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## Vaccination Started for 15.40 Lakh Adolescents

### Why in News

- Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij said that from January 3, in Haryana, 15.40 lakh adolescents in the age group of 15 to 18 years have been started with anti-coronavirus vaccine.

### Key Points

- The Health Minister informed that 98 percent first and 70 percent second doses have been administered in Haryana. There are currently more than 8 lakh Co-vaccines and over 31 lakh Covishields available.
- Health Minister Anil Vij said that the state government is ready to fight the corona epidemic. There are enough ventilators. PSA plants have been commissioned in 84 government hospitals. Plants have also been set up in 54 private hospitals.
- Efforts are being made to set up this plant in the remaining hospitals as well. With effect from January 1, the decision to ban those who do not take both doses in public places has increased the vaccination.

## Helihub to be Built in Gurugram, Haryana

### Why in News

- On January 4, 2022, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, presiding over a meeting of senior officers of various departments, said that a helihub would be set up in Gurugram, where many aviation facilities including helicopters for helicopters, their hangars, repairs would be available.

### Key Points

- This helihub will be the first of its kind in the country, where all the above facilities will be available for helicopters at one place.
- Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, who is also in charge of the Civil Aviation Department, said that the place where the helihub will be built in Gurugram will be near metro facilities and connectivity to industrial areas like Noida, Bhiwani will be easy.

- He directed the officers to prepare a detailed project regarding the above proposed helihub and start the work by removing the hurdles in taking land and starting other facilities.
- It may be noted that with the efforts of Dushyant Chautala, many important projects have been started by the Civil Aviation Department in the state and already ongoing projects are being expedited.
- Work is being done at a rapid pace to prepare the Maharaja Agrasen Airport in Hisar in detail and start other projects related to defense.
- Removal of shed built around the airport, construction of new hangars and apron in the airport complex, construction of runway on Dhansu road, removal of power poles and lines at construction site, establishment of 33 kW substation, demolition of observation home, Instructions have been given to complete the construction of terminal and other buildings on time.
- Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala also directed the officials of the Civil Aviation Department to find additional land around Bhiwani, Narnaul and Pinjore airstrips so that other aviation related activities could be expanded.

## Five 'Centers of Excellence' will be Opened in the State for Research and Development in the Field of E-Mobility.

### Why In News

- On January 6, 2022, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala informed that five 'Centers of Excellence' would be opened in the state for research and development in the field of e-mobility. Apart from these, research centers will also be started in 20 ITIs or polytechnical institutes.

### Key Points

- The Deputy CM said that each 'Center of Excellence' would be given financial assistance of Rs 5 crore. Similarly, 20 ITIs or polytechnical institutions will be given financial assistance of Rs.25 lakh each.

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- He said that the State Government is emphasizing on promoting two wheeler, three wheeler and four wheeler e-vehicles. State government employees will be given special concessions on buying 'e-vehicles'.
- Haryana Electric Vehicle Policy is being made by the state government focusing on the e-vehicle manufacturers, user drivers and people setting up charging stations, in which special discounts will be given to them.
- The state government plans to have a large number of e-vehicles in the state in the year 2022. It is also the endeavor of the State Government that the Haryana Electric Vehicle Policy being prepared for the e-vehicle should be the best in the whole country.

## Instructions to Prepare 'Land-Pool Policy' for 'Padma' Scheme in Haryana

### Why in News

- Recently, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, presiding over the meeting of officers related to 'Padma' scheme, directed that a 'land-pool policy' should be formulated for 'Padma' scheme. Due to this maximum benefit to the rural people owning the land and employment opportunities in the village will increase.

### Key Points

- The Deputy Chief Minister informed after the meeting that while taking forward the 'Padma' scheme of the Center, the Haryana Government is going to work on it expeditiously. To promote MSMEs in the state, about fifty acres of land will be raised in each block under land pooling.
- He said that some products have been fixed block-wise by the State Government, which the government would also help in getting them exported. In many villages of the state, such quality products are prepared by skilled people, which can get good prices at national and international level, but due to lack of information, they have to be sold at local level at low prices.

- According to Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, the intention of the state government is to form a cluster in each block for the best products produced by the people of that block, where plots can be provided to the people for setting up industries like MSMEs. Facilities like electricity, water, road, bank, common service center will be provided in this cluster.

## Haryana Leading State in Installing Solar Pumps

### Why in News

- On January 6, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that the state is leading in the country in the matter of installation of solar water pumps to promote micro irrigation under the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha Utthan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM)**.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister said this while providing solar pumps to farmers during the digital inauguration program organized through video conferencing.
- On the occasion, Khattar also released a booklet on solar water pumping programs and a utility booklet for farmers.
- The Chief Minister directed to shift the tubewells of less than 50 HP, which are running on electricity and being used for agricultural purposes, to solar energy in the state.
- Khattar also directed the Deputy Commissioners to promote micro-irrigation and launch a special drive to reach every farm under the state government's '**Har Khet Ko Pani**' scheme.
- The Chief Minister said that 25897 solar pump sets have been installed in the state in the last seven years and this year the work of installing 13800 pump sets is in progress. **Haryana is the second state in the country after Gujarat, which has promoted solar energy.**
- He said that the government is giving **75 percent subsidy on these solar pumps.**
- He said that under the '**Mhara Gaon Jagmag Gaon**' scheme, 24 hours power supply has become possible in 5500 villages of the state, as well as the line loss has come down from 33 to 14 percent.

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## Unemployment Rate in Haryana 6.1 Percent

### Why in News

- On January 7, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that the unemployment rate in the state is 6.1 per cent, in which around 10.59 lakh people in the age group of 18-58 years have declared themselves unemployed.

### Key Points

- As per the data collected under the **Parivar Pehchan Patra** (PPP) program (which has so far covered 98 per cent of the households in the state) there are 1.73 crore people in the age group of 18-58 years, of whom 1059530 have self-identified. declared unemployed. On the basis of these figures, the unemployment rate of Haryana is just 6.1 percent.
- In the previous report, CMIE had pegged the unemployment rate of Haryana at 35.1 percent. The latest CMIE report states that Haryana recorded the highest unemployment rate in the country at 34.1 per cent in December 2021, while India has registered an unemployment rate of 7.9 per cent.
- The Chief Minister said that so far a total of 6578311 families have been registered under PPP and the registered population figure is 25799000. Of these, about 18 lakh are children.
- The **Periodic Labor Force Survey** (PLFS) has shown the unemployment rate in India to be 9.4 per cent, while in Haryana it was 10.3 percent during January-March 2021. CMIE showed the unemployment rate in the country at 74 per cent, while Haryana is 293 per cent in the same period .

## India Skill-2021 National Competition

### Why in news

- The winners of India's biggest India Skill-2021 National Competition were felicitated in New Delhi on January 10, 2022. In this, the players of the Haryana team got 11 medals.

### Key Points

- Competitions were organized at several places including Pragati Maidan from January 7 to 9 as per the COVID-19 protocol mandated by the local authorities and the state government. And from January 3 to 5, eight skill competitions were organized in Bengaluru and Mumbai.
- It may be noted that Haryana will represent the country in the upcoming World Skill Competition-2022 to be held in China.
- Haryana team got three gold medals, four silver medals and one bronze medal and three medals of excellence. Sonu Lather from Haryana bagged gold medal in Auto Body Repair, Anuraj in R&AC and Manish Kumar in Welding category.
- Kaishav Kaundal in Cooking, Devika Jhunjhunwala in Industry Design and Abhay and Viyapu Nagarjuna in Mechatronics category won silver medals. Jagat Yadav has got a Bronze Medal in Restaurant Services.
- Akash in R&AC, Samarpika in Beauty Therapy and Akhilesh Kumar in Industrial Control category have won medals of excellence.
- It is noteworthy that the Haryana Government has established the country's first Vishwakarma Skill University at Dudhola, Palwal with the aim of developing skills along with education for the youth of the state. In this, various types of skill training are being given to the youth.
- It is worth mentioning that the **National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC)**, under the direction of the Ministry of Skill Development and India, leads and organizes skill competitions every two years. Skilled youth from different States/UTs compete in their respective skills.

## Entrepreneur Award

### Why In News

- On January 8, 2022, **Haryana's Skill Development and Industrial Training Minister Moolchand Sharma** informed that the government has decided to felicitate the youth for becoming entrepreneurs **after passing ITI courses from government and private industrial training institutes of the state** to connect them with entrepreneurship.

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**Key Points**

- Shri Moolchand Sharma informed that a new scheme has been approved for this. Under this scheme, **three best entrepreneurs at the district level will be honored with Entrepreneur Award and cash prize of Rs 10,000, Rs 7 thousand 500 and Rs 5000 respectively.** These awards will be presented by the chief guest on the occasion of Republic Day every year on 26 January.
- Out of all these 66 Entrepreneur Award winners at the district level, three entrepreneurs will be honored by the Chief Minister at the state level function on the occasion of World Youth Skills Day (July 15).
- Cash prizes of Rs 50,000, Rs 40,000 and Rs 30,000 will be given to the first, second and third place candidates respectively.
- Under this scheme, **only those entrepreneurs will be considered for the award, who have started their business or enterprise in the same trade or sector from which they have passed ITI.**
- The candidate must have started his business at any place in Haryana or in Chandigarh within one to four years from the date of passing ITI. The business he has started should not be his ancestral business.
- From that business, his monthly **income for more than one year during this period should be more than Rs 20,000** continuously. Also, if the candidate has started his/her business **in partnership with someone, he/she should have a leading role** in it and should not have previously been awarded under this initiative.
- The objective of this scheme is to encourage the youth of Haryana state who have passed from ITI institutes to move towards self-employment rather than looking for jobs.

## **Ten Railway Stations to be Built on Eastern and Western Dedicated Freight Corridors**

**Why in News**

- Recently, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khater informed that 10 new railway stations will be built on **Eastern Dedicated Freight Corridor** and **Western Dedicated Freight Corridor** passing through Haryana.

**Key Points**

- Apart from this, the Center has been proposed to develop the Regional Rapid Transit System (**Resort Rapid Transit System**) rail route from Delhi to Hisar to facilitate connectivity from Hisar Airport to Delhi Airport.
- The Chief Minister informed that approval has been given by the Ministry of Railways to develop a roadway under the elevated railway line of Rohtak. For the elevated railway line project of Kaithal also, approval will be given by the Ministry of Railways by preparing DPR soon.
- The Chief Minister said that instructions would be given to the department to acquire land at the earliest for the construction of the remaining link of the freight corridor up to Palwal-Prithla. Industrial units of this area will be greatly benefited by the formation of this link.

## **United Kingdom and Haryana Sign FOE for Cooperation**

**Why in News**

- Recently, a Framework of Engagement (FOE) has been signed at the residence of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khater to promote bilateral cooperation between the United Kingdom and Haryana.

**Key Points**

- The FOE was signed by Caroline Rowett, British Deputy High Commissioner, Chandigarh and Yogendra Choudhary, Principal Secretary, Department of Foreign Cooperation, Haryana.
- Speaking on the occasion, Rowett said that the FOE covers a wide range of work areas, which will help build collaboration between the UK and Haryana.
- He said that the signing of the Framework of Engagement between the UK and the State of Haryana provides a strong foundation on which both sides can build their future cooperation.
- Caroline Rowett said that partnerships in areas such as clean development and climate change are a priority for both countries.

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## ESMA Law Implemented in Haryana

### Why in News

- On January 11, 2022, Haryana Health Minister Anil Vij said that in view of the doctors' strike during the dreadful situation of Corona, the Health Ministry has implemented ESMA in the state. Now health workers will not be able to go on strike for 6 months.

### Key Points

- According to the Health Department, in view of the Haryana Civil Medical Service Association's warning of a possible strike on January 14, the state government has implemented the **Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA)**.
- According to the notification of ESMA, it is prohibited to strike by doctors or other categories of employees working in various institutions of Health Department, Haryana, such as National Health Mission, Food and Drug Administration, AYUSH including persons employed on contract, daily wages, honorarium etc.
- These orders have been issued under sub-section (1) of section 4-A of the Haryana Essential Services Maintenance Act, 1974 (40 of 1974).

## 52 National Youth Award Winners will get Job in Sports Department

### Why in News

- On January 12, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khater announced that 52 National Youth Award winners would be given employment in the Sports Department on the occasion of National Youth Day. He also announced that youth would be linked with lotus clubs, which would be formed in 125 villages with a population of more than 10,000.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister made this announcement at a blood donation camp organized digitally on Swami Vivekananda Jayanti by Bharat Vikas Parishad, Hansi.
- He said that a maximum number of youth would be added to the Lotus Club. Villages with a population of 10,000 will be considered first, then villages with a

population of 8,000 and then gradually this club will be established in the less populated villages.

- The primary objective of this club is to connect the youth with sports and other social activities, so as to enhance their potential, intelligence and strength, which will help them to move ahead in life.
- **Samarpan Portal** has been created for the youth willing to work voluntarily. So far 1300 youths have registered here. Youth will be involved in social work, so that they are sensitive to social service as well as motivated to take part in such activities.
- The Chief Minister said that the State Government was working to provide opportunities to the youth not only in the country but also abroad. Free passports are being made for the youth passing out from college, so that they can go abroad for education and employment.
- The state government is also providing opportunities to the youth to start new startups, so that industries can be promoted and new jobs can be created.

## Diksha Dagar, Yash Ghanghas Included in Target Olympic Podium Scheme

### Why in News

- Recently, Haryana's Golfer Diksha Dagar and Judoka Yash Ghanghas have been included in the **Target Olympic Podium Scheme (TOPS)** in the Core and Development Group respectively by the Union Sports Ministry.

### Key Points

- Diksha Dagar, a 21-year-old left-handed player, hails from Jhajjar, Haryana. Dagar is a silver medalist at the 2017 Summer Delympics and finished 50th at the Olympic Games last year.
- The Union Sports Ministry primarily supports outstanding athletes under the Annual Calendar of Training and Competition (ACTC) of each National Sports Federation.
- TOPS provides support to athletes in areas that are not covered by the ACTC and meets the unforeseen

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needs of athletes as they prepare to excel at the Olympic and Paralympic Games.

- The Mission Olympic Cell (MOC) of the Sports Ministry has approved financial assistance to wrestlers – Bajrang Punia and Sunil Kumar for overseas performance training.

## **Dependents of Brigadier Lakhwinder will get Assistance of Rs 50 Lakh**

### **Why in News**

- On January 14, 2022, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khater said that permission has been given to the family of Brigadier Lakhwinder Singh Lidnr of Haryana, who lost his life in the Tamil Nadu helicopter crash accident. Along with this, one dependent from the family of the Brigadier will also be given a government job.

### **Key Points**

- The Chief Minister said that under the ex-gratia policy of military and paramilitary forces, there is a provision to provide financial assistance as well as government jobs to the dependents of the martyr's family.
- Under this policy, considering the death of Brigadier Lakhwinder Singh, who lost his life in a helicopter crash accident, as a provisional battle accident, special financial assistance and jobs has been announced. This is the first such case in Haryana.
- It is noteworthy that on December 8, CDS General Bipin Rawat, his wife and Brigadier Lakhwinder Singh Lidnr, along with several army personnel lost their lives in a helicopter crash in Coonoor district of Tamil Nadu.

## **Renu Bhatia Became the new Chairperson of the State Women's Commission**

### **Why in News**

- On January 17, 2022, Haryana Government appointed Renu Bhatia of NIT Faridabad as the Chairperson of the State Commission for Women. He has been appointed for three years.

### **Key Points**

- G Anupama, Principal Secretary, Women and Child Development Department, issued the order of his appointment. With this appointment, the post of the Chairperson of the Women's Commission, which has been lying vacant for a year, has been filled.
- Earlier, Preeti Bhardwaj, Vice-Chairman of the Commission was handling the charge of the Chairperson of the Women's Commission. Preeti Bhardwaj has been re-appointed as the Vice-Chairman of the State Commission for Women and her tenure has been extended by one year. The terms and conditions of appointment to both the posts will be issued later.
- Renu Bhatia is BJP leader and resident of Faridabad. She has been active in BJP for a long time and she has also been the Deputy Mayor of Faridabad Municipal Corporation.
- After Pratibha Suman, former chairman of the state commission, Preeti Bhardwaj took over as the working president. She took suo motu action in many cases, including the case of violation of women's rights in the protests of the opposition during the assembly session.

## **75% Job Reservation Law Implemented in Haryana**

### **Why in News**

- On January 16, 2022, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that 75 percent job reservation law has been implemented in the state from January 15. Now the youth of the state will be given priority for jobs in all the private sector companies, institutions, trusts, societies and industries established in the state.

### **Key Points**

- With the implementation of this system, new avenues of employment in the private sector will open for lakhs of youth of the state.
- A dedicated portal with a helpline number has also been created by the Labor Department in this regard. Companies will have to indicate their vacancy on the portal, which will be continuously monitored by the government.

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- The 'Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Act, 2020', which provides for 75 per cent reservation to local youth, applies to private sector companies, societies, trusts, limited liability partnership firms, partnership firms and any person employing 10 or more persons. Applies to persons who, for the purpose of manufacturing, carrying on business or rendering any service in the State, pay wages, wages or other remuneration.
- It is now mandatory for all these employers to pay gross monthly salary or remuneration not exceeding Rs 30,000 to all their employees on the designated HUM portal.
- The Haryana State Local Candidates Employment Rules, 2021 issued by the state government has made it mandatory for private employers in the state to submit a quarterly report regarding compliance with the 75 percent reservation law.
- Time-limits have also been prescribed in the rules for the officers authorized to the State Government to redress the grievances of local candidates and to provide relaxation to the employers under the law.

## Haryana Revokes 'No Detention Policy' for Conducting Board Exams for Classes V, VIII

### Why in News

- On January 18, 2022, the Haryana government issued a notification to amend the Haryana Children's Right to Free and Compulsory Education Rules, 2011 to abolish the 'No Detention Policy' and introduce two-class board examinations.

### Key Points

- Under the new rules called Haryana Children's Right to Free and Compulsory Education (Amendment) Rules, 2022, the state will now conduct a regular examination at the end of classes V and VIII. Board exams in class V and VIII will be started from this academic year.
- Students who fail in this exam and those who fail in re-examination will be put back in the same class.

- The no-detention policy under RTE 2009 had banned the practice of repeating low-performing children in primary school from classes I to VIII to ensure that students do not drop out.
- Now the amendment in RTE allows the Haryana government to authorize any other agency having specialization in conducting regular examination in class V and VIII or in conducting such examination at the end of each academic year in government and recognized private schools of the state. .
- The amended rules stipulate that if a child fails in the regular examination in class V or VIII, as the case may be, he shall be given additional instructions and reappointed within a period of two months from the date of declaration of result. If he fails in the regular examination of class V or class VIII even after additional instructions and opportunity for re-examination, he will be put back in the said class.
- A certificate of completion of classes V and VIII shall be issued by the educational authority or the agency authorized to conduct such examination within one month of the completion of the regular examination of these classes.
- It is noteworthy that the central government had repealed the no-detention policy for classes V and VIII after the passage of amendments to the Right to Education Act in Parliament in 2019.

## Startups in Haryana Exempted from 75% Reservation Law

### Why in News

- On January 18, 2022, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that under the '**Haryana State Employment of Local Candidates Act, 2020**', new startups and new IT/ITeS companies will be given exemption for two years. Apart from this, short-term (45 days) work will also be exempted from this law, which gives 75 percent reservation to the youth of Haryana in the private sector.

### Key Points

- The Deputy Chief Minister said that a provision has been made to impose a fine of Rs 50,000 to Rs 2 lakh on industries which do not provide employment to employable local candidates.

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- The law reserves 75 per cent of the jobs in the private sector in the state, which only pays less than Rs 30,000 per month to local people.
- Giving details of the exemption given in the Act, the Deputy Chief Minister said that under the Haryana State Employment Local Candidates Act, 2020, in addition to sowing, harvesting of crops, primary works related to fruits, vegetables, tea leaves, coffee, animals etc. have also been exempted.
- He said that exemption has also been given to domestic servants and those industries for which skilled labor is not available.
- It is noteworthy that the state government had implemented this law giving 75 percent reservation to Haryanvi youth in the private sector in the state from the midnight of January 15, 2022, which will be applicable in industries with more than 10 employees.

## DC Rate Implemented in Haryana for 80 years ends, Corporation Wage Rate Applicable

### Why in News

- On January 19, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal wrote a letter to all Administrative Secretaries, Heads of Departments, Corporations, Boards and all DCs directing that the State Government has decided to implement the Corporation Wage Rate by abolishing the DC rate applicable for 80 years.

### Key Points

- It has been said in the letter that the government has withdrawn the orders related to the DC rate. It is worth mentioning that earlier, the DC rates were fixed by the respective District Deputy Commissioners for the contract employees in different departments of Haryana. With the passage of time, the DC rates of different districts had varied greatly.
- Different rates have been fixed for different four categories of contract employees. These rates will be deemed to be applicable from January 1, 2022. Provision has also been made to revise these rates every year.

- It is noteworthy that many MLAs in the assembly had raised the demand for equalization of DC rate. In view of this, Haryana Kaushal Rojgar Nigam has been formed by the Haryana Government for contract jobs. Now employees will be kept under this and they will be known as Corporation Wage Board.
- The educational qualification for the employees has been fixed from class X to graduation. These include 10th class for level 1, non technical for level 2, ITI and technical qualification for level 3 and bachelor's degree for level 4. In addition, 10 to 20 percent additional amount will be given to experienced employees.
- The districts are divided into three categories-
  - Category 1. Gurugram, Faridabad, Panchkula, Sonapat, Delhi and Chandigarh.
  - Category 2. Panipat, Jhajjar, Palwal, Karnal, Ambala, Hisar, Rohtak, Rewari, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Yamunanagar, Bhiwani, Jind.
  - Category 3. Mahendragarh, Fatehabad, Sirsa, Nuh, Charkhi Dadri.
- Different rates have been fixed for different four levels of contract employees of all the three categories of districts-
  - Category 1. Rs.17520 (Level-1), Rs.20590 (Level-2), Rs.21200 (Level-3), Rs.22420 (Level-4).
  - Category 2. Rs.15450 (Level-1), Rs.18510 (Level-2), Rs.19120 (Level-3), Rs.20350 (Level-4).
  - Category 3. Rs.14330 (Level-1), Rs.17390 (Level-2), Rs.18000 (Level-3), Rs.19230 (Level-4).

## Haryana, Himachal government sign MoU for Dam Construction

### Why in News

- On January 21, 2022, a Memorandum of Understanding was signed between the governments of Haryana and Himachal Pradesh for the construction of Adibadri Dam at an estimated cost of Rs.215.35 crore.

### Key Points

- The MoU was signed by the Chief Secretaries of both the states in Panchkula before Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khater and his Himachal Pradesh counterpart Jai Ram Thakur.

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- The dam will be built on 31.66 hectares of land in Himachal Pradesh and will store 224.58 hectares of water every year, out of which Himachal Pradesh will get 61.88 hectares and Haryana will get the remaining 162 hectares.
- Due to the construction of Adibadri Dam, 20 cusecs of water will flow continuously in the Saraswati river. Due to this water will continue to flow in Saraswati throughout the year. The width of this dam will be 101.06 meters and the height will be 20.5 meters.
- Khater said that the construction of Adi Badri dam would rejuvenate the Saraswati river which was extinct for many years. The restoration of the Saraswati river will also revive religious beliefs from ancient times, as well as develop the region as a pilgrimage site.
- The Chief Minister said that a Chair has been set up in Kurukshetra University to conduct research on Saraswati river, besides Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board has also been established. Haryana Government has notified an area of 200 km for Saraswati river from Adi Badri to Ghaggar river via Kaithal.
- Khater said that the objective of this project is to revive the Saraswati river as well as increase the groundwater level. With the commissioning of the dam, the flood situation arising out of excessive rains during the rainy season will also be dealt with. The lake being built near it will also boost tourism.
- He said that the area from Kalka to Kalesar is very important from the point of view of tourism. Many religious and tourist places including Adibadri, Lohagarh, Kapalmochan, Mata Mantra Devi come to this area. The development of the lake along with the dam will attract many tourists, which will benefit both the states.
- The Chief Minister said that several projects would be worked out in collaboration with Himachal Pradesh, including construction of a dam at Hathnikund barrage. Apart from generating electricity from this dam, continuous flow of clean water will also be possible in the Yamuna river. This will also save the crops from flood-like situations.
- Speaking on the occasion, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur said that Adibadri Dam would meet the requirement of irrigation and drinking water for both the states. Due to the flow of water in the Saraswati river, this area will be developed from the point of view of religion and tourism.
- He said that this project would also be very useful for Himachal Pradesh, as 3.92 hectare meter per year would be earmarked for drinking water requirement for hilly state and 57.96 hectare meter for irrigation water demand of project affected habitations.
- He said that the entire funding of the project would be arranged by the Haryana government. Both the State Governments will be free to prepare tourism projects from their own resources, along with other infrastructure necessary for the welfare and development of the local people, without compromising on the primary objectives of the project.

## Indian Oil Extra Green Diesel & Green Combo Lubricants First Trial In India Begins From Haryana

### Why in News

- Recently, IndianOil has started the first trial in India of IndianOil Extra Green Diesel and Green Combo Lubricant from Ballabgarh Bus Stand in Haryana. With this green diesel, there will be relief from pollution caused by vehicles, while mileage will also increase by 5 percent.

### Key Points

- Haryana's Transport Minister Moolchand Sharma started this trial from the bus stand at Ballabgarh. This oil has been discovered by the Indian Oil Center in Faridabad.
- The Transport Minister said that 10 buses of roadways will be used for the trial of Extra Green Oil. In this, using this oil continuously, its quality will be checked on all parameters.

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- On this occasion, Dr. SSV Ramakumar, Director, IndianOil's RD Centre, said that in various trials of this green combo of IndianOil, till now fuel economy has benefited between 5 and 7 percent and above.
- After a trial of 40 thousand km, it will be implemented in the entire Haryana Roadways, due to which Haryana Roadways will benefit about 40 crores annually.
- This extra green diesel and green combo lubricant will reduce pollution and increase the mileage of vehicles. This will reduce the emission of about 1000 tonnes of carbon dioxide and will benefit in environmental protection.

## State Information Commission Building to be Named after Subhash Chandra Bose

### Why in News

- On 23 January 2022, on the 125th birth anniversary of Subhas Chandra Bose, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khater laid the foundation stone of the State Information Commission building to be built in Panchkula and announced to name this building after Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

### Key Points

- The construction of this State Information Commission building to be built at an estimated cost of Rs 36.49 crore in Sector-3 of Panchkula is estimated to be completed in two years.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khater informed that 'Parakram Diwas' has been organized at 75 places in Haryana on the 125th birth anniversary of Subhash Chandra Bose under the Amrit Mahotsav to commemorate the 75th year of India's independence going on across the country.
- Around 495 programs were organized with the slogan 'Haryana Bolega Jai Hind Bose' with public participation across the state.
- The Chief Minister also unveiled a statue of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose installed in the park in Chandigarh on the occasion of 'Parakram Diwas'.

## Adventure-Sports Training will be Given to one Thousand Youth Every Year in Haryana

### Why in News

- On January 23, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khater announced that 1,000 youth of the state would be trained in adventure sports every year by the state government so that they could get employment.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister made this announcement while addressing the youth at the concluding ceremony of the training program named 'Yuva Udyami' under 'Milkha Singh Adventure Sports Club' organized by the Sports and Youth Affairs Department of Haryana.
- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khater said that in addition adventure-sports would be started in the hills of Kalesar, Dhosi, Aravalli and Mewat, where three to five 'adventure-sports camps' would be organized every year. An amount of two crore rupees will be spent every year on training in the above camps.
- It may be mentioned that such camps are being organized in Morni, Panchkula. During this training program youth between 16 to 29 years of Morni area were trained about entrepreneurship related to 'Adventure-Sports and Home-stay'.
- Calling upon the youth to become 'job givers' instead of 'job seekers', the Chief Minister said that the state government would endeavor to uplift the poorest of the poor by organizing Antyodaya Rozgar Melas.
- The state is sensitizing the poor about credit facilities and various avenues of self-employment, which include starting poultry farms, fish farming, animal husbandry, etc. to enhance their income.

## 2 children of Haryana honored with Prime Minister's National Child Award

### Why in News

- On the occasion of National Girl Child Day on January 24, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi honored

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61 children of the country with the Prime Minister's National Child Award for the year 2021 and 2022, in a virtual ceremony as part of Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, in which 2 children are from Haryana.

### Key Points

- This year's awardees include 15 boys and 14 girls from 21 states and union territories. These children have been selected from all regions of the country for their exceptional achievements in the categories of Innovation (7), Social Service (4), Educational (1), Sports (8), Art and Culture (6) and Gallantry (3).
- Similarly, among the award winners for the year 2021, 32 children from 21 states/UTs in innovation (9), art and culture (7), sports (7), educational (5), gallantry (3) and social service (1) categories have chosen.
- The PMRBP awardees participate in the Republic Day Parade every year. Each awardee of PMRBP is presented with a medal, a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh and a certificate.
- Haryana has two children honored with the Prime Minister's National Children Award - 2022 - Tanish Sethi (Innovation) and Akarsh Kaushal (Social Service).
- The award winners of PMRBP 2021 and 2022 attended the event from the respective district headquarters along with their parents and the district magistrate of their respective district.
- During the ceremony, the Prime Minister presented digital certificates to 61 winners of PMRBP 2021 and 2022 using blockchain powered technology developed by IIT Kanpur under the National Blockchain Project.

## 5 Persons from Haryana Selected for Padma Awards

### Why in News

- On January 25, 2022, the Government of India announced the Padma Awards 2022. According to this, Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra and Paralympic gold medalist Sumit Antil, who performed remarkable in the field of sports from Haryana, Omprakash Gandhi in social work, Motilal Madan in science and engineering, Raghavendra Tanwar in literature and education, received Padma Shri award.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that in the competition of track and field athlete, javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra created history by winning the gold medal in the Tokyo Olympics 2021 by throwing 87.58m javelin. By achieving this golden feat, he has become the first athlete from India to win a gold medal at the Olympics in track and field event.
- Similarly, Sumit Antil won the gold medal in the F64 men's javelin throw at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics with a javelin throw of 68.55 meters.
- Omprakash Poswal Gandhi, the founder of Gurjar Kanya Vidya Mandir, launched Gurjar Kanya Vidya Mandir on April 7, 1987, embodying his resolve due to his humility, decency, tact and ability to organize people. From its inception till date, the school is on the path of progress under his management and guidance.
- Gold Medalist in BVSc and AH and MSc (Punjab University), PhD (UMC, USA), DSC awardee Motilal Madan has been selected for the Padma Shri award for his remarkable work in the field of Science and Engineering.
- He has also been the Vice Chancellor of various educational institutions. He has published 432 research articles and policy papers in international and national reference journals, including 226 original research papers.
- Raghavendra Tanwar will be honored with Padma Shri in literature and education. Awarded for the first place in History and the highest percentage of marks in the Faculty of Social Sciences, National Fellow of UGC, President, Punjab History Congress (Modern 2001) and First President, Indian History Congress (Contemporary 2008) Prof. Tanwar Kurukshetra University Dean Academics, Dean Social Has held the posts of Faculty of Science and Registrar.
- His book 'Politics of Sharing Power: The Punjab Unionist Party 1923-1947' is recognized as an important and accepted research on the political system existing in the pre-Partition Punjab.

## 14 Officers of Haryana Police Decorated with Police Medals

### Why in News

- On January 25, 2022, 14 police officers of Haryana Police have been selected to be awarded the President's

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Police Medal for Distinguished Services and Police Medal for Meritorious Services.

### Key Points

- Haryana Police spokesperson said that Inspector General of Police Karnal Range, Mamta Singh and CID Panchkula Superintendent of Police Surendra Vats have been awarded President's Police Medal for distinguished services by the Union Home Ministry.
- 12 other police officers have been decorated with Police Medals for meritorious services. These include Dharambir Singh, Commandant II IRB Bhondsi Gurugram, Anil Kumar DSP Narayangarh, Sheetal Singh DSP RTC Bhondsi Gurugram, Manish Sehgal DSP CID Faridabad, Sunita Rani Inspector RTC Bhondsi Gurugram, Janak Raj Sub-Inspector Hisar, Sukh Ram Singh ESI Panchkula, Umesh Kumar ESI Faridabad, Seema ESI Telecom Panchkula, Ram Gopal ASI GRP Kurukshetra, Vinod Kumar ASI CID, Panchkula and Rajesh Kumar ASI Police Headquarters Panchkula.
- Director General of Police (DGP) Haryana, Prashant Kumar Agrawal said that this achievement at the national level would boost the morale of those who were decorated with Police Medals as well as other officers and jawans of the State Police Force.

## India's Largest EV Charging Station in Gurugram

### Why in News

- On January 28, 2022, the **National Highway for Electric Vehicles (NHEV)** inaugurated India's largest Electric

Vehicle (EV) charging station in Gurugram, Haryana.

### Key Points

- This Smart EV Charging Station has 100 charging points.
- Earlier, the country's largest EV charging station was located in Navi Mumbai.
- This charging station has been installed and operated by Alektrify, the official commissioning and installation partner of NHEV for setting up of charging stations on the Jaipur-Delhi-Agra e-highway under the Ease of Doing Business pilot program.

## Unnati wins Odisha Open

### Why in News

- On January 30, 2022, 14-year-old Unnati Hudna from Haryana became the youngest Indian player to win a Super 100 tournament by winning the women's singles title at the Odisha Open badminton tournament.

### Key Points

- Unnati won 21-18 and 21-11 over Smit Toshniwal in the final, while she defeated Malvika Bansod in the semi-finals.
- It may be mentioned that the Odisha Open, 2022 is a BWF Super 100 tournament, held from January 25 to 30, 2022 at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Cuttack district.
- It was organized by the Badminton Association of India with the approval of the Badminton World Federation.
- The tournament had a total prize pool of US\$75,000.



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