

On April 19, 2022, Haryana's Minister of State for Women and Child Development, Kamlesh Dhanda, launched a poster and a pamphlet on the theme 'Child marriage is a heinous crime' in Chandigarh.

Key points:

- Child marriage is a heinous crime poster and pamphlet jointly created by Haryana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights and Independent Thought Organization.
- In this poster and pamphlet, mainly information has been given about how to stop child marriage, Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses Act, 2012 and campaign against child marriage etc.
- It is worth mentioning that the present chairperson of Haryana State Commission for Protection of Child Rights is Jyoti Banda, while the chairman of National Commission for Protection of Child Rights is Priyank Kanungo.

Decline in Child Mortality Under the Age of Five

Why in News?

On April 21, 2022, Haryana Health and Family Welfare Minister Anil Vij informed that as per the Registrar General of India and Sample Registration System (SRS) the latest child health data shows a five digit rate of infant mortality in Haryana under five years of age. There has been a significant decline.

Key Points

- Minister Anil Vij informed that Haryana has the highest drop of 5 points in U5MR as compared to neighboring states like Punjab, Himachal Pradesh, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Uttarakhand.
- He informed that Haryana is focusing on further improving child health services through continuous endeavor to provide quality healthcare to mothers and babies. Free surgeries under RBSK programs have also contributed to the decline of child mortality.
- Haryana has seen a five-point drop in the Under Five Mortality Rate (U5MR) from 36 (SRS, 2018) to 31 (SRS, 2019) per 1000 births.
- Infant Mortality Rate (IMR) has come down from 30 (SRS 2018) to 27 (SRS 2019) and Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) has come down from 22 (SRS 2018) to 19 (SRS 2019), both these indicators also have a significant decline of 3 digit.
- The decline in child health indicators is due to various child health initiatives taken by the health department, which include 24 Special Newborn Care Units (SNCUs) along with functional Kangaroo Mother Care Units (KMC units). Two new SNCUs have been established at Sub Divisional Hospital (SDH), Ambala Cantonment and SDH Jagadhri.
- Mother Newborn Care Unit (MNCU) has been established at Nalhar Medical College, Nuh and Agroha Medical College, Hisar. 66 Neonatal Stabilization Units (NBSUs), 318 Newborn Care Centers as well as 11 Nutritional Rehabilitation Centers (NRCs) have also played an important role in reducing the NMR and further IMR.

Decision to set up 'World Skill Center' in Gurugram

Why In News?

On April 22, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed that Vishwa Kaushal Kendra would be set up by the State Government in the window city of Gurugram to provide employment-oriented education to the youth.

Key Points

➤ 680 candidates will be trained in six core areas at this skilling center in Gurugram.



- The first phase at Vishwas Kaushal Kendra aims to train candidates in various sectors including Tourism & Hospitality, Retail, IT & ITeS, Accounts, Banking & Finance, Logistics and Beauty & Wellness.
- It is worth noting that Haryana Skill Development Mission (HSDM) has tied up with Magic Billion to provide international apprenticeship and employment opportunities in Germany to the youth of the state. Magic Billion (unit of TGM Services Pvt Ltd) is an India International Skill Center (IISc) registered as a partner of National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).
- ➤ He also informed that 10,517 persons are getting training under the state funded Surya Yojana. Under the Surya Yojana, targets have been set for Short Term Training (STT), Recognition of Prior Learning (RPL), Driver Training and Heavy Motor Vehicle Driver Training (HMV).

Announcement of Medical College in the name of Guru Tegh Bahadur

Why In News?

On April 24, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar made four major announcements at the 400th Prakash Utsav of 'Hind Ki Chadar' Guru Tegh Bahadur in Panipat, including a medical in the name of the ninth Guru of the Sikhs at Panjupur village in Yamuna Nagar district. Including the establishment of the college.

Key Points

It also included the establishment of a medical college named after the ninth guru of the Sikhs at Panjupur village in Yamuna Nagar district.

Riddhi of Haryana won the gold medal in the mixed doubles of Archery World Cup

Why In News?

Haryana's archer Riddhi Fore along with her partner Tarundeep Rai won India a gold medal in the mixed doubles of the Archery World Cup in Antalya, Turkey on April 24, 2022.

Key Points

- Tarundeep and Riddhi won the gold medal for India by defeating Britain's Briony Pittman and Alex Wise in a shoot-off in the mixed team event.
- With this India ended their campaign in the tournament with two golds. Earlier on April 23, the compound men's team of Abhishek Verma, Rajat Chauhan and Aman Saini won the gold medal for the country.
- ➤ It is worth noting that this is the first World Cup medal of 17-year-old Riddhi, while 38-year-old Tarundeep, who won a silver medal in Guangzhou Asian Games (2010), was successful in winning the gold medal in the mixed category of the World Cup for the first time.

Formation of 13 Committees of Haryana Vidhan Sabha for the year 2022-23

Why In News?

On April 25, 2022, Haryana Assembly Speaker Gyan Chand Gupta issued a notification for the formation of 13 different committees of the Assembly for the year 2022-23.

Key Point

- According to the notification, assembly speaker Gyan Chand Gupta will be the ex-officio speaker of the rules committee of the assembly, while mlAs Bhupendra Singh Hooda, Kiran Chaudhary, Ghanshyam Das Arora, Dr Abhay Singh Yadav, Bharat Bhushan Batra, Naina Singh Chautala and Sudhir Kumar Singla will be the members of the committee.
- Similarly, Deputy Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Ranbir Singh Gangwa has been made ex-officio chairman of the housing committee for the year 2022-23, while MLAs Mohammad Ilyas, Ram Kumar Gautam, Deepak Mangla and Randhir Singh Golan have been nominated as members of the committee.
- MLA Deepak Mangla has been nominated as the chairman of the committee of Public Health, Irrigation, Power and Public Works (Building and Roads), while MLAs Vinod Bhayana, Leela Ram, Aftab Ahmed Dharam Singh Chhokkar, Dr Krishan Lal Middha, Praveen Dagar, Maman Khan and Shamsher Singh Gogi will be members of the committee.



- Similarly, Narendra Gupta has been made the Chairman for the Committee of The Local Bodies and Panchayati Raj Institutions. Its members include MLAs Dr Raghuvir Singh Kadyan, Ghanshyam Saraf, Bishan Lal Saini, Seema Trikha, Bishamber Singh, Neeraj Sharma, Surendra Panwar and Rakesh Daulatabad.
- MLA Ishwar Singh has been made the Chairman of the Welfare Committee of Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes and Backward Classes and MLAs Laxman Napa, Rajesh Nagar, Satya Prakash, Renu Bala, Shish Pal Singh, Chiranjeev Rao, Ram Karan and Dharam Pal Gondar have been nominated as members of the committee.
- Varun Chaudhary has been made chairman and MLAs Dr Abhay Singh Yadav, Subhash Sudha, Narendra Gupta, Nirmal Rani, Amit Sihag, Shaili, Jogi Ram Sihag and Randhir Singh Golan have been made members for the Public Accounts Committee.
- Harvinder Kalyan has been nominated as chairman of the estimates committee and MLAs Rao Dan Singh, Jaiveer Singh, Gopal Kanda, Laxman Napa, Pramod Kumar Vij, Rajesh Nagar, Mewa Singh and Balraj Kundu as members.
- MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora has been nominated as the Speaker and MLAs Jagbir Singh Malik, Geeta Bhukkal, Shakuntala Khatak, Leela Ram, Laxman Singh Yadav, Sanjay Singh, Ram Niwas and Sombir Sangwan have been nominated as members for the petition committee.
- MLA Seema Trikha has been nominated as the chairman of the Committee on Education, Technical Education, Vocational Education, Medical Education and HealthCare. MLAs Jagdish Nayyar, Naina Singh Chautala, Nirmal Rani, Shamsher Singh Gogi, Shaili, Shishpal Singh, Nayanpal Rawat and Indu Raj have been nominated as members of the committee.
- MLA Bharat Bhushan Batra has been nominated as chairman of the Government Assurance Committee of the Haryana Legislative Assembly for the year 2022-23 and MLAs Abhay Singh Chautala, Rajendra Singh Jun, Duda Ram, Mahipal Dhanda, Aftab Ahmed, Sita Ram Yadav, Subhash Gangoli and Amarjeet Dhanda have been nominated as members of the committee.
- Similarly, MLA Aseem Goel has been nominated as chairman of the PSU committee for the year 2022-23, while MLAs Raghuvir Singh Kadyan, Duda Ram, Pradeep Chaudhary, Krishan Lal Middha, Mohan Lal Baroli, Sita Ram Yadav, Chiranjeev Rao and Kuldeep Vats will be the members of the committee.

- Ram Niwas has been nominated as the Chairman of the Subordinate Legislative Committee of the Haryana Legislative Assembly, while MLAs Jagbir Singh Malik, Jaiveer Singh, Bishambar Singh, Sanjay Singh, Ram Kumar Kashyap, Amit Sihag, Balbir Singh and Advocate General, Haryana have been nominated as members of the committee.
- Besides, MLA Sudhir Singla has been nominated as the Chairman for the Haryana Privileges Committee and MLAs Kiran Chaudhary, Harvinder Kalyan, Aseem Goel, Mohan Lal Badoli, Satya Prakash, Varun Chaudhary and Amarjeet Dhanda will be the members of the committee.

Free booster dose to adult citizens of Haryana in the age group of 18 years to 59 years

Why In News?

On April 25, 2022, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced free booster doses for adult citizens in the age group of 18 years to 59 years, taking forward the anti-Covid vaccination drive.

Key Point

- Eligible beneficiaries can get a booster dose of Rs 250 free of cost from any government hospital or dispensary in Haryana.
- There are about 1.2 crore beneficiaries of the said age group in the state of Haryana. It will cost about Rs. 300 crores, which will be borne by the State from the Covid Relief Fund.
- ➢ It may be mentioned that so far, more than 2 crore 33 lakh people in the state have been given the first dose of anti-Covid vaccine and about 1 crore 88 lakh have been given both doses of covid vaccine. Also, around 3,71,700 booster doses have been given in the state so far.

Police Alankaran Samaroh

Why In News?

On April 26, 2022, Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya honored 92 officers and employees of Haryana Police with President's Police Medal and



Police Medal during the police decoration ceremony held at Indradhanush Auditorium, Panchkula.

Key Points

- The Governor gave these medals to the police officers and employees who have rendered excellent service during the last four years.
- Of these, 11 officers and employees of Haryana Police were decorated with the President's Police Medal for distinguished services and 81 others with Police Medal for meritorious services.
- DGP (Retd) Dr. B.K. Sinha, ADGP (Administration & IT) Haryana Dr. Arshinder Singh Chawla, ADGP Navdeep Singh Virk, ADGP (Retd) Anil Kumar Rao, ADGP (Law and Order) Sandeep Khirwar, DIG Dr. Arun Singh, Inspector (Retd) Lakhwinder Singh, Inspector (Retd) Gurmeet Singh, Inspectors Ramkumar and Pramod Chand and Sub-Inspector Subhash Chandra.
- IGP Security Saurabh Singh, IGP (Retd) Bharti Arora, Superintendent of Police Vikas Dhankhar, DIG Krishna Murari, Shiv Charan and Balwan Singh, Superintendent of Police (Retd) Ombir Singh, SP Manbir Singh, Raj Kumar, Sumer Singh, DCP for meritorious services Mukesh Malhotra, SP (Retd) Krishan Kumar, DCP Jaibir Singh and Ravinder Kumar, DSP Rajiv Kumar, Veer Singh, Gurmel Singh, Om Prakash, Ram Kumar, Angrej Singh, Baljit Singh, Naresh Yadav and Narendra Kumar were decorated with police medals.
- Similarly, Inspectors Deepak Singh, Shravan Kumar, Vikas, Anil Kumar, Lali Vargish, Ramlal, Arvind Kumar, Jaldhir Singh, Ramesh Kumar (retired), Nayan Pal, Prakash Chand, Rajpal, Ravinder Singh, Nihal Singh, Ram Kumar and Karan Singh (Retd) received Police Medals for meritorious services.
- > Apart from these, the sub-inspectors who were awarded Police Medals include Satya Dev (Retd), Ram Kishan, Satyawan, Varinder Kumar, Rakesh Mani, Jagdish Prasad, Maha Singh (Retd), Arun Deswal, Suresh Kumar, Harish Kumar, Dr. Ashok Kumar, Ravindra Kumar, Ravinder Kumar, Suman Kumar, Ashok Kumar, Ramesh Kumar, Ram Pal, Parveen Kumar, Mahendra Singh (ORP/SI) and Kulwinder Kaur.
- Similarly E-SI Ram Pratap, Suresh Kumar, Rakesh Kumar, Satpal, Ramesh Chand, Meena Sharma, Sushila Kaushik, Ranveer Kaur, Anuradha, Hardev Singh (Retd) and Joginder Singh were decorated with Police Medals.
- Assistant Sub Inspectors (ASI) Virender Singh, Karambir Singh, Rajesh Kumar, Manoj Kumar, Parveen Kumar,

Joginder Singh, Amit Kumar, Deepak Kumar, Didar Singh, Ramphal (EASI) and Shiv Kumar (EASI) were also decorated with Police Medals.

Haryana government honours 18 patwaris/kanungos

Why In News?

On April 27, 2022, a total of 18 Patwaris/Kanungos from across the state were felicitated by the Chakbandi Department of The Government of Haryana at the Red Bishop Tourism Centre in Panchkula.

Key Point

- > Amna Tasneem, Director, Chakbandi Department, said that the 18 Patwaris/Kanoongos who were honoured had done a commendable job during COVID-19.
- Out of these, 7 Patwaris/Kanoongo were honoured with motorcycles and citations from Hero MotoCorp and 11 Patwaris/Kanungo with commendation cards.
- Minister of State for Revenue and Disaster Management Department Anoop Dhanak said that Deputy Chief Minister Dushvant Chautala had earlier felicitated patwaris who have done excellent work in Jind.

Pharma Tech Expo & Lab Tech Expo-2022

Why In News?

On April 28, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal inaugurated the Pharma Tech Expo and Lab **Tech Expo-2022** in Chandigarh.

Key Point

- > The Chief Secretary informed that the objective of this expo is to attract business opportunities for each participant.
- Such expo provides a golden opportunity for each participant to gain information about the potential and potential of proper use of innovations and tools.
- Sanjeev Kaushal informed that the State of Haryana is an ideal destination for the development of pharmaceutical business and investment in pharma sector and the State Government is also providing various financial incentives to the investors through pharmaceutical policy.



- > It may be mentioned that the expo was organized under the banner of Haryana Trade Fair Authority by the Engineering Export Promotion Council of India and Pharma Technology Index.com. Ltd. it is being done in collaboration.
- Chief Administrator of Haryana Trade Fair Authority, Dr. G. Anupama informed that Haryana is the leading state in terms of ease of doing business and due to the continuous efforts of the state government, pharma exports from the state in the year 2021 have been about Rs.1500 crore.
- Pharma Tech Expo and Lab Tech Expo-2022; It will run till April 30, with over 200 companies showcasing their products. Out of these, more than 40 companies are from the state of Haryana.

Structural Safety Guidelines for The Safety of Residents of Multi-Storey Residential Buildings

Why In News?

On April 29, 2022, the Urban and Village Planning

Department (DTCP) of Haryana issued structural safety guidelines to ensure the safety of residents of multi-storey residential buildings.

Key Point

- According to the new guidelines, the construction agency will conduct an audit of safety standards three to four times during the construction of any building.
- Chief Minister Manohar Lal gave this information at the valedictory session of the Sevocun Conference held in Gurugram. He also released the Structural Safety Guidelines Booklet prepared by the Department of Town and Village Planning.
- As per the guideline, the residential complexes constructed by the builders will be handed over to the RWAs only after meeting all the pre-requisite criteria.
- If builders sell houses at their own prices, it will be their responsibility to ensure that security and infrastructure are in place or that they are heavily penalized.
- Dtcp has issued this guideline to ensure that the materials and designs used in high-rise buildings meet the standards and building code specified by the government.





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