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Haryana Got Third Place in 'MSME National Award'

Why in News?

- At the Udyami-Bharat event held at Vigyan Bhawan in Delhi on June 30, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi honored Haryana for its outstanding work done in the field of MSMEs for being ranked third in the country.

Key Points

- Haryana is included in the top 3 states of the country in the field of MSME. Two MSMEs of Haryana have also received awards in the program. Among these, Dr. Harjinder Kaur Talwar got the first prize in the Small Service Enterprise in the Women's category and Rishabh Gupta got the third position in the Overall category of Manufacturing Micro Enterprise.
- Speaking on the occasion, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that MSMEs have made a special contribution in the economic development of Haryana. There are about 9.7 lakh MSMEs in the state, which is the backbone of the growing economy.
- Dushyant Chautala said that the Haryana government has set up a dedicated department 'Directorate of MSME' to support MSMEs in various sectors, which has made it easier to reach the market, technology and skilled workers.
- The Deputy Chief Minister informed that Haryana has launched a program of its kind 'Padma' following the principle of 'Vocal for Global', the main objective of which is to create a dynamic, self-reliant and thriving industrial infrastructure at the block level.
- He said that apart from emphasizing on the MSE-CDP scheme of the Government of India, Haryana has also come out with a first-of-its-kind 'State Mini Cluster Scheme'. So far, 9 clusters costing Rs.140 crore have been sanctioned from Haryana under the MSE-CDP scheme. Out of this, an assistance of Rs.58 crores has been given from the Government of India.
- Under the State Mini Cluster Development Scheme, various initiatives of 43 MSME clusters worth more than Rs.119 crore have been taken up in the state. More than 8,000 MSMEs in Haryana have been benefited by these extensive cluster development efforts of the state government.

'State Ease of Doing Business'

Why in News?

- Haryana has been included in the top achievers category in the fifth edition of 'State Ease of Doing Business' released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry on June 30, 2022. Apart from Haryana, the top achievers category includes Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Punjab, Tamil Nadu and Telangana.

Key Points

- Vijayendra Kumar, Principal Secretary, Department of Industry and Commerce, said that the Department constituted for the Motion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has ranked the States and Union Territories (UTs) on the basis of implementation of corrective steps and feedback.
- He said that the action plan for the year 2020 included 301 improvement points in 15 areas. Haryana has achieved a score of 99+ percentile in the implementation of these reforms. Apart from this, the state has been ranked first in Export Readiness Index (Land Closed Category)-2021 and second in 'Logistics is Across Different Status Survey-2021'.
- The state government has taken several major steps to improve the investment climate in the state, with the new industrial policy 'Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy, 2020' being special. The policy aims to create 5 lakh jobs in the state, attract investment of over Rs 1 lakh crore and double exports to Rs 2 lakh crore.
- 100 state laws (Acts, Rules and Guidelines) were re-evaluated in the state, creating an investment-friendly environment in the state.
- Several investment proposals of national and international repute, such as Maruti, Fivelay, Grasim Paints, ATL Batteries, Aarti Green Tech Ltd., Amperex Technologies Ltd., Enrich Agro Food Products, etc. have shown interest in Haryana.
- Vijayendra Kumar informed that due to the commitment of the Haryana government to provide a conducive ecosystem to the industries, Haryana got excellent ranking in ease of doing business, ease of logistics and export readiness.

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Reservation in Promotion for Differently-abled Workers

Why in News?

- On July 1, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal issued a letter to give 4 percent horizontal reservation in promotions to the differently-abled personnel of the state. Benefit of this will be available to the persons with benchmark disabilities covered in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016.

Key Points

- The Chief Secretary has issued a letter to all administrative secretaries, heads of departments, boards, corporations, chief administrators of public undertakings, managing directors, divisional commissioners, registrars of Punjab and Haryana High Court, Chandigarh, DCs and SDMs besides registrars of all universities.
- The Right of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016, came into force on April 19, 2017, hence the benefit of four percent horizontal reservation will be available from April 19, 2017.
- In the case of promotion, out of the total posts of Group A, B, C and D cadre, four percent will be reserved for the differently-abled. One percent reservation will be given in the case of blindness or low vision, deaf or hard of hearing, locomotor disability, person suffering from cerebral palsy, leprosy-cured, dwarfism, acid attack victim and muscular dystrophy.
- One percent reservation will be given in the case of Autism, Intellectual Disability, Specific Learning Disability and Mental illness, Deafness in multiple disability category from Group A to D combined.
- According to the notification, if any department considers it necessary to partially or fully exempt any post/cadre from the provision of reservation for the disabled, then it can request the Social Justice and Empowerment Department stating the full rationale of the proposal.
- It is noteworthy that the reservation for the backward classes of citizens (Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes) is called vertical reservation. Reservation for categories like differently-abled and Ex-Servicemen is called Horizontal Reservation.

Salary Hike for Mid-day Meal Cooks

Why in News?

- Recently, the Haryana Directorate of Education has decided to increase the monthly salary of cooks who prepare mid-day meal for children in government schools in the state of Haryana.

Key Points

- The monthly salary of the cooks who make mid-day meals on behalf of the Education Department will now be doubled, that is, from the month of July, they will get a salary of Rs.7,000 per month.
- It is worth mentioning that till now, mid-day meal cooks used to get a salary of Rs 3500 per month.
- It is known that 1,697 cooks cook lunch for 76,679 children studying in government schools in the state.

Farmers of Haryana will Get Benefit

Why in News?

- On July 3, 2022, the Haryana government launched a special scheme for 7 districts of south Haryana. Farmers who adopt this scheme will be provided financial assistance at the rate of Rs 4,000 per acre.

Key Points

- This new scheme has been launched by the Government to promote pulses and oilseeds crops under crop diversification.
- The scheme has been launched for seven districts of south Haryana, namely, Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Mahendragarh, Rewari, Hisar and Nuh, including Jhajjar.
- The farmers of the state will be given this benefit for cultivation of pulses and oilseeds crops. The Government has decided to give a grant of Rs.4,000 per acre to the farmers growing these crops.
- Giving details of the scheme, an official spokesperson said that the Haryana government has taken this step to increase the income of farmers by reducing their cost.
- A target has been set to promote pulses and oilseeds crops in one lakh acres during Kharif Crop 2022 in the state.

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- Under the scheme, pulses crops (Moong and Arhar) will be promoted to an area of 70,000 acres and oilseeds crops (Castor and Groundnut) to 30,000 acres. A farmer growing pulses and oilseeds will be provided financial assistance of Rs 4,000 per acre.
- The farmer availing the benefit of this scheme is required to register on the 'My Crop My Details' portal. The financial assistance will be transferred to the accounts of the farmers after verification of the crop.

Free Health Facilities to HIV Patients

Why in News?

- On July 4, 2022, Haryana Government has decided to provide free of cost health facilities like radiological tests to HIV patients in the state under Public Private Partnership (PPP) mode.

Key Points

- All laboratory tests and radiological tests, including USG, CT scan and MRI, being provided in government hospitals under PPP mode, will also be provided free of cost to HIV patients.
- To provide this facility to the patients suffering from HIV, they have been included in the seven categories of the state, who are being provided various health facilities free of cost under the PPP mode, that is, the category of HIV infected patients will be the eighth category, Free treatment will be provided.
- In these seven categories, patients from BPL and urban slums of the state, patients receiving disability allowance from the state government, patients not falling in any free category, scheduled caste category patients, according to the reservation policy of the Haryana government. Patients belonging to weaker sections, road accident victims and state government employees, pensioners and their dependents are included.
- At present, about 22,000 patients living with HIV are taking Antiretroviral Therapy (ART) in the state, while their number is increasing by about 300 patients per month.

Self-reliant Textile Policy, 2022-25

Why in News?

- On July 5, 2022, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that the state government will soon implement the 'Haryana Self-Reliant Textile Policy, 2022-25' in the state. This will give a boost to the textile industry in the state, as well as give a boost to MSMEs.

Key Points

- Dushyant Chautala said that while the state has secured the third position at the national level in the MSME sector, Haryana has got a place in the top achievers category in the fifth edition of 'State Ease of Doing Business' released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also honoured Haryana for its outstanding work done in the field of MSMEs.
- He said that it is because of the commitment of the Haryana government to provide a conducive ecosystem to the industries that Haryana has got excellent ranking in 'Ease of Doing Business', 'Ease of Logistics' and 'Export Readiness'.
- In addition, the State has got the first position in the Export Preparedness Index (Landlocked Category), 2021 and second in the 'Logistics ease Of Across The Different Status Survey, 2021'.
- Dushyant Chautala informed that the state government's Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy, 2020, MSME Policy, 2019, Haryana Agri-Business and Food Processing Policy, 2018 etc. are some of the policies which have greatly benefited the MSMEs of the state and increased the employment opportunities for the youth.

Haryana Ranked 17th in 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'

Why in News?

- In the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' released on July 5, 2022, Haryana is ranked seventeenth in the entire country. Odisha is at the first position in this index.

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Key Points

- Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Textiles and Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal released the first edition of the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among the general category states, Odisha topped the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA' with a score of 0.836, while Uttar Pradesh is second with a score of 0.797 and Andhra Pradesh is third with a score of 0.794.
- Among the general category states, Haryana is ranked seventeenth with a score of 0.661 in the 'State Ranking Index for NFSA'.
- Among special category states/UTs, Tripura is at the first position with a score of 0.788, followed by Himachal Pradesh with a score of 0.758 and Sikkim third with a score of 0.710.
- Further, among the three union territories, where Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) is cash driven, Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman Diu topped the list with a score of 0.802.
- This index attempts to document the status and progress of implementation of NFSA and various reform initiatives across the country in consultation with the states.
- It highlights the reforms undertaken by the States and Union Territories and creates a cross-learning environment and scale-up reform measures by all the States and Union Territories.
- The current index is largely focused on NFSA distribution and will include future buyouts, PMGKAY distributions.
- The index for ranking of States and UTs is built on three key pillars, which cover end-to-end implementation of NFSA through TPDS. These pillars are- i) NFSA-coverage, targeting and provisions of the Act, ii) delivery platforms, and iii) nutrition initiatives.

Center of Excellence for Breed Development of Animals

Why in News?

- On July 6, 2022, Haryana's Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Animal Husbandry and Dairy Minister J.P. Dalal informed about setting up of a Center of Excellence for the development of animal breeds in the state with the help of Brazil.

Key Points

- Significantly, a delegation led by J.P. Dalal is on a tour of Brazil. After interacting with the President of Gir Association and his team members in Brasilia city, this delegation informed that Gir Association of Brazil has expressed willingness to import Murrah buffalo germplasm from Haryana State through Haryana Livestock Development Board.
- During the meeting, the delegation discussed and learnt with the members of ABCZ the modalities of setting up a Centre of Excellence for Gir animals in Haryana.
- The delegation visited Motam Gir Hut Farm in Alexandrio District, near Brasilia, which is one of the largest Gir Farms with over 1500 good quality Gir cows.
- Dairy practices followed in breeding, nutrition and agricultural management practices were learned and studied by the delegation.
- J.P Dalal agreed with Jean Marcel Fernandes, Secretary of Trade and International Relations, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Supplies, Brazil, to further strengthen mutually beneficial ties in the areas of dairy development and animal breed improvement. This includes the exchange of information and experiences, joint research using techniques such as Embryo Transfer Technology (ETT) and In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF), and exchange of genetic material and germplasm.
- He also visited the Embrapa Animal Dairy (Embrapa Gado de Leite) Research Center in Juiz de Fora and discussed areas of cooperation.

Charkhi Dadri Got a Gift of About Rs 1100 Crore

Why in News?

- On July 8, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar gifted various projects worth about Rs 1100 crore to Charkhi Dadri district.

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- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has laid the foundation stone for the Nimad-Badesara Drinking Water Project, which is going to be built at a cost of about Rs 100 crore, among the projects.
- They have also fulfilled the demand for construction of a new college building at Kasba Bund. The construction

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of the building of this college will cost 16 crore 11 lac rupees.

- The Chief Minister also inaugurated Sirsali water house, built at a cost of Rs 36 crore, Dadri fire station built at a cost of Rs 5 crore 78 lac, Dadri-Mahendragarh road completed at a cost of about Rs 18 crore.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister had constructed Hadodi Minor at a cost of Rs. 2 crore 41 lakh, Chhappar-Rampura link road built at a cost of Rs. 2 crore, Loharu feeder built at a cost of Rs. 1 crore 15 lakh and Rs. 1 crore 60 lakh in village Sawand. Also inaugurated a 50 bedded hospital built at a cost.

Backward Classes Commission will be Constituted Afresh

Why in News?

- On July 10, 2022, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced the formation of the Backward Classes Commission afresh, giving a big gift to the people of backward classes at the birth anniversary celebrations of Baba Makhan Shah Labana and Baba Lakhi Shah Banjara in Kurukshetra.

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- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that after its formation, all the problems of the society will be taken care of by this Commission. It will be ensured that the benefits of all the schemes reach the beneficiaries through the Commission.
- The Chief Minister said that the State Government has constituted a separate Commission or Board for the welfare of all sections of the people who have been left behind in the race for progress due to some reasons.
- Manohar Lal Khattar said that the government has run more than 300 schemes for the social, economic and educational upliftment of backward classes, scheduled castes and the poor. Haryana is the first state in the country to provide 618 services of 47 departments online through 117 Antyodaya Bhawans and about 20,000 Atal Seva Kendra in the state to provide their benefits under one roof.
- On this occasion, Manohar Lal Khattar also announced the construction of a community center in the name of Lakkhi Shah Banjara in Kurukshetra Municipality.

94-Year-Old Bhagwani Devi Won 3 Medals Including Gold

Why in News?

- In the World Masters Athletics Championships, 2022 held in Tampere, Finland on July 10, 2022, 94-year-old Bhagwani Devi Dagar of Haryana won 3 medals including Gold.

Key Points

- Bhagwani Devi Dagar won the gold medal in the senior citizen category in the World Masters Athletics Championships in the 100m sprint event with a timing of just 24.74 seconds, while also winning two bronze medals in the shot put.
- It is noteworthy that Bhagwani Devi has won many medals before this as well. He won three gold medals in the National Masters Athletics Championships held in Chennai, after which he was qualified for the World Masters Athletics Championships, 2022.
- The World Masters Athletics Championships were started in 1975 . Players above the age group of 35 years can participate in this championship. Initially, only 5 age groups were included, but now sports events are held in 12 age groups.
- The first age group is above 35 years of age. 2nd above 40 years, 3rd above 45 years, 4th above 50 years, 5th above 55 years, 6th above 60 years, 7th above 65, 8th above 70 years, 9th above 75 years, 10th 80 years Above, 11th is above 85 years and 12th is above 90 years.

The Working of PACS will be computerized

Why in News?

- On July 11, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister, Manohar Lal Khattar, in the state level review meeting of Haryana State Cooperative Apex Bank (HARCO), while deciding to make the working of government departments online, directed to computerize the working of PACS in a phased manner.

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- In the meeting, the Chief Minister directed the officers to explore the possibility of opening a branch of

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HARCO Bank in every district of the state. If the rules must be amended for this, then it should be done.

- At present, Harco Bank has only two branches in Chandigarh and Panchkula, while the bank controls the branches of the District Central Co-operative Bank.
- It was informed in the meeting that THE PACS is not directly linked to the Harco Bank. There are about 700 PACS in the state, which remain at the village level.
- TVSN Prasad, Additional Chief Secretary, Finance Department said that the entire work in Kanauli PACS of Panchkula district has been computerized and the process of computerization of 62 other PACS is in progress. This work will be completed by 30th November 2022.
- The Chief Minister said that the salary of the employees of PACS should also be centralized, and arrangements should be made by the government. To end the monopoly on PACS, on the same lines, Village Agricultural Primary Cooperative Societies (VAX) should be formed at the village level by talking to the educated young farmers in the village and their registration should be done under the Co-operative Societies Registration Act and the farmers themselves. Operate these waxes.
- The Chief Minister said that crop loans should be made available to the farmers in three instalments – seeds, tillage and fertilizers for preparing the fields as well as at the time of payment of wages. Debt recovery should be linked to the harvesting season, so that farmers can sell their crops and repay the loan on time. Farmers who pay on time will be given an incentive of one percent.
- In the meeting, the Chief Minister also directed the officers that loans should be made available promptly on the applications approved under 'Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana'.

HCS Pre Exam will Have Five Options Instead of Four

Why in News?

- On July 12, 2022, Haryana Public Service Commission (HPSC) has decided to have five options instead of four in the OMR sheet of the examination to prevent malpractices in the HCS Pre examination to be held on July 24.

Key Points

- It may be mentioned that the commission is scheduled to conduct the examination for 156 posts of HCS Pre on July 24, 2022 .
- The Commission has issued a notice in this regard. Along with this, candidates have also been issued new options as well as OMR sheets and guidelines related to the exam.
- Now candidates will not be able to leave the circle blank on the OMR sheet. If a candidate does not know the answer to any question and leaves options A, B, C and D blank, then he/she will have to compulsorily fill in the fifth circle (Has-#).
- Youth belonging to Sikh religion will be allowed to carry Kada and Kirpan, but such youth will have to reach the center one hour before the reporting time of the examination, so that they can be screened if they do not have any device. If anyone is found with any banned device, they will be debarred from the exam, no candidate will be able to leave the room until all the OMR sheets are collected in the hall.
- In November last year, HPSC deputy secretary Anil Nagar and his two accomplices were arrested by the vigilance with a bribe of lacs of rupees. They were accused of recruiting dental surgeons and forgery in the HCS preliminary examination. The Deputy Secretary had the full responsibility of the confidential branch and he used to get the candidates passed by messing up the OMR sheet after the examination. The Commission had cancelled both the recruitments and issued a fresh schedule for the examination.

Haryana Government Constituted Backward Classes Commission

Why in News?

- According to the announcement of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on July 13, 2022, the Haryana Government constituted the Backward Classes Commission.

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- Justice Darshan Singh (Retd) has been made the chairman of this commission. Apart from these, former Vice Chancellor Dr. S.K. Gakhar, Shyam Lal Jangra and

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Director General of Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Welfare Department have been appointed as members of this commission, while Mukul Kumar, Special Secretary, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Welfare Department have been appointed as member secretaries.

- According to the notification issued in this regard, the Governor of Haryana has constituted the Backward Classes Commission in exercise of the powers conferred by sub-sections-1 and 2 of section 3 of the Haryana Backward Classes Commission Act, 2016 (9 of 2016).
- While discharging the functions as provided under section 9 of the said Act, the Commission shall study the present social, educational and economic conditions of the backward classes in the State, the representation and participation of the backward classes in the Government and the benefits and schemes of the Government, the educational To assess the benefits available to the students from backward classes in the institutions, to estimate the employment opportunities available to the youth of backward classes and to recommend measures to increase the employment opportunities.
- Further, the Commission will undertake activities such as evaluation of timely activities for skill development and training purposes of the youth belonging to backward classes, study and make recommendations for provision of proportion of reservation for backward classes in Panchayati Raj Institutions and Municipalities in the State. At the same time, it will also study and recommend measures which are necessary for the social, educational and economic welfare of the backward classes.
- It is noteworthy that on July 10, 2022, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had announced the formation of the Backward Classes Commission afresh, which would work with the objective of providing all kinds of facilities and benefits to the people of backward classes and related castes.

The 'Footwear-Leather' Cluster

Why in News?

- On July 18, 2022, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, in a joint meeting of MSME officers

and office bearers of Footwear Industry Association, said that with the objective of providing employment opportunities to more and more youth of the state, the state government in Rohtak is about Will set up a 'Footwear-Leather' cluster on 500 acres.

Key Points

- Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that the students of ITI institutes in the vicinity of Rohtak city will also be trained by connecting them to the footwear industry, so that the industrialists of the leather industry can get skilled youth at the local level and the youth can get their home-to-home jobs.
- The Deputy Chief Minister told the office bearers of the Footwear Industry Association that the state government is giving a lot of facilities to the industrialists in the state so that they do not face any problem in running their own industries, it will also provide opportunities to the local youth.
- Industrialists will be helped in every way in the 'Footwear-Leather' cluster to be built in Rohtak. As soon as about two dozen industries are started, a Common Service Center will be made there in a year, which will make it easier for the industrialists in their work.
- He said that a Center of Excellence related to leather would also be set up to help the industrialists of the leather industry in the state. On the demand of the office bearers of the association, Dushyant Chautala also assured to build a labour hostel near the 'Footwear-Leather' cluster so that the workers working there do not face any problem in living and commuting to the industry.
- He said that while the state has secured the third position in this field at the national level, Haryana has been ranked in the top achievers category in the fifth edition of 'State Ease of Doing Business' released by the Ministry of Commerce and Industry.
- The commitment of the Government of Haryana to provide a conducive ecosystem to the industries has led to Haryana's ranking in Ease of Doing Business, Ease of Logistics and Export Readiness. In addition, the state has been ranked first in Export Readiness Index (Land Closed Category)-2021 and second in 'Logistics is Across Different States Survey-2021'.

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Center of Excellence for Breed Improvement of Animals

Why in News?

- On July 19, 2022, Haryana's Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister J.P. Dalal told the media that a Center of Excellence would be set up in Hisar with the help of Brazil to make the farmers of Haryana self-reliant and to improve the breed of animals.

Key Points

- Minister J.P. Dalal said that a Center of Excellence would be set up in Haryana in collaboration with Embrapa, Brazil for the development of indigenous breed of cows. Gir germplasm (semen/embryos) will be imported from Brazilian Association of Zebu Breeders (ABCZ).
- In addition, the possibilities of exporting quality Murrah germplasm to Alta Genetics, a genomics company from Brazil, will be explored.
- Members of the Indo-Brazilian Chamber of Commerce have been invited to explore business opportunities in the agriculture sector in Haryana. There will also be joint research and exchange of technologies like Embryo Transfer Technology (ETT) and In-Vitro Fertilization (IVF) besides further strengthening the mutually beneficial relationship in the field of dairy development and improvement of indigenous cattle breeds in the state.
- The Minister said that a centre will also be opened in the state by a Canadian company to increase the amount of protein in the animal feed, under which a delegation of this company will visit Haryana soon and then a Memorandum of Understanding will be signed.
- Giving information about his visit to Brazil, Minister J.P. Dalal told that in the year 1911, the Raja of Bhavnagar had donated Gir breed cows to Brazil and after that Brazil worked in the breed improvement of these cows.
- It is worth noting that the Girlando breed has been developed by improving the Gir cow breed in Brazil, which gives an average of 15 liters of milk, in which 99 percent of the genetics are found from the Gir cow of India.

Oxygen Plant at Uchana Civil Hospital

Why in News?

- On July 20, 2022, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala inaugurated the newly constructed oxygen plant at Uchana Civil Hospital in Jind district.

Key Points

- With the establishment of this oxygen plant, Uchana and its surrounding areas will get better and convenient health services. This oxygen plant has the capacity to produce 250 liters of oxygen per minute, which will provide relief for the treatment of patients in case of emergency.
- Significantly, during the Corona epidemic, patients were suffering due to lack of oxygen in areas like Uchana. Now it has become a permanent solution in future.
- With the setting up of the oxygen plant, emergency patients suffering from serious illnesses will now get relief from the risk of going to PGI Rohtak or other major medical institutions and they will also get quick treatment.
- Dushyant Chautala said that the basement and shed of this oxygen plant, built at a cost of Rs 45 lakhs under Honda India Foundation, courtesy of CSR, have been built on the basis of best and latest technology at the modern level.
- Each bed of the hospital has been connected through pipelines to this plant built with modern technology, on which emergency patients will be provided free oxygen facility on all 30 beds of the hospital.
- The capacity of this oxygen plant is to provide oxygen on 50 beds continuously. Apart from this, 55 big i.e. jumbo cylinders can also be made available every 24 hours as per the requirement.

Online Webinar Series Launched in Haryana

Why in News?

- On July 20, 2022, Navdeep Virk, Principal Secretary, Haryana Transport Department, **launched the online webinar series on the theme 'Youth's Responsibility in Accident-Free Haryana'**. This webinar series will continue till September 4, 2022.

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- This webinar series is being organised through the Department of Education on the initiative of the Transport Department.
- Navdeep Virk said that with the positive contribution of the police department, the department has organized a series of annual events of quiz competitions on road safety for students of all age groups. The initiative is listed in the Limca Book Records as a world record.
- The programme coordinator informed that the next webinar will be held on July 27, 2022 with the theme **'Role of Health Services in Road Safety'** and all the teachers/students of PGI and Nursing will participate in this webinar.
- On August 10, 2022, there will be a webinar on the theme **'Life will be protected only then rakshabandhan festival will happen'**, which will be attended by all ITI teachers.
- On August 22, 2022, there will be a webinar on the theme **'Role of Arts in Road Safety Awakening Campaign'**, in which all the teachers of the Department of Mass Communication and Arts will participate.
- Similarly, on August 31, 2022, there will be a webinar on the theme **'Role of Traffic Management in Environment Protection'**, in which scientists and researchers from all agricultural universities and research institutes will participate.
- On September 4, 2022, there will be a webinar on the theme **'Role of Educational Institutions in Road Safety'**, in which all senior secondary school principals will participate.

Three National Highway Projects in Haryana

Why in News?

- On July 19, 2022, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari along with Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar dedicated Three National Highway projects in the state from Gurugram.

Key Points

- Nitin Gadkari inaugurated **Three National Highway projects constructed at a cost of Rs.3450 crore, including elevated highway from Gurugram to Sohna, four lane road from Rewari to Ateli Mandi on NH-11**

and four lane from Kherdi Mor to Haluwas village via Bhiwani bypass. Project included.

- Speaking on the occasion, Union Minister Gadkari said that National Highways are being constructed in **Haryana at a cost of about Rs 50,000 crore. 1015 kms. Green Field Expressway and Green Field Corridor** are being constructed.
- He said that the construction of the **Delhi-Mumbai Expressway** is going on at a cost of about Rs.1 lakh crore. The expressway starts from Sohna in Gurugram district.
- Gadkari said that in the next five years, e-vehicles are being promoted to eliminate the use of petrol in vehicles. The central government is also planning to provide 50,000 e-buses. Haryana should also start e-buses on the same lines. E-bus costs 41 rupees 25 paise per km. the expenses come. This will reduce pollution from petrol and diesel.
- Nitin Gadkari asked Chief Minister Manohar Lal to stop farmers from burning stubble as fuel is made from stubble. The price of the stubble will be **Rs 2,000 per tonne and it will make bitumin, which NHAI** is ready to buy.
- He also stressed on the use of ethanol and said that instead of diesel and petrol pumps, ethanol pumps should be installed in Haryana and all vehicles should run on ethanol. This will save half the money of the drivers and will also get relief from pollution.

India Innovation Index, 2021

Why In News?

- **Haryana has joined the top states** in the India Innovation Index-2021 released by NITI Aayog on July 21, 2022. In this index, Haryana has secured the third position in the category of 17 major states.

Key points

- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said haryana was at the sixth position in the index released in January 2021, but this time **haryana has climbed three places to join** the top states.
- It may be recalled that the India Innovation Index-2021 was released by Niti Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Beri.
- In Niti Ayog's 3rd India Innovation Index, states and union territories were classified into the category of 17 major states, 10 north-eastern and hilly states

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and 9 union territories and city-states for effective comparison of their performance.

- In the category of **17 major states, Karnataka is at the top spot with 18.01 points, while Telangana (17.66 points) is second and Haryana (16.35 points) is third.** Odisha are 16th with 11.42 points and Chhattisgarh are 17th (last) with 10.97 points.
- Manipur topped the northeastern and hill states category with 19.37 points. Uttarakhand (17.67 points) is at the second spot in this category, while Nagaland (11.00 points) is at the bottom.
- Chandigarh (27.88 marks) has topped the union territories and city-states category. In this category, **Delhi (27.00 points) is at the second position**, while Ladakh (5.91 points) is at the bottom.
- The India Innovation Index prepared by NITI Aayog and the Institute of Competitiveness is a comprehensive tool for the evaluation and development of the country's innovation ecosystem. It ranks the States and UTs on their innovation performance to create healthy competition between them.
- This Innovation Index has been prepared on the lines of the Global Innovation Index. In previous versions, the analysis was done on the basis of 36 indicators, but this time 66 indicators were used. The first and second innovation indices were released in October 2019 and January 2021 respectively.

Important Decisions Taken in Haryana Cabinet Meeting

Why In News?

- The Cabinet meeting chaired by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on 21st July, 2022 approved the proposal for renewal of block guarantee of **Rs.1,000 crore for flotation of debentures/loans** by Haryana State Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank Ltd.

Key points

- Haryana State Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank Ltd. had submitted a proposal to renew the state government's guarantee of Rs 1,000 crore for floating debentures/loans from NABARD for a period of seven years, i.e., from March 1, 2022 to March 31, 2029.

- Haryana State Cooperative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank Limited was established under the Haryana Cooperative Societies Act, 1984 .
- This cooperative is engaged in providing long term credit investment to the farmers for the development of agriculture and allied activities in the state. For such credit limit/loans, they have to depend on the debentures/loans of NABARD. NABARD provides this facility on government guarantee.
- In addition, the Cabinet meeting also approved the proposal to amend Rule 24 of the Public Servants Conduct Rules, 2016.
- As per the amendment, the term 'insurance policies' has been deleted in the definition of movable assets as described in Rule 24 of the 'Conduct Rules, 2016'. Similarly, the words 'insurance policies' in Annexure-A have been deleted wherever they come up.
- The state government considered the proposal to amend the definition of 'movable property' and decided to amend the definition of 'movable property' as mentioned in Rule 24 of the 'Conduct Rules, 2016'.
- All the items mentioned in the movable asset explanation can be transferred/sold by an employee in the open market, but the 'insurance policies' cannot be sold/transferred to any other person or party. Therefore, it was decided to remove the word 'insurance policies' from the expression of 'movable assets' only.

National e-Vidhan Application (NIVA)

Why In News?

- On July 21, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated a two-day workshop on **National e-Vidhan Application (NEIVA)** organized by the Haryana Assembly in Panchkula.

Key points

- Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that the upcoming assembly session will get a glimpse of e-Vidhan Sabha. The tablet screen will be seen in front of the MLAs in the Assembly.
- He said that the e-Vidhan Sabha will also prove to be useful as an environment, this arrangement will make the Assembly paperless. This will save paper and save trees.

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- The Chief Minister said that through the National e-Vidhan Application (NIVA), not only the Assembly of Haryana, but also the functioning of the Lok Sabha as well as the Assemblies of other states can be seen. At the same time, you will also be able to compare the functioning of other assemblies.
- Bills, notifications, question-and-answers etc. to be introduced in the Assembly will be present on the screen of all tablets.

Online Service of Family Identity Card based Backward Class Certificate

Why In News?

- On July 22, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the online service of family identity card (PPP) based backward class certificate. Through this, now eligible persons will be able to get their backward class certificate made with just one click.

Key Points

- After the launch of the online service, the Chief Minister said that through this, people will not have to make rounds of offices.
- The Chief Minister informed that so far 22 lakh backward class families in Haryana have registered in the Family Identity Card (PPP). Out of these, the income of 19 lakh families has been verified through PPP. These families can make their backward class certificate through the 'Saraal' portal.
- The Chief Minister said that those whose income verification is yet to be done and if they want backward class certificates, they can apply through the Saraal portal. Giving immediate priority to their application, their income verification will be done and their Backward Classes certificate will be made at the earliest.
- The Chief Minister informed that the Backward Classes Certificate, which will be available from the Saraal portal, will have the signature of the ADC.

Agriculture Schemes worth Rs.159 crore Approved

Why In News?

- On July 21, 2022, a meeting of the State Level Approval

Committee was held under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, in which projects worth Rs.159 crore were approved.

Key Points

- The Chief Secretary said that approval has been given in the meeting of the approval committee for the schemes being implemented to make agriculture a profitable economic activity through promotion of agricultural trade and entrepreneurship, to reduce the risk of farmers of the state.
- The implementation of these schemes will help in developing high-tech of agriculture and increase the income of the farmers.
- The Chief Secretary approved an incentive of Rs.2400 per acre to maize growing farmers in the state and Rs.3600 per acre for pulses crops. This will give a boost to oilseeds and pulses crops in the state.
- Apart from this, Rs 38.50 crore has been approved for crop diversification, so that farmers can strengthen their economic condition by adopting crop diversification in addition to traditional farming.
- For crop diversification, crop diversification schemes will be implemented in 50,000 acres of land to promote dench, maize and pulses crops in 10 districts of the state.
- He said that changing the crop cycle will also help in preventing serious exploitation of ground water and improve the soil health. He said that water conservation works should also be increased so that the underground water level can be improved.
- The Chief Secretary said that a portal has been made to provide relief to the farmers of the state from the problem of water logging. Farmers can voluntarily get drainage done from their agricultural land by uploading it on the portal. This year a target has been set to get rid of water logging problem of 20 thousand acres of farmers of Jhajjar, Rohtak, Sonapat.
- He informed that soil testing is being done under the Soil Health Card scheme and farmers are being motivated to use fertilizers, seeds etc. according to the quality of the land. For this 100 soil testing laboratories are being operated. So far 25 lakh samples have been taken through them and training is being given to farmers, farmer assistants. Along with this, demonstration plants are also being set up through self-help groups.

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World Athletics Championships

Why In News?

- On July 24, 2022, Haryana's golden boy and Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra created history by winning a silver medal in the javelin throw final of the World Athletics Championships held in Eugene, Oregon, USA.

Key Points

- Neeraj Chopra won the silver medal in the fourth round of the finals of the championship with a javelin throw of 88.13 meters. While Grenada's Anderson Peters won the gold medal in the second round with a javelin throw of 90.46 meters.
- Neeraj Chopra's first attempt was a foul, while in the second attempt he threw 82.39m. Grenada's Anderson Peters, on the other hand, secured his medal with throws of 90.21 and 90.46 meters in his first and second attempts respectively.
- Neeraj improved his performance in the third attempt with a throw of 86.37m while in the fourth round he finished second with a throw of 88.13m. Neeraj's performance was even better than the Olympics. He won the gold medal at the Tokyo Olympics with a throw of 87.58 metres.
- With this Neeraj Chopra has become the first Indian male player to win a medal at the World Athletics Championships. Earlier in the year 2003, Anju Bobby George won a bronze medal in the long jump competition and became the only Indian player to win a medal at the World Athletics Championships.
- It is worth noting that in the recently held Stockholm Diamond League, Neeraj and Anderson had a collision, then Anderson won the gold medal with a throw of 90.31 meters, while Neeraj Chopra made a national record with a throw of 89.94 meters and silver. Won medal.
- In the same year in the Doha Diamond League, Anderson Peters surprised everyone by throwing a javelin to a distance of 93.07 meters. Anderson this time came into the World Athletics Championships as the defending champion. He last won gold in 2019 with a throw of 86.89 meters.
- It is worth mentioning that Haryana gives its sportspersons the highest number of awards and facilities in the country for winning medals in Commonwealth, Asiad and Olympics.

- The Haryana Government has framed the 'Haryana Talented Sportspersons Rules-2018' to ensure safe employment for outstanding sportspersons.
- To promote sports and all round development of sportspersons in Haryana, Sports and Youth Affairs Department has started 10 day boarding and 8 residential academies to train sportspersons.

1200 Libraries For the Preparation of Competitive Examinations Across the State

Why in News?

- On July 25, 2022, Haryana's Development and Panchayat Minister Devendra Singh Babli said that 1200 libraries equipped with modern facilities will be opened across the state for the youth preparing for competitive examinations.

Key Points

- Cabinet Minister Devendra Singh Babli said that these modern libraries are being opened with the aim of facilitating rural youth to prepare for competitive examinations along with education.
- He said this while inaugurating an e-library and modern gym at villages Pirthala, Fatehpuri, Rasulpur, Chandpura, Laluwal and Hindwala in Tohana assembly constituency.
- These air-conditioned e-libraries are equipped with all the facilities including water, latest computers, smart boards. Similarly, in modern gyms, machines of good technology have also been made available.

'Smart E-Beat System' of Police in Gurugram

Why in News?

- On July 25, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the 'Smart e-Beat System' at the office of the Police Commissioner, Gurugram, taking a step towards e-initiative.

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- Along with this, the Chief Minister also released a details of the Smart e-Beat System and flagged off

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119 motorcycle riders of the police associated with this system.

- Speaking to the media, the Chief Minister said that the e-beat system has been introduced in Gurugram as part of the smart policing effort, which has also digitized the beat system.
- It is an app-based system. The presence of motorcycle rider policemen posted at the beat will also be available on this app and their monitoring can also be done easily.
- It is a GIS-based system, with the introduction of which will enable its monitoring to be done in a more effective manner. After that, their location can be monitored easily.
- The new system will cover all the 33 police station areas located in the urban area of Gurugram. Of these, 119 motorcycle riders will be deployed and each motorcycle rider will have two policemen.
- The Chief Minister informed that Gurugram Police has identified 2056 sensitive locations or points in the city, mainly including ATMs, petrol pumps, senior citizen's place of residence, schools, colleges, religious places, crime affected areas, etc.
- This system will be connected to the emergency response support system in the future, so that in addition to the ERV on the call received on phone number 112, this rider can also reach for help.
- Making a presentation on the e-beat system, Gurugram Police Commissioner Kala Ramachandran said that earlier it was implemented in East Gurugram and Manesar areas as a pilot project. Removing the shortcomings, this e-beat system has been expanded this month and it has also been implemented in South Gurugram and West Gurugram.

Haryana e-learning Tablet Distribution Scheme

Why In New?

- On July 27, 2022, Uzbekistan delegation in Chandigarh informed Education Minister Kanwar Pal that under the e-learning scheme by the Haryana government, 5 lakh children studying in government schools, including Uzbekistan, will be given free tablets, 2 GB internet data and software. It is being praised all over the world.

Key Points

- During this, the Vice Chancellor and other members of Namangan University of Uzbekistan took detailed information about this scheme and urged the Education Minister to give his expertise to Haryana in preparing such a scheme, so that they too can implement such scheme for the students in their country. be able to apply.
- Kanwar Pal said that the State Government has shown keen interest in the field of Information Technology by giving tablets to the children at the school level. Children in school will be proficient in technology by studying through e-learning scheme, which will also provide employment at international level.
- The Education Minister said that Haryana is the first state in the country, which has distributed tablets to 5 lakh students of class 10th, 11th and 12th of government schools.
- Super-100 program is also being run by the state government for the bright students studying in government schools. The Super-100 program of the Education Department is a unique effort to make career of meritorious students. Under this, free coaching is provided for IIT and NEET.
- The delegation from Uzbekistan said that they are following this scheme to inculcate interest in skill development including information technology among the students of their country, so that experts are prepared there too.
- The delegation said that now That India has formulated the New Education Policy-2020, but so far only Russian courses are taught here, it is high time that more and more is learned from this policy of India.
- Urging the Education Minister for exchange of technology, the delegation said that 5 students of Uzbekistan should be admitted in the government universities of Haryana in post-graduate English subject, so that the students there can have a good hold on English subject.
- The delegation said that the English language curriculum in India is easy, so the content of Indian English language is suitable for their schools. Apart from this, the Education Minister has also agreed to send English and computer subject teachers to Uzbekistan for short training.
- The Education Minister said that Haryana, known for art and culture, Faridabad is the partner country of The

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Surajkund Mela. The fair is organized in collaboration with it. At the same time, Haryana will become an ally of Uzbekistan in education.

- On this occasion, the Education Minister felicitated the delegation. The delegation from Uzbekistan honoured the Education Minister with a cap and memento designed by the engineering students there.

Lump sum scheme soon for PACS consumers

Why In New?

- On July 27, 2022, The Minister of Cooperation of Haryana, Dr. Banerjee Lal, while chairing a review meeting of the officials of cooperative societies and Harco Bank, said that on the lines of Haryana Central Co-operative Bank, a one-time payment scheme will be formulated soon for PACS consumers so that PACS consumers can also avail the benefits of the scheme.

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- The Cooperation Minister said that all the PACS of the state will be computerized at the earliest. 751 packs of the state are being computerized. In the first phase, 307 packs are being computerized. In the second phase the remaining PACS will also be computerized.
- He said that NABARD will inspect the computerized PACS as a pilot project, so the work of uploading the data of the PACS and making them online soon should be done. For this, a training workshop for the employees will be held at Panchkula soon.
- Under the one-time payment scheme implemented for the state's Central Co-operative Bank consumers, Rs. 28.09 crore has been recovered so far. There are 24397 members of the cooperative banks, out of which 1207 members have availed of the one time payment scheme.

Haryana Self-reliant Textile Policy-2022

Why In New?

- On July 27, 2022, Haryana Cooperative Minister Dr. Banwari Lal, while presiding over the review meeting of cooperative societies and officers of HARCO Bank,

said that on the lines of Haryana Central Co-operative Bank, a one-time payment scheme would soon be made for PACS consumers. So that PACS consumers can also take advantage of this scheme.

Key Points

- Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala gave this information after a cabinet sub-committee meeting on the draft 'Haryana Self-Reliant Textiles Policy-2022' held in New Delhi.
- The objectives of 'Haryana Self-Reliant Textile Policy-2022', entrepreneurship expansion, investment, employment generation, grants, textile parks and other referenced topics were discussed in the meeting. Discussions were also held in the context of the 'National Mission on Technical Textiles'.
- The Deputy Chief Minister informed that the draft 'Haryana Self-Reliant Textile Policy-2022' has been thoroughly discussed by the Cabinet Sub-Committee. The policy will now be placed before the Cabinet for approval.
- The policy, formulated for the period up to 2025, is expected to provide an investment of about 4,000 crore rupees and employment to 20,000 youth.
- Under this policy, technical textiles will be specifically encouraged and expanded. The policy also includes the promotion of synthetic fiber and regenerated fiber units.

Millet as a 'Nutri-Serial'

Why In News?

- In the meeting of the State Food Security Mission Executive Committee held on July 28, 2022 under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, it was informed that in the year 2023, the Haryana government will publicise millet as 'Nutri-Serial' under the National Food Security Mission.

Key Points

- Significantly, the United Nations has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Nutri-serial with the efforts of the Government of India.
- Bajra is grown in about 10 to 12 lakh acres in Haryana and the production is also up to about 8 quintals per acre.

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- In the meeting, the Chief Secretary directed the officials of HAFED to make efforts to get contract farming done directly from the companies to increase the export of Basmati rice.
- It was also informed in the meeting that HAFED along with The United Arab Emirates (UAE) and other Arab countries is already exporting basmati rice.
- The Chief Secretary directed the officials to motivate the farmers more and more to promote the contract farming of barley in the state. Apart from this, a quick campaign should also be launched to protect the cotton crop from the possible 'pink warm' outbreak.
- In the meeting, it was informed about the State Food Security Mission that the Government of India had started it from Rabi 2007-08 under the National Food Security Mission. Under this, the production of pulses and oilseeds was to be promoted. In the year 2018-19, edible oil and palm oil have also been included in this.
- During the year 2021-22, the Central Government had sanctioned an action plan of Rs.4013.86 lakh for this Mission, under which subsidy is given to farmers for certified seeds, cluster demonstration fields, micronutrients, agricultural machinery, integrated pest management and crop and soil safety management.

Booklet 'Finance Department Bulletin' prepared by Finance Department released

Why in News?

- On July 29, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar released the booklet 'Finance Department Bulletin' prepared by the Finance Department.

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- The objective of the booklet is to facilitate the day-to-day functioning of all departments of the Government of Haryana and to provide them with criteria for assessing their performance in various indicators of sustainable development goals.
- This bulletin contains instructions and notifications issued by the Department from time to time. In addition, data relating to performance of districts and departments has also been included in various indicators of State Budget allocation as well as Sustainable Development Goals.
- Speaking on the occasion, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance, T. V.S.N. Prasad said the

document has been compiled with the intention of a single depository, where all the instructions and notifications issued by the finance department will be available simultaneously at one place.

Haryana SDG District Index-2022 Released

Why in news?

- On July 29, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar released the 'Haryana SDG District Index-2022' to assess the progress between the districts.

Key Point

- The 'Haryana SDGCC District Index-2022' has been prepared by the Finance Department and the Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute of Financial Management.
- UNDP representative, Shoko Noda said that the District Index is a mainframe tool to evaluate the progress of the districts and provides inputs for evidence-driven action for achieving the SDGs while instilling a sense of competition in them.
- Speaking on the occasion, Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Finance, T. V.S.N. Prasad said that districts have an important role to play in the SDG action agenda and have continued to achieve various SDG targets.
- As the nodal institutions of SDGs, NITI Aayog at national level and Swarna Jayanti Haryana Institute of Financial Management at state level have provided necessary incentives and support for collaborative momentum between districts.
- It may be mentioned that a Provisional District Index Framework was released by the Chief Minister on October 5, 2021. This is the second and updated version prepared after due consultation with the departments concerned and is based on 115 indicators, 62 goals and 15 goals.
- However, this second report is also an interim report for consultation with all concerned. The document will be sent to all stakeholders, ministers, MLAs, administrative secretaries, heads of departments and deputy commissioners.
- The final document will be launched along with other reports after receiving the comments, if any, in March 2023.
- This document will serve as a reference document for administrative secretaries, heads of departments,

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deputy commissioners and out-field officers to work towards achieving the SDG targets and vision 2030. The SDGs were set out by the United Nations General Assembly in 2015, which are targeted to be achieved by 2030.

- In this index, Ambala retained its rank as the top district with a score of 74. Gurugram secured the second position, while Panchkula, Karnal and Yamuna Nagar are third in the table. Faridabad is at the sixth position, Kurukshetra and Sirsa are at the seventh position.
- Goals 4 and 6 have the highest number of 'front runners', while goal 8 has the most 'aspirants'.
- In SDG 4, SDG 10 and SDG 11, Haryana's score has shifted from the 'Performer' category to the 'Front Runner' category.

Top districts by goal	
Goal 1: Not poverty	Gurugram
Goal 2: Zero Starvation	Ambala
Goal 3: Good health and well-being	Kaithal and Jind
Goal 4: Quality Education	Gurugram
Goal 5: Gender Equality	Charkhi Dadri
Goal 6: Clean water and cleanness	Rohtak
Goal 7: Affordable and Clean Energy	Ambala
Goal 8: Good work and economic growth	Gurugram
Goal 9: Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure	Gurugram
Goal 10: Low Inequality	Yamuna Nagar
Goal 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities	Sirsa
Goal 12: Responsible consumption and production	Kurukshetra
Goal 13: Climate Action	Yamuna Nagar
Goal 15: Life on land	Yamuna Nagar
Goal 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions	Panchkula

Important decision taken at Haryana Cabinet meeting

Why in news?

- The Haryana Cabinet meeting held on 29th July, 2022 under the Chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar gave ex-post facto approval to the revised policy/directions regarding payment of ex-gratia grant to the families/divyang soldiers of the Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air Force).

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- As per the announcement of the Chief Minister dated 21st October, 2021, the Government of Haryana has increased the rates of ex-gratia grant on the basis of disability for the personnel killed/disabled in the Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air Force) who have died/disabled in the war/operational area, in the war/operational area, terrorist activities and natural calamities etc.
- As per the revised rates, an ex-gratia of ₹35 lakh is being given to the Differently Abled Armed Forces (Army, Navy and Air Force) in case of 75% or more disability. Earlier, it was ₹15 lakhs.
- Similarly, an ex-gratia of ₹25 lakh is being provided in case of disability from 50% to 74% and Rs.15 lakhs in case of disability from 25% to 49%. Earlier, the amount was Rs 10 lakh and ₹5 lakh respectively.

'Haryana Targeted Public Distribution System (Licence and Control) Order, 2022'

Why in news?

- A cabinet meeting chaired by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on July 29, 2022 approved a proposal regarding approval of the 'Haryana Targeted Public Distribution System (Licence and Control) Order, 2022'.

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- Under this, 33% women's reservation will be given for issuing fair price shops. The fair price shop will be licensed for ration cards of at least 300 beneficiaries.
- A village will be treated as a unit for this purpose in rural areas. A fair price shop license will also be issued for less than 300 ration cards in the village.
- The distribution of essential commodities will be done after authentication on biometric basis under PDS through the selling machine point at the fair price shop.
- Under national portability, the beneficiary will be entitled to take his ration from any fair price shop as per his convenience across the country. The services of the ration shop will be delivered online or through other mechanisms.



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