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Haryana Made Many Important Changes in MBBS Bond Policy

Why In News?

On November 30, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, after a meeting with a delegation of students in Chandigarh, **informed that the state has made several important changes in the MBBS bond case** keeping in mind the demands of **MBBS** students.

Key Points

- After the new changes in the MBBS bond policy, while the state has reduced the time limit of the seven-year bond agreement to 5 years, this five-year has also included PG studies, that is, in a way, the bond time limit will now be two years.
- Apart from this, the bond amount has been reduced from 40 lakh to 30 lakh earlier. Out of this, if the fee is reduced, then this amount will be about 25 lakh and it has also been decided to give a discount of 10 percent for girls. This amount does not include the institute's fees.
- It has also been decided in this policy that if any untoward incident happens to a student studying MBBS, then his family will not be forced to pay the bond amount.
- This policy states that a government job (contracted) will be given to an **MBBS** student within one year after studies. Apart from this, if a student takes up a private job after completing his studies and his salary is less than the salary being paid by the government to the medical officer, then he will not have to pay the bond amount unless his salary is equal to or more than the salary of the medical officer. In such a situation, the government will offer him a contracted job.
- It is worth mentioning that the Haryana government has run many schemes like Chirayu, Ayushman Bharat and Nirogi Haryana, which have been started to provide the best health facilities to the people of the state. Apart from this, medical colleges are being built in all the districts in the state and government hospitals are being opened, due to which the government will need a large number of doctors in the coming time.

- The Chief Minister said that at present, the number of medical colleges, dental colleges, homeopathic colleges and nursing colleges etc. has increased in the state. In 2014, there were 7 medical colleges in the state and MBBS seats were only 700. During the tenure of the present government, 6 colleges were opened and now the number of MBBS seats has increased to 1735.
- He said that there is a plan to open medical colleges in every district of the state. Medical colleges are coming up in many districts and as soon as the construction work of these medical colleges is completed, 3000 students will be admitted for MBBS.
- MBBS seats have been increased in the state and these seats will be increased in future also to meet the shortage of doctors.
- The state government aims to meet the target of deploying one doctor above the population of 1000. This criterion has been set by the World Health Organization.

65th National Shooting Championship

Why In News?

On December 1, 2022, **Manu Bhaker of Haryana won all the three gold medals** at stake in the 25 meter pistol while performing brilliantly in the **65th National Shooting Championship** being played in Bhopal. Manu won gold in the senior and junior categories of 25m pistol. Earlier, he had also won gold in the team event of senior and junior competition.

Key Points

- The 20-year-old shooter from Haryana, Manu Bhaker, defeated CRPF's **Pushpanjali Rana 33-27** in the final of the women's section, while in the junior section she defeated her own state's **Vibhuti Bhatia 32-24**. Vibhuti won bronze in the women's section and **Meghna Sadula** of Telangana in the junior section.
- The 65th National Pistol Shooting Championship is being held from November 20 to December 10, 2022 at the Madhya Pradesh State Shooting Academy at Bishankhedhi in Bhopal.
- More than 5,000 players are participating in this National Shooting Championship.

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Five Haryana Sportspersons get Arjuna Award

Why In News?

The Arjuna Award was presented to **25 sportspersons of the country by President Draupadi Murmu at the National Sports Awards-2022** ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on November 30, 2022. These include five players from Haryana.

Key Points

- The five sportspersons from Haryana who have been awarded the Arjuna Award include boxer **Amit Panghal**, **Athlete Seema Poonia**, **wrestlers Anshu Malik and Sarita Mor** and **badminton para-player Tarun Dhillon**.
- Instead of Amit Panghal, his mother received the award from President Draupadi Murmu.
- The Arjuna Award is the oldest national sports award in India. It started in 1961. The award, dedicated to sports personalities for their excellence in sports, is the second most prestigious award after the Khel Ratna. This award is given for outstanding performance, leadership quality, sportsmanship and discipline.
- The Arjuna Award carries a cash prize of Rs 15 lakh, a bronze statuette and a citation.

First Woman President of Table Tennis Federation of India

Why In News?

On December 5, 2022, According to information received from the media. **Meghna Chautala, wife of Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala**, has been elected president of the **Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)**.

Key Points

- Meghna Chautala has become the **first woman president of the Table Tennis Federation of India**. Orders to this effect have been issued by the TTFI. Earlier, her husband and Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala was also the president of TTFI.
- Meghna Chautala said that she will fulfill this new responsibility with utmost sincerity and will try to provide a healthy and better environment in the federation, especially for the youth and women players.

- Significantly, national champion Kamlesh Mehta has been given charge as the new General Secretary of Table Tennis Federation of India and Patel Nagendra Reddy has been elected as treasurer.

GST Tribunal to be Set up in State

Why In News?

On December 7, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said in a one-day tax dialogue program organized in Gurugram by the Excise and Taxation Department in collaboration with Haryana Tax Bar Associations that a GST Tribunal will be formed in the state for the convenience of tax payers and advocates, which is expected to start by March next. For this, recommendations have been made to the GST Council.

Key Points

- The Chief Minister also announced the opening of two Joint ETC Range Appeal Offices in Hisar and Gurugram to resolve GST related problems.
- The Chief Minister said that GST will be launched face-to-face at the divisional level by providing a common platform to taxpayers, advocates and officials of excise and taxation department to solve GST related problems in the state.
- At the initial level, it will be started in all the six divisions of the state - Ambala, Karnal, Rohtak, Hisar, Gurugram and Faridabad, in which taxpayers, tax advocates and officials will work together once every month to solve tax-related problems.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister called for promoting voluntary registration for GST and said that three advocates who have done maximum registration in one year will be honored.
- Keeping in view the demand put forth by the tax advocates, the Chief Minister also announced to open a library of books related to tax related subjects in every district of the state.
- He said that this library will be opened in the DITC office premises. Along with this, a waiting hall with canteen facility will also be built for the tax bar association to sit, where tax advocates coming to the office for tax related hearings will be able to sit with their taxpayers and discuss and wait for their turn.

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- Comparing Haryana with other states in tax collection, the Chief Minister said that the population of Haryana is only 2 percent of the country's population, while in terms of area, Haryana's area in the country is 1.6 percent, but Haryana's share in the country's tax collection is 6 percent.

Guidelines Issued for Enhancement in Contract Agreements

Why In News?

On December 7, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed that the state government has issued fresh guidelines for transparent and uniform enhancement of contract agreements for projects. The decision has been taken after several cases of irregularities in enhancement enhancements came to the notice of the government recently.

Key Points

- The Chief Secretary said that as per the decision, the competent authority will take a decision in the matter of structural design and modification of scope of work. If the cost of the allotted work is less than Rs 1 crore, the existing arrangement can continue.
- If the cost of the allotted work is more than Rs 1 crore, in this situation up to 10 percent, the administrative secretary of the department, 10 percent to 20 percent, the committee headed by the chief secretary, which includes the administrative secretary of the department as a member, will take a decision.
- Further, in case of more than 20 per cent, the Cabinet Sub-Committee headed by the Chief Minister, in which the minister in charge of the department will join as a member, will take a decision.
- He said that the present system regarding increase in the cost of the project will continue due to the tender rates, price adjustment given in the contract agreement and change in the supply rates of the Directorate of Supply and Disposal for departmental supplies.
- He also informed all administrative secretaries, commissioners of Ambala, Hisar, Rohtak, Gurugram, Karnal and Faridabad divisions, heads of departments, chief administrators of boards, corporations, organization's, managing directors, Panchayati Raj

Institutions, etc. Instructions have been issued to urban local bodies and district deputy commissioners. Strict compliance of this directive will be ensured with immediate effect from the date of issue.

Biodiversity Park and Lake to be Built in Gurugram

Why In News?

On December 8, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal and Union Minister of State Rao Inderjit Singh inaugurated a biodiversity park on about **420 acres in three villages of Gurugram district namely Damdama, Khedla and Abhaypur and re-established Damdama Lake on about 80 acres**. A major construction project was started.

Key Points

- The project will be jointly developed by Gurujal, Haryana CSR Trust and EY Foundation.
- A tripartite agreement was signed with EY Foundation for this project by Deputy Commissioner Nishant Kumar Yadav, who is also the Chairman of Gurujal and Joint Secretary of Haryana State CSR Trust, in the presence of the Chief Minister and Union Minister of State. Bala Chandra Raja Raman, President of the organization signed the agreement on behalf of EY Foundation.
- On this occasion, in the program organized in village Damdama, apart from the project of reconstruction of Biodiversity Park and Damdama Lake, an exhibition was also organized on the activities being carried out for water conservation of Gurujal.
- The Chief Minister informed that this company is voluntarily spending Rs 70 crore on this project. Haryana CSR Trust has been formed to encourage companies to spend their CSR funds in the right way in social works. In the last one year, companies have spent Rs 542 crore for CSR in the state through this trust.
- The Chief Minister said that in the coming time, at least one thousand crore rupees should be spent in social works in the state through CSR. This money will be spent on environment, water conservation, health and education.
- He informed that apart from the development of biodiversity parks and lakes, work is also proposed

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to build jungle safari on about 10 thousand acres in the Aravalli hills in Gurugram and Nuh districts. This will also boost tourism and provide employment opportunities to the people.

- Bala Chandra Raja Raman, President of EY Foundation, said that his company does not come under the purview of CSR, yet is voluntarily spending on this project. Cooperation of institutions like TERI, Sidar, IIT, Columbia University etc. will be taken in developing this project.
- This project will be developed in four phases. In the first phase, along with studying the plants and soil of the area, construction of nursery and cleaning of the lake will be done. In the second phase, water shed management and tree plantation will be started, in the third phase the lake will be developed and in the fourth phase plantation will be done.
- Renovation of Damdama Lake will be completed in four years and the work of developing Biodiversity Park will be completed in 10 years.

Common Cadre will be Implemented in All Medical Colleges of the State

Why In News?

According to the information received from the media on December 11, 2022, after the MBBS bond policy, the Haryana government has now **started preparing to implement common cadre in all the medical colleges of the state**. A complete draft has been prepared for this.

Key Points

- Once the proposal for common cadre in medical colleges in the state is passed in the winter session of the assembly, it will be implemented in all medical colleges and medical universities from the new academic session. After the implementation of the common cadre, the regular staff of any medical college can be transferred to other medical colleges.
- According to the information, the state government is trying to have uniform service rules in the Health Department as well as the Medical Education and Research Department.
- At present, the state health university Rohtak and other medical colleges have different rules. Here the

college itself has been doing recruitment at its own level. About six months ago, the government took over the recruitment and the headquarters itself is taking recruitment for all medical colleges.

- At present, the problem in the state is that teachers, doctors and other staff posted in one medical college cannot be transferred to another. Due to this the government is facing big problems. That's why the government is going to make uniform rules and service conditions for all medical colleges. The complete draft has been prepared and the directors of all the medical colleges have also agreed to it.
- It is worth mentioning that even a year ago, the state government had tried to implement the common cadre. But it was left pending due to opposition from PGI Teachers' Association and other employees.
- The regular doctors and employees are opposing this policy because they argue that when they were appointed, they were told that the concerned medical college was the station. Now, due to rendering service for many years, the employees and doctors have built their houses etc. in the same cities. The second argument is that if everyone has a uniform cadre, it will affect the seniority of many employees.
- The Haryana government intends to establish a medical college in every district of the state. Medical colleges are being set up in nine districts. Medical colleges are to be started in Jind, Bhiwani and Narnaul from the next session. The process of appointing new staff here is long. That's why the state government wants that the staff doctors and employees already posted in Medical College and PGI should be transferred and sent to these colleges.

Garbage will now be Raised on the Lines of Cities in the Villages of Haryana

Why In News?

Haryana Development and Panchayat Minister Devendra Singh Babli said that under the nine-point program, villages will be developed on the lines of cities and now **garbage collection will be done on the lines of cities** in the villages of the state.

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- Devendra Singh Babli said that the state government has implemented the NGT guidelines for **garbage collection on the lines of cities in the villages of the state, under which end-to-end** solutions have become mandatory. Apart from this, the company handling the cleaning will have to take NOC from the small government of the village, after which the payment will be made to the firm.
- He said that an amount of about Rs 300 crore will be released to the Panchayats which elect the representatives of the people with mutual consent in the elections of Panchayati Raj Institutions. All the people's representatives will do shramdaan every week by taking people along with them. Also, on the lines of cities, the work of waste management will be done by forming clusters in the villages.
- He told that in the coming two years, a big change will be made in the villages. E-libraries will be built in all villages in which women and youth will be able to sit and prepare up to UPSC. The old panchayat buildings of the villages or buildings built by the society will be beautified and developed on the lines of marriage palaces.
- In the villages, the fairs will be confirmed and solar lights will be installed and a rural plan will also be prepared to install CCTV cameras on the main roads of the villages. This will go a long way in curbing criminal activities in villages. Along with this, these cameras will be connected to the cities.
- Significantly, Haryana is the first state in the country where educated and youth panchayats have been elected. 70 to 80 percent of the public representatives in the state are below the age group of 45 to 50 years. Now there will be a special focus on quality in development works and development works will be done through e-tendering by forming a monitoring committee in all the villages.

Haryana's Water Atlas

Why In News?

According to information received from the media on December 11, 2022, the **Water Atlas of Haryana has now been prepared** after working for decades by the **Haryana Water Resources Authority (HWRA)**. It will be launched at the end of this month.

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- Through the atlas, information about the falling ground water level of the state will now be available every year. Along with this, **water demand-supply data** will also be prepared in five years. Soil erosion and rainfall patterns will also be explained through the atlas. The atlas will help the farmers of the state to understand the water level in their area.
- According to the Haryana Water Resources Authority (HWRA), which is working on making the atlas, the authority is mapping the aquifer (underground layer of rock holding water). **Haryana Space Applications Centre (HARSAC)** is also collaborating in this work.
- The state's water atlas will have data on the demand and supply of water for the next 5 years. In this, along with the need of water for every village family, the sources of water of the villages will also be mentioned. This data will help in mapping the water gap and strategizing on ways to reuse waste water.
- It is known that the ground water level in the state of Haryana has been declining since the formation of the state. Every year, groundwater is declining by one meter. The average ground water level in the state is **21.65 meters**. In Kurukshetra, it has gone down to 42.4 meters, Karnal by 22.2 meters, Kaithal by 32.95 meters, while in Mahendragarh, the ground water level has gone down to 48.36 meters.

Haryana Approves Revised State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC-2)

Why In News?

The revised **State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC-2)** was approved at a meeting of the Haryana State Level Steering Committee on Climate Change held in Chandigarh recently under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal.

Key Points

- The Chief Secretary informed that as per the Revised State Action Plan on Climate Change (SAPCC Phase-II) 2021-30 approved revised plan, 73 works have been proposed, out of which 37 are related to adaptation. 28 are related to mitigation and 8 strategies are related to both adaptation and mitigation.

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- The total proposed budget for these activities over 10 years (2021-30) is Rs 39,371.80 crore. The action plan will be submitted to the **National Level Steering Committee, Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC)** for final approval.
- He informed that the revised scheme aims to align and redefine the targets considering the **8 Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC)** targets.
- These eight NDCs include sustainable lifestyles, clean economic growth, reducing emission intensity of gross domestic product (GDP), increasing the share of non-fossil fuel-based electricity, enhancing carbon sink (forest) adaptation, financing and technology transfer and capacity building.
- In the meeting, the Chief Secretary directed all the concerned departments to update the plans, strategies and tasks for workable mitigation and adaptation action and strategy by 2030. Apart from this, directed to organize bi-monthly meeting of the State Advisory Group for monitoring and evaluation of SAPCC.
- It was informed in the meeting that in the revised **SAPCC Phase-II**, 8 different sectors have been added to different working groups under the Adaptation and Mitigation category. These five action groups under the Adaptation category include sustainable agriculture, water resources, forests and environment including biodiversity, strategic knowledge and skill development and mountain ecosystems. The three action groups for the mitigation category include promoting energy efficiency, solar missions, sustainable housing and industry.

Court Orders will be Available in Hindi in Haryana from April 1

Why In News?

According to media information received on December 13, 2022, the Haryana Government has decided regarding the **use of Hindi language in subordinate courts and tribunals of the Punjab and Haryana High Court** that now the orders of the courts in Haryana will also be available in Hindi language. The order will come into effect from April 1, 2023 .

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- In relation to the proposal to amend the **Haryana Official Language Act, 1969**, by the Haryana Information, Public Relations and Languages Department, for the purposes of sub-section (2) of section 1 of the Haryana Official Language (Amendment) Act, 2020 (13 of 2020) The notification issued for this has been approved by Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya.
- People make maximum use of Hindi language in daily life. To fulfil this objective, more and more publicity of Hindi language is necessary. For this, the Haryana cabinet had approved a proposal in January.
- The Haryana Official Language Act, 1969 was passed by the state legislature to adopt Hindi the language used for official purposes of the state.
- Under the Haryana Official Language Act, 1969, Hindi was made the official language of the state of Haryana. Since then Hindi language is being used mostly as the language of administration.
- The Punjab Official Language Act, 1967 was amended by the Punjab Act No. 11 of 1969 , to which Sections 3A and 3B were added, that all civil courts and criminal courts shall be subordinate to the High Court of Punjab and Haryana and work in all revenue courts and tribunals shall be carried out in Punjabi.
- Section 3A has been added to the Haryana Official Language Act, 1969, under which all civil courts and criminal courts subordinate to the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, all revenue courts and rent tribunals or tribunals constituted by any other court or state government, proceedings in such courts and tribunals, passing any decision or order, It will also be in Hindi.

Hisar's Airport is Not yet International

Why In News?

On December 15, 2022 union minister of state for civil aviation V K Singh replied to a question by BJP MP Brijendra Singh from Hisar in Parliament that there is no proposal to start international flights from Hisar at present. **Maharaja Agrasen Airport** will not become international yet.

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- The Union Minister informed that the Chandigarh route was started on January 14, 2021 . After this, the

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route from **Hisar to Dehradun** was started on February 2, 2021. A three-seater airline was also launched.

- The minister said that the construction of international airports depends on air traffic, airline demand, air special agreement, ground landing facility, runway length, immigration, health and animal service. Such a possibility is not at the moment at the airport.
- At the same time, the Urban Local Bodies Minister of the Haryana Government said that an international airport will be built here. They are being built with this thinking. Gradually, all the standards that are required for an international level airport are being met. The reply given in Parliament has been given on the basis of current data.
- 7200 acres of land has been transferred to Civil Aviation for Hisar Airport. The estimated expenditure has increased to Rs 245.15 crore. The deadline for the second phase has been extended to March 31, 2023, from October 2022 earlier. Construction of runway length to 10,000 feet, night landing facility, construction of hangar, boundary wall is going on.

CCTV Cameras and Lights will be Installed on the Streets of all the Villages of Haryana

Why In News?

On December 18, 2022 Haryana Development and Panchayat Minister Devendra Singh Babli said that **light and CCTV cameras will be installed on the streets of villages** of the state.

Key Points

- Minister Devendra Singh Babli said that there will be no shortage of funds in the development works of villages in the state. For this, development works will be done through e-tender under the zero tolerance policy of the state government.
- He said that even though development works in villages ranging from Rs 1 to Rs 100 crore are done through e-tender, they will all be under the supervision of Sarpanch's.
- He said that 50 percent share in panchayats of the state has been given to women, which is an example of

women empowerment. Under the far-reaching thinking of the government, educated panchayats have been formed in the state, in which a lot of participation of the youth has come to the fore.

- He said that lights and CCTV cameras will be installed on the streets of all the villages. Out of the three lakh kilometers of streets across the state, work will be done on one lakh kilometers in the first phase.
- Similarly, the state government has started work under grey water management to deal with the problem of waterlogging in the villages, in which work has started in 1000 villages out of 3500 villages identified as waterlogged. 18 thousand crore rupees will be spent by the government to overcome the problem of water logging.
- He also called upon the panchayat representatives to pay full attention to the maintenance of public properties like community centers and schools in the village. The state government is renovating and renovating old buildings and buildings. Digital libraries are being opened in villages, where the youth of the village will be able to prepare for the examinations of administrative services like UPSC etc.

Haryana Wins SKOCH Gold Award

Why in discussion?

On December 19, 2022, at a function held at India Habitat Centre in New Delhi, the Department of Agriculture and Horticulture of Haryana received the SKOCH Gold Award for its remarkable achievements in Soil Health Card and Crop Cluster Development Programme.

Key Points

- This award was given by Dr. K.K. Sharma, Additional Chief Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department, Haryana. Sumita Mishra and Director General of Horticulture Department Arjun Saini received the award.
- Haryana, which is the **second largest contributor of food grains to the national pool**, has taken several policy initiatives to promote diversification and agri-business in the field of horticulture. The state has mapped around 400 horticultural crop clusters and formed 700 **Farmer Producer Organizations**.

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- In order to strengthen backward and forward linkages in clusters, the state has launched an ambitious scheme 'Crop Cluster Development Programme (CCDP)' with an outlay of Rs 510.35 crore for setting up on-farm integrated pack-houses through FPOs. So far, 33 integrated pack-houses have been set up in the state and 35 are in progress. A total of 100 such integrated pack houses are targeted to be set up by the end of the current financial year.
- Further, in order to ensure final value chain for farmers and agricultural produce, 37 companies in the agriculture sector have executed 54 MoUs with 34 FPOs for trading and marketing of FPOs with buy-back mechanism to promote agri-business activities.
- CCDP was launched to address a number of issues including collection of produce such as cluster formation, farmers' groups and pack-houses, collection centers, grading-packing and standards such as market linkages.
- In addition, it also aims to resolve sanitary and phytosanitary measures, including pesticide residues, and microbiological contamination including pests, diseases, aflatoxins and heavy metals.
- Under the 'Har Khet-Swasth Khet' campaign, around 75 lakh soil samples will be collected and tested in 3-4 years and Soil Health Cards (SHCs) for each acre will be distributed to farmers, a state government spokesperson said.
- In order to increase people's participation and awareness about soil testing, the work of collecting soil samples and distribution of soil health cards is being done through **Farmer Helpers** (local villagers) and science students of Government Colleges, Government Senior Secondary School under the '**Earn While You Learn**' program.
- Farmer assistants and science students are also provided an incentive of Rs 40 per soil sample. They were trained by the department to collect soil samples. With this strategy, the state has collected 30 lakh soil samples in the year 2022-23, which is eight times more than the previous years (2015-2020).
- The spokesman said that the state of Haryana has an extensive network of soil testing laboratories where farmers have easy access to soil testing. There is availability of soil testing laboratory within a radius of 20-25 km.

- Prior to the year 2020-21, the department had 35 static soil testing laboratories, which could test 7.4 lakh soil samples annually. During the years 2021-22 and 2022-23, the department has created 60 new STLs (13 stable + 47 mini).
- At present, the department has a total of 95 (48 static+47 mini) soil testing laboratories which can test 30 lakh soil samples annually.

HAFED will Set Up Oil Mill in Rewari

Why In News?

On December 20, 2022, Haryana's Cooperative Minister Dr. Banwari Lal, after presiding over a review meeting of Cooperative Department officials in Chandigarh, informed that a new oil-mill would be set up by **HAFED at Rampura in Rewari** district.

Key Points

- With the establishment of this mill, where there will be benefit in meeting the increasing demand of mustard oil in the market, the consumption of mustard produced by the farmers of the state will also be correct. The crushing capacity of this mill will be 150 TPD initially, but it can be increased to 300 TPD later.
- With the establishment of this mill, employment opportunities will be available to about 500 people, while it will benefit about 50 thousand farmers of South Haryana.
- Dr. Banwari Lal, after taking detailed information about the turmeric plant in the state and the work of making oil, powder and other spices and cold stores in it, gave instructions to complete the work within the prescribed period.
- Apart from this, he said that Vita-Cafe will be opened in Gurugram, so that people can get quality products made from Vita milk and milk. There are about a dozen HAFED sales outlets in Gurugram at present, now dairy development federation and HAFED booths or showrooms will be opened there.
- Hafed is Haryana's largest and top cooperative union. It came into existence only with the formation of Haryana as a separate state on November 1, 1966.

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'Fard' of Land in the State will be Prepared with the Help of Software

Why In News?

On December 20, 2022, Haryana's Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala told in a program organized in Mithi Surera village of Sirsa district of the state that a **new software has been taken to prepare the 'Fard' of the land in the state**. Due to this, now the farmers will not have to go round the Patwari offices to get the Fard of their land.

Key Points

- Dushyant Chautala told that the **Fard i.e. Jamabandi** which will be taken out through this software, QR code will be marked on it. This Fard will be considered as a verified document only because of the QR code being marked.
- He said that the Haryana government has purchased this software from the Central Government and with the help of this software, farmers will also be able to take loans and there will be no need to sign patwari.
- Apart from this, the Deputy Chief Minister also announced that now people will not have to visit government offices to get BPL cards, but from January 1, BPL cards will be automatically made on the basis of verifying income of families earning less than Rs 1 lakh 80 thousand annually.
- He said that the government has not only curbed corruption with the help of technology, but has also created such a system that now people are getting the benefits of government schemes sitting at home and now people do not have to visit offices.

Agreement Between Haryana and Central Government Regarding Maharaja Agrasen International Airport

Why In News?

On December 21, 2022, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that an agreement has been signed between Haryana and the central government

regarding the **Maharaja Agrasen International Airport to be built in Hisar** and the state government has set a budget of Rs 945 crore for this mega project.

Key Points

- The Deputy Chief Minister said that Hisar Airport is being developed at the international level. It will be the **first major airport in Haryana spread over 7200 acres**.
- The under-construction runway of Hisar Airport is 10 thousand feet, which is in line with the international airport. In the last one and a half years, 90 percent of the runway work has been completed and the runway will be ready by March 2023.
- Along with this runway, taxi stand and 23 meter wide taxi-way, parking stand, fire station are also being constructed according to international standards. State-of-the-art lighting lights that allow airplanes to land at night and air traffic control system with latest technology will be installed.
- He said that the length of airstrips at international airports across the world ranges from 9 thousand to 12 thousand feet, while the length of airstrips at Hisar is 10 thousand feet.
- The Deputy Chief Minister said that after the construction of the second phase, the terminal and apron of the airport are also to be constructed under the standard of the international airport.
- He said that not only the international airport in Hisar, but it will be made an aviation hub. Apart from developing an airport on about 7200 acres of land, work will be started soon to develop a manufacturing hub on 3000 acres.
- With the construction of this airport, passengers from Amritsar to Jaipur will get convenience.

USD 128 Million Line of Credit for Rail Infrastructure Projects in Haryana

Why In News?

Loan of USD 128 million (Rs 1040 crore) from Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) for rail infrastructure projects in **Haryana Rail Infrastructure Development Corporation (HRIDC)** meeting chaired by Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal on December 22, 2022 has been approved.

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Key Points

- In the meeting, the Chief Secretary informed that IGI Airport Delhi and Maharaja Agrasen Airport, Hisar via Bijwasan-Gurugram, Basai-Dhankot, Sultanpur-Farukh Nagar, Jhajjar, Asthal Bohar-Rohtak, Dobh Bahali, Hansi- HRIDC is preparing a detailed project report for railway connectivity between Hisar airport.
- On the occasion of the second 'Urban Infra Business Submit and Awards, 2022', HRIDC has been honored by '**Urban Infra Group**' along with well-established companies in the rail sector for excellence in '**New Rail Infrastructure Development**'.
- HRIDC will have a permanent head office in Gurugram for which the state government has allotted a plot of land in Sector 32.
- In the meeting, the Chief Secretary directed the officers to speed up the land acquisition process for the Haryana Orbital Rail Corridor Project for expansion of rail connectivity in the state. Under this, a new double rail line with 17 stations from Sohna to Palwal in this 130 km long corridor will run along the Kundli-Manesar-Palwal Expressway via Badli, Manesar and Sohna.

Stage-3 and 4 Cancer Patients in the State will now get a Monthly Pension of Rs. 2500

Why in News?

On December 23, 2022, the Haryana Government has decided to start a monthly pension of Rs. 2500 for stage-3 and 4 Cancer Patients of the State. This will put an additional financial burden of over Rs. 68.42 crore on the State Exchequer.

Key Points

- It may be recalled that Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, after meeting the families of Cancer victims in May 2022, had assured that all possible help would be provided to Cancer Patients and those whose family income is up to Rs. 3 lakh.
- The State Social and Empowerment Department said that for the benefit of this Scheme, the facts of annual income shown in the family identity card

will be matched. This Pension will continue till the patient is alive.

- To take advantage of this Scheme, the patient will have to upload the documents verified by the Committee of the Civil Surgeon's Office through the Saral Center. The applicant will have to bring Ration Card, Voter Card, PAN Card, Passport, Bank Passbook, Telephone, Water, Electricity or other utility bills, in which the address of the house is written or land record documents / family identity card will have to be brought to the Saral Center.
- ASHA Worker The ANM will verify the Patient's Survival Certificate, which will be countersigned by the Health Department Officials.
- According to the Civil Resource Information Department, there are 57 lakh families in Haryana, whose population is 2 crore 85 lakh. Of these, more than 37.45 lakh families have an annual income of less than Rs. 3 lakh in the family identity card.
- It is noteworthy that the financial assistance given to Cancer victims from the Relief Fund in the State was earlier approved by the Chief Minister's Office. The matter was referred to the Chief Minister's Office by the concerned District Deputy Commissioner and it was a lengthy process. As soon as the matter came to the notice of the Chief Minister, he asked the District Deputy Commissioner to release this financial assistance amount at his level. This amount of up to Rs. 1 lakh is given to the patient at the District level as financial assistance.
- The State Government has decided that if the patient is taking advantage of any other type of Social Security Pension or Old Age Honor Allowance Scheme, then he will also get a monthly pension of Rs. 2500 additionally.
- Before Haryana, Tripura is the only State in the country which is giving monthly financial assistance of Rs. 1000 to stage-3 Cancer patients.

Expansion of 'Chief Minister Urban Body Ownership Scheme'

Why in News?

On December 22, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal told in a meeting with officials of various

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Departments in Chandigarh that the 'Mukhyamantri Urban Body Ownership Scheme', designed to give ownership of Commercial Land of Municipalities running on rent or lease for more than 20 years in the State, will be adopted by other Departments as well. For this, a new plan is being prepared.

Key Points

- Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal directed the officials to prepare the Draft Scheme within 15 days. The Draft will then be sent to the Chief Minister and the Finance Department for approval and will be brought to the meeting of the Council of Ministers for final approval.
- The Chief Secretary informed that the Chief Minister Urban Body Ownership Scheme was prepared by the Urban Local Bodies Department in June 2021. Under this, ownership rights were provided to all citizens of Urban bodies who have occupied Commercial Land for 20 years or more than 20 years.
- Under this Scheme, individuals who have been occupying the land for 20 years through rent or lease are being given Ownership Rights on payment of up to 80 percent of the Collector Rate.
- Similarly, according to the limit of years occupied by the land, the Collector Rate will have to be paid at different rates, such as 75 percent of the Collector Rate for 25 years, 70 percent for 30 years, 65 percent for 35 years, 60 percent for 40 years, 55 percent for 45 years. There is a provision to give Ownership Rights on payment of 50 percent for 50 years.
- He said that now it has been decided by the State Government that a new plan will be made by bringing uniformity across the State to give Ownership Rights to Citizens on lands of other Departments besides Bodies.
- He directed the Officials of the Urban Local Bodies Department to prepare the Draft Scheme for other Departments and this Draft will be shared with the Administrative Secretaries of the Concerned Departments and comments will be sought from them.
- It was informed in the meeting that during the first phase of the Chief Minister Urban Body Ownership Scheme, about 7 thousand applications were received. Letters of Intent (LoIs) have been issued to 1730 applicants.

Haryana Scheduled Castes (SC) Commission

Why In News?

On December 26, 2022 the Haryana government issued a notification for the formation of the **Haryana Scheduled Castes (SC) Commission**.

Key Points

- Haryana Scheduled Caste Commission chairman Prof. Ravindra Baliyala has been appointed.
- Vijay Badbujar of Bhiwani has been made the Vice Chairman of the commission and Ravi Taranwali of Kaithal, Meena Narwal of Sonipat and Ratan Lal of Sirsa have been appointed as members.

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Patients will get Rs 2500 Pension

Why In News?

On December 27, 2022, Haryana's Health and Family Welfare Minister Anil Vij announced a **pension of Rs 2500 per month to patients suffering from rare diseases including Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy** in the state.

Key Points

- Health and Family Welfare Minister Anil Vij said that the number of patients of this disease in the **state is 400 to 500**.
- It is noteworthy that some states including Himachal Pradesh are giving monthly pension to the Duchenne muscular dystrophy victims.
- He informed that under the National Policy on Rare Diseases 2021, financial assistance up to Rs. 50 lakh is being provided to patients suffering from rare diseases including Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy for treatment in centers of excellence.
- The central government has set up 10 centres of excellence for this. PGI Chandigarh is also among them.

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Surya Namaskar Campaign

Why In News?

On December 26, 2022, under the chairmanship of Dr. Jaideep Arya, Chairman of the Haryana Yoga Commission, in the joint aegis of the District AYUSH Department and the Haryana Yoga Commission in the state's Murthal, it was told that on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of independence, from **January 11 to February 12 across the state Surya Namaskar campaign will be launched till 2016**, for which a target of 75 lakh Surya Namaskar has been set.

Key Points

- Dr. Jaideep Arya said that the Surya Namaskar campaign will be launched by state Home and Health Minister Anil Vij in Ambala, while it will conclude with a state-level program organized at Bhagat Phool Singh Women's University in Khanpur Kalan, Sonapat, in which Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar will be the chief guest.
- Surya Namaskar will be started on the eve of Swami Vivekananda's birth anniversary (January 12) and will conclude on Swami Dayanand Jayanti (February 12). Efforts will be made to organize Surya Namaskar in every gymnasium and every village. For this, yoga and naturopathy promotion committee will be formed.
- Dr. Jaideep Arya said that Haryana is the first state in the country where yoga has been compulsorily included in the curriculum. In the curriculum, not only book knowledge, but also experimental form has been given importance.
- He called upon Yoga Acharyas and yoga lovers to write books on yoga which can be included in the curriculum. A cash prize of Rs 50,000 will be given to the author of the selected book, while financial assistance of Rs 50,000 will also be given to those who do research work.
- He informed that an international center will be set up on 20 acres of land in Kurukshetra for yoga, in which arrangements will be made for 2000 people to practice yoga at a time. An international centre will also be set up at a cost of Rs 200 crore.
- A Foreign Language Centre will also be set up by the Haryana Yoga Commission, in which yoga assistants will be trained in foreign languages and sent abroad by making them culture ambassadors.

Haryana Govt to give more Autonomy to Panchayats and Municipalities

Why In News?

On December 28, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar announced more autonomy to Panchayats, Block committees, Zila Parishads, Municipalities, Municipal councils and Municipal corporations in the state in the winter session of the assembly.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that under gram panchayats, sarpanches will be able to get work up to Rs 2 lakh done at their level on quotation basis and works worth more than Rs 2 lakh will be done through tender on Haryana Engineering Works Portal.
- Under the new system, only the SDO will approve works ranging from Rs. 2 lakh to Rs. 25 lakh at the sub-divisional level. Sarpanch, Block Committee and Zila Parishad Chairman will give administrative approval for this. Earlier, the approval files of the states used to come to the director, now all the approvals will be available at the local level.
- He said that Technical approval of works ranging from Rs. 25 lakh to Rs. 1 crore will be given by the Superintending Engineer and approval will be given by the CEO, Zila Parishad and technical approval for works ranging from Rs. 1 crore to Rs. 2.5 crore will be given by the Engineer Superintendent and approval will be given by the Panchayat Director. Technical approval for work worth more than Rs 2.5 crore will be given by the Chief Engineer or Engineer-in-Chief. It will be approved by the Administrative Secretary.
- If panchayati raj institutions fall short of the budget received from the State Finance Commission and the Central Finance Commission, the Rural Development Department will provide a demand-driven budget from HRDF or other reserve funds of the state government.
- In the works that will be done from these funds, the Panchayat Director will approve the work up to Rs. 25 lakh. The rural development department will carry out works worth more than Rs. 25 lakh and the government will give approval. Works worth Rs. 5 to 10 crore will come to the concerned minister and works worth more than Rs. 10 crore will come to the Chief Minister.

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State's first Sports University to come up in Sonipat

Why In News?

On December 27, 2022, Additional Chief Secretary of Haryana Sports Department Mahabir Singh said that the state's first sports university will be set up at Motilal Nehru Sports School located in Sonipat district of the state.

Key Points

- According to the information, Governor Bandaru Dattatreya has appointed retired IPS S.S. Deshwal, a resident of village Atawala in Panipat, as the Vice Chancellor of the new Sports University.
- The sports school will not be upgraded as a sports university. In fact, a separate university will be set up in the sports school premises.
- It is worth mentioning that recently Chief Minister Manohar Lal had announced to set up the state's first sports university at Motilal Nehru Sports School at Rai in Sonipat.
- The paperwork and other procedures for setting up a sports university have been completed. Now the infrastructure for the university has to be prepared in the sports school premises. Earlier, the Sports University has been formally started. The government has also sent a letter in this regard to the sports school.
- It is known that in the year 1973, the then Chief Minister Bansi Lal started motilal Nehru Sports School in Rai. The school players have so far won many medals with their performance on the national and international stage. Not only this, many are working in high positions in administrative services and army.
- According to the plan of the state government, a center of excellence will be built here for every sport, so that international level coaches and players can be prepared.
- Haryana is a sports state where there was not a single sports university. The players had to go to other states for NIS certificate or course. In view of this, a sports university has been started here. All sports-related courses will be conducted here.
- Motilal Nehru Sports School has 12 playgrounds besides hockey, football, horse riding, swimming, gymnast, basketball. The school has long dominated

the national level in horse riding and swimming. The school has multipurpose halls and hockey astroturf grounds to promote sports. A 50-meter shooting range is being built here. The already built swimming pools and other sports grounds are of national level.

Digital Media Section Got State Level Award

Why In News?

Recently, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal honored the **Digital Media section of the Department of Information, Public Relations and Languages (DIPRL) with a state-level award** during a state-level function held in Panchkula on the occasion of Good Governance Day.

Key Points

- The award was given for playing a significant role in the dissemination of government schemes and curbing fake news through fact check accounts. On this occasion, Aditya Chaudhary, In-charge (**Information and Public Relations Officer**) and Arvind Kumar, Assistant Manager of Digital Media Section received the award from the Chief Minister.
- It is worth mentioning that the Digital Media Section has been created by the Information, Public Relations and Language Department so that the necessary information related to the government, information about the latest schemes and information about notifications reach the people on time through effective and authentic means.
- It is known that the digital media section was led by Chief Minister Manohar Lal and principal secretary of information, public relations and language department Anurag Agarwal and director general of information, public relations and language department Dr. Amit Kumar is working under the able and constant guidance of Agarwal.
- Digital Media Section has an impressive presence on 11 major social media platforms including **Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, YouTube**. This section gives quick response by checking fake news and information through its fact check account and is playing an important role in disseminating information related to government schemes.

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