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Haryana's New Chief Secretary and New Financial Commissioner Appointed

Why in News

On November 30, 2021, senior IAS officer Sanjeev Kaushal was appointed by the Haryana government as the new chief secretary of the state and another senior officer, P.K. Das has been made the new Finance Commissioner.

Key Points

- Sanjeev Kaushal, a 1986 batch senior IAS officer of Haryana, has been made the new Chief Secretary of the state due to the retirement of outgoing Chief Secretary Vijayvardhan.
- Sanjeev Kaushal will be the 35th Chief Secretary of Haryana and fifth Chief Secretary of the government of Manohar Lal Khattar.
- Besides the Chief Secretary, Sanjeev Kaushal has been entrusted with the responsibility of General Administration Department, Parliamentary Affairs Affairs, Vigilance, Administrative Reforms Department and Planning Coordination Departments.
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- PK Das has been given the responsibility of Additional Chief Secretary in the Chakbandi Department.
- > Till now, Sanjeev Kaushal was working as Financial Commissioner of the State and Additional Chief Secretary of Revenue and Disaster Management Department and PK Das as Additional Chief Secretary of Electricity Department.

Haryana Number one in 3rd National Masters **Athletics Championship**

Why in News

> Haryana team stood first with better performance in the 3rd National Masters Athletics Championship held at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh from 27-30 November.

Key Points

- 228 male and 46 female players participated in this competition from Haryana. The Haryana team was led by Mahavir Talian, General Secretary, Masters Athletes Association.
- Among the winners, Dharamchand Ghoghadipur bagged 3 gold and 7 silver medals in the 85 plus age group. Similarly, in 70 plus age group, Omprakash got gold and silver, in 68 plus age group Mahavir Talian got silver and bronze, 65 plus age group Joginder Singh got silver, in 60 plus age group Shyam Singh Narwal got gold, in 55 plus age group Mahabir Singh won, in 50 plus age group, Salindra Singh has won silver, Jitendra Singh Commando has won bronze, Rajesh Kumar Khanna has won silver and bronze medals.

Milkha Singh Adventure **Sports Club Formed**

Why in News

On December 2, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has formed 'Milkha Singh Adventure Sports Club' in the name of sprinter Milkha Singh, popularly known as Flying Sikh, to promote adventure sports and allied tourism activities in a big way.

Key Points

- The club has been established under the existing Haryana Academy of Adventure Sports (a registered society). Its objective is to initiate, promote and develop adventure sports in the state along with creation of training facilities and quality infrastructure for adventure sports.
- In June, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had announced plans to promote adventure sports and form a club named after Flying Sikh Milkha Singh.
- According to the notification issued by AK Singh, Principal Secretary, Sports and Youth Affairs, Haryana, Sports and Youth Affairs Minister will be the chairman of the club's managing committee, while the administrative secretary of the department will be its vice-president. The 11-member committee will also have administrative secretaries of tourism, forest and wildlife departments, civil aviation departments to ensure coordination between the departments concerned to promote adventure sports activities in the state.



The club will set up adventure sports training centres, academies, satellite centres, base camps etc and coordinate with such institutions in the country and abroad and will collaborate with National Adventure Club (India), India Mountaineering Foundation among other such organisations.

Various Announcements for the Divyangjan

Why In News

On December 3, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced the creation of a Divyang Sports Corner in one stadium in every district of the state along with various announcements for Divyangjan on International Day of Persons with Disabilities.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister informed that there are about 50 lakh mentally disabled people in the country, and the Haryana Government is making efforts to provide facilities to such people at the maximum level.
- In this effort, the foundation stone of Lifelong Divyang Care Home of Ambala was laid by the Chief Minister through video conferencing.
- Along with this, he also launched the website of the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment especially for Divyangjan and a portal to apply online for the Divyang Award.
- The Chief Minister also announced the construction of a new building of Government Blind School, Panipat and to provide Braille printers to blind officers.
- Now Divyangjan can register their complaints on the State Commissioner for Disabilities Portal. Along with tracking your complaint on the portal itself, you can get information about law and order information, schemes of the department and case list.
- The Chief Minister also launched the Award Portal for Divyangjan. On this portal, Divyangjan can directly apply online for different categories of awards. Announced to provide Braille printers to the blind officers of Category-1 and 2.

Millia Air Heart Scholarship

Why in News

Recently Yashika Khatri of Kurukshetra district of Haryana has won America's Millia Air Heart Scholarship by winning the competition to fly an aircraft.

Key Points

- Yashika Khatri's name has become one of the 35 women in the world who have been awarded the Millia Air Heart Scholarship by the United States of America by coming first in a competition to fly an aircraft at the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Arizona, USA.
- Along with honoring Yashika by giving 10 thousand dollars for this scholarship, her name will also be inscribed on a plane for one year. India's tricolor will also be flown on this plane for a year.
- It is noteworthy that Yashika Khatri graduated from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, Arizona and is now pursuing her PhD in Aerospace from the University of Colorado.
- It is known that the Milia Air Heart Scholarship is an award for aerospace engineering.

Khelo India Competition

Why in News

Recently, Riddhi Four of Karnal has won four gold medals in the Khelo India North Zone Archery Competition held in Sonipat district of Haryana state.

Key Points

- In the second competition of Archery Association of India in Sonepat and North Zone under Khelo India, 17-year-old Riddhi has raised the pride of daughters by performing better.
- Riddhi Four has also won a gold medal in the Inter University Archery Competition organized by Kurukshetra University. Thus in these archery competitions he has won a total of five gold medals.
- Riddhi has also won medals in senior shooting events, having won four 6 international and 51 national medals.

Launch of Pilot Project for Tab Distribution

Why in News

Recently, a pilot project has been started by the



Education Department of Haryana Government to distribute tabs in the schools of five districts.

Key Points

- > The Haryana government has selected five districts under the pilot project, which include Gurugram, Faridabad, Jind, Ambala and Karnal.
- Under the pilot project, tabs will be distributed in government schools and 2 GB data will also be available free of cost with the tabs.
- Although this project is for the children of class 9th to 12th, the Haryana Education Department has given approval to give tabs only to the children of class 11th and 12th. For this, the government will also upload a software named 'PAHAL'.
- > It is noteworthy that in Gurugram and Faridabad schools are closed due to air pollution, so it is running as a pilot project in the remaining three districts.
- Any other two districts of the state will be included as a pilot project due to closure of schools in Gurugram and Faridabad.
- It is known that the Haryana Government has also issued a tender to buy 5 lakh tabs at a cost of 560 crores.

Elevated Road Project

Why in News

Recently, the SDS agency located in Gurugram district of Haryana has declared the elevated road to be built in Hisar district as the longest elevated road in the state so far.

Key Points

- Elevated road project has been started in the heart of the city to reduce the traffic load in Hisar district.
- > The elevated road is designed in such a way that the maximum number of vehicles can use it.
- > The length of this elevated road will be 8.9 km and width will be about 15 m.
- The estimated cost of the elevated road project is likely to be Rs 1100 crore.
- It is noteworthy that the length of the elevated road built in Panipat district is the highest in the state, but it comes under NHAI.
- This elevated road to be built in Hisar under B&R will be the single longest elevated road in the state.

Registration on E-Shram Portal

Why in News

Recently, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has started the process of registration on E-shram portal to give benefits of schemes to railway goods warehouse workers.

Key Points

- > The Chief Minister said that work is being done to double the income of farmers as well as laborers in the state. For this, registration of unorganized workers is being done in the state.
- Goods warehouse workers who have registered will also be able to get the benefit of schemes related to the central and state government.
- He said that labor is the real builder of society. When the Industrial Revolution came in the 19th century, the railways played an important role in the development of industries. The country progressed through industries, industries grew through railways and railways progressed through labour. The progress of any country depends on the workers.
- Haryana government is also registering construction workers, migrant workers, shopkeepers, fishermen and other workers in the unorganized sector. On completion of their registration, they will be able to get the benefit of 22 schemes like health, children's education, employment, house and social security pension.

School Fee Hike in Haryana Linked to **Consumer Price Index**

Why in News

Recently, the state government has amended the Haryana School Education Rules, 2003 by linking the annual fee hike with the consumer price index to check the excessive fees charged by private schools in Haryana.

Key Points

In this, a provision has also been made for a fine of up to Rs 2 lakh on private schools violating the new fee norms and withdrawal of recognition of private schools.



- As per the Haryana School Education (Amendment) Rules, 2021 notified by the state government, a recognized (private/unaided) school can increase the fee for its existing students every year, which is the monthly salary of the previous year's teaching staff. equal to the average per capita percentage increase in wages, but the fee increase shall not exceed the latest available annual percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index plus five percent.
- Apart from this, private schools will neither increase fees nor indulge in profiteering during the academic year. However, private schools will be free to fix the fee for new students seeking fresh admission in any class in a particular academic year.
- ➤ There are about 8900 private schools in Haryana. The education department had received a large number of complaints from parents against the unprecedented fee hike by private schools especially during the COVID-19 pandemic. Subsequently, the Haryana School Education (Amendment) Rules, 2021 were notified to regulate and monitor the fee structure in private schools.

Waste to Energy Plant

Why in News

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, on December 10, 2021, started work on the process of making 'waste to kanchan' in the state with an aim to focus on the 'cleanliness' required to make life easier, in Sector-14, Gurugram. He laid the foundation stone for the Municipal Corporation office and the Waste to Energy Plant to be built at Bandhwari.

Key Points

- Referring to the Waste to Energy Plant to be built at Bandhwadi, he said that with the establishment of this plant, Gurugram will move towards joining the category of beautiful cities of the world.
- This waste to energy plant will be set up by Ecogreen and the construction work is planned to be completed in 2 years. This 15 MW capacity plant will generate 6 lakh units of electricity per day. Gradually, as the population increases, the capacity of the plant will also be increased.
- > Ecogreen has applied to increase the capacity of the plant from 15 MW to 25 MW, the process of which is

- in progress. With the increase in the capacity of the plant, more waste can be processed.
- It is worth noting that in Sonipat district of the state, electricity is being generated from waste by a 10 MW capacity plant.
- The Chief Minister said that the municipal office would be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, for which an amount of Rs 117 crore would be spent. This building will be prepared on 2 acres of land, in which a business building will also be built. There is also a plan to build an auditorium with a seating capacity of 600 people in the 11-storey building of the Municipal Corporation.
- Union Minister of State and Gurugram MP Rao Inderjit Singh said that after the commissioning of the Waste to Energy Plant, the problem of waste in both the cities (Gurugram and Faridabad) will be solved and the standard of living of the people will improve.

9th Junior State Volleyball Competition

Why in News

On December 12, 2021, in the 9th Junior State Volleyball competition held at the Sports Academy of Badhra region of Charkhi Dadri district of Haryana state, Karnal district won the girls' section and Kurukshetra district won the boys' section.

Key Points

- > This competition was organized at Dhup Singh Sports Academy located in village Chandwas of Badra area.
- > In the state volleyball competition, in the girls' section, Karnal district team won by defeating Jind district team, while in boys' section, Kurukshetra district team won by defeating Fatehabad district team.
- In this competition, the teams of Charkhi Dadri and Gurugram district jointly stood third.
- State General Secretary of Volleyball Association Khubsingh Arela presented the award to the winning players.

Miss Universe-2021

Why in News

> Chandigarh's Harnaaz Sandhu won the 70th Miss



Universe title at a ceremony held in Israel on December 13, 2021.

Key Points

- India has got this title of Miss Universe after 21 years. Earlier this title was given to India in the year 1994 by actress Sushmita Sen and in the year 2000 by actress Lara Dutta.
- > 21-year-old Harnaaz has won this title by beating beautiful and talented women from 75 countries.
- > Apart from India, the top 3 included women from Paraguay and South Africa.
- Harnaaz Sandhu is a student of Post Graduate Government College for Girls Sector-42. She is currently completing her Master's degree in Public Administration. Although she wanted to be a judge.
- Harnaaz was crowned Miss Universe India 2021 in October. She also won the title of Miss Chandigarh and Miss Max Emerging Star India in the year 2017.
- Harnaaz Sandhu participated in the Miss India pageant in 2019 and managed to make her place in the top 12 of the beauty pageant.

LEADS Report: Haryana Secures Second Place

Why in News

Taking a giant leap in the Logistics Ease Across Different States (LEADS) report released by the Union Ministry of Commerce and Industry recently, Haryana has secured the second position in the LEADS 2021 index.

Key Points

- Proactive policies, well-developed infrastructure and responsive government-run services have made Haryana one of the top performers in the Leeds 2021 Index by achieving an increase of four places as compared to its sixth position in the year 2019 index. Apart from this, it has contributed in the making of 'Self-reliant India' and making India a five trillion dollar economy.
- The Logistics, Warehousing and Retail Policy-2019 prepared by Haryana is one of the most important steps taken to improve the logistics ecosystem within the state.
- The state scored the highest on several indicators, including quality of warehousing infrastructure,

- timeliness of cargo delivery during transportation, operational and regulatory environment and efficiency of regulatory services.
- Along with this, the report also mentioned that Haryana has the maximum number of private freight terminals in the country and Haryana ranks ninth in terms of Inland Container Depots (ICDs).
- The state provides capital and interest subsidy of 5 per cent to 25 per cent for setting up of Warehousing Infrastructure Logistics Parks and Integrated/Multi-Modal Logistics Parks.
- Haryana also reimburses 50 per cent of the training cost of workers to logistics and warehousing units to enable skilled manpower in logistics.
- The regulatory regime has also been simplified through a single desk clearance mechanism, self-certification and assistance in land acquisition for setting up logistics infrastructure in the state.

Haryana Gets Agri-Entrepreneur Krishak Ratna Award-2021

Why in News

On December 18, 2021, Union Minister for Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Purushottam Rupala honored Haryana with 'Agriculture-Entrepreneur Krishak Ratna Puraskar-2021' for best initiative in Risk Management and Brand Development (Har Hit Stores).

Key Points

- Union Minister Rupala presented this award to Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister JP Dalal during Progressive Agri Leadership Summit-2021 organized at Dr. YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry Nauni-Solan, Himachal Pradesh.
- Himachal Pradesh won the award for best initiative in soil health and agricultural marketing and practices, Jammu and Kashmir was awarded for saffron cultivation and production, while Punjab was awarded for crop residue management. Uttar Pradesh won the award for best initiative in animal health, while Uttarakhand was given the award for organic farming.
- Apart from this, a total of 42 awards were distributed in the conference under various categories including State, Educational Organization, Corporate Agriculture



- and Allied Sector, Progressive Farmers, Village, Farmer Producer Organization, Agricultural Journalism Awards (Awareness and Solution-oriented), Government Organization, PSU, Excellence in Academy and Krishi Bhavishya Ratna Award.
- Progressive Agri Leadership Summit-2021 was organized jointly under the aegis of Dr YS Parmar University of Horticulture and Forestry, Nauni-Solan and Sikkim State Co-operative Supply and Marketing Federation Limited (IMFED).
- The objective of the summit was to share ideas and strategies for achieving the national goals of agriculture, doubling farmer's income, and sharing of valuable experiences.

No Entry for Unvaccinated People in Public Places in Haryana from 1, January

Why in News

On December 22, 2021, Haryana Home-cum-Health Minister Anil Vij informed the State Legislative Assembly that in order to boost vaccine coverage, the State Government has decided that from January 1, 2022, both the doses of the COVID-19 vaccine will be given. If not found, they will not be allowed to enter crowded areas such as restaurants, malls, banks, offices and other public places.

Key Points

- While issuing an order in this regard, the State Government directed all the Deputy Commissioners to constitute teams to ensure this.
- According to the order, with effect from January 1, 2022, restaurants, bars, hotels, grain markets, departmental buildings, liquor shops, malls, shopping complexes, cinema halls, religious places, ration shops, petrol and CNG stations, local markets, private and government Only fully vaccinated people will be allowed to enter banks, parks, gyms, bus stands, railway stations and other places of public gatherings in the area.
- Apart from this, Covid-19 vaccination certificate will be mandatory for college/polytechnic students (above 18 years). Also, no person including government employees will be allowed to go to government offices without being fully vaccinated.

It is noteworthy that about 93 percent of the eligible population in the state have received the first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine, while 59 percent have received both the doses. Whereas in Gurugram, 100% eligible people have received both the doses of the vaccine.

Decision to Appoint Universities Through HPSC, HSSC Withdrawn

Why in News

On December 22, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar gave the final decision regarding withdrawal of the decision of recruitment of teaching and non-teaching staff in universities and appointments in universities through Haryana Public Service Commission and Haryana Staff Selection Commission in the state assembly. Announced the formation of a committee to take.

Kev Points

- The Chief Minister said that a five-member committee would be constituted to take decisions regarding appointments to various posts in the universities of the state.
- In this committee, the representative of the Governor (Vice Chancellor), the Principal Secretary of the Higher Education Department and the Vice Chancellors of three universities will be included. The committee will submit its report in 15-20 days.
- He said that the earlier letters sent to the universities regarding the recruitments to be done through HPSC and HSSC have been withdrawn.
- The Chief Minister further said that the instructions of the UGC would be followed. The appointments in the universities will be done in a transparent manner and on the basis of merit. The autonomy of universities will remain intact.
- The Chief Minister announced to increase the DA rates for government employees and pensioners from 28 per cent to 31 per cent on the lines of the central government. This will put an additional burden of Rs. 672 crore on the state exchequer annually.
- He also announced to increase the employer's contribution from 10 percent to 14 percent with effect from January 1, 2022, on the lines of the Central Government under the New Pension Scheme for its



- employees by the Haryana Government. With the implementation of this decision, employees will get a benefit of Rs 25 crore monthly and Rs 300 crore annually.
- Along with this, Chief Minister Khattar also announced that a new system would be introduced in the House, under which the questions raised by MLAs during Zero Hour would be answered in writing by the State Government to the MLA concerned within a period of one month.

Free Online Doctor Service 'Saath' Launched in Haryana

Why in News

Recently, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar through a webinar launched the free online doctor service 'Saath' of an NGO named 'Seva International' in Haryana. Through this service, any person in the state can call the mobile number 079690700500 and get free consultation from doctors related to the disease.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that the Haryana Government had provided online doctors consultation to the patients during Covid-19. Not only this, even after Covid, help was given to the patients.
- He said that due to the efforts of the State Government, medical equipment worth Rs 150 crore was made available to the needy from abroad as well. Along with this, the state government employees also gave a voluntary contribution of about Rs 300 crore.
- The Chief Minister informed that the State Government has constituted CSR Trust in the State so that the funds coming under CSR can be properly utilized.
- It is worth noting that the work of social service is being done by 'Seva International' in 26 countries of the world. The said free online doctor service 'Saath' is being run in four states in India.

Haryana Kaushal Rojgar Nigam Portal

Why in News

On December 25, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the portal of Haryana **Kaushal Rojgar Nigam** in a program organized on the State Level Good Governance Day.

Key Points

- ➢ He said that the year 2022 would be celebrated as the year of good governance, Antyodaya Utthan. Similarly, the emergency response system Dial-112 will be made accessible to the deaf persons. Police assistance will be provided to them immediately after understanding their problem through a sign language expert through video calling.
- The Chief Minister said that the public distribution system has been linked with the family identity card. From January-2022, there will be no need to carry the ration card to the ration depot, but it will be possible to get ration only from the family identity card. The account of addition or reduction of the number of family members will also be done through the family identity card.
- Birth-death registration along with family identity card has been made mandatory and marriage registration will also be added to it in future.

Haryana in Good Governance Index, 2021

Why in News

On the occasion of Good Governance Day on December 25, 2021, the Good Governance Index was released by the Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah, in which Haryana has got the fourth rank in Group 'A'. Whereas Gujarat has got the first rank.

Key Points

- In the GGI-2021, the ranking has been given by dividing the states and union territories into four categories - Group A, Group B, North Eastern and Hill States, Union Territories. 58 indicators from 10 sectors have been considered for preparing GGI-2021.
- Haryana has secured fourth rank in Group 'A' with a score of 5.327 in the overall ranking of the Good Governance Index.
- This year's score has increased by 6.6 percent



- as compared to the previous index (2019) of Haryana. Last time its score was 5.00, which has now increased to 5.33.
- Haryana has basically made reforms in agriculture and allied sector, public infrastructure and utility sector, economic governance sector and social welfare and development sector.
- > The Good Governance Index is based on 10 sectors, in which Haryana's ranking and score are as follows-

Sectors	Haryana Ranking	Score
1. Agriculture and Allied Sectors	2nd	0.507
2. Commerce and Industry Sector	4th	0.657
3. Human Resource Development Sector	2nd	0.696
4. Public Health Sector	10th	0.431
5. Public Infrastructure and Utility Sectors	3rd	0.791
6. Economic Governance Sector	6th	0.570
7. Social Welfare and Development	10th	0.392
8. Judicial and Public Security	9th	0.213
9. Environmental Sector	9th	0.153
10. Citizen Centric Governance	1st	0.914

Haryana in NITI Aayog Health Index 2021

Why in News

On December 27, 2021, government think tank NITI Aayog released the fourth edition of its health index for 2019-20, ranking states on the basis of overall health performance. In this, Haryana ranks 11th in terms of overall health performance among large states, while Kerala is at the top.

Key Points

- The report was divided into three parts large states, small states and union territories. Among the smaller states, Mizoram was the best performing state while Nagaland remained at the bottom.
- According to the NITI Aayog report, Chandigarh tops the Union Territories, followed by Dadra and Nagar Haveli at number two and Delhi at number three.
- In terms of overall health performance among large states, Haryana ranks 11th out of 19 states with a score of 49.26. On the other hand, Kerala is ranked first with 82.20, Tamil Nadu is second with 72.42 and Telangana is third with 69.96.
- NITI Aayog's Health Index is a weighted composite score consisting of 24 indicators covering key aspects of health performance.

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