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# Har Hith Store Yojana

### Why in News

On August 2, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the 'Har Hith Store Yojana' and its portal in Panchkula to give new business opportunities to the youth of the state and to make them self-reliant.

### **Key Points**

- Under this scheme, as many as 2,000 stores will be launched (1,500 in rural and 500 in urban areas) in the first phase and 5,000 stores in the second phase will be set up in the state.
- These stores will promote the sale of the best quality daily need products and ensure access to the customers at reasonable prices.
- Under this scheme, the Haryana government will provide a platform to youth franchisees as well as Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), government cooperative institutions, FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations), Self Help Groups (SHGs) to increase their business.
- With this objective that no youth in the age group of 18 to 35 years remain unemployed in the state, the state government aims to make Haryana 'Berojgar Mukt, Rozgar Yukt' by the year 2024.
- The Chief Minister also visited a store prepared by Haryana Agro Industries Corporation Limited during the launch program of Har Hith Stores Yojna.
- Haryana Agro Industries Corporation Limited will allot 1 franchisee having 200 sq. ft. area over a population of 3000 per village, one at least per ward in the municipal corporation and one at least in a group of wards having a cumulative population of 10000 in municipal committee/ council.
- The Chief Minister announced that young members of families having annual income less than Rs 1.80 lakh and who have been verified under State Government's ambitious Parivar Pehchan Patra scheme will also be given priority in this Har Hith Store scheme.
- The Chief Minister also announced that if these youth show their interest then through these stores the State Government will also guarantee a minimum monthly income of Rs 15,000 per month to these youth.
- As per the sale provision made in the Har Hith store scheme, the franchisee partner who sells products

worth Rs 1,50,000 will earn a marginal profit of 10 percent that is Rs 15,000.

- Meanwhile, if any youth whose verified family annual income is less than Rs 1.80 lakh and are unable to earn an income of Rs. 15,000 in the first six months, then the State Government will guarantee them to get financial assistance for at least six months.
- If the youth is able to earn Rs. 12,000 then the government would give him a compensation amount of Rs. 3,000 as financial aid if the income is above Rs. 13,000, then the government would provide compensation of Rs. 2000 and so on. The State Government will ensure that his minimum income comes to Rs.15,000.

# 'Power Tariff Subsidy' Scheme

# Why in News

- Recently, Haryana Government has notified the "Power Tariff Subsidy Scheme" with an objective to provide affordable power supply to the Micro & Small Enterprises.
  - The scheme would be applicable with effect from January 1, 2021.

# **Key Points**

- The 'Power Tariff Subsidy' scheme will be implemented under the Haryana Enterprises and Employment Policy 2020. Under the scheme, small industries will be provided affordable power supply at Rs 2 per unit.
   All existing and new micro and small industrial enterprises situated in C and D category blocks of the state, having a connected load of 40 kW in D category blocks and 30 kW in C category blocks or less, would get the benefit of the scheme.
- The enterprises would not be required to apply for availing of the benefit. The Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (UHBVN/DHBVN) will provide this benefit by deducting the subsidy amount in the electricity bills.

# Policy to Create Land Banks

# Why in News

On August 5, 2021, the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Manohar Lal approved the government's policy to create a land bank in the state, avoiding the difficult process of land acquisition for government projects.



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### **Key Points**

- This policy may be called the Policy for Creating Land Bank for the Government Department including Boards and Corporations and disposal thereof for development projects.
- For this policy, three committees, Land and Rate Inquiry Committee, Land Bank Committee and High Powered Land Bank Committee will be constituted.
- According to this policy, now other people including farmers will be able to sell their land directly to the government by bargaining and not under compulsion. The revenue department will handle this land bank and transfer it to corporations, boards or departments as needed.
- To sell the land, the farmer will have to apply on the online portal of the Director of Land Records. For this, they will have to give full details of the land along with the value.
- Under the Haryana Municipal Act, 1973 and the Haryana Municipal Corporation Act, 1994, there is a provision to transfer the immovable property to the state government. In such a situation, such land will also be searched.

# Human Resource Department in Haryana

### Why in News

Recently, in the cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, it has been decided to constitute the 'Human Resource Development Department' in Haryana.

### **Key Point**

- For the first time, the 'Human Resource Development Department' is being constituted in the state, which will observe all matters related to employees including recruitment, transfers, deputation, change in service rules and corruption cases.
- The Human Resource Development Department will ensure unified administrative control over all the employees of Group A, B, C and D, including Haryana Civil Service (HCS).

# Neeraj Chopra's Gold Medal in Tokyo Olympics

### Why in News

On August 7, 2021, Neeraj Chopra of Haryana won the gold medal in the javelin throw event at the Tokyo Olympics 2020.

### **Key Points**

- Neeraj Chopra took the country's first Tokyo Olympics gold medal in the individual category and finished first in the table with a **javelin throw of 87.58m** in his second attempt.
- Neeraj is a native village of 'Khandara' in Panipat district of Haryana.
- Neeraj has been serving in the Indian Army since
  2016 and is currently serving as a Subedar in the
  Rajputana Rifles Unit.
- > Neeraj Chopra was awarded the Arjuna Award in 2018.
- Neeraj has won India's 10<sup>th</sup> Olympic gold medal, it is worth mentioning that 8 gold medals were won by the men's hockey team and 1 gold medal was won by shooter Abhinav Bindra (1<sup>st</sup> individual gold medal).
- Gold medals in other events of Neeraj so far:
  - 2018 Jakarta, Asian Games
  - o 2018 Gold Coast, Commonwealth Games
  - o 2017 Bhubaneswar, Asian Championships
  - o 2016 Guwahati/Shillong, South Asian Games

# 'GST Model-2' Launched in Haryana

### Why in News

Recently, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala has inaugurated the new system of GST 'Model-2' for implementation of GST in Chandigarh.

### **Key Points**

- With this initiative, along with increasing the tax accumulation in the state, it will also be easier for the traders to file GST returns.
- By changing the state's 'GST Model-1' to the new system of 'Model-2', the functioning of the department will now be more modern, faster and more efficient than before while providing better data quality.



The Haryana Goods and Services Tax Bill, 2017 was passed by the Haryana Legislative Assembly on May 4, 2017, which came into force on July 1, 2017.

# Sword of Honor Award

# Why in News

Recently, Indian Police Service (IPS) RR-72 batch officer Ranjeeta Sharma has become the first Lady IPS officer to receive the IPS Association's 'Sword of Honor Award'.

# **Key Points**

- The 'Sword of Honor Award' is given on the basis of 'Field Training'.
- During the training, Ranjeeta Sharma won 8 trophies out of a total of 50 trophies.
- Ranjeeta Sharma is a resident of village 'Dahina' in Rewari district and she is an IPS officer of the year 2019 batch.

# MoU on Behavioural Science

### Why in News

On August 08, 2021, Xavier Institute of Social Service (XISS), Ranchi and Central Institute of Psychiatry (CIP), Ranchi entered into a collaboration in the field of teaching, training, research, joint projects, internship, FDP, guest lectures etc.

# Key Points

- Under this agreement, the Center of Behavioral and Cognitive Sciences (CBCS), XISS and CIP will provide joint and collaborative research in the areas of behavioral science, cognitive science, public mental health, community mental health, besides providing Organize and develop projects and programs community and counseling services.
- Under this partnership, XISS and CIP will focus on harnessing the skills of budding graduates of the institute to advance technological advancement, innovation and enhance the competitiveness of industries.

# Country's First Passenger Train to Run On Hydrogen Fuel

# Why in News

- The Indian Railways has decided to introduce the country's first hydrogen-fuelled train.
  - Initially, the hydrogen fuel-based technology will be introduced on the 89 km long Sonipat-Jind route.

# **Key Points**

- The Indian Railways has decided to introduce the country's first hydrogen-fuelled train under the 'National Hydrogen Energy Mission'.
- Initially, 2 DEMU rakes will be converted, and later 2 hybrid narrow gauge locos will be converted based on hydrogen fuel cell power movement.
- Significantly, this decision has been taken to cut down on the Green House Gas (GHG) emission under 'Paris
   Climate Agreement 2015' and 'Mission Net Zero
   Carbon Emission Railway' by 2030.
  - So far, this method of power generation in railways is being used by Germany and Poland only.

# Soil Testing Laboratories

# Why in News

 On August 12, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated 40 new soil testing laboratories set up at the block level in the state.

# Key Point

- Soil testing laboratories have been set up under the
  'Har Khet Swasth Khet' of the State Government.
- Its objective is to make available information to the farmers to be made aware of what crop should be sown based on the soil health.
- In the first phase, soil testing of 25 lakh acres of land will be done through these laboratories. while in the next three years, the soil testing of the entire 75 lakh acres of agricultural land in Haryana will be done.
- It was informed that during this financial year, two soil testing laboratories located at Panchkula and Karnal



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have been proposed to get accreditation from National Accreditation Board for Testing and Calibration Laboratories (NABL). With this, Haryana will be the first state in India to have NABL accreditation of land testing laboratories.

# Haryana to Ban Plying of 15-year-old Vehicles

### Why in News

Recently the Haryana Government is all set to ban plying of 15 years old vehicles with state carriage, contract carriage and goods carriage permits in all the districts in the non-National Capital Region of the state.

### **Key Points**

- The State Government has notified draft rules to amend the Haryana Motor Vehicles Rules, 1993 to add the age for the operation of various types of transport vehicles in the state.
- As per the new rules called the Haryana Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Rules 2021, two separate categories of National Capital Region area and Non-National Capital Region area have been created in the state. At present, there are 13 districts of Haryana in the NCR area.
- The rules stated, "The maximum age of vehicles allowed to operate in both the NCR area and the Non-NCR region will be nine years for tourist permit (motor cabs). For tourist permits other than motor cabs, the age limit will be eight years in the NCR area and Non-NCR area."
- Similarly, for all other permits including State carriage, contract carriage, goods carriage, the maximum age limit in case of CNG/electric/clean fuel vehicles will be 15 years while it would be 10 years for diesel vehicles in the NCR area. For the non-NCR area, the age limit will be 15 years for both categories of vehicles.
- According to the National Green Tribunal's 2015 order, petrol cars in Delhi-NCR have a life cycle of 15 years while the same for diesel cars in 10 years. Haryana Government had also in 2016 issued directions banning 15-year-old petrol and 10-year-old diesel vehicles from

roads in NCR districts in a bid to curtail the pollution levels in the Delhi-NCR region.

# Haryana Felicitates Tokyo Olympics Medal-Winners, Participants

### Why in News

On August 13, 2021, the Haryana Government felicitated Tokyo Olympic medal winners from the State with cash awards and job letters at a felicitation ceremony held at Panchkula.

### **Key Points**

- Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya along with Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala and Council Ministers honoured the medal winners and participants from the State at Tokyo Olympics.
- On the occasion, Haryana Governor distributed cheques amounting to more than Rs. 23 crore to the players along with job offer letters to be given to them as per the state's sports policy.
- Haryana's silver medalist wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya, bronze medalist Bajrang Punia and Indian men's hockey team player Surendra Kumar, women's hockey team players and other Olympic participants participated in the ceremony. State gold medalist Neeraj Chopra did not attend the function due to health reasons.
- Out of India's best-ever Olympic medal haul of seven this time, three individual medal winners and two players in India's men hockey team belonged to Haryana.
- Two hockey players from Haryana, Surender Kumar and Sumit Kumar were part of the men's hockey team that clinched the bronze medal at the Olympics after a 41-year-long wait. Nine women from Haryana were part of the Indian women's hockey team that had put in a spirited performance finishing fourth at the Olympics.
- It is to be noted that a provision has been made to give cash prizes at par with normal sportspersons to Paralympics medal winners and Para sportspersons who have participated in Olympic, Asian, Commonwealth and National sports competitions.



# Two Sites of Haryana Included in Ramsar list of Wetlands of International Importance

# Why in News

According to a statement issued by the Union Environment Ministry on August 14, 2021, two sites in Haryana, Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary and Sultanpur National Park have been recognized as wetlands of international importance under the Ramsar Convention.

# Key Points:

- Along with these two sites in Haryana, two sites in Gujarat - Thol Lake Wildlife Sanctuary and Wadhwana have also been recognized as wetlands, taking the number of such sites in the country to 46.
- This is the first time that two sites from Haryana have been included in the Ramsar list.
- Bhindawas Wildlife Sanctuary is a man-made freshwater wetland. It is the largest wetland in Haryana. More than 250 species of birds use this sanctuary as a resting place throughout the year. The site is home to more than 10 globally threatened species, including the Egyptian Vulture, Steppe Eagle, Pallas's Fish Eagle and Black-bellied Tern.
- Sultanpur National Park is home to more than 220 species of native birds, winter migrants and local migratory waterfowl at critical stages of their life cycle. More than 10 of these species fall into the globally endangered category.
- The Ramsar Treaty is an international treaty for the conservation and sustainable use of wetlands. It is named after the Iranian city of Ramsar on the Caspian Sea, where the treaty was signed on February 2, 1971.
- The aim of the Ramsar List is 'to develop and maintain an international network of wetlands that are critical to the conservation of global biological diversity and to human life through the maintenance of their ecosystem components, processes and benefits'.

# Prashanta Kumar Agrawal is the new Haryana Director General of Police (DGP)

# Why in News

On August 16, 2021, PK Agrawal, the newly appointed Director General of Police, Haryana Police, took over after a guard of honor at the Panchkula Police Headquarters.

# **Key Points**

- On August 15, 2021, the Haryana government appointed PK Agarwal as the Director General of Police. He has been made DGP in place of Manoj Yadav.
- The Haryana government had sent a panel of names of five IPS officers to the Union People's Service
   Commission. It also included the names of IPS Shatrujit
   Kapoor and Deshraj, but both were not included in the last three by the UPSC.
- The Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) had sent a panel of three names to the Haryana government for the appointment of a new DGP, which included the names of IPS PK Agarwal, Ramesh Chandra Mishra and Mohammad Aqueel, making the seniority parameter.
- Agrawal, a 1988 batch IPS officer, is originally from Bihar. Till now he was working as DG State Vigilance Bureau. He will retire on June 30, 2023.
- PK Agarwal has been awarded the Police Medal in 2004 and the President's Police Medal in 2015.

# 'Parivartan' Project

# Why in News

On August 16, 2021, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar inaugurated project 'Parivartan' in Gurugram under which 600 diesel-run three-wheelers will be replaced by e-three wheelers in the first phase.

# Key Points

- Under this initiative, with the joint efforts of Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG), Gurugram Regional Traffic Authority and Traffic Police, e-auto rickshaws will replace diesel three wheelers in Gurugram.
- Under the 'Parivartan' project, this drive has been started from Gurugram and a target has been set to



run 5,000 e-vehicles. This project would be started not only in Gurugram but also in other metropolitan cities of Haryana.

The Chief Minister said that the old diesel auto rickshaw would be converted into e-auto rickshaw or e-rickshaw under this project. For this, provision has been made to provide subsidies from MCG and 'Fame India' and loans are also being arranged through banks.

# 'Waste to Energy' Plant

### Why in News

On August 16, 2021, the Chief Minister digitally inaugurated the 'Waste to Energy' plant set up at Ganaur.

### **Key Points**

- This 'Waste to Energy 'plant, set up at a cost of Rs 176.87 crore, has been built on a public-private partnership basis.
- In this plant, the waste generated from the local bodies of Sonipat and Panipat districts will be disposed of and electricity will also be generated.
- The project will dispose of 750 tonnes of waste per day, as well as generate 8 MW of electricity, which will be given to the grid.
- Its concessionaire is JBM Enviro and the concession period of the project is 22 years. This plant setup in Ganaur will dispose of 750 tonne of waste per day by 2035.

# Ban On the Term "Gorakh Dhanda"

# Why in News

 On August 18, 2021, the Haryana government banned in official communication the use of the expression 'Gorakh Dhanda', generally used to describe unethical practices.

# **Key Points**

- The decision was taken by Chief Minister Manohar Lal after a delegation of the Gorakhnath community met him.
- The Gorakhnath community had urged him to ban the use of the word 'Gorakh dhandha' and said that

**Gorakhnath was a saint** and using this term hurts the sentiments of his followers.

The chief minister said that as Guru Gorakhnath was a saint and using this word in any official language, speech or in any context hurts the sentiments of his followers, therefore the use of this word in any context has been completely banned.

# Modern Panchayat Bhawans

### Why in News

On August 19, 2021, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala announced the construction of 'modern panchayat buildings' in each district headquarters of the state.

# **Key Points**

- The Deputy Chief Minister made this announcement while presiding over the meeting of the officials of the Public Works (Building and Roads) Department.
- During this, while discussing the proposal of the department, he reviewed the map for the construction of the building and gave necessary guidelines.
- Dushyant Chautala informed that 'modern panchayat building' will be built at each district headquarters of the state, in which separate rooms will be made for the president and councilors of the district council.

# Pratismriti: Alumni Reunion 2021

### Why in News

On August 19, 2021, 'Pratismriti: Alumni Reunion 2021' program was organized by Kurukshetra University in the hospitality of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.

### **Key Points**

- The event was organized by Kurukshetra Alumni Association (KUKA) of Kurukshetra University, in which alumni from more than 21 countries participated both in physical and online form.
- During the event, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the alumni registration portal Kukaa.ac.in, a multipurpose sports hall and other educational programs for alumni. In addition, he also launched a jingle for Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav.



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- He launched the KG-to-PG scheme under the new education policy in the university and the Japanese language certificate and diploma course, BBA Honors and MTech Defense Technology course to be run for the new academic session 2021-22.
- The Chief Minister announced that he would enroll as the first student to study a Japanese language course at Kurukshetra University (KU).
- Significantly, the foundation stone of Kurukshetra University was laid by the first President of India, Rajendra Prasad on January 11, 1957. With the passage of time, KU as a multidisciplinary institution has made its mark at the national and international level. By becoming the first A+ grade university of Haryana, KU has achieved pride in the state and the country.

# Haryana Got Award for Water Management

### Why in News

On August 22, 2021, the Department of Irrigation and Water Resources, Haryana was awarded the 'Energy Environment Foundation Global Innovation in Water Technology Award 2021' in the platinum category by 'Energy and Environment Foundation' in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti.

### Key Points

- Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Shekhawat gave this honor to Haryana during a virtual program.
- Haryana Irrigation Department Chief Engineer Satbir Kadian informed that Haryana has got this award for effective implementation of excellent schemes of water management.
- He said that the lift canal system of the state is being continuously appreciated and its water management policies have been appreciated at the national level.

# Land Acquisition Amendment Bill

# Why in News

Recently the Haryana Legislative Assembly passed the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Haryana Amendment) Bill, 2021.

### **Key Points**

- The bill is one of the six bills passed by the Haryana Legislative Assembly on the last day of the monsoon session.
- After being passed in the assembly, it will now be sent for the assent of the President. Once approved, it will become a law and will come into force on the issuance of notification by the government.
- According to the amendment bill, the DC will be responsible for taking consent of farmers for land acquisition.
- After acquisition, the government can take possession of the land at any time. There will be no compulsion to give 48 hours prior notice.
- Archaeological sites and forest land will be kept safe and protected during acquisition.
- The farmers from whom the government will buy less than 200 acres of land, will be paid an additional 50 percent of the total price as a lump sum payment.
   Notably, Haryana is not the first state to amend the Land Acquisition Act 2013. States like Tamil Nadu, Telangana, Gujarat, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh have already amended it.
  - A total of 16 states have amended this law as per their convenience.

# Sumit Antil: Paralympics Gold

# Why in News

On August 30, 2021, Sumit Antil of Sonipat, Haryana created history by winning the gold medal in Javelin Throw at the Tokyo Paralympics.

# **Key Points**

- In the men's javelin throw, Sumit broke three world records one after the other in the F64 category. First, he set a world record by throwing a javelin from a distance of 66.95 meters. Then in his second attempt, he improved his own world record with a score of 68.08 meters. In the fifth attempt, he made a world record by throwing a javelin throw from a distance of 68.55 meters and won the gold medal.
- It is worth mentioning that in 2015, Sumit, who lost one leg in a road accident, was guided by coach Virendra Dhankhar. In 2018, Sumit got 5<sup>th</sup> rank in



**the Asian Championship**. The next year in 2019, he won a **silver medal at the World Championships**. Sumit won the **gold medal in the National Games** held in the same year.

# Purchase of Land through e-Bhoomi Portal

### Why in News

On August 27, 2021, in a meeting of the High Power Land Purchase Committee (HPLPC), chaired by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, approved the purchase of 311 acres of land through e-bhoomi portal with the consent of the land owners, costing about Rs.172 crore.

### **Key Points**

This approval was for seven projects in six districts-Rewari, Nuh, Sirsa, Faridabad, Sonipat and Jind.

- Seven agendas of Medical Education and Research, Public Works (Building and Roads), Haryana State Agricultural Marketing Board and Public Health Engineering departments were approved in the meeting.
- These include establishment of All India Institute of Medical Sciences at Rewari, construction of ring road from four lane Medical College road to Gurugram-Alwar road (NH 248A) in Nuh district, development of an additional grain market in Sirsa, under Inter-State connectivity scheme of Central Road Fund. Construction of road and bridge on Yamuna river to Greater Noida via Jasna Manjhawali Atta Gujran.
- Similarly, construction of two lane ROB in Delhi-Ambala section near Ganaur railway station in Sonipat district, construction of sewerage system STP at Chautala village under Mahagram scheme in Sirsa district and construction of canal based water supply scheme in Jind.

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