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International Haryana Education Society

Why in News

- On September 6, 2021, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the online training program of 'International Haryana Education Society' at Haryana Bhawan.

Key Points

- On this occasion, **Smt. Rekha Dhankhar**, who was associated with the program from Britain, **got the first registration of the society done by the Chief Minister.**
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the state government would fulfill the dream of the youth of Haryana to study abroad and get a job. For this '**Foreign Cooperation Department**' has been established and **Haryana is the first state in the country to do so.**
 - With this, he said that the state government is contemplating the establishment of the **Haryana International Education Department** in the state.
- The Chief Minister said that the government is taking initiative to give passports to students with B.A., M.A. degrees in the state and so far the passports of 3,000 youths have been made.

Free Education to Children: Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School

Why in News

- In a meeting to review the progress of **Model Sanskriti Schools** held under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, it was decided to provide **free education to the children of poor families in Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School.**

Key Points

- Under this, children from poor families will be provided free education in **Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School**, who have been verified under the **Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP).**
- To ensure continuous progress of these schools, the Chief Minister directed senior officers to visit these

schools and **review these schools monthly.** Along with this, he also suggested the senior officers of the district like SDM, DDPO, Tehsildar **to adopt these schools.**

- It is noteworthy that **Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar** during his budget speech had announced the opening of **Government Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School** and **Government Model Sanskriti Primary School** in every block of the state, so that **quality education could be provided to the students** at par with private schools.
- At present, there are 137 Government Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary Schools and 1,418 Model Sanskriti Primary Schools functioning in the State.
 - There has been an increase of 27.90 percent in the number of children in Government Model Sanskriti Senior Secondary School and 16.73 percent in Model Sanskriti Primary Schools.

Smart Meter Awareness Week

Why in News

- Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam has started **Smart Meter Awareness Week** on September 1, 2021 which will run till September 7, 2021.
 - The aim of Smart Meter Awareness Week is to spread awareness about smart meters and its benefits,

Key Points

- **Smart Meter Operation Center** and **Smart Meter Awareness Week** program was started by the **Chairman and Additional Chief Secretary of the Corporation, Electricity P.K. Made by Das.**
- The establishment of the Smart Meter Operation Center is a big achievement of the corporation that will **act as a control room for all smart meter related activities** in future.
- It has been initiated with the objective of **maintaining smooth functioning** of the Smart Meter Programme, **improving system management** and **speedy resolution of smart metering related problems** for discoms and consumers.
 - This will bring transparency in the smart metering system and will facilitate real time monitoring.
- Under the Smart Meter Scheme, consumers will be able to track the actual power consumption and recharge the electricity meter as per the requirement.

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Apart from this, the consumer will not have to make any security deposit for taking a prepaid connection.

- Consumers will get a **discount of 5 percent on the existing bill** as per the SOP and the problems related to meter reading will also come to an end. Also, consumers can check their account balance through the mobile app by downloading the **UHBVN Smart Meter**.
- The scheme of installation of smart meters by **Uttar Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (UHBVN)** was launched on July 11, 2018 by signing MoU with EESL. Its objective is to make electricity available to consumers through digital medium.
 - In the **first phase** of the scheme, **Panchkula, Karnal and Panipat** cities have been identified for installation of smart meters.

'Parker Beverly and the Tale of Six Checks'

Why in News

- Recently, Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya released a book titled **'Parker Beverly and the Tale of Six Checks'** written by 14 year old young writer **Master Panav Bali**.

Key Points

- Dattatreya said that the book highlights the fact that **juvenile children** can be saved from **criminal tendencies**.
- He appealed to the parents to join this type of literature and encourage the children to read such literature, so that they can stay away from wrong tendencies.
- On this occasion, the Governor honored young writers Panav, Karan Gilhotra, R.C. Bali, Vishal Bali and his parents.

Asian Youth and Junior Boxing Championship

Why in News

- In the **Asian Youth and Junior Boxing Championship** held in **Dubai (UAE)** from 17th to 31st August, 2021, **Haryana players won gold, silver and bronze medals** by performing brilliantly.

Key Points

- In this **boxing competition**, **Pranjal of Panchkula has won the gold medal** in the weight category of 70 to 75 kg of Under-17 category.
- **Keerti Dhul of Kaithal won gold in 81+kg weight, Sanjana won silver in 81kg and Lasu Yadav won bronze medal.**
- Haryana has also been included in the 5 states selected under the **'One State, One Game'** scheme for the Olympics 2028.
- It is noteworthy that the Asian Youth and Junior Boxing Championships are organized by the **International Boxing Federation**.

Release of book 'Haryana Environment and Pollution Code'

Why in News

- On September 2, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** released the book **'Haryana Environment and Pollution Code'** compiled by former IAS officer and famous poet **Dheera Khandelwal**.

Key Points

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister appreciated the working style of Dheera Khandelwal which reflects in the compilation of various laws and rules in the book as well.
- Giving information about this book, Mrs Khandelwal said that the laws and rules related to environment and pollution of Haryana are scattered at different places, which have been collected at one place for easy understanding.
- This book will prove useful for those entrepreneurs who were deprived of complete knowledge of laws and regulations related to the environment to set up new ventures. Students, legal researchers and doctors will also benefit from this book.
- Earlier also in January 2021, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar had released two poetry collections of Dheera Khandelwal **'Megh Mekhla'** and **'Reshmi Rossian'** in a program organized by Haryana Sahitya Akademi.

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Sugarcane Prices in Haryana Highest in the Country

Why in News

- Recently Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister JP Dalal has decided to increase the sugarcane price by Rs 12. Now it will be Rs 362 per quintal.

Key Points

- With this, **Haryana has become the highest paying state for sugarcane** in the country.
- JP Dalal said that now a price of **Rs 362 per quintal will be given for early variety of sugarcane** and **Rs 355 per quintal for late variety**, which was earlier Rs 340 per quintal.
- It is noteworthy that the recovery of all private and cooperative sugar mills of last year has decreased by 0.34% due to poor quality of sugarcane. The recovery that has come this time has come down from 10.58 to 10.24.
- Agricultural scientists have developed a **new variety named 15023 of sugarcane**, whose recovery is expected to be up to 14%.

Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP)

Why in News

- Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal Khattar** has directed all the heads of departments to ensure that **all schemes and services of their respective departments** are linked to the **Parivar Pehchan Patra (PPP)** by November 1, 2021.

Key Points

- Launched in the **spirit of Antyodaya**, PPP is an ambitious scheme of the state government, which aims to provide the **benefits of all government welfare programs and services to eligible families**.
- Haryana is **the first state in the country** to make such a scheme for making **family identity cards or Parivar Pehchan Patra** for every family. So far, no such scheme has been started either in **the country or abroad**.
- Mentioning the benefits of the PPP scheme, the **Chief Minister said that after linking PPP** with admission in colleges, automatic verification of students' data was done. With this, now students will not have to go here and there for their verification work.

- Earlier, there was no system to **verify the beneficiaries** but now there will be complete **transparency in the implementation of government schemes through PPP**.
- With the introduction of the PPP, it will be easier to find out which **person is eligible for which scheme** and who has **not yet received the benefits**.
- With the introduction of this scheme, now the benefits of government schemes can also be available through **smart cards linked to the PPP**.
- Initially, **Ayushman Bharat, Public Ration Distribution System, Mukhyamantri Parivar Samridhi Yojana** and the pension scheme will be linked with the smart cards.

Online Transfer Policy Part-II

Why in News

- Recently, Haryana Government has also implemented an **online transfer policy** on contract employees engaged under **Outsourcing Policy Part-II**.

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- With the objective of bringing **transparency and uniformity** in the transfers of employees by the Haryana Government, the online transfer policy has been implemented on the employees engaged under this policy.
- The decision of the government will be effective on **80 or more employees appointed** under contract in the same cadre posts in different government departments, boards, corporations.
- On behalf of the **Chief Secretary, the General Administration Department** has issued orders in this regard to all Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments, Managing Directors of Board-Corporations, Chief Administrators, all Divisional Commissioners and DCs.
- Under the online transfer policy, **80 or more employees** of a cadre in the state will be covered, that is, a total of about **15 thousand employees will be covered** under it.

Artificial Insemination of Goats

Why in News

- Recently, **the artificial insemination carried out by the Central Sheep Breeding Farm, Hisar** sometime back has shown positive results.

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Key Points

- A trial conducted by Central Sheep Breeding Farm, Hisar on 50 goats found that a goat produced by artificial insemination gives 1.5 liters of milk as compared to an average of 800 grams of milk given by a normal goat.
- So far, artificial insemination has been done in cows and buffaloes, but now it is also being done in goats, which will produce good breed and high weight goats.
- There are 26 types of goat breeds in the country. Goat's milk is beneficial in terms of health due to the low fat content with up to 4 percent protein content.

ISRO Selects Shivanshi Yadav**Why in News**

- On September 12, 2021, Shivanshi, a student of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University at Hisar, was selected in **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)**.

Key Points

- Shivanshi is **one of the 10 students** who have been selected by **ISRO** from across the country.
- It is a two-year programme under which she will complete first year study in ISRO and second year study from **University of Twente (ITC)**, Netherlands.
- It is known that Shivanshi Yadav, a student of **Agriculture Engineering and Technology** College of Chaudhary Charan Singh Agricultural University selected in **ISRO**, is originally from village Khushpura in **Rewari district**.
- **Vijay Kumar**, father of Shivanshi is working as **Assistant Agricultural Engineer in Agriculture Department in Mewat** while her **mother Pushpa Yadav** is a housewife.
- Shivanshi said that after a one year course in **Dehradun**, research work will be done in the **Netherlands** for the **second year**. His research work will be done on how and in what way satellites can be helped in the **agriculture sector**.

Har Hith Stores**Why in News**

- Recently, Rohit Yadav, Managing Director, **Haryana Agro Industries Corporation Limited (HAICL)** said that on October 2, modern retail stores '**Har-Hith**' will be opened in the villages of Haryana.

Key Points

- He informed that the scheme to open '**Har-Hith**' stores was **launched on August 2**.
- He further said that under this scheme, the Haryana government is providing a platform for startups as well as about a dozen Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (**MSMEs**), Farmer Producer Organizations (**FPOs**), **Government Co-operative Institutions**, Self Help Groups (**SHGs**) to increase their business.
- He said that from **September 1**, out of the sites which are ready to be set up for shops **300 sites have been allotted**, while the allotment process for remaining sites is going on. Along with this, **100 contracts** have been done under the franchise policy of the scheme.
- **2000 'Har-Hith' retail stores** will be opened in the **first phase** and **3000 retail stores** in the **second phase**.
- Along with consumers in the city, consumers of the villages too will get top FMCG products including **Bakery, Food, Homecare, Personal Care etc** from 50 companies of top **International, National and Regional level** at special discounts of 5 to 50 percent from time to time at these stores.
- High quality products of groups including **Khadi, Vita, Hafeed** will also be made available in Har-Hith stores.
- These stores are being equipped with a complete **IT support system to ensure smooth functioning** and all sales will be done through the point of sale system.
- Complete IT solutions will be provided to the Franchise Partner including **Har-Hith POS Machine, ERP Software, Franchisee App, On-call Support Cell etc**.
- Facility of scanning the **goods, billing, online payment and stock ordering** will be given through the **POS machine**.

Real Time Data Acquisition System (RTDAS)**Why in News**

- On September 18, 2021, **Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar** inaugurated the **Real Time Data Acquisition System (RTDAS)** in Haryana to check theft of canal water. **In the first phase, RTDAS have been installed at 90 places across the state**.

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- The Chief Minister said that **RTDAS will enable** the

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tracking of water released into the **canal and water reached till the last tail**. If there is a **case of water theft in the middle of the canal**, then a message will be sent to the concerned officer that due to which reason, the water has been reduced till tail end. Through RTDAS, the data of complete **water level in canals** will also be available with the **Department**.

- On this occasion **Femina Miss Grand India-2021 Ms. Manika Sheokand** was appointed as **Goodwill 'Ambassador' of Water Conservation Campaign**
- The Chief Minister said that the Haryana Government had prepared a **two-year plan for water management** last year. Under this, **Mera Pani Meri Virasat Yojana** is getting good public response, as **an incentive of Rs 7,000** is being provided to the **farmer's adopting the scheme**.
- It is worth noting that the **Haryana Government** is also implementing **Jal Jeevan Mission** and other **water management schemes** across the State. **Micro Irrigation System Scheme** has been installed for irrigation so that water can reach even the areas of **South Haryana having water scarcity issues**.

Goel Science Prize Announced

Why in News

- Recently, Kurukshetra University has honored four eminent scientists of the country, Prof. NK Mehra (AIIMS, New Delhi), Prof. a. Ajayaghosh (CSIR, NIST, Thiruvananthapuram), Prof. Shyam Sundar (BHU Varanasi) and Prof. Rohini Godbole (IISc, Bangalore) with the Goel Science Award. Each award consists of a medal, a citation and a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh.

Key Points

- The Vice Chancellor of Kurukshetra University and the chairman of the selection committee, Prof. Somnath Sachdeva said that these scientists have made special contributions in applied science, chemistry, biology and physical science respectively.
- Pro. Mehra in the field of transplant immunology and immunogenetics and Prof. Ajayaghosh has done distinguished work on the use of material chemistry in biology. Besides this Prof. Shyam Sundar has developed the drug Miltefastin for the treatment of Visceral Leishmaniasis (Kala-azar) i.e. liver and bone marrow, which is being used by many countries. While Panshri

Prof. Rohini Godbole has made special contributions to High Energy Physics.

- In the history of 30 years of the Goyal Science Awards given by the university, this time the third woman scientist, Prof. Rohini Godbole has been selected for the Goel Award.
- Earlier in 1992, Padma Vibhushan Ashima Chatterjee was awarded for the first time in the Goyal Science Award and in 2019 Prof. Laxmikant was honored with the Goel Award.
- Co-Chairman of the Selection Committee Prof. SP Singh said that in the 30-year history of the Goyal Science Awards, only four scientists have been selected from the medical science field, including Dr. Venugopal of AIIMS in 1995 and Dr. KK Talwar of AIIMS in 2003. At the same time, two scientists Prof. NK Mehra and Prof. Shyam Sundar will be given the Goyal Award in the field of Medical Science.
- The Goel Science Prize was established in 1992 by Ramswaroop Goyal, an Indian based in America. So far, this award has been given to more than a hundred eminent scientists, including Dr. C.N.R. Rao, Dr. R.A. Mashelkar and Dr. Kasturirangan etc. are prominent.

Vanijya Utsav

Why in News

- On September 21, 2021, Director General, Industries and Commerce Department of Haryana, **Dr. Saket Kumar** inaugurated a two-day '**Vanijya Utsav**' in **Gurugram**.

Key Points

- This state-level '**Vanijya Utsav**' is being organised by the **Department of Industries and Commerce** and the **Apparel Export Promotion Council (AEPC)** working under the **Ministry of Textiles** of the Central government on the occasion of **Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav**.
- It is worth mentioning that to showcase **India's 75 years of economic progress**, '**Vanijya Utsav**' is being organized in all **739 districts of the country** from September 21 to 26. At the same time, a **two-day state level program** is being organized in **Haryana**.
- On this occasion, **Dr. Saket Kumar** informed that the Haryana government will set up an **Export Promotion Bureau** in the state to **promote exports**, which will provide institutional support to exporters.

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- He said that the **District Level Export Promotion Committee (DLEPC)** has been constituted in every district of the state to facilitate exports. Similarly, a Trade Promotion Committee has been constituted at the state level to review all types of trade-related issues like logistics, agricultural exports and service exports.
- Sharing more information about the facilities and incentives being given to entrepreneurs and exporters in Haryana through a presentation, Dr Kumar added, **Haryana is a fast growing economy with an export value of Rs 1,74,572 crore in the year 2020-21.**
- Significantly, Haryana is exporting goods to the **USA, Saudi Arabia, the UK, Germany, Nepal** etc. The main districts which are exporting goods are **Gurugram, Panipat, Karnal, Sonapat and Faridabad**. Rice, readymade garments, handlooms and handicrafts, automobiles and their components, metal ware, machinery and parts and medicines and pharmaceutical products are mainly being exported from these districts.

'Krishna Utsav' on the Lines of 'Gita Mahotsav'

Why in News

- On September 22, 2021, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar directed to prepare a framework for organizing **'Krishna Utsav' on the lines of Gita Mahotsav with the aim of promoting tourism in the state.**

Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that just as **Surajkund International Handicrafts Fair** in Faridabad district and Gita Mahotsav of Kurukshetra have special significance at the national and international level, similarly the proposed 'Krishna Utsav' also has special importance. It should be organized like these festivals.
- In Krishna Utsav, events from the life of Shri Krishna will be presented with the help of tableau, music, dance and modern technology.
- The description of various forms of Lord Shri Krishna will be shown in this. Baal Leela from Rasleela; Lord Krishna's personality will be portrayed as a normal human, king and karma yogi etc.
- During this festival, the incarnation of Krishna through tableaux and his Rasleela and musical art

will be displayed through theatre. The story of Bal Gopal will be narrated through story and the role of Krishna in Mahabharata will be shown through modern technology.

- Along with this, people will be able to watch the live aarti of all the famous temples of Lord Krishna across the country during the festival.

Har-Hit Retail Store

Why in News

- In the review meeting of the **'Har-Hit Retail Stores scheme'** held under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister on September 22, 2021, it was decided that the Chief Minister would inaugurate the 71 'Har-Hit Retail Stores' set up in 19 districts across the state on October 7 through video conferencing.

Key Points

- An official spokesperson said that the Chief Minister has directed to give priority to the families identified under the **Parivar Pehchan Patra scheme** under the 'Har Hit Retail Store' scheme. There is a lot of enthusiasm among the youth about this scheme in Haryana.
- If the beneficiaries identified under the **Chief Minister Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana** take a loan under this scheme, then the government will bear the interest of one year on their loan.
- To promote business, employment and modern markets in rural areas of the state, under the Chief Minister's 'Har Hit Retail Store' scheme, 1258 applications have been received so far, out of which 982 have been surveyed. 509 who have been found eligible have been given the benefit of this scheme.
- During the meeting, the Chief Minister directed the officials to make a plan to open 5000 booths of VITA. He said that there should be a Vita booth at every bus stand, railway station, hospital, market etc. He also directed to make portable cabins and open booths so that the maximum number of people could get employment.
- The Chief Minister also directed that the products of other companies should also be kept at these booths so that the quality of the products could be improved as per the competition.

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Haryana Beekeeping Policy-2021 and Action Plan 2021-2030

Why in News

- On September 23, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the **Haryana Beekeeping Policy-2021 and Action Plan 2021-2030** with an aim to promote beekeeping in the state.

Key Points

- During this, the Chief Minister directed the officers to set a target to increase the production of honey by 10 times by 2030. Along with this, he also directed the officials to motivate the farmers to start beekeeping and motivate 5000 new farmers to take this initiative.
- Along with this, he also directed the officials to ensure to focus on small farmers to help them increase their income through beekeeping.
- The Chief Minister said that **various initiatives like Honey Trade Centre, Village of Excellence, Testing Lab etc. would be set up by the department to promote beekeeping.** He said that the income of farmers would increase manifold by selling honey and its by-products such as royal jelly, beeswax, propolis, bee pollen and bee venom.
- He said that private entrepreneurs should be encouraged to start business for manufacturing bee boxes and the department should be encouraged to monitor the quality of boxes.
- **Dr. Arjun Singh Saini, Director General, Department of Horticulture** informed that Haryana ranks seventh in the production of honey in the country. Haryana produces 4800 metric tonnes of honey. The country produced about 1 lakh metric tonnes of honey in 2019-2020.

Investment by Aditya Birla Group for paint manufacturing facility in Panipat

Why in News

- On September 24, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar handed over the Regular Letter of

Allotment to a team of Aditya Birla Group for setting up a large paint manufacturing facility at Haryana State Industrial and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited at Panipat.

Key Points

- In this regard, an official spokesman said that 70 acres of land has been allotted to Aditya Birla Group for setting up a paint manufacturing facility at Panipat with an investment of Rs. 1140 crore.
- According to the spokesperson, this allotment under the mega project category has been done by inviting online applications through open advertisement.
- This unit will provide direct employment to about 550 persons and will help in the industrial development of the area through the expansion of ancillary units.

National review meeting on conservation breeding of vulture species held

Why in News

- Recently the **Central Zoo Authority (CZA)** at **Vulture Conservation Breeding Center (VCBC)**, Pinjore, Haryana along with **Bombay Natural History Society** organized a National Review Meeting on Conservation Breeding of Vulture Species in India.

Key Points

- According to a government spokesperson, Vulture Conservation Breeding Centre, Pinjore Coordinating Zoo and five other zoos- **Nandankanan Biological Park, Bhubaneswar (Odisha), Van Vihar National Park and Zoo, Bhopal (Madhya Pradesh), Sakkarbagh Zoo, Junagadh (Gujarat)** will participate in the event, according to a government spokesperson, **Nehru Zoological Park, Hyderabad (Telangana) and Assam State Zoo, Guwahati (Assam)** are the participating zoos in the programme.
- An official spokesperson said that Rajabhatkhawa (West Bengal) and VCBC, Rani (Assam) centres which have been set up in collaboration with the respective state governments also participated in the meeting.
- Directors of all centres, veterinarians or biologists participated in this review meeting. During this a

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'Manual for Vulture Keepers' developed by VCBC, Pinjore was released.

- The meeting recommended that the Action Plan for Conservation of Vultures in India (APVC), 2020-2025, coordinate the two additional species identified for conservation – the red-headed vulture (*Sarcogyps calvus*) and the Egyptian vulture (*Neophron percnopterus*). Can be taken under protection breeding.
- In the mid-nineties, the population of three gypsum vultures—white-backed, long-billed and slender-billed—had a sharp decline due to the use of diclofenac. The program was initiated after the CZA released the Action Plan for Vulture Conservation in 2006 to prevent their possible extinction.

First Mushroom Survey of Haryana

Why in News

- **Haryana's first mushroom survey** to explore and preserve the rich diversity of fungi, flora and fauna will be conducted on 30 September 2021 at **Kalesar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary** in Yamunanagar district.

Key Points

- Haryana Forest Department spokesman said that the survey would be conducted **under the guidance of Principal Chief Conservator of Forests (Wildlife), Haryana** and renowned mycologist Dr. NSK Harsh, in which **fungi and mushroom diversity of Kalesar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary would be assessed.**
- The results of this survey will help in formulating an effective management strategy for the conservation of fungi, flora and fauna of Kalesar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary and will also form the basis for observing the impact of habitat disturbance and climate change on the ecology of the region.
- The **survey will be focussed on Mushrooms.** However, surveys will also be conducted for various aspects related to diversity and conservation of butterflies, spiders, amphibians, fish, reptiles, birds and mammals.
- The spokesperson said that trees, shrubs and herbs cannot live on the ground without fungi. They are

an integral part of the food chain of many insects and other organisms. Fungi and mushrooms are an inseparable part of a healthy ecosystem. Many fungal species (mushrooms) are edible and in addition **mushrooms are the only vegetarian source of vitamin D.**

- Fifteen scientists (experts in the fields of fungi, insects, soil, climate change, botany, plant physiology etc.) from Forest Research Institute, Dehradun, ten scientists from Wildlife Institute of India, Dehradun (experts in areas such as beetles, butterflies, bees, pollinators, firefly, bumblebees, bees, mammals, birds and reptiles), professors and students of biology from various colleges of Yamunanagar, NGOs, bird lovers and officials of Haryana Forest Department will participate in this one day survey.
- It is noteworthy that Kalesar National Park and Wildlife Sanctuary is a well protected and managed area and shelters a rich diversity of different life forms.

Sub-National Immunization (SNID) of Pulse Polio 2021-22

Why in News

- On September 26, 2021, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated the second Sub-National Immunization (SNID) round of Pulse Polio 2021-22 in Karnal district.

Key Points

- In this vaccination, a target has been set to immunize 25.7 lakh children, out of which about 13.21 lakh (51%) children below 5 years of age have been given polio medicine.
- The Health Department spokesperson said that in most of the districts, booths have been inaugurated by dignitaries including MLA/Deputy Commissioner/Municipal Councillor/Civil Surgeon and other senior officials.
- He said that vaccination has been started in 13 identified districts of the state- Ambala, Faridabad, Gurugram, Jhajjar, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Mewat, Palwal, Panchkula, Panipat, Rohtak, Sonapat and Yamunanagar to maintain polio free status.

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Samarpan Portal

Why in News

- On the occasion of the **birth anniversary of Pandit Deendayal Upadhyay** on September 25, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the '**Sampan**' portal.
 - The objective of this portal is to encourage such volunteers who are willing to serve the society and can become an essential part of social upliftment in Haryana by dedicating their time and effort towards social work.

Key Points

- Volunteers will be connected through this portal, after which the services of volunteers including youth, retired employees will be taken in the field of education, skill development, sports, agriculture etc.
- The Chief Minister said that '**Sarparan**' will provide a **platform to volunteers who wish to do something good for the society**, for example - if someone wants to help children, they can register on this portal to educate them or make them play sports or skill training. Similarly if someone wants to work for the welfare of women then he can make them aware about nutrition, empowerment or security.
- Voluntary services provided through the 'Sampan' initiative are linked to various programs and initiatives of the government, such as education, women and child development, farmers welfare, skill development.
- He said that the unique feature of voluntary services is that they are individual-based and through this great spirit of dedication one can help the government and the local community in fulfilling the goal of good governance.

Foreign Cooperation Department (FCD)

Why in News

- On September 25, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the official website (<http://www.fcd.haryana.gov.in>) of **Foreign Cooperation Department (FCD)**.

Key Points

- This website provides an incredible opportunity for non-resident Haryanvi to reconnect, rediscover and revive their roots in Haryana. The website of FCD **provides comprehensive information about Haryana**, its culture, reasons to invest in Haryana, export performance of the state, etc.
- The new features of the website include Diaspora Registration Form, Export Registration Form, Trade Information Form and Export Guide for potential exporters from Haryana.
- The **Department of Foreign Cooperation** is the **first of its kind department established by any state in India**. FCD propagates the state government's vision of transforming Haryana through a '**Go Global Approach**'.
- The **FCD is a dedicated department of the Government of Haryana, responsible for the state's diplomacy, bilateral and multilateral relations at the international level, and assistance to the Haryanvi diaspora**.
- The **objective** of FCD is **to promote Haryana as the most preferred destination for foreign investment**, promotion of exports from Haryana, country-wise strategy to promote trade, inbound and outbound investments, and promote the culture of Haryana.
- This department is **responsible for formulating country-wise communication** strategy for promoting mutual cooperation and liaising with Indian Missions abroad and Foreign Missions in India on matters relating to investment, employment, education, skill development, culture and NRI/PIO matters. It is also the **nodal agency of the state**.

Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana

Why in News

- The Haryana government has announced to include Bajra in the '**Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana**' from this kharif season. Earlier, 'Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana' has also been implemented for horticulture crops in Haryana.

Key Points

- **Haryana is the first state in the country to implement this scheme**. 21 horticultural crops have been included in this scheme.
- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar informed that the following decisions have been taken regarding the purchase of bajra/millet:

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- Average market price and MSP of millet Considering the difference of Bhavantar, after verification of the crop of the farmers registered on the 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' portal, the farmers found genuine will be given Rs 600 per quintal on the average yield.
- The **minimum support price for bajra has been fixed at Rs 2250 per quintal**, while in neighboring states - Rajasthan and Punjab, this time also no MSP is allowed for bajra and it seems that they will not buy Bajra this time as well.
- It has been decided to compensate only those farmers of Haryana state who have registered on 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' portal for buying Bajra. To maintain the yield price, the government agency will buy 25 percent of the produce at the market price.
- In Kharif season 2021, 2 lakh 71 thousand farmers have registered on 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' portal for millet or bajra. Out of this, about 8 lakh 65 thousand acres of land has been verified. As soon as the procurement starts, Rs 600 per quintal will be paid according to the average yield through DBT in the accounts of the farmers.
- In this season, the government will purchase five crops at the minimum support price. In Kharif crops, in addition to millet, the purchase of moong, maize and paddy will start from October 1 and the purchase of groundnut will start from November 1.
- Apart from this, the state government is also going to procure tur, urad and sesame for the first time, which will start from December 1.
- Farmers are being encouraged to grow crops like oilseeds and pulses like moong, tur, castor, groundnut in place of millet. A grant of Rs 4,000

per acre will be given to the farmers who sow alternative crops in place of bajra and reduce the total production of bajra.

- In the state, 86 procurement centers have been set up for the purchase of millets, 38 for moong, 19 for maize and 7 for groundnut. 199 procurement centers have also been set up for the purchase of paddy.

Water Sports Inaugurated at Morni-Tikkar Taal, Panchkula

Why in News

- On September 29, 2021, **Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar** formally inaugurated various adventure sports activities like **paragliding, parasailing, paramotor and jet scooter water sports** at Tikkar Taal of Morni area in Panchkula district of the state.

Key Points

- Water sports like **parasailing, paramotor etc** have been started to promote tourism activities in Tikkar Taal.
- An agreement has been signed with a company for organizing hot balloon activity in Pinjore also.
- After Goa, such water sports activities are being started in Tikkar Taal in Panchkula, Haryana in North India.
- To increase the employment opportunities for people in the **Morni-Tikkar Taal area, a Home Stay Policy has been launched**. With this Policy, **the income of the people will increase** and **tourists will also get more facilities**.



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