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Special Campaign against Human Trafficking by Haryana Police

Why in News?

- According to the information received from the media on 31 March 2023, the Haryana Police will conduct a one-month-long campaign against human trafficking in the entire state in the month of April. Through this, the police aim to raise awareness about human trafficking and encourage people to report any suspicious activity related to human trafficking.

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- It is known that this campaign will run from April 1 to April 30, 2023.
- The campaign will include various activities like seminars, workshops, street plays and awareness campaigns. Meanwhile, the Haryana Police will work closely with NGOs and other stakeholders to provide rehabilitation to the victims of human trafficking while undertaking rescue operations.
- Haryana Police has urged citizens to immediately report any suspicious activity related to human trafficking to the police on its emergency helpline number 112. The identity of the informer will be kept confidential.
- In the message sent to field units, all SPs and DCPs have been asked to run the campaign. CP and IG/ADG Range will review the progress weekly. The performance of the field units will be reviewed at the end of the month on the number of missing children and adults traced and beggars and laborers rescued.
- In this direction, the police will re-investigate missing person cases and send police teams to shelters and children's homes in neighboring states to see if any of them are living there. Cases of missing children are registered under sections 363-366 IPC, while cases of missing adults are registered under 346 IPC.
- It is noteworthy that Haryana Police traced 3379 missing female and 6340 male adults in the year 2022. Also, 1144 missing boys and 1426 girls were also recovered. In addition, it also freed 41 bonded laborers.
- In the same period, 22 Anti-Human Trafficking Units (AHTUs) of the State Crime Branch traced 316 missing male adults and 373 female adults.

- As per the Supreme Court order, a missing person case is transferred to the State Crime Branch for further investigation if it remains unsolved in the district for more than four months.
- Through the campaign, Haryana Police in collaboration with the Women and Child Welfare Department, other state police and NGOs aims to bring back the smile in the family by reuniting the separated with their loved ones.

First RPTO of Haryana

Why in News?

- On 2 April 2023, Haryana's Deputy Director (Horticulture) and drone instructor Dr. Satendra Kumar Yadav said that the state government has set up a Remote Pilot Training Organization (RPTO) at the community centre building at Phusgarh village in Karnal district. This is the first Government RPTO of Haryana.

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- It is known that drones have started being used for the security of the country and the state to farm barns. For the last two-three years, the state government has also encouraged the use of drones in agriculture. This is the reason why it is being demonstrated in various agriculture and horticulture universities and research institutes.
- Recently the Maharana Pratap Horticulture University of Karnal got the first prize for spraying nano urea, DAP, chemicals on all the crops in a maximum of 700 acres in the Indian Agricultural Research Attari area.
- Haryana Government has constituted an organization Drishya i.e. Drone Imaging and Information Service of Haryana Limited. This organization will operate the RPTO established in Karnal.
- From 1 April 2023 to 31 March 2024, RPTO Karnal has a target of training about 500 youths to become drone pilots. Right now two drones have become available with RPTO.
- Drishya, which operates the RPTO, is headed by state Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, while Wing Commander Giriraj Poonia, a retired Indian Navy officer, has been appointed as its CEO. IAS TL Satyaprakash has been appointed as its Managing Director.
- To take training as a drone pilot, it is necessary for the youth to pass matriculation. For this, he should

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have an Aadhaar card and passport. Also, his age should be between 18 to 65 years. Interested youth have to register in RPTO.

- From fertilizer to pesticide spraying in the agriculture sector, the demand for drones is continuously increasing. Apart from this, the use of drones is increasing in the telecommunication sector, mining sector, national highway and health services, due to which the demand for trained drone pilots in these sectors is also increasing.
- Deputy Director (Horticulture) and drone instructor Dr. Satendra Kumar Yadav said that an action plan for five days of special training has been prepared and sent to the government.
- Apart from this, the fee fixed by the Indira Gandhi National Flying Academy (IGRUA) is 65 thousand (GST extra), but a proposal has been prepared and sent to the government to reduce the fee to 25 thousand rupees. After getting approval from the government, fees will be fixed accordingly and training days will be fixed.

Haryana Govt. Signed an Agreement with Amazon regarding the Disabled

Why in News?

- On 2 April 2023, Haryana State Disabled Commissioner Rajkumar Makkad informed that the state government has entered into an agreement with Amazon, under which 10,000 youths of the state will be given employment in the Amazon company. These include giving jobs to 1500 Divyangs.

Key Points

- Divyangjan Commissioner Rajkumar Makkar informed that employment will be provided to Divyangjans who come under the Divyangjan Rights Act-2016.
- A help desk will be started from April 3 in the office of the Social Justice and Empowerment Department established on the ground floor of the Small Secretariat for the Divyangs. To get the benefits of government schemes, it is mandatory for all Divyangjans to get a UDID card made.
- The state commissioner said that the fees for the differently-abled have been made free in the 10th

and 12th examinations conducted by the Haryana School Education Board.

- The backlog will be filled in 97 government-aided colleges of the state, for which a four-member committee has been constituted. In aided colleges, the category whose posts have been filled more will be cut and the Divyangjans will be given their rights. Along with this, the benefit of reservation in the promotion will also be provided.
- It is known that till now the Scheduled Castes and Divyangjans have not been given appointments on the posts according to their roster in the aided colleges. Ordinary people have got employed in the seats of Divyang.

Khelo India Women's Archery Ranking Competition launched

Why in News?

- On 3 April 2023, Sports Authority of India (SAI) Executive Director Lalita Sharma informed that the Khelo India Women's Archery Ranking Competition was inaugurated at Bahalgarh, the northern regional centre of SAI in Sonapat district of Haryana.

Key Points

- 96 women archers from across the country have participated in the Khelo India Women's Archery Ranking Competition and the winners will be given prizes up to Rs.5 lakh.
- It is noteworthy that the competition to be held on 3 and 4 April is jointly organized by the Sports Authority of India, the Archery Association of India and the Haryana Archery Association.
- Medal-winning players in the competition will be given prize money of Rs 37.5 lakh.
- For winning the gold medal in recurve senior in the competition, a reward of Rs 5 lakh, the silver medalist Rs 3 lakh and the bronze medalist Rs 2 lakh will be given. In juniors, the gold medalist will get Rs.3 lakh, silver medalist will get Rs.2 lakh and bronze medalist will get Rs.1 lakh and in cadet, the gold medalist will get Rs.1 lakh, the silver medalist will get Rs.80,000 and the bronze will get Rs.50,000.

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- Apart from this, in the senior category of the compound category, the gold medalist will get a reward of Rs 2.5 lakh, the silver medalist Rs 1.5 lakh and the bronze medalist Rs 1 lakh. Gold medalists in juniors will get Rs 1.5 lakh, silver medalists Rs 1 lakh and bronze medalists Rs 50,000 and in cadets Rs 50,000 for winning gold, Rs 40,000 for silver and Rs 25,000 for bronze.

Chang Village to be included in the Mahagram scheme

Why in News?

- On 2 April 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal told during a public dialogue program at village Chang in the Bhiwani district of the state that Chang village would be included in the 'Mahagram Yojana'.

Key Points

- Under the 'Mahagram Yojana', sewerage treatment plants will be set up in all those villages of the state, whose population is more than ten thousand. Faecal Sludge Treatment Plants (FSTPs) will be set up in villages whose population is less than 10,000 and more than 8,000.
- Under this scheme, a sewerage system will also be arranged in Chang Village.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister informed that the school building of Chang Village would be renovated in collaboration with Lord Swaraj Paul Foundation.



Haryana Govt. launched Drone Imaging and Information Service of Haryana Limited (DRIISHYA)

Why in News?

- On 4 April 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal launched the Drone Imaging and Information Service of Haryana Limited (DRIISHYA) for a survey of infrastructure projects, monitoring of agriculture & horticulture crops and sensitive areas for security purposes etc. by inaugurating 'Startup Symposium and Industry Ignite, 2023' at Chandigarh.

Key Points

- Drone Imaging and Information Service of Haryana Limited (DRIISHYA) will provide pilot drone training to the youth in the state which will create employment opportunities for the youth.
- The state government has also encouraged the establishment of Startups Warehouse, Innovation Campus and Mobile Application Development Center.
- The state government is also using drones to curb illegal mining activities and ensure sustainable mining practices in the state.
- The government is using drones to monitor and prevent stubble burning in the state. With this step, the cases of stubble burning have come down by 47 per cent as compared to last year

Approval of Haryana Skill Development & Industrial Training Department, Group (B) Directorate and Regional Office, Service Rules, 2023

Why in News?

- On 5 April 2023, Haryana Skill Development and Industrial Training Department, Group (B) Directorate and Regional Office, Service Rules, 2023 were approved in the cabinet meeting held in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal.

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- In the new rules, the educational qualification for the post of Assistant Director (Technical), Senior Apprenticeship Supervisor, Principal, and Vice-Principal has been set as a degree in engineering.
- It is known that according to the existing rules, a diploma/degree in engineering was the prescribed qualification for the above posts.
- Provision has been made in the rules to fill the newly created posts of Finance and Planning Officer, Principal (Footwear), Training Officer (BTC) Apprenticeship and Placement Officer and the posts which have expired or have been upgraded, those posts have been removed from the rules.
- Provision has been made to pass State Eligibility Test (SETC) in Computer Appreciation and Application to bring proficiency in working on computers.

AYUSH Medical Reimbursement Policy Drafted

Why in News?

- On 5 April 2023, in the cabinet meeting held in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, the draft AYUSH Medical Reimbursement Policy was approved giving great relief to government employees, pensioners and their dependents.

Key Points

- This policy aims to uplift the AYUSH system through its outreach to all the beneficiaries of the state government.
- As most of these beneficiaries are getting their treatment under the AYUSH system of medicine but due to the non-availability of empanelled AYUSH hospitals, they were facing difficulty in getting their bills reimbursed. Given these difficulties, the draft AYUSH Medical Reimbursement Policy has been prepared.
- As per this policy, all Government AYUSH Institutes, Private AYUSH Hospitals having NABH certificates and entry-level NABH certificates will be empanelled under this policy. This will give a boost to AYUSH private practitioners as they can get their hospitals empanelled.

- Haryana government employees, pensioners and their dependents can get treatment for their ailments by getting admitted as patients in AYUSH-empanelled hospitals under the state government.
- Certain yoga and naturopathy practices will also be reimbursed during the outpatient treatment of chronic disease patients as no medicines are prescribed for outpatient treatment in yoga and naturopathy hospitals.
- Fixed package rates have been defined in all streams of AYUSH viz. Ayurveda (96 packages), Yoga (27 packages) Naturopathy (30 packages), Unani (85 packages), and Siddha (49 packages).
- The empanelled private hospitals under this policy will charge fixed package rates from the employees which will be reimbursed later after submitting the bill to the concerned department. The room rent will also be fixed as per the basic pay of the employee, which will be charged by the concerned hospital as per eligibility and will be fully reimbursable.
- Even in case of non-package treatment during indoor admission through Ayurveda, Unani and Homeopathy in empanelled private hospitals of the State, room rent will be reimbursed to the extent of eligibility, laboratory rates and cost of medicines given at the time of admission.
- A reimbursable list of medicines will also be prepared under this policy, which will be fully reimbursable during indoor admission in private AYUSH-empaneled hospitals.

Haryana Cabinet approves the draft of the SMDA, 2023 Bill

Why in News?

- On 5 April 2023, Haryana cabinet meeting was held in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, in which the draft of Sonipat Metropolitan Development Authority (SMDA), 2023 Bill was approved.

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- This draft bill seeks to ensure continuous, sustainable and balanced development of Sonipat Metropolitan Area through quality of life and creation of employment opportunities aiming to develop a vision for a reasonable

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- standard of living and integrated and coordinated planning, infrastructure to be provided to residents.
- Apart from this, the enactment of this bill will also lead to development and provision of urban amenities, mobility management, sustainable management of urban environment and social, economic & industrial development.
 - The government has decided to set up Sonipat Metropolitan Development Authority (SMDA) Sonipat on the lines of Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority (GMDA) Gurugram, Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority (FMDA), Faridabad and Panchkula Metropolitan Development Authority (PMDA) Panchkula.
 - Its main objective is to develop a vision for the sustainable and balanced development of the Sonipat Metropolitan Area. Urban facilities and infrastructural development will be strengthened by the authorities.
 - The Chief Minister will be the chairman of Sonipat Metropolitan Development Authority (SMDA), while Town and Country Planning Minister, Urban Local Bodies Minister, Transport Minister, Member of Parliament, State Legislative Assembly, Mayor and Senior Deputy Mayor of Municipal Corporation Sonipat and many senior officials of the State Government will be ex-officio members of this authority.

Haryana Government amended the Punjab Village Common Land (Regulation) Rules, 1964

Why in News?

- On 5 April 2023, in the meeting of the Council of Ministers held in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, it was decided to amend sub-rule (2A) of the Punjab Village Common Land (Regulation) Rules, 1964.

Key Points

- Under this, interested social societies or religious institutions that want to establish Gaushala, Biogas Plant, Panchgavya Products, Veterinary Hospital, Research and Training Center and for growing fodder will now be able to take the included land on lease for a period of up to 20 years.

- For this, the lease holder in the Gaushalas will have to keep at least 50 percent of the destitute animals in the Gaushala during the lease period of the total animal population.
- These rules are now called the 'Punjab Village Common Land (Regulation) Haryana Amendment Rules, 2023'.
- After the said amendment, now the Gram Panchayat through its land allotment will be allowed to give lease for a period of up to 20 years at a minimum rate of Rs 5100 per acre per year.
- Religious organizations with a history of philanthropic contribution to the society verified by their forefathers will be recommended by the District Level Committee and the Haryana Gau-Seva Aayog.
- Any land in Shamlat Deh will be allowed to be given on lease for establishment of Gaushala in the ratio of 0.75 acre for every 100 animals (at least 50 percent destitute cattle) after construction of Gaushala.
- In Shamlat Deh, any land will be allowed to lease 2 acres of land to a Gaushala with 1500 animals (at least 50 percent stray animals) for ancillary purposes like biogas plant, Panchgavya products, veterinary hospital, research and training center etc.
- After construction of Gaushala, 1.5 acres of land earmarked for cattle rearing will be allowed to be given on lease for cultivation of fodder for every 100 animals (at least 50 percent destitute animals).

Online portal launched for Empanelment of Private Hospitals

Why in News?

- According to the information provided by the Haryana Information, Public Relations and Language Department on 5 April 2023, Haryana Health and Family Welfare Minister Anil Vij has launched an online portal and a software as part of his commitment to provide transparent and quick health services to the people in the state.

Key Points

- Now on this portal, the process of empanelment of private hospitals will be online as soon as possible and they will be issued an online empanelment certificate.

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- Private hospitals will be submitted on this portal with the complete set of required valid documents. Login ID is created at 4 levels namely PM Branch (ASMO/DD), DGHS, ACS (Health) & Health Minister for processing and subsequently approve/reject the applications.
- The state government is facilitating this through empanelment of private hospitals apart from government health institutions, especially for providing tertiary and super-specialty health facilities to its employees, pensioners and their dependents. To ensure highest quality standards, only JCI/NABH accredited hospitals have been empaneled since 2017 and no empanelment fee is charged.
- Presently, applications for empanelment are submitted in hard copy, by hand or by post to the DGHS office. Applications are taken on file and processed at various levels from the Minister of Health to the Clerk until final approval.
- Similarly, the online empanelment portal will enable efficient and quick processing of such applications, which also has the facility of real time tracking of applications. Deficiencies in the application, if any, will be highlighted on the portal for correction by the applicant hospitals without the need to visit any office.
- In this, a dashboard has also been prepared for the officers to monitor the functionality/pending of the applications. The dashboard for the users (State Government employees/pensioners) along with complete details about each empaneled hospital, empanelment period, scope of services, details of beds, details of doctors etc. is also displayed.
- Moreover, this online empanelment portal is another example of the Haryana Government's commitment towards efficient, transparent and speedy service delivery under which private hospitals will get an online certificate of empanelment.
- It is to be noted that at present, there are 423 (211 multi-specialty and 208 single specialty) private hospitals under the empanelment of the state government.

Randomization and Real Time Inspection Software (Drug Wing)

Why in News?

- According to the information provided by the Haryana Information, Public Relations and Language Department

on 5 April 2023, Health and Family Welfare Minister Anil Vij has launched Randomization and Real Time Inspection Software (Drug Wing) for inspection of drug license stakeholders' organizations issued by Food and Drug Administration Department.

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- Haryana is the first state in the country to launch this software. This software will be implemented in Panchkula district on pilot basis and later it will be implemented in other districts of the state.
- This software has been started for the drug wing in the first phase and the food wing will be included in the second phase. The names of the random licensed units will be displayed on the official's mobile app for inspection.
- Through this software, the drug control officer will be given the duty to inspect the drug unit in a random manner and the target of inspection will also be given to these officers according to the month, which will be online. Inspection of all such drug units will be online and real time.
- In this, the officers will also have to share geo-tagging and location and immediately submit their inspection reports online to the licensing authority and higher authorities at the same time. For inspection, the concerned officers will also have to get approval from the controlling officers.
- It is known that at present there are 32581 retail and wholesale drug licensees in the state.

Haryana Hikes Budget for Mid-Day Meal Scheme by 72 Percent

Why In News?

- On April 6, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal told the state level steering committee meeting for **mid-day meal scheme** held in Chandigarh that the state government has given 14,409 primary school students under **Pradhan Mantri Poshan Shakti Nirman (PMPOSHAN)** to provide mid-day meal, **the budget has been increased by about 72 percent.**

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- A provision of **Rs. 661 crores have been made during the current year** against the **budget of Rs. 384 crores for the Mid Day Meal scheme** last year.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Secretary directed the officers to conduct study in various sections regarding enhancement of **additional nutritional standards in food** and ensure quality and meet nutritional standards of food besides cooking it under hygienic conditions.
- The time schedule for providing food to the students in the schools should be fixed so that the quality of the food can be checked and inspected.
- It is to be noted that the food provided under the scheme includes a variety of food items based on fortified flour, rice and millets.
- It was informed in the meeting that **200 ml 5 flavoured fortified milk** is also provided to the students of classes **1 to 8 along with a midday meal at least 3 days a week.**

'Chaudhary Devi Lal Gaurav Samman'

Why In News?

- On April 6, 2023, Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana Dushyant Chautala, on the death anniversary of former Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal, in a program organised by **'Meri Maa Foundation'** at **'Le-Meridien Hotel'** in New Delhi, honoured personalities from various fields including medicine, education, media. Awarded with Chaudhary Devi Lal Gaurav Samman.

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- Vice President of **'Meri Maa Foundation'** Dinesh Dagar said that seven programs have been organised by the organisation in the memory of former Deputy Prime Minister Devlil, today's program was the seventh, in which many celebrities including **medical, education, administration, social service, sports, media** has been awarded this honour.
- 150 dignitaries including Jasan Mahala, Satpal Dalal, Ajaydeep Lathar, Anuj Mishra, Bijendra Bansal, Shiv Kumar, Sunil Balyan, Naveen Gautam, Robindar Narayan were among those honoured.

- It is known that former Deputy Prime Minister Devi Lal had worked for the betterment of the people of every region, but people still remember the work he did for the upliftment of the poor labourers and farmers.

Work is Being Done on the Zero Dropout Policy in Haryana

Why in News?

- On 9 April 2023, Haryana's School Education Minister Kanwar Pal said that the zero dropout policy is being worked out to bring every child in the state through education to the mainstream of the country so that by the next year no dropout can be found in the state.

Key Points

- School Education Minister Kanwar Pal said that about 48 lakh children in the age group of 6 to 18 years are being tracked to know the status of education for the policy of zero dropouts.
- The Education Minister said that a National Education Policy has been prepared to provide education to children with values, which has been targeted to be implemented across the country by 2030 but it will be fully implemented in Haryana by 2025.
- He informed that under the Pradhan Mantri School for Rising India (PM-Shri) scheme, two schools each i.e. a total of 270 PM-Shri schools will be opened in 135 blocks of the state by next year. There will be model schools in every block and children will be given education in these schools according to the National Education Policy.
- He said that along with five S i.e. education, health, security, self-reliance and self-respect, good governance was also added in Haryana, which has yielded positive results in the last more than eight years. For the first time in the country, five and a half lakh tablets were distributed to the students of classes X to XII to connect the children of government schools with technology.
- Referring to another important cluster scheme to develop the system of education in Haryana, he said that a cluster has been formed in every four-five villages of the state, in which there will be a senior secondary school where along with the studies of

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all the three faculties-Arts, Science and Commerce, the skills of the children will also be developed for self-employment.

- Similarly, 150 new buses have also been purchased under the Chhpsu (Student Transport Security) scheme to make the movement of girl students to educational institutions safe and a nodal officer was also appointed in every institute for the transportation of girl students.

Haryana Ranks Fourth in the Country in GST Collection

Why in News?

- On 8 April 2023, Haryana's Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that Haryana, which was at number six in the country last year in GST collection, has reached number four this time.

Key Points

- Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that this time there has been an increase of 23 percent in GST collection as compared to last year. This time a total GST collection of Rs 33,527 crore has been done in the state.
- The deputy Chief minister, who also holds the charge of the Excise and Taxation Department, informed that last year the state received Rs 2,575 crore as compensation for the last three months. This year, the state government has received a total of Rs 30,951 crore as tax in the state.
- The only small states above Haryana in GST collection across the country are Sikkim, Union Territory of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and Goa.
- Giving information about the important works done in the Excise Department, Dushyant Chautala said that compared to the revenue target of Rs 9,200 crore for the year 2022-23, the department has so far earned Rs 9,687 crore while there is still one month left. It is estimated that this figure will exceed Rs 10,200 crore.
- He informed that high-security CCTV cameras have been installed in all Godowns, distilleries, and bottling plants of the state, and it is expected that leakage has been controlled. He said that in distilleries and bottling plants, monitoring was done through CCTV from DETC's office, this time parallel monitoring will

be done in headquarters also so that there is no tax evasion.

- He said that earlier roadside checking of vehicles was done manually, now in the next one-month new software will be prepared, and tablets will be given to the officers so that the location, time and tax evasion data of related goods will be filled on the spot from the GPS of the caught vehicle.

C-20 Summit on Integrated Holistic Health at Amrita Hospital, Faridabad

Why in News?

- On 8 April 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated the Civil 20 (C-20) Integrated Holistic Health Summit (one of the official working groups of G-20) by lighting the lamp at Amrita Hospital in Faridabad.

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- During this, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the Amrita School of Medicine in Faridabad. This medical college will have 150 MBBS seats. With the formation of this medical college, there have been three medical colleges in Faridabad, due to which better health facilities will be available to the people.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister also inaugurated the newly constructed auditorium on the campus. There is a seating arrangement of about 1200 people in this auditorium.
- During the inauguration ceremony, the Chief Minister also released two new platforms namely Digital Education for Advanced Clinical Capacity Learning (DISHA) and We Are with You (Hum Aapke Saath Hain).
- During the two days of the summit, more than 700 CSOs, health professionals, educators and leaders from across the public health landscape will participate in policy meetings, discussions & workshops to design policies that support global health and wellness.
- Addressing the seminar, the Chief Minister said that to keep the body healthy, everyone has to move forward in the direction of environmental protection. Along with allopathy, it is necessary to give importance to Homoeopathy and Ayurvedic methods.

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- He said that due to the efforts of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, today the yoga system has got a different recognition in the whole world. The Haryana Government has also established Shri Krishna Ayurvedic University in Kurukshetra keeping in view the importance of the Ayurvedic system.
- All India Institute of Ayurveda is also being established on 250 acres (about the total floor space of the Pentagon) in Kurukshetra with the help of the Central Government. Work on 700 wellness centres is going on in the state. Apart from this, one thousand parks and gymnasiums are being prepared.
- The Chief Minister said that according to the WHO standard, there is a requirement of 28 thousand doctors in the state. Including private doctors, there are a total of 13,000 doctors in the state. The Haryana government is taking various steps to increase the number of doctors in the state. He said that permission has also been sought to establish a joint college of Ayurveda and Allopathy in the state.
- Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director-General of the World Health Organization, addressed the delegates virtually. Former health ministers from countries such as Argentina, Rwanda and Malawi were also present at the summit. World-renowned spiritual leader and humanitarian Mata Amrit Anandamayi (Amma) is the chairperson of C-20.
- Dr. Priya Nair, Coordinator of the C-20 Working Group Integrated Holistic Health, Amrita Hospital, said that the working group aims to focus on women's and children's health, nutrition, mental health, non-communicable diseases, elderly care and to identify, discuss and address major health challenges in the field of holistic health (traditional and alternative forms of medicine including yoga and meditation). This will help in formulating a policy framework to deal with such issues.
- It is noteworthy that G-20 is a forum, which includes 19 countries and the European Union. It works to address major issues related to the global economy. The C-20 provides a platform for civil society organizations from around the world to bring the voice of the people to the world leaders in the G-20.

Three-Day Program on 'Millets Agri Expo and Rising Haryana'

Why in News?

- On 7 April 2023, Haryana's Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Jai Prakash Dalal inaugurated a three-day program organized by a media group on the theme 'Millets Agri Expo and Rising Haryana' by lighting the lamp here.

Key Points

- At the expo, a brainstorming session will be held for 3 days on the modern techniques of agriculture for farmers.
- On this occasion, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Jai Prakash Dalal also honoured progressive farmers by giving them the Kisan Ratna Award.
- The Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister said that on the proposal of the Government of India, the United Nations has declared the year 2023 as the International Year of Nutritious Food. Nutritious cereals like millet and Jowar hold immense potential in the fight against climate change, food, nutrition and livelihoods and poverty. It helps in mitigating the effects of climate change as compared to wheat and rice.
- He said that the state government is promoting millet as a nutritious food in the state under the National Food Security Mission from 2018-19. In Haryana, millet is grown in an area of about 10 lakh acres to 12 lakh acres, with an estimated yield of 800 kg per acre and production of 12 lakh metric tonnes. Besides this, Jowar is grown in an area of about 0.60 lakh acres to 1.10 lakh acres.
- Seeing its many health benefits, now people have started including it in their diet. Under the National Food Security Mission, grants are being given to farmers by the state government to promote jowar.
- The Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister said that the Millets Conference to be held in this context is an important initiative. In this, many topics like the cultivation of millets, the economy related to it, its effect on health, and the income of farmers, will be discussed.
- It is known that during the recent G-20 program organized by the state government, foreign guests were also fed food prepared from millet, which was also appreciated by the delegation.

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- Under the International Nutritious Food Year-2023, monthly programs are being organized by the state government in various districts, in which farmers are being made aware of nutritious food. Apart from this, they are also being informed about the various health benefits of including nutritious food in the diet.
- Nutritious foods are not only nutritious, but they can also be grown easily in dry land and with less rainfall. Several initiatives are being taken by the state government to promote bajra and jowar. Wide publicity is being spread by the Agriculture Department to make the International Nutritious Food Year-2023 a mass movement.

Chief Minister Inaugurated Two Important Projects worth 32 Crores in Gurugram

Why in News?

- On 7 April 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated two important projects namely Basai Chowk to Dwarka Expressway Railway Over Bridge (ROB) and the rejuvenation & beautification of Sikandarpur water body in Gurugram district completed at Rs 32 crore.

Key Points

- With the realization of these projects on the ground, the infrastructural system has been expanded in the Gurugram district.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that the newly constructed Railway Over Bridge at Basai would provide better connectivity to the people living in the Hero-Honda Chowk to Dwarka Expressway and the surrounding sectors in the coming times, as well as it will the traffic pressure on the old ROB on Gurugram-Jhajjar road.
- The four-lane ROB, part of the project connecting Umang Bhardwaj Chowk to Northern Peripheral Road (NPR) in Gurgaon at a cost of about Rs 114 crore, is 910 meters long and was constructed at Rs 23 crore.
- Even before this, the Chief Minister had also inaugurated an 820-meter length and six-lane flyover and foot-over-bridge at Basai Chowk in November last year under this project.

- The Chief Minister also inaugurated the project related to the rejuvenation and beautification of the water body developed in a 90 acres area near Sikandarpur. To restore this water body area, an MoU was signed between GMDA and NGO IM Gurgaon in April 2019.
- Rejuvenation of this water body costs Rs 9.1 crores, thereby promoting forest cover and reviving the old water body as part of the comprehensive green strategy in the cities.
- Many private organizations provided financial help from CSR funds to make this project a reality.
- The main objective of the eco-restoration of Sikandarpur reservoir and watershed area spread over 90 acres is to provide a clean and green environment to the residents of Gurgaon and to increase the urban green cover of the city through the plantation of indigenous species in the area.
- Notably, the Sikandarpur water body has been revived and restored to its natural beauty. The work involved clearing the surrounding encroachments, among other initiatives, removing the garbage and debris accumulated in the water body and the flow of sewage into the water body was stopped.
- The plastic waste already present in this water body was segregated with the help of the Municipal Corporation of Gurugram (MCG) and it was ensured that the waste is disposed of responsibly in the nearby landfill. In addition, pipelines were laid to carry rainwater to nearby residential areas.
- The revival of this water body has also reduced the risk of waterlogging in the area during the monsoon season. Along with this, fencing of the area, removal of debris, construction of natural trails and footpaths, and extensive plantation with local species of flora have also been done under Sikandarpur Eco-Restoration Project

5-Day Sang Mahotsav

Why in News?

- On 10 April 2023, Dr. Amit Agarwal Additional Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister of Haryana and Director General of Information, Public Relations, Language & Culture inaugurated the 5-day Sang Festival organized by the department in memory of Dhanpat Singh Sangi, dedicated to the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence, at the auditorium of Haryana Kala Parishad in Kurukshetra.

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- Dr. Amit Agarwal said that Sang is the most ancient and traditional art in the state. Sang learning is an integral part of the state's culture and heritage. The state government is working to preserve and promote this ancient culture and programs will be organized in all areas of the state in the coming times.
- He said that the work of giving a big shape to the International Gita Mahotsav in Kurukshetra was done by the state government. With the efforts of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, the Kurukshetra Development Board has organized the International Gita Mahotsav in Mauritius, London, Canada and now International Gita Mahotsav is also being organized in Australia from 28 to 30 April.
- He said that the State Government has constituted the Culture Development Board to promote culture. According to the announcement of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, a 5-day sang festival will be organized in the memory of famous Sangi Dhanpat Singh Sangi to promote art, culture and artists, as well as award money.
- Additional Principal Secretary said that Chief Minister Manohar Lal has made several announcements for folk artists. In these announcements, there is also a plan to give lifelong pensions to elderly artists above 60 years of age.
- Those artists who have become elderly and who are facing a crisis of livelihood, those artists will get a big contribution financially by getting lifelong pensions.

Increase in Monthly Pension amount given to Journalists**Why in News?**

- On 11 April 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, taking an important decision in the interest of journalists, proposed to increase the pension amount to the recognized media personnel above 60 years of age under the 'Journalist Pension Scheme'.

Key Points

- The amount of pension received by journalists will now be increased in proportion to the increase in DA as per the norms fixed by the Central Government.

- It is known that on 26 October 2017, Chief Minister Manohar Lal started the 'Journalist Pension Scheme'. Under this scheme, a monthly pension is being given to recognized media personnel above 60 years of age.
- According to the eligibility criteria for this scheme, journalists must have 20 years of experience and must be recognized by the Haryana Government for a period of 5 years.
- Apart from this, along with insurance schemes for journalists, free travel facilities in Haryana transport buses, and media centres have also been set up in every district so that media persons can discharge their duties without any inconvenience.

Rail Connectivity Proposal between IGI Airport Delhi & Hisar Airport approved**Why in News?**

- On 12 April 2023, Chief Minister Manohar Lal proposed rail connectivity for freight as well as passengers between IGI Airport, Delhi and Maharaja Agrasen International Airport, Hisar via Bijwasan-Gurugram-Garhi Harsaru-Sultanpur-Farukh Nagar-Jhajjar.

Key Points

- It is known that this report was presented in the meeting of Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (HRIDC) held on April 12 under the chairmanship of Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal.
- Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, who also heads the HRIDC, said the project would be sent to the Railway Ministry for approval. This project will be completed in two phases.
- Rail connectivity will be developed between Garhi Harsaru-Farukh Nagar-Jhajjar in the first phase, while Maharaja Agrasen International Airport, Hisar will be connected in the second phase. This rail link will spur regional development, improve transport efficiency and promote sustainable mobility for both goods and passengers.
- HRIDC Managing Director Rajesh Agarwal said that the proposed project will develop Garhi Harsaru-Farukhnagar (11 km) existing single line and Farukh Nagar-Jhajjar (24 km) missing link into double line. Rs 1225 crore will be spent on this.

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- Jhajjar-Rohtak (37 kms) existing single line, Rohtak-Dobh Bhal-Hansi (68 kms) work is in progress by Northern Railway. The Hansi-Maharaja Agrasen Hisar (25 km) line will be developed in the second phase.
- Rs 1040 crore has been approved from the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for rail projects in the state. Agreement for this will be signed soon.
- The Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor (HORC) was given an amount of Rs 874 crore by the Union Ministry of Finance under the scheme of special assistance to states for capital investment for 2022-23. The Government of India has expanded this scheme, for which a proposal for assistance will be sent soon.

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala inaugurated Bhim Digital Library

Why in News?

- On 14 April 2023, Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana, Dushyant Chautala, dedicated the Bhima Digital Library to the public at Ambedkar Bhavan, Panchkula Sector 12A, on the 132nd birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar and promised to give Rs 21 lakh from his voluntary fund.

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- On this occasion, the deputy Chief minister said that every possible help would be provided in opening a digital library in Ambedkar Bhawan and supply of books for the preparation of competitive exams & installation of software for education.
- He said that with the vision of a digital library to light up education, society will progress, and the future of the youth will be bright & happy. Along with this, in reality, Baba Saheb's thinking will also be given a concrete form.
- Apart from arranging computers in this library, the work of installing a lift will also be done. Apart from this, even if some work is left, it will be done from the CSR fund of HAFED.
- On this occasion, Director ICS Parimal Kumar announced to provide teaching faculty in the coaching centre and JJP Secretary Randhir Singh announced to give laptops.

- It is worth mentioning that Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was born on 14 April 1891 in Mhow (Dr. Ambedkar Nagar) located in the Indore city of Madhya Pradesh. He died on 6 December 1956.
- Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar was mainly a jurist, economist, social reformer and politician by profession.
- Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar inspired the Dalit Buddhist movement and campaigned against social discrimination against untouchables (Dalits). He also supported the rights of workers, farmers and women. He was the first Law & Justice Minister of independent India and the father of the Indian Constitution.

MoU between School Education Department and HDFC Bank for Free Insurance Scheme

Why in News?

- On 17 April 2023, in the presence of Haryana's School Education Minister Kanwar Pal, an MoU was signed by the School Education Department with HDFC Bank for a free insurance scheme.

Key Points

- Under the MoU, if the employee gets his salary account transferred to HDFC Bank, he will get a host of benefits free of cost, including accidental death insurance of Rs 50 lakh.
- School Education Minister Kanwar Pal said in a press conference after signing the MoU with HDFC Bank that an agreement has also been signed by HDFC Bank to set up smart classrooms in 103 schools of the state under the CSR programme.
- The School Education Minister informed that the Insurance Scheme has been started for the welfare of the employees of the School Education Department. This is a voluntary scheme in which if the employee opens an account with HDFC Bank of his own free will, he will get this benefit.
- If an employee becomes partially/completely disabled during an accident, then in such a situation he will get free insurance of Rs.50 lakh.
- 100% claim will be given in case of permanent total disability, permanent & incurable insanity, permanent

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loss of two limbs, permanent loss of both eyes, permanent total loss of one eye & one limb, permanent total loss of speech, complete removal of the lower jaw and permanent total loss of mastication.

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 - Daily activities necessary for living without full-time assistance 75% on permanent total loss of hearing in both ears
 - 50 percent on permanent total loss of a limb,
 - 50 percent on permanent total loss of sight in one eye,
 - 15 percent on permanent total loss of hearing in one ear,
 - 25 percent on permanent total loss of lens in one eye,
 - 40 percent on permanent total loss of use of four fingers and thumb of either hand,
 - 20 percent on permanent total loss of use of four fingers of either hand,
 - Permanent total loss of use of one thumb of either hand 20 percent in both joints and 10 per cent in one joint respectively,
 - Permanent total loss of one finger of any hand is 5% in three joints, 3.5% in two joints and 2% in one joint, respectively.
 - Permanent total loss of use of toes 15 percent for all-one foot, 5 percent for big-both joints, 2 percent for big-one joint respectively
 - 20 percent benefit will be given in case of ankylosis of the elbow, hip or knee.
- Apart from this, in case of the death of the account holder, his minor child will also get an education benefit of Rs 4 lakh.
- If the contractual employee becomes a salary account holder in the bank, he will also get free accidental death insurance of Rs 15 lakh. In addition, zero balance accounts and unlimited ATM access are included.

Approval of 8 Development Projects worth more than Rs 131 crore

Why in News?

- On 22 April 2023, in the meeting chaired by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar for approval of

development projects worth more than Rs 10 crore, 8 development projects of the state worth more than Rs 131 crore were approved.

Key Points

- The projects which were approved include 2-2 projects from the Public Works Department & Public Health Department and 3 projects from the Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority.
- The Chief Minister approved a canal-based water project at Dalamwala village in Jind district. With this drinking water project of more than Rs 13 crore, the population of 5 villages including Behatwala, Khokri, Haibatpur, and Mando villages will have uninterrupted access to drinking water, and water will be supplied from the Hansi branch.
- The Chief Minister approved the construction of a new disposal for stormwater drainage at Guru Nanak Pura in Rohtak City. This will get rid of the problem of water logging in Mahabir Colony, Sanjay Nagar etc. and will cost more than Rs 23.75 crore.
- The sanction was given for 3 rain well-based drinking water schemes to be set up by the Faridabad Metropolitan Development Authority. These three drinking water projects will be of 10 MLD capacity each, which will be set up in the village Bhikula, Mothuka, adjacent to the Yamuna Canal. These will cost more than Rs 51 crore.

The pension of Journalists in Haryana increased from Rs 10,000 to Rs 11,000

Why in News?

- On 23 April 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced an increase in the pension of journalists from Rs 10,000 to Rs 11,000 on Sant Shri Dhanna Bhagat Jayanti.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister made this announcement while addressing the two-day All India Media Meet organized by the Confederation of Newspaper and News Agency Employees Organization in Chandigarh.
- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that now the pension number of journalists will increase in proportion to the annual increase in DA on automation mode.

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- The Chief Minister said that to effectively discharge their duties and make them more capable, the government has provided free monthly bus travel up to 4000 km, expanding the scope of the Ayushman Bharat Yojana for dependents of journalists, setting up of a media centre equipped with modern facilities, journalist pension and many other initiatives.
- He said that apart from the media persons working in the field, there is a plan to connect the journalists working on the desk with all such schemes.
- Apart from this, Chief Minister Manohar Lal made a big announcement at a state-level function organized at village Dhanauri in Kaithal district on the birth anniversary of Saint Shri Dhanna Bhagat, saying that the medical college being built at Haibatpur in Jind will be named after Saint Shiromani Shri Dhanna Bhagat.

Power Corporations of Haryana have achieved the Best Performance with an A+ grade

Why in News?

- On 25 April 2023, Haryana's Electricity Minister Chaudhary Ranjit Singh said that due to the excellent policies of the state government, both the power distribution companies of the state have performed excellently by achieving A+ grades at the national level.

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- The 'Bijli Chori Pakdo Abhiyan' and 'Mhara Gaon Jagmag Gaon' schemes have made a special contribution to this achievement, as they have increased the revenue of the power companies.
- Notably, the Union Ministry of Power has recently released the 11th Integrated Annual Report of power distribution companies, in which both Haryana's power distribution companies (UHBVN and DHBVN) have shown unprecedented performance while improving the previous integrated annual report.
- The current report covered 43 state discoms, 8 private discoms and 12 power departments from across India.
- Chairman of Power Distribution Corporations P.K. Das informed that both UHBVN and DHBVN have been

placed in the A+ group. DHBVN has improved its rating from 85.71 to 89.30 and is placed in the 9th position.

- Also, UHBVN has improved its rating from 74.70 to 87.60 and is placed in the 10th position.
- UHBVN has improved from the previous rating of 14th to 10th. Similarly, DHBVN has improved its previous rating from 12th position to 9th position.

Constitution of Various Committees in Haryana Vidhan Sabha

Why in News?

- On April 26, 2023, Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Gyanchand Gupta constituted various committees in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha.

Key Points

- MLA Ghanshyam Das Arora has been nominated as chairperson of the petition committee for the year 2023-24, while the members include MLA Jagbir Singh Malik, Geeta Bhukkal, Shakuntala Khatak, Leela Ram, Laxman Singh Yadav, Sanjay Singh, Ram Niwas and Sombir Sangwan.
- Apart from this, MLA Varun Chaudhary has been appointed as the chairperson in the Public Accounts Committee. MLAs Seema Trikha, Ram Kumar Kashyap, Narendra Gupta, Bhavya Bishnoi, Amit Sihag, Surendra Panwar, Jogi Ram Sihag and Randhir Singh Golan have been included as the members of the committee.
- In the Rules Committee Vidhan Sabha Speaker Gyanchand Gupta has been included as ex-officio chairperson and MLAs Bhupendra Singh Hooda, Kiran Chaudhary, Geeta Bhukkal, Ghanshyam Das Arora, Dr. Abhay Singh Yadav, Naina Singh Chautala and Sudhir Kumar Singla as members.
- Similarly, in the Subordinate Legislation Committee, MLA Ishwar Singh has been included as the chairman and MLAs Jagbir Singh Malik, Abhay Singh Chautala, Jaibir Singh, Dr. Abhay Singh Yadav, Bishamber Singh, Amit Sihag, Induraj have been included as the members. Haryana Advocate General and MLA Laxman Singh Yadav has been inducted as a special invitee.

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