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## Six new fast track courts will be established in the state

### Why In News

- On November 29, 2023, it has been decided to set up 6 new fast track courts in various courts of the state to hear pending cases related to crimes against women, such as rape, molestation and mental harassment.

### Key Points

- It has been decided to set up fast track courts in every district where more than 50 cases of the above mentioned categories are pending in the court.
- Two fast track courts will be established in Faridabad and one each in Gurugram, Panipat, Sonipat and Nuh districts of the state.
- Regular training programs and refresher courses are being conducted for women investigating officers in the Haryana Police Academy so that they not only remain updated about the new amendments in the legal provisions but also can investigate the cases in an effective and timely manner.



- The Scene of Crime team has provided investigation kits to the investigating officers in all the districts to collect necessary evidence from the crime scene in a scientific manner. This investigation kit is scientifically advanced, making the investigation process more fair.
- Women's Safety DIG Nazneen Bhasin said that DSP level officers have been appointed as nodal officers in every district of the state for monitoring crimes against women. More than 2 lakh CCTV cameras have been installed in the state for women's safety.
- According to the Criminal Law Amendment-2018, a provision has been made to complete the

investigation of the case of rape of a girl below 12 years of age within a time period of 2 months. If found guilty in this case, there is a provision for maximum death penalty.



## Haryana government approves 2 new police stations in Sonipat district

### Why In News

On November 29, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal has given administrative approval for the establishment of 2 new police stations at village Barota and Farmana in Sonipat district.

### Key Points

- The Home Department has decided to set up the police station considering the geographical and demographic factors including total area and population, with an aim to enhance security for the residents of the area.
- Mahipur, Farmana, Nizampura Majra, Maujamnagar, Ridhau, Gorad, Bidhlana, Silana villages falling under Kharkhoda police station have been included in the new proposed Farmana police station.
- Similarly, villages Mandora, Mandauri, Halalpur, Turkpur, Jhinhauri falling under Kharkhoda police station have been included in Barota police station.
- The new police station to be established in Barota will provide service to about 58,100 people, while the Farmana police station will be responsible for the security of about 77,951 people.

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## Director General of Police inaugurated the state's first e-library in Sonipat

### Why In News?

On November 30, 2023, Haryana Director General of Police Shatrughit Kapoor inaugurated the state's first police e-library in Sonipat district. During this, apart from students of various government and degree colleges, students of D.A.V Police Public School participated in large numbers.

### Key Points:

- On this occasion, Director General of Police Shatrughit Kapoor said that the creation of e-library will especially benefit the students preparing for competitive examinations. The study material provided here will inspire students to learn and move forward in life.
- He said that this e-library is a platform for students preparing for competitive exams, where they can get knowledge in many languages.
- It is worth mentioning that this is the first major e-library established by Haryana Police in Sonipat district. Candidates of UPSC, NDA, CDS, Banking and other competitive examinations will benefit greatly through this e-library.
- This e-library is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities & houses standard books of various subjects, magazines, globes, maps & standard dictionaries and other reading materials. Apart from a photo studio equipped with new technology, a language room,

conference hall and guest room have also been made in this e-library.



## Deputy Chief Minister inaugurates UITDC Center at CDLU

### Why In News?

On December 4, 2023, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala launched the ambitious UITDC Center at Chaudhary Devi Lal University (CDLU), Sirsa, setting a new dimension in the field of Information Technology.

### Key Points:

- On this occasion, Dushyant Chautala said in his address that Chaudhary Devi Lal University is the first university in the state to establish such a state-of-the-art IT centre.
- On this occasion, Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. Ajmer Singh Malik said that this university, named after the Deputy Prime Minister of India Chaudhary Devi Lal, has played an important role in meeting the higher education needs of the region.
- The University IT Data and Computer Center has been constructed in the CDLU campus at a cost of more than Rs 9.80 crore.
- There are 20 rooms in this building and arrangements for 7 computer labs, system analyst room, video conferencing room, hardware & software stores etc.
- About 350 computers will be installed in the centre, which will fulfil the dream of complete digitalization of the university and will benefit the students. The process of setting up the center of NTA (National

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Testing Agency) in the university is also about to be completed.

- UITDC Director Prof. Sushil Kumar said that this centre will help the students to acquire practical knowledge.



## Chief Minister inaugurates International Conference at Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University

### Why In News?

On December 4, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated the international conference organised at Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University on the topic Strategy for Global Food-Nutrition Security, Sustainability and Health.

### Key Points:

- During this, the Chief Minister was informed that an Agri Business Incubation Centre has been established in the university to promote startups of young entrepreneurs.
- Through this centre, 100 startups have been started in the last 4 years by providing an amount of Rs 6 crore. Through these startups, the best varieties of banana, sugarcane and prepared food products from coarse grains have been prepared using tissue culture technology.
- After this, the Chief Minister also held a meeting with eminent scientists from famous research institutions of 14 countries. He said that Haryana state has made great achievements in the agriculture sector. The

agricultural products here are being exported to many countries in the country and the world. Now the state government is working with many countries of the world to increase its production as well as its quality.

- It may be noted that a three-day international conference is being organised at the University under the leadership of Prof.B.R. Kamboj, Vice Chancellor and Chief Patron of the Conference from 4th to 6th December in which 900 scientists & researchers from 15 countries including the US, UK, Canada, Kazakhstan, Japan, Egypt, France, Germany, Tunisia, Brazil, Morocco are participating.
- In the inaugural session of the conference, Arthur C. Ryder, co-winner of the IPCC Nobel Prize in France and Professor Sergio Capareda, Faculty Fellow of the University of Texas A and M, USA delivered lectures on technical issues.



## Inauguration and foundation of 39 Projects worth Rs 590 crore for Jind District

### Why In News?

On December 4, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated and laid the foundation of 39

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projects worth a total of Rs 590 crore for Jind district. These include inauguration of 8 projects worth about Rs 51 crore and laying of foundation stone of 31 projects worth Rs 539 crore.

### Key Points

- Bestowing a substantial gift upon the Jind district, the Chief Minister inaugurated the commencement of a canal-based drinking water supply project. This initiative, amounting to Rs 388 crore, aims to enhance the provision of drinking water in Jind city by conveying water from the Narwana branch to the Bhakra main line.
- The Chief Minister inaugurated the Municipal Council office building constructed at a cost of about Rs 15 crore.
- The Jind-Hansi road is undergoing expansion and reinforcement, with an investment of Rs 3 crore 53 lakh. Additionally, the special repair of the Jind-Bhiwani road, amounting to Rs 2 crore 52 lakh, has been initiated. Furthermore, the Kalwa-Kalawati-Bhutani-Haat road is undergoing special repairs at a cost of Rs 7 crore 88 lakh, and the inauguration of this special repair work has been officially marked.
- Moreover, the inauguration ceremony included the widening and strengthening project for the Kurad via Malar, Rozla road, amounting to Rs 5 crore 79 lakh. Additionally, the improvement work on the Pillukhera Mandi to Bheron Kheda-Dhadoli-Bhartana-Lalit Kheda road, with a total cost of Rs 7 crore 11 lakh, was also officially initiated.
- Furthermore, the Chief Minister unveiled the commencement of construction for the AsanGaon Water Works, aiming to ensure a seamless drinking water supply to Asan and Shiva villages. This project is estimated to incur an expenditure of around Rs 5 crore 30 lakh.



## International Geeta Mahotsav will be celebrated in Dharmakshetra Kurukshetra from 7th to 24th December

### Why In News?

According to the information received from Haryana Public Relations Department on December 5, 2023, a grand event of International Geeta Mahotsav-2023 will be organised from December 7 to 24, 2023, in which the eternal message of Shrimad Bhagvad Gita will be given.

### Key Points:

- Geeta Mahotsav has been celebrated by the Haryana Government at the international level in Kurukshetra since the year 2016.
- In the year 2019, this festival was also celebrated outside the country in Mauritius and London. It was also held in Canada in September 2022. This year also in the month of April the International Gita Mahotsav was organised in Australia. An invitation has been received to organise this festival in America also in the year 2024.
- The Chief Minister said that the main program will be organised from December 17. On that day, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar will formally inaugurate the festival with Geeta Yagya and worship at Brahma Sarovar.
- After this, he will also inaugurate a three-day International Geeta Seminar at Kurukshetra University on the same day. This seminar will continue till December 19.
- The Chief Minister said that on the lines of Kumbh Mela, a separate fair authority will be formed for the International Geeta Mahotsav, which will organise it at its own level. A fair officer will be deployed by the government, who will look after the arrangements made by the government.
- Haryana Pavilion related to Haryana's folk dance, crafts, small scale industries, food etc. will be set up in the Mahotsav, through which the tourists and pilgrims coming to the Mahotsav will be able to get acquainted with the culture of Haryana.

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- The Chief Minister said that Geeta Utsav programs will be organised in every district for two days on 22 and 23 December.
- Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that a conference on the pilgrimages of 48 Kos Kurukshetra will be organised at Kurukshetra University on December 23, in which representatives of 164 pilgrimage committees of Kurukshetra land will participate. Pilgrimage representatives will also bring soil and water from their pilgrimage, from which the idol of Lord Krishna will later be made.



## Online application Started for Haj pilgrimage-2024 till December 20, 2023

### Why In News?

On December 5, 2023, All India Haj Committee has invited applications through Haryana State Haj Committee for registration of Hajjis willing to go for Haj from the state during the year 2024. Haj pilgrims wishing to perform Haj pilgrimage can apply online till December 20, 2023.

### Key Points:

- According to Haj Policy-2024, if any close relative wants to go again along with the female applicant and the applicant above 70 years of age, then he/she will be allowed to travel only after paying the additional amount.
- According to Haj Policy-2024, priority will be given to applicants above 70 years of age and if more applications are received in the general category than the prescribed quota, then the applications will be selected through computerised draw.

- Pregnant women can perform Hajj according to certain conditions. Female applicants, who are above 45 years of age, will be able to go in a group of four women.
- Applicants who are in good financial condition, physically & mentally healthy and have a machine readable valid Indian International Passport valid till January 31, 2025 can apply.
- Applications along with prescribed documents can be made on All India Haj Committee website <https://hajcommittee.gov.in> and mobile app 'Haj Suvudha'.
- If Haj applicants feel any difficulty or inconvenience in applying, they can contact Haryana Haj Committee on phone number 0172-2996270 or All India Haj Committee on phone number 022-22107070.
- For the convenience of Haj pilgrims going from the state of Haryana, flights have been ensured from Indira Gandhi International Airport, New Delhi.
- The Government of India's Consulate General, Jeddah (Saudi Arabia) will make arrangements for the accommodation of the pilgrims during the Haj pilgrimage.



## Bhiwani's ROB handed over to Railways for construction

### Why In News?

According to the information received from Haryana Public Relations Department on December 5, 2023, the existing two-lane railway overbridge located on Railway RD 81/0-1 on NH-709 in Bhiwani city will be built with the cooperation of Haryana Government and Ministry of Road Transport Highways.

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**Key Points:**

- On December 5, 2023, Chief Minister Manohar Lal gave administrative approval for the collaborative effort with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways & the Railway Department.
- Giving information in this regard, a government spokesperson said that the existing 2-lane railway overbridge is in a dilapidated condition, keeping this in mind there is a need to construct this ROB at present.
- The Government has laid down the conditions required for handover of this ROB to the Railways, which include removal of encroachments within the right-of-way and ensuring proper disposal of rainwater in the area.
- The spokesperson said that as per the ministry's 2015 policy, the bypass emphasises that this bypass will not be a part of the national highway network for a long time.
- Therefore, it is the responsibility of the state government to construct it. Since the Bhiwani bypass is already operational, the responsibility for the improvement and maintenance of the bypass lies with the state government.



## Chief Minister approves construction of 3.8 km long new road along with India's first elevated railway track in Rohtak

**Why In News?**

On 6th December, 2023, Chief Minister Manohar Lal has accorded administrative approval of Rs 21.27 crore

for construction of a new road along with an elevated railway track constructed at a cost of Rs 315 crore in Rohtak district.

**Key Points:**

- Giving information about this, a government spokesperson said that this ambitious project of 3790 metre length and 5.5 metre width will be completed in 9 months & will provide uninterrupted connectivity to the residents of Rohtak.
- More than 50,000 people will benefit from this new road starting from Chinyot Colony of Rohtak to Sector-6.
- It will connect various colonies including Gandhi Camp, Jhang Colony, Mansarovar Colony, Subhash Nagar, Kishanpura, Model Town, Laxmi Nagar, Kabir Colony, Vishal Nagar, Sector-5 and Sector-6.
- It may be noted that the 3.8 km long elevated track in Rohtak was India's first track, which was built by the Railway Ministry at a cost of Rs 315 crore, of which Rs 225 crore was given from the state's share.



## Launch of 'Sushasan Puraskar yojana' to recognize and reward excellence

**Why In News?**

On December 6, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed that the state government has notified 'Haryana Sushasan Puraskar yojana 2023'.

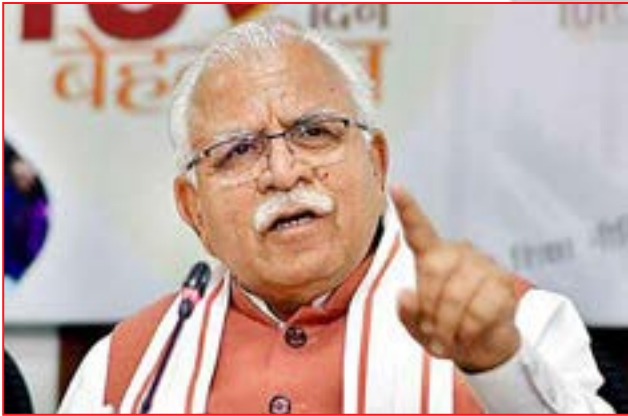
**Key Points:**

- The Chief Secretary informed that the 'Haryana Sushasan Puraskar yojana' has been designed keeping in mind specific objectives, which include recognizing and rewarding outstanding contributions to good governance.
- The scheme will be applicable to all employees and officers in Group A, B, C & D in State Government Departments, Boards, Corporations, Statutory Authorities, Missions, Societies, Institutions, Universities & Public Sector Undertakings.

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- Administrative secretaries, heads of departments, All India Service officers and contractual employees are not included in this scheme.
- These awards will be given for excellent performance at the state and district level.
- State level Flagship Awards will be given under the scheme for exceptional contribution in major schemes implemented by the State Government. The winning teams will be awarded a trophy, citation and a cash prize of Rs 51,000 for each flagship scheme. This award will be distributed equally among the team members, regardless of rank or position.
- State level awards will be given to those who have shown exceptional performance in various aspects and schemes. The winning teams will be given trophies, appreciation certificates and cash prizes. In this, the 1st prize will be Rs 51,000, the 2nd prize will be Rs 31,000 and the 3rd prize will be Rs 21,000. The cash reward with the Flagship Scheme Awards will be distributed equally among the team members.



- District level award will be given for exemplary contribution at the district level. The winning teams will be awarded a trophy, a certificate of appreciation based on the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner and a 1st prize of Rs 31,000, 2nd prize of Rs 21,000 and 3rd prize of Rs 11,000 equally among the team members.
- To ensure transparency and fairness, trophies & citations for district level awards will be given on the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner of the district & six awards at the state level and three awards for exceptional performance.
- Applicants can submit their applications to the Empowered Committee or 'District Level Empowered Committee'. The last date for submission of

applications is December 15, 2023. The award ceremony will be held on Good Governance Day on December 25, 2023.

## Gurugram Metro Rail Limited launched for Cyber City connectivity to Millennium City Center

### Why In News?

On December 7, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, who is also the Chairman of Haryana Mass Rapid Transport Corporation, informed that Gurugram Metro Rail Limited has been launched to implement metro connectivity from Millennium City Center to Cyber City Gurugram project.

### Key Points:

- A circular dynamic corridor will be built connecting the Millennium City Center to Subhash Chowk, Railway Station, Rejangla Chowk to Cyber City in a full circle. It will be handled by the new company (Gurugram Metro Rail Limited), which will be headed by the Union Urban Development Secretary. In this, there will be a 50 percent joint venture between the Government of India and the Government of Haryana.
- All upcoming projects will be implemented by the new company, while the existing Rapid Metro project will be handled by HMRTC.
- The project, estimated to cost Rs 5452.72 crore, will span 28.50 km with 27 stations. The processes of pre-construction activities including its geotechnical investigation and design consultation have already been initiated.
- There has been an increase of 35.54 percent in the ridership of Rapid Metro Gurugram as compared to the last year period and this number has reached 80,13,765 passengers, whereas in the last year this number was 59,12,457.
- The metro connectivity project from Vatika Chowk to Panchgaon envisages a 30 km corridor, for which M/s RITES has been appointed as the consultant.

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- After the announcement by Chief Minister Manohar Lal, the expansion of metro connectivity from Ballabgarh to Palwal has started. Technical feasibility study of the temporary corridor with a length of 25 km and 10 proposed stations is being done, which will make this extension an important link in enhancing regional connectivity.



## More than Rs 1,457.13 crore spent under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) in Haryana in the last 3 years

### Why In News?

According to information received by Haryana's Directorate of Information, Public Relations and Languages on December 7, 2023, Haryana has spent more than Rs 1,457.13 crore in the last three years under Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). This also includes a significant allocation of Rs 538.85 crore for education.

### Key Points:

- This involves identifying and facilitating priority areas for each sector through the use of CSR funds.
- Two categories have been highlighted based on the CSR projects and initiatives & their execution, time frame for completion. Category 1 consists of projects

that can be implemented within the current financial year (till March 31, 2024).

- Category 2 includes projects that can be executed within one to two years and will be implemented in phases.
- Haryana State CSR Trust (HSCSRT) has a dedicated web portal where all government departments and districts can submit their potential CSR projects. These submissions are visible to HSCSRT, government departments and corporate partners, who can also propose their potential projects via email to HSCSRT.
- The CSR areas identified include eliminating hunger, poverty & malnutrition, promoting health care, preventive health & hygiene, providing sanitation & safe drinking water, empowerment through education, vocational skills and livelihoods.



## Haryana selected for National Energy Conservation Award-2023

### Why In News?

On December 10, 2023, Haryana was selected for the National Energy Conservation Award (NECA) 2023 due to its excellent performance in the State Energy Efficiency Index.

### Key Points:

- Haryana has been selected as the winner of the 2nd prize in the State Energy Efficiency Performance Award (Group 1) region.
- The main objective of the National Energy Conservation Award is to recognize and encourage ideal energy management, leading to social & economic benefits.
- This award will be given to Haryana by President Draupadi Murmu at a function to be organised

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at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on National Energy Conservation Day on 14th December.

- National Energy Conservation Day is organised by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency under the Ministry of Power.
- It may be noted that National Energy Conservation Awards (NECA) are given to industrial units/ establishments/organisations from various sectors of the Indian economy for their exceptional achievements in energy saving.



## Deputy Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of Air Traffic Control Room and Terminal Building of Hisar Airport

### Why In News?

On December 11, 2023, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth about Rs 280 crore,

including the state government's ambitious Maharaja Agrasen Airport in Hisar and also inaugurated several projects.

### Key Points

- After laying the foundation stone of an additional building in the existing Civil Building Rest House premises of Hisar, the Deputy Chief Minister said that the rest house of Hisar will be the best rest house of the state, which will have 1 CM suite, 5 VIP suites, 15 rooms of officers and 20 other rooms.
- Nirman Sadan will also be established in the same complex, in which offices of various technical branches of the Public Works Department will be established at one place.
- The Deputy Chief Minister said that the feasibility of an elevated road in Hisar city has been approved by Japan International Cooperation (JICA). There will be 7 entries and 7 exits on this road.
- Urban Local Bodies Minister Dr. Kamal Gupta said that Delhi's IGI Airport is about 5250 acres, while Hisar Airport has been allotted 7200 acres of land.



## To crack down on cyber fraud, a list of 50 hotspot areas in 7 states of the country has been prepared

### Why In News?

On December 11, 2023, Haryana Director General of Police Shatrujeet Kapoor said that to prevent cyber fraud, Haryana Police has identified 50 hotspot areas in 7 states across the country, from where cyber fraud cases are being reported.

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**Key Points**

- To deal with these cases, teams have been deployed in these hotspot areas, so that cyber fraud related cases can not only be controlled but also the accused can be reached and action can be taken against them.
- Haryana Director General of Police Shatrुjeet Kapoor said that most cases of cyber fraud are being reported from Rajasthan. There are 21 such hotspot areas in Rajasthan, where these types of fraudsters have been identified.
- Similarly, hotspots have been identified in other states including Uttar Pradesh, Jharkhand, Delhi, West Bengal and Telangana.
- Moving towards cyber security, a team of bank nodal officers along with the team of cyber helpline 1930 is working in solidarity to ensure that cyber fraud money freezes in Golden Hour in coordination with the bank personnel in case of cyber frauds.



## Operation Akraman conducted by Haryana Police in the State

**Why In News?**

On December 12, 2023, Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij said that Operation Akraman was conducted by Haryana Police in the state on December 10, 2023.

**Key Points:**

- Under this operation, a total of 1390 teams along with 7079 police personnel have been deployed and a total of 653 FIRs have been registered against the violators.
- The Home Minister said that out of total 653 FIRs, 50 FIRs have been registered under IPC and 385 FIRs under Excise Act & a total of 1103 accused have been arrested.
- 131 FIRs were registered under the Gambling Act, 42 FIRs under the NDPS Act and 56 FIRs under the Arms Act.



## Agreement signed between Kurukshetra University & Rekhi Foundation

**Why In News?**

On December 12, 2023, Kurukshetra University (KU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Rekhi Foundation under the chairmanship of the university's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Somnath Sachdeva.

**Key Points:**

- The successful establishment and functioning of the 'Centre of Excellence in Happiness' in Kurukshetra University will pave the way for setting up this centre in various educational institutions of the state also.
- Vice Chancellor Prof. Somnath said that setting up a Happiness Center in Kurukshetra University will promote excellence in academic fields including research and training to teachers & students.
- The faculty members of Rekhi Foundation will provide their services in online and offline teaching to the faculty of universities, colleges & institutes to teach value added courses.

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- Apart from this, a web page related to Rekhi Center of Excellence for the Science of Happiness course will be created and Mind Lab will also be set up in the Department of Psychology, Kurukshetra University.
- It may be noted that Rekhi Foundation for Happiness is a non-profit trust started in the year 2016 by Dr. Satinder Singh Rekhi and his wife Harpreet Rekhi. The foundation aims to expand the practice and knowledge of 'Happiness science & Positive psychology' through the establishment of happiness centres in various universities.



## **Narwana's Gabi Sahib temple pond will be made a Historical Heritage**

### **Why In News?**

On December 13, 2023, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that Gabi Sahib temple pond of Narwana will be made a historical heritage.

### **Key Points:**

- Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that Rs 5 crore 63 lakh will be spent on this. By becoming a heritage site, Narwana Halka will have a distinct identity.

- The Deputy Chief Minister said that till now an amount of Rs 800 crore has been spent by the state government for the development works of Narwana Halke.
- The Deputy Chief Minister said that in every village, gymnasiums, parks, beautification of ponds, primary health centres, panchayat houses, gym equipment for youth, library, village phirni, collective Chaupal, streets and other works have been constructed.
- He said that 1100 libraries have been built in the state, with the construction of these libraries the youth of every village will not only get educated but will also provide them employment opportunities.



## **Dr. Sonia Trikha becomes member of Haryana Public Service Commission**

### **Why In News?**

On December 12, 2023, Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya administered the oath of office, allegiance

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and secrecy to Dr. Sonia Trikha as a member of the Haryana Public Service Commission at Raj Bhavan.

### Key Points:

- Dr. Sonia had taken voluntary retirement from the post of Director General of Health Services, Government of Haryana on December 11, 2023.
- Dr. Sonia had led the state's health care efforts as Director General Health Services, Government of Haryana from April 2022, overseeing primary and secondary level public sector facilities.
- Dr. Sonia obtained MBBS with Gold Medal Distinction in 1991 and MD in Obstetrics/Gynecology in 1995 from Lady Hardinge Medical College, University of Delhi.



- Dr. Sonia obtained a Post Graduate Diploma in Health and Hospital Management from Indira Gandhi National Open University in 2009 and an MSc in Public Health from a renowned institute like London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine in 2013.
- Dr. Sonia worked as an Urban Primary Health Care Specialist at the Asian Development Bank (ADB) in New Delhi from October 2014 to October 2015.
- Dr. Sonia was previously working as an HIV and AIDS specialist in UNICEF's Delhi office from February 2010 to February 2012.

## Haryana got 2nd prize in the country in energy efficiency index

### Why In News?

On **14 December 2023**, New and Renewable Energy Department of Haryana received the second award in the Best Performing State Designated Agency Category (Group-1) in Energy Efficiency Index.

### Key Points:

- The award was presented to Haryana Energy Minister Chaudhary Ranjit Singh by President Draupadi Murmu at the 33rd National Energy Conservation Award 2023 ceremony held in New Delhi.
- Haryana's score in the State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI) for the year 2021-22 was 55 whereas with the collaborative efforts of DNRE/HREDA and other stakeholder departments of Haryana, it has achieved a score of 72 in SEEI 2023.
- The installed capacity of renewable energy in the state is 1534 MW and overall more than 24 percent electricity is being used from renewable energy.
- It may be noted that the scheme of National Energy Conservation Awards was started in the year 1991 by the Ministry of Energy, Government of India to honour industries and establishments for special efforts in reducing energy consumption.
- Under this award, these awards are issued under specific sectors/categories like industries, transport, buildings, institutions and equipment. There are around 65 indicators from these areas which assess the state's performance on a 100 point scale.
- The award under the Institution category of the award is given to the State Designated Agency (SDA) of the country for their active cooperation in policy, implementation and coordination with stakeholders.
- There are 4 groups under the SDA category: Group 1 contains states with consumption above 15 million tonnes oil equivalent MTOE, Group 2 contains states with consumption above 5-15 MTOE, Group

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3 contains states with consumption above 1-5 MTOE and Group 4 contains states with consumption less than 1 MTOE.

- Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) is the central nodal agency for implementation of the Energy Conservation Act 2001. Whereas New Renewable Energy Department is Haryana State Designated Agency (SDA).



## Revised transfer policy announced for Haryana Group-D employees

### Why In News?

On **December 14, 2023**, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed that the state government has amended its transfer policy for Group-D employees covered under the **Haryana Group-D Employees Act, 2018 (Common Cadre)**.

### Key Points:

- The objective of this revised policy is to address the concerns of Group-D employees and promote a more transparent and efficient transfer process within the Common Cadre.
- Under this revised policy, each employee will have to identify the unwanted posts (to exclude them from their possible allotment) and give priority to the preferred districts for transfer through the specified portal.
- Under this revised policy, only Group-D employees are appointed on a regular basis on the posts listed in serial no. 1 of the First Schedule (except Safai Karmachari, Chowkidar and Safai Karmacharicum-Chowkidar posts in Haryana Government departments) are eligible.
- Under this revised policy, it is mandatory to link Aadhaar or PPP with HRMS for participation in the transfer campaign.
- Under this revised policy, only 80 percent of the total vacant posts in HRMS will be considered. The remaining 20 percent will be unavailable and will be calculated department-wise & post-wise.



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## Target to implement the New Education Policy-2020 in the entire State by 2025

### Why In News?

On December 14, 2023, Haryana's Higher Education Minister Moolchand Sharma said that the target is to implement the New Education Policy-2020 in the entire state by the year 2025.



### Key Points:

- Higher Education Minister Moolchand Sharma said that the implementation of the New Education Policy-2020 in the state was started from August 30, 2021.
- Higher Education Minister Moolchand Sharma said that by the year 2030, the gross enrollment ratio of girls in higher education has to be more than 50 percent.
- At present the gross enrollment ratio of girls in Haryana is 32 percent.
- Higher Education Minister Moolchand Sharma said that the inclusion of areas like Artificial Intelligence, 3D machines, data-analysis, biotechnology etc. in graduate education will produce skilled professionals in cutting-edge fields and will increase the employability of the youth.
- Let it be known that the National Education Policy-2020 is an inclusive & inspiring policy, whose objective is to reform and transform the education system in India.



## Haryana Police and HSNCB announce ultra-modern innovative initiative Hackathon

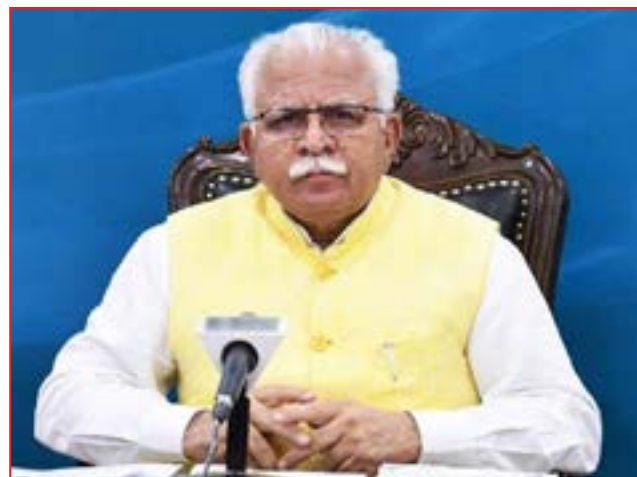
### Why In News?

On December 16, 2023, Haryana Police and Haryana State Narcotics Control Bureau (HSNCB) launched a ultra-modern innovative initiative Hackathon under joint aegis.



### Key Points:

- The objective of this hackathon is to stop the youth from consuming drugs and substances and to motivate them not to commit crimes.
- Under the Hackathon, an event will be organized in Panchkula on 14 January 2024.
- Through this hackathon, along with changing the outlook of the society, traditional awareness will be brought through methods like Blockchain, Web 3, Gamification etc.
- The goal of this hackathon is to create digital experiences that promote engagement, understanding, and awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse.
- Haryana Police Director General Shatrughit Kapoor said that through the hackathon, the aim is to promote ideas among the youth which inspire them to maintain law and order, promote social responsibility and ensure public safety.



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## Haryana Government approves construction of ROB to connect AIIMS with Rewari-Narnaul Road (NH-11)

### Why In News?

On December 16, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal gave administrative approval for the construction of ROB to connect AIIMS to Rewari - Narnaul Road (NH-11).

### Key Points:

- A railway overbridge will be constructed on the Rewari Narnaul railway line and Rewari Narnaul Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) line at a cost of Rs 251.08 crore.
- This green field project covers 15 acres of land and flyover on NH 11 & 6 lane ROB.
- The construction of this ROB will ensure quick and convenient access to AIIMS for patients, medical professionals & visitors.
- HLL Infra Tech Services Limited (HITES) has been appointed by the Government of India as the executing agency to oversee the comprehensive development of the AIIMS project.
- This project will be actively monitored through the Project Monitoring Group (PMG) portal, which will ensure transparency and accountability in its implementation.



## 12% reduction in Crime against Women in Haryana

### Why In News?

In the meeting held under the chairmanship of Haryana Police Director General Shatrुjeet Kapoor on

December 17, 2023, it was said that there has been a 12% reduction in crime against women in the year 2023.

### Key Points:

- It was said in the meeting that there has been a 30% decline in robbery related cases in the year 2023 as compared to the year 2022.
- Along with this, there has been a decline of 18.33% in snatching related cases while 8% decline has been recorded in serious injury related cases.
- It was said in the meeting that a case will be registered under Section 498A only after investigating all the facts.
- Director General of Police Shatrुjeet Kapoor said that bulk SMS service will be started to make people aware about prevention of cyber crime.
- The Director General of Police, while directing the Superintendents of Police, said that they should ensure compliance with lane driving on NH-152D, NH-44 and NH-9 passing through their respective jurisdictions.
- The Director General of Police said that from December 1 to 13, challans have been issued to 6000 vehicles for lane driving.
- In this meeting, Director General of Police Shatrुjeet Kapoor also reviewed the Gram Prahari Scheme.



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## A new website and GPS based location indicator launched for workers and factory owners

### Why In News?

On December 19, 2023, Haryana Government launched a new website (<https://hrylabour.gov.in/>) and GPS based location indicator for workers and factory owners.

### Key Points:

- Rajiv Ranjan, Principal Secretary, Labor Department, said that workers will be able to get not only the location information of help centers, departmental offices, labor welfare offices and health services in their vicinity but will also be able to get the best route and necessary information to reach them.
- Principal Secretary of the Labor Department, Rajeev Ranjan said that through this, the locations of various facilities like Labor Department offices, help centers, ESI dispensaries and hospitals have been included. With this, information about all areas related to the department will be available to the workers on a single portal.
- This system has been specially designed to facilitate those workers who did not have accurate knowledge of their field. This will help them get the help they need and receive the benefits they deserve.

Principal Secretary of the Labor Department, Rajiv Ranjan said that through the website of Labor Department, detailed information about various services, contact details, service hours and other important information will also be available to the workers.



## Haryana is the first state in the country to block more than 55000 mobile numbers.

### Why In News?

On December 19, 2023, Haryana reached the first position in the country by blocking more than 55000 mobile numbers related to cyber fraud.

### Key Points:

- Haryana Police has saved Rs 66 crore of the people of the state from being cheated till 30th November in the year 2023.
- Haryana Police has arrested 1707 cyber fraudsters through 29 cyber police stations and has also registered 2354 cyber fraud cases, out of which 409 are high profile cases.
- Director General of Police Shatrujeet Kapoor said that the number of policemen deployed on the cyber helpline number has been increased from 35 to 70.
- Director General of Police Shatrujeet Kapoor said that 27 police personnel have been appointed as incident managers at the National Cyber Helpline 1930 headquarters located in 112 ERSS Building, Panchkula.
- It is the responsibility of these incident managers to immediately contact the nodal officer of the bank where the fraud amount has gone and get the fraud amount frozen when the fraud reporting is registered on the helpline 1930.



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## 13 New Projects worth Rs 75 crore Approved under Rural Promotion Rural Water Supply Program

### Why In News?

It has been decided by the Haryana Government to implement 13 new projects worth more than Rs 75 crore with the aim of bringing transformational change in the lives of the rural population of Haryana on 20 December 2023.

### Key Points:

- These projects will be implemented in 6 districts of the state namely Bhiwani, Charkhi Dadri, Jhajjar, Hisar, Kaithal and Sirsa.
- These projects will be implemented by the Public Health Engineering Department.



- Under the Rural Promotion Rural Water Supply Programme, new works will be completed in Bhiwani district at a cost of about Rs 24 crore, in Charkhi Dadri district at a cost of Rs 8.73 crore and in Jhajjar district at a cost of Rs 6.10 crore.

- Along with this, projects will be completed in Hisar district at a cost of Rs 16 crore, in Kaithal district at a cost of about Rs 7 crore and in Sirsa district at a cost of Rs 12.77 crore under the Rural Promotion Rural Water Supply Programme.

## Vice Chancellor Dr. Raj Nehru will Receive National Award

### Why In News?

On December 18, 2023, Dr. Raj Nehru, Vice Chancellor of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Dudhola (Palwal), has been selected for the 'National Skill Based Training and Research Award-2023'.



### Key Points:

- This award will be presented to Vice Chancellor Dr. Raj Nehru at the 20th annual celebration of the Confederation of Indian Universities (CIU) on December 29, 2023 at the India International Centre, Delhi.
- Vice Chancellor Dr. Raj Nehru is the founder Vice Chancellor of the country's first Government Skills University.
- By establishing the country's first Innovative Skill School, he has achieved an ambitious achievement in realizing the vision of KG to PG model.
- The credit for starting the Earn While Learn model also goes to Vice Chancellor Dr. Raj Nehru. They have provided opportunities to students to earn while studying through on-the-job training.

## 3 players from Haryana selected for National Sports Award 2023

### Why In News?

According to information received from Haryana's Information, Public Relations and Language Department on December 21, 2023, 3 players from Haryana will be

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honored with the National Sports Award 2023 for outstanding performance in the Games.

**Key Points:**

- Under the National Sports Award 2023, Haryana golfer Deeksha Dagar has been selected for the Arjuna Award.
- Sunil Kumar and Antim Panghal will get the Arjuna Award in wrestling under the National Sports Award 2023.
- Along with this, Kurukshetra University has been declared the 2nd runner -up of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad (MAKA) Trophy 2023.



- It is to be noted that the National Sports Awards are given every year by the Ministry of Youth Program and Sports to recognize & honor excellence in sports.
- For the year 2023, 2 players will be given Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award 2023 and 26 players will be

given the Arjuna Award 2023. While 5 instructors will get the Dronacharya Award.

- Along with this, 3 players will be awarded Dhyan Chand Award 2023 for the achievement of life in sports and sports.
- All these National Sports Awards will be presented by the President of India at a special ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan on January 9, 2024.



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