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The Mountainous Region from Kalka to Kalesar will be developed as a Place of Pilgrimage.

Why In News?

On January 1, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar gave a New Year gift to the people of the state and said that along with the construction of a **ropeway from Mata Mantra Devi Temple to Adi Badri in Himachal Pradesh**, the mountainous area from Kalka to Kalesar of Shivalik Hills will be developed as pilgrimage.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal said that the hilly area from **Kalka of Panchkula to Kalesar in Yamuna Nagar** in Shivalik Hills in the state has been developed as pilgrimage. For this, the public works (building and roads) department will explore the possibility of constructing a 10-meter wide road.
- Apart from this, there are also plans to start adventure sports activities such as trekking in the region. These efforts of the government will promote tourism in the state, while local people will also get employment opportunities.
- He also laid the foundation stone of a memorial to revive the saga of bravery and sacrifice of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur at Lohgarh, Yamuna Nagar, the first capital of the Sikh Raj established by Baba Banda Singh Bahadur. Lohgarh will be developed as a mini city.
- It is noteworthy that Baba Banda Singh Bahadur started the formation of the army by gathering youth from Khanda Sheri village of Sonapat district and toured the whole of Haryana with the youth and raised an army and made Lohgarh the first capital of The Sikh Raj. The area of Lohgarh, the capital of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, falls half in Haryana and half in Himachal.

Resolution Taken to Celebrate the Year 2023 as Antyodaya Arogya Varsh in Haryana

Why In News?

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on December 31, 2023 has decided to celebrate the year

2023 as Antyodaya Arogya Varsh, taking forward the journey of his efforts for Antyodaya Utthan Year 2022.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that according to Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay's Antyodaya philosophy, it was resolved to celebrate the year 2022 as Antyodaya Utthan Varsh to bring the sections who have lagged behind in the society for some reason into the mainstream. Under the Antyodaya Utthan, emphasis has been laid on 5 S- education, health, security, self-respect and self-reliance while ensuring all-round development of the citizens.
- He said that under the Antyodaya Arogya Year, every citizen of the state will get better health facilities and the poor person will not have to face any kind of difficulty for treatment. With this vision, the state government has launched the Healthy Haryana Scheme, under which the health of Antyodaya families of the state will be checked in the first phase.
- The Chief Minister said that the year 2023 is going to be very thoughtful in another case as it has also been decided to celebrate the year 2023 as The International Year of Coarse Grains with the support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Haryana government will also make every effort to promote the use of coarse grains in the state following this call of the Prime Minister.
- He said that on the one hand, while the use of coarse grains will be encouraged, its cultivation will also be encouraged and the income of farmers will also increase. Coarse grains are known for their ability to nourish the body and cure diseases. They contain large amounts of fiber, minerals and protein. Therefore, coarse grains must be included in the food and thus this 'diet itself' will also work as a medicine.

Har Hit Store and Vita Booth Scheme

Why In News?

On January 2, 2023, Haryana's Cooperation Minister Dr. Banwari Lal said that a better scheme is being implemented by The **Haryana Dairy Federation's Vita Booth and Haryana Agro Industries** to connect the youth of the state with self-employment.

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Key Points

- Minister of Cooperation Banwari Lal said that if any eligible person of **Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthan Yojana** chooses to open every interest store, then the Dairy Federation has also decided to exempt the youth from families living below the poverty line in the security amount. In this way, without any security amount, the youth can make their future pleasant and happy by taking every interest store and making it a source of permanent income for livelihood.
- He informed that bank loan facility is also being provided to the youth for every interest store. To open each interest store, the eligible person should have rent or own 200 square feet of space in a rural or urban area. The age of the eligible person should be 18 to 55 years and educational qualification should be only 10th pass.
- He said that the cost of opening vita booths is about two lakh 70 thousand rupees. It also includes the cost of the shop rack and packed goods. Under this scheme, 15% loan is provided by Haryana Agro and 85% by bank.
- To open Vita booths in the state, a 12 by 12 square feet Vita booth can be set up. For this, security amount is also not taken from BPL family. Only Rs 10,000 is charged from an Antyodaya eligible and Rs 50,000 as security from general category applicants. For this, the educational qualification of the applicant should be 10th pass and age should be at least 18 and maximum 55 years.
- The Cooperation Minister said that the youth are being given a better option to open every hit store by The Haryana Dairy Federation's Vita booth and Haryana Agro Industries. Agro Industries' Har Hit Store and Vita Booth Scheme is becoming very popular in the state and it is an ambitious scheme for the youth. The Haryana government has set a target of opening 1000 every hit store and Vita booth.

Haryana Government Issued Notification of Merger of Departments

Why In News?

On January 2, 2023, an official spokesman said that the Haryana government has **merged and restructured**

some departments with the objective of improving administrative efficiency and its notification has also been issued.

Key Points

- The new department has been renamed as '**Energy Department**' by merging the **Department of New and Renewable Energy with the Department of Power** and the Department of Forest and Wildlife and The Department of Environment and Climate Change has been merged to change its name to '**Department of Environment, Forest and Wildlife**', an official spokesman said.
- The Department of Archaeology and Museums has been merged with the Department of Tourism and renamed as '**Department of Heritage and Tourism**' and the department of Higher Education, Department of Technical Education and Department of Science and Technology has been merged to rename the new department as '**Department of Higher Education**'.
- An official spokesman said that the Department of Information Technology, Electronics and Communication has been dissolved by the state government. The functions of this department, electronics manufacturing and private IT and Hartron have been brought under the purview of '**Department of Industry and Commerce**'.
- Similarly, the Department of Art and Cultural Affairs has been merged with the Department of Information, Public Relations and Languages and renamed as '**Department of Information, Public Relations, Language and Culture**' and the Department of Labour and Employment has now been renamed as '**Labour Department**'.
- After the merger of the Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Welfare Department and the Department of Social Justice and Empowerment, it has been renamed as '**Social Justice and Empowerment**, Scheduled Castes and Backward Classes Welfare and Antyodaya Department' and has now been renamed as 'Sports Department' in place of Sports and Youth Affairs Department.
- The spokesman said that the Haryana government has set up a new department named '**Department of Youth Empowerment and Entrepreneurship**'. The Department of Skill Development and Industrial Training and the Department of Employment and the Department of Youth Affairs have been merged.

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Chief Minister Inaugurated Animation and Multimedia Lab of Gurugram University

Why In News?

Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar today inaugurated the **Animation and Multimedia Lab of Gurugram University in Gurugram** district of the state.

Key Points

- Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal said that in view of the immense employment potential and demand of time, the introduction of BSc (Animation) course by Gurugram University is a commendable initiative.
- Vice-Chancellor of Gurugram University Prof. Dinesh Kumar said that a state-of-the-art computing lab has been developed with the aim of providing practical education of animation and multimedia to the students. Through this, students will get training in making 3D animated digital objects in animation film making and special effects etc.
- The Vice Chancellor apprised the Chief Minister that a three-year BSc Animation and Multimedia course is being run by the University. New facilities are being developed to provide all kinds of practical knowledge to the students according to the industrial needs in the curriculum. This will give students a better opportunity to hone their skills and enable them to take advantage of employment opportunities in the field of animation and graphics designing.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also digitally laid the foundation stone of the teaching block of the university being constructed at a cost of Rs 44 crore in Sector-87, about 15 km from Gurugram.

INSPIRE Award Scheme

Why In News?

On January 8, 2023, the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of India released a list for the **INSPIRE Award Scheme session 2022-23** for all the states, in which **329 students from Haryana state** have been selected.

Key Points

- INSPIRE Award is organized every year with the aim of motivating the children of government schools to innovate. To participate in the INSPIRE Award competition, children have to register online. Then children have to send ideas online.
- The main objective of INSPIRE standard award scheme is to promote scientific thinking among students.
- Apart from Haryana, 1854 students from other states like Madhya Pradesh, 1657 students from Jharkhand, 901 students from Uttar Pradesh and 5993 students from Rajasthan have been selected under INSPIRE standard award scheme.
- Each student will be given ten thousand rupees to make a science model. This award money will be given to the selected students by the Department of Science and Technology, New Delhi.
- Students who develop new scientific ideas and build models based on science will get this amount. With this amount, students will prepare science models. They will be exhibited at the district level INSPIRE Standard Model Exhibition to be held in future.

Innovative Skill Schools on the Lines of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University will be Opened in 10 Districts of Haryana

Why In News?

On January 11, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, in a high-level meeting held in Chandigarh, agreed to open **innovative skill schools on the lines of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University in 10 districts** of the state.

Key Points

- In this high-level meeting, the officials of the Skill Development Department presented the draft related to Skill Innovative Schools in detail and presented the complete details of their usefulness for employment.
- This decision has been taken in view of the KG to PG model of skill education and the goals of the New Education Policy. These schools will be run by Shri Vishwakarma Skill University. In this, the model prepared by the university will be implemented.

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- In order to promote skill education at the school level in all the districts, the Chief Minister has instructed to implement the model of skill education from KG to PG.
- Innovative Skill Schools will be opened in all districts of the state on the lines of the innovative skill schools started by Shri Vishwakarma Skill University in the state. Through this, according to the new education policy, the goal of skill education from KG to PG can be achieved.
- With the introduction of skill education at the school level, many goals will be fulfilled simultaneously. This will not only reduce dropouts but also increase the Gross Education Ratio (GER). At the same time, the industry will get skilled human resources, which will prove to be helpful in increasing the quality and product.
- The curriculum has been prepared in line with the New Education Policy 2020. In the new education policy, the model of reconciliation of skill education and general education has been suggested. It is ideal from the point of view of nation, society and industry. Shri Vishwakarma Skill University will run all such schools and CBSE will recognize them in the category of innovation.
- After the opening of skill innovative schools, new avenues of employment will be opened. Through this, students will be attracted towards skills during school education and the trend towards vocational and skill education will also increase in higher education.
- The skill sets include it, automotive, agriculture and textile design, artificial intelligence, beauty wellness, design making, financial literacy, handicrafts, mass media, health care, physical activity trainer, food production and security.

Proposal for Purchase of Land Approved for Construction of New Road from Nangal Mala to Dhauli in Mahendragarh District

Why In News?

On January 11, 2023, a meeting of the Committee of Secretaries for purchase of land for various projects under the e-Land Portal was held under the chairmanship

of Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, in which the proposal for purchase of land for the construction of a new road from Nangal Mala to Dhauli in Mahendragarh district was approved.

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- Further, the committee recommended that two projects pertaining to construction of new district jails at Fatehabad and Charkhi Dadri be referred to the High Power Land Purchase Committee. In the meeting, land purchase for a total of 7 projects was discussed.
- Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal directed the concerned District Deputy Commissioners through video conferencing that before the upcoming meeting for other projects, the second round of talks should be held with the land owners regarding purchase of land with their consent. Also, alternative sites should also be explored for projects.
- He said that as per the orders of the Chief Minister, collector rates should be made more realistic, which are revenue friendly for the landowners as well as the state government.

Haryana Hosts Some Meetings of G-20 Summit

Why In News?

In a high-level meeting with senior officials regarding the preparations for the G-20 Summit at Haryana Bhawan in New Delhi on January 12, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar informed that **Haryana has hosted some meetings of the G-20 Summit being chaired by India**. Haryana has also started preparations for this historic host.

Key Points

- It is known that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, India is chairing the meetings of the G-20 group for the first time. In addition to 30 nations, representatives of 5 invited member states will participate in this conference.
- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that some meetings of the G-20 Summit are scheduled to be held in Gurugram in March and all arrangements will be ensured in time for its success so that the indelible impression of Haryana's rich culture along with India's

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'Atithi Devo Bhava' and the message of Gurugram-one global city also reach all G-20 member countries.

- He directed the officials to deploy liaison officers for the convenience of the delegation of G-20 member countries and ensure adequate security arrangements in and around the venue of the possible meetings. Apart from this, identify hospitals near the venue to deal with emergency situations.
- The Chief Minister directed the officials of Heritage and Tourism Department and Information, Public Relations and Language Department that special arrangements should be made to introduce them to the culture and heritage of the state when delegations from different countries arrive in Haryana.
- Haryana Theme Corner should also be set up at the venue, where information related to the development story of Haryana is available to the guests as well as glimpses of cultural heritage.
- The Chief Minister informed that the International Suraj Kund Craft Fair is also going to be organized during the G-20 Summit. Representatives of G-20 member countries will also be invited to this fair. Through this fair, all the guests will get to see the richness and diversity of artworks, handlooms, handicrafts and cultural fabric of artists not only from Haryana but also from the country and abroad. NGOs will also be involved in this work.
- He informed the meeting that a special task force has been constituted under the chairmanship of the Director General of Police for security arrangements for the G-20 meetings. ADGP Law and Order, ADGP CID, Police Commissioner Gurugram and Deputy Commissioner of Gurugram are members of this task force.
- A protocol committee has been formed under the chairmanship of Resident Commissioner, Haryana Bhawan Delhi and Additional Housing Commissioner Haryana, representatives of Police Commissioner Gurugram, Deputy Commissioner and Chief Protocol Officer Gurugram are the members of this committee.
- A cultural committee has been formed comprising the Director General of Information, Public Relations and Language Department, Director and Additional Director of Art and Culture Department, Information, Public Relations and Language Department to showcase the cultural heritage of Haryana during the programs.

- Apart from this, a Logistics and Transport Committee has also been formed for logistic support during organizing meetings and events.

Traffic Police will Work on the Lines of Maharashtra in Haryana

Why In News?

On January 13, 2023, Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij informed that the state government is preparing to implement a police system on the lines of Maharashtra to prevent road accidents in the state, so the system of traffic police in the state is being changed.

Key points

- It is notable that the IG Traffic in the state has sent a proposal to the government to post SP level officers in the traffic police on the lines of Maharashtra. Union Surface Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari had written a letter to all the state governments recommending implementation of police system on the lines of Maharashtra to prevent road accidents.
- Home Minister Anil Vij told that at present the traffic system of Haryana is running very lax. The state government has created the post of IG Traffic, but IG Traffic has almost no powers. The IG cannot even transfer an SHO. SHOs and DSPs come under the superintendents of police in the district. The IG must give instructions only through the Superintendents of Police.
- He told that under the blueprint prepared for the new system, IG traffic will be in charge. Superintendent of Police level officers will be posted in the traffic police. There will be four or five districts under one SP. Traffic DSPs will be working in the districts. SHO traffic will be under these DSPs.
- It is known that in the last year 2022 in Haryana, 4516 people lost their lives and 8447 people were injured in 9951 road accidents. The Transport Department has set a target of reducing accidents by 20 per cent by 2023.
- To reduce accidents, the Transport Department will appoint Road Safety Associates on contract basis for all the districts. The state government has given instructions for marking on the roads. It has been

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asked to install reflectors on vehicles like tractor trolleys and reflective tapes on the horns of stray animals as soon as possible.

Under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, Financial Assistance will be Provided to Patients for 25 Serious Diseases.

Why In News?

On January 15, 2023, a spokesperson of the Haryana Health Department informed that the state government has amended the 'Chief Minister's Relief Fund Scheme' to ensure that poor persons get immediate benefit for treatment. Now instead of treating 3 diseases, financial assistance is being provided to the victim for the treatment of about 25 diseases.

Key points

- A health department spokesperson said that for financial assistance, the applicants can avail the benefit of the facility through Saral portal. The amount of financial assistance received from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund will be directly transferred to the bank account of the applicant or beneficiary.
- He said that applicants can apply on Saral portal through their PPP i.e. Family Identity Card ID. To complete this process, applicants can apply for financial assistance on medical grounds from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) by uploading their medical bill, OPD bill etc. and other related documents.
- Under the changes made in the Chief Minister's Relief Fund Scheme, if any disease is not being covered in the 'Ayushman Bharat Jan Arogya Yojana', then the beneficiaries of Ayushman Yojana will also get the benefit under this scheme.
- A district-level committee has been constituted for financial assistance under the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, in which the concerned MP, concerned MLA, Deputy Commissioner, Civil Surgeon, President of Municipal Council and Municipalities, Chairman of District Council, Chairman of Panchayat Samiti have been made members and Municipal Commissioner has been made nodal officer.

- The spokesman said that when the applicant makes his application through Saral portal to get financial assistance, after that the application will be sent to the MP, MLA, Chairman Zila Parishad, Chairman Block Committee, Mayor, MC Chairman of the concerned area and these public representatives will send their recommendations to the Deputy Commissioner's Office within five days. After that, the application will be sent by the Deputy Commissioner's office to the concerned Tahsildar for verification of the applicant's movable and immovable property and verification of medical documents to the Civil Surgeon.
- He said that in order to take advantage of the scheme, a time limit of four days has been fixed for verification of property and five days for verification work related to civil surgeon's office.
- The reports received from the above two departments will be sent to the Member Secretary of the Committee with the recommendation of the Deputy Commissioner, which they will send to the Senior Accounts Officer. After this, the approved amount will be sent directly to the beneficiary's account.

Saraswati Festival-2023

Why In News?

On January 15, 2023, Haryana Saraswati Heritage Development Board Vice Chairman Dhuman Singh Kirmach informed that **Saraswati Mahotsav-2023** will be organized in the state on January 25 at **Adi Badri in Yamuna Nagar district** and on January 26 at **Saraswati Tirth of Pehowa in Kurukshetra district**.

Key points

- Board Vice Chairman Dhuman Singh Kirmach said that Saraswati Mahotsav-2023 will start with 21 Kundiya Havan Yajna at Adi Badri Saraswati Kund, preparations have been started to make it memorable.
- He said that this festival is organized on Basant Panchami. The festival will begin with the Adi Badri saraswati origin site.
- Dhuman Singh Kirmach told that along with Havan Yajna, a program of reciting verses and mantras, painting and drawing competition of children will also be organized. The theme of this competition will also be based on Saraswati.

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ATS and Fire-system will be Installed on all the Air-Strips of the State

Why In News?

On January 17, 2023, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala told a review meeting of 'Development Integrated Aviation Hub' in Chandigarh that ATS (Air Traffic Control) and fire-system will be installed on all air-strips of the state.

Key points

- Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, who is also in charge of the Civil Aviation Department, also directed to set up hangars in addition to installing ATS (Air Traffic Control) and fire-systems on the air-strips so that planes can stand safely on the air strips.
- Dushyant Chautala said that the road passing through Hisar Airport will be closed so that the linkage work of connecting the boundary wall of the airport and the old runway with the new runway can be carried out. On the demand of the local people, an alternative road has been made from outside the airport, so that people can easily move.
- He said that in order to expedite the work of 'Development Integrated Aviation Hub', permanent appointment of JE, SDO and other high officials is being made there so that the work can be completed within the stipulated time.
- Apart from this, the progress of the work will be reviewed every fortnight at the level of Additional Chief Secretary, so that the work can be completed within the stipulated time.
- The Deputy Chief Minister said that instructions have been given to conduct technical feasibility test to extend the current 1000 meter runway of Karnal air-strips of the state to 2000 meters.
- Lights are installed on these air-strips, Delhi's night-landing will also be possible here if the runway is extended. Plans are also being made to build a terminal-building in Karnal itself.
- He said that instructions have been given to install additional hangars on air-strips like Bhiwani, Mahendragarh, Karnal, Pinjore etc. so that the planes can stand safely.

Haryana Government has Nominated Link Officers for Smooth Functioning of Administrative Works.

Why In News?

On January 18, 2023, the Haryana government has designated various officers as link officers for smooth conduct of administrative work. A letter in this regard has been issued by Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal.

Key points

- Giving information in this regard, Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal said that among these link officers, the first link officer of the member secretary of the Haryana State Pollution Control Board will be the Managing Director of Haryana Land Improvement and Development Corporation Limited and the Managing Director of Haryana Seed Development Corporation will be the second link officer.
- Similarly, the first link officer of mission director of Haryana Skill Development Mission will be director of skill development and industrial training department.
- The first link officer of the Chief Executive Officer of Haryana Skill Employment Corporation Limited, Panchkula will be the Chief Executive Officer of Haryana Family Identification Authority.
- Managing Director, The First Link Officer of Haryana International Horticulture Marketing Corporation, Ganaur will be the Managing Director of Haryana Minerals Limited, New Delhi.
- The first link officer of the Chief Executive Officer of Haryana Family Identification Authority will be the Chief Executive Officer of Haryana Skill Employment Corporation Limited, Panchkula. The first Link Officer of managing director of Haryana Minerals Limited, New Delhi will be the Managing Director, Haryana International Horticulture Marketing Corporation, Ganaur.
- The Chief Secretary informed that in order to ensure the smooth functioning of the departments, boards, corporations in the absence of IAS, HCS officers, due to leave, training, tour, election duty or transfer, vacancy due to retirement or any other reason, 2 days In case of stay out for more than 10 days, the work will be looked after by the concerned link officers. Every officer shall inform the link officer before going on leave, training, tour, election duty.

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Increase in Honorarium of Sanskrit Writers

Why In News?

On November 18, 2023, Director of Haryana Sanskrit Academy Dr. Dinesh Shastri said that the Finance Department has approved the **increased honor amount for Sanskrit scholars and litterateurs by Chief Minister Manohar Lal.**

Key points

- Apart from this, the rules of honor have also been changed. The age limit has now been removed for Sanskrit Sahit Alankar and Haryana Gaurav, the highest honor. The amount of scholarship, grant and financial assistance scheme has also been increased manifold.
- Director of Sanskrit Academy Giving information about this, Dinesh Shastri said that various schemes are implemented by the Academy for the promotion and promotion of Sanskrit language.
- It is noteworthy that the Chief Minister had announced to increase the honor amount during the state-level Literature Festival held in February 2022. A proposal in this regard was prepared and sent to the Chief Minister's Office. It was approved by the Chief Minister three months ago. In this episode, the State Finance Department has also approved the increase in the prize money.
- This will benefit the writers applying from this time. Under this, the honor amount has been increased from two times to three and a half times.
- Dr. Dinesh Shastri said that earlier the amount of Rs 2 lakh was received in the national level honor 'Sanskrit Sahit Alankar Samman', which has now been increased by three and a half times to Rs 7 lakh. Similarly, the prize money of 'Haryana Sanskrit Gaurav Samman' has been increased by two and a half times from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 5 lakh .
- Similarly, the amount of Maharishi Valmiki and Maharishi Ved Vyas Samman has been increased by two and a half times from one and a half lakh to three lakh. Maharishi Vishwamitra Samman will now get Rs 2.5 lakh instead of Rs 1.5 lakh, while Acharya Sthanu Dutt Samman will now get Rs 2 lakh instead of Rs 1.5 lakh.
- In the same sequence, instead of one lakh, two and a half lakh rupees will be given in honor of Mahakavi

Banabhatta. The literary award amount was earlier 11 lakhs, which has now increased to 25 lakhs.

- Dr. Dinesh Shastri said that the prize money has also been increased from Rs 4 lakh to Rs 8 lakh in Acharya Samman. Under this, now Rs 1 lakh will be increased from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh for Guru Virjanand Acharya Samman, Vidyamartand Pt Sitaram Shastri Acharya Samman and Pt Yudhishtir Mimansak Acharya Samman. Swami Dharmadev Sanskrit Samaradhak Samman has also been increased from one lakh to two lakh rupees.
- Dr. Dinesh Shastri said that the Chief Minister has also increased the book award amount from Rs. 31 thousand to Rs. 51 thousand for Sanskrit innovation talents. With this, talents will work more enthusiastically in literature writing.
- The honorarium amount in grant-in-aid for manuscript publication has been increased from Rs 10,000 to Rs 21,000. In the short Sanskrit story writing, drama writing competition, the first prize will now be 10 thousand rupees, the second will get 8 thousand rupees and the third will get 5 thousand rupees.
- Dr. Dinesh Shastri said that the government has also given a special gift to the students studying Sanskrit. Under this, students studying in First, East Madhyama, North Madhyama, Visharad, Prak shastri and Shastri classes will now get scholarship amount of Rs 8,000 instead of Three thousand.
- Similarly, acharya will give 10 thousand rupees to the students of classes. Dr. Dinesh Shastri said that the deprived Sanskrit writers will be able to get assistance of Rs 50,000 instead of Rs 3,000 in a year in medical expenses. Similarly, the financial grant amount received by the author in the financial year has also been increased from 6 thousand to 21 thousand rupees directly.

MoU Signed Between Haryana Police and IIM Rohtak

Why In News?

On January 18, 2023, Haryana Police signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoA) with the Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak with an aim to develop managerial skills among its officers.

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- The MoA was signed at the Police Headquarters in the presence of Prashant Kumar Agarwal, Director General of Police (DGP) Haryana and Prof. Dheeraj P. Sharma, Director IIM Rohtak, Prof. Dheeraj P. Sharma.
- The MoA was signed by ADGP (Law and Order) Haryana, Sandeep Khirwar on behalf of Haryana Police and Dr. Shivendra Kumar Pandey, Dean (Research and Executive Education) from IIM Rohtak.
- As per the MoA, Indian Institute of Management, Rohtak and Haryana Police propose to jointly develop a course and conduct Post Graduate Diploma in Management for Group-A officers of IPS and DSP rank of State Police. Also, it is proposed to conduct an Executive Certificate Program in Data Analytics specially designed for Policing applications.
- Under this agreement, ways will also be explored to create synergy between the work of the police and the expectations of the citizens. The state government will nominate police officers to participate in the course. The Agreement will be effective for a period of five years.
- The main objective of moa is to establish an institutional mechanism for knowledge-sharing between police officers and faculty and students of IIM-Rohtak, assist state police in capacity building and skill development and facilitate exchange of faculty and research scholars for academic and research purposes on an honorary or consultancy basis.
- The objective of the agreement is to impart managerial skills to senior police officers for effective human resource and content resource management.
- This MoU will enable Haryana Police to update police personnel with latest technological interventions to further improve the quality of investigation of cases, ensure efficient management of records and effective supervision of cases. Annual symposia, seminars, conferences, workshops, short term courses etc. will also be part of this MoA.

54th Meeting of Haryana State Drought Relief and Flood Control Board

Why In News?

On January 19, 2023, the 54th meeting of the Haryana State Drought Relief and Flood Control Board was held

in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, in which they have set a target to make Haryana flood-free by the year 2026.

Key points

- In the meeting of the Drought Relief and Flood Control Board, 528 projects have been approved, under which an amount of about Rs 1100 crore will be spent. Schemes worth more than Rs 312 crore have been approved for drainage and reuse of standing water in the fields.
- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that special projects will be set up this year to find a permanent solution to the waterlogging problem in the areas of the state which are facing severe water logging.
- Apart from this, more and more emphasis is also being laid on water conservation and reuse of rain water, which will help in handling flood situations as well as ground water recharging and water in drought affected areas.
- This time plans have been prepared through cluster approach for drainage of waterlogging. Bhiwani district has been considered as a cluster, under which HDPE pipelines will be laid in populated areas and waterlogged areas of 8 villages Kundad, Jatai, Dhanana, Badhesra, Siwada, Premnagar, Ghuskani, Dhani Sukhan. More than Rs 16 crore will be spent on this. This will lead to the extraction of water from about 2 thousand acres of waterlogged land.
- Apart from this, a plan has been made by combining 3 villages Singhwa Khas, Putthi, Madanheri, on which an amount of Rs 9.31 crore will be spent. This will lead to drainage of water from about 1500 acres of waterlogged land. Similarly, another plan has been made at a cost of about Rs 4 crore, which will drain out water from 885 acres of waterlogged land.
- He said that a plan of Rs 3.20 crore has been approved for the extraction of water from the fields of three villages Bhatol Jatan Rangdan and Kharkra considering district Hisar as a cluster. This will improve about 750 acres of waterlogged land.
- Apart from this, a scheme of Rs 2.50 crore has also been approved for Kharbala village. Separate schemes have also been approved for district Rohtak.
- Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal directed the officials to build lakes on such land where there is a lot of

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waterlogging. A plan should be prepared to create about 100 lakes, especially in NCR districts.

- With the formation of these lakes, the problem of waterlogging will also be solved permanently and the capacity of ground water recharging will also increase. To build these lakes, proposals will be sought from farmers for their waterlogged land.
- The Chief Minister said that availability of water is a big challenge in the present time, for which water conservation is the only solution. In this direction, recharging borewells are being installed in the districts by the government for ground water recharging.
- He said that taking a step forward in this direction, the state government has made a new scheme, under which farmers can install recharging borewells on their land. The government will spend money on these borewells and some cooperation will also be taken from the farmers.
- The Chief Minister informed that in the 54th meeting, schemes have been made under various categories. In this, more than Rs 179 crore will be spent on 97 schemes for water conservation and reuse of water.
- Apart from this, Rs 71.41 crore on 67 schemes of population protection category, Rs 132.86 crore on 125 schemes in protection of agricultural land category, Rs 77.90 crore on 49 schemes in dewatering machinery category, Rs 119.50 crore on 68 schemes of reclaimed of agricultural land category. An amount of more than Rs 110 crore has been approved on 59 schemes for reconstruction, repair of water and construction of new structures for proper flow of water in drains.
- Similarly, an amount of Rs 167 crore has been approved on 63 schemes under Haryana Water Resources Authority and Atal Bhujal Yojana.
- After the meeting, Manohar Lal said that generally 10 districts namely Rohtak, Jhajjar, Bhiwani, Hisar, Jind, Fatehabad, Sonapat, Kaithal, Palwal and Sirsa face waterlogging problem. Therefore, most of the schemes have been approved for these districts in the meeting, giving special focus to these 10 districts.
- He said that a meeting of the Haryana State Drought Relief and Flood Control Board has been scheduled to be held twice a year in the months of January and May. Short-term projects and long-term projects decided in the January meeting in May will be reviewed.
- For water conservation and reuse of water, the budget has been increased from Rs 35 crore to Rs 167 crore last time.

- He said that emphasis is being laid on recharging the water accumulated in the population and agriculture sector instead of draining out. Water is standing in more than 50 acres, the government is ready to take that land. Work will be done to build a pond or recharge well at that place.

'Haryana Road Safety Manual' Launched

Why In News?

On January 19, 2023, Haryana Transport Department Principal Secretary Navdeep Singh Virk launched the 'Haryana Road Safety Manual' prepared with an aim to reduce road accidents .

Key points

- Principal Secretary Transport Department Navdeep Singh Virk said that by reading the 'Haryana Road Safety Manual', all kinds of information will be available to the road user and he will be able to make his journey safe by following the rules of road safety.
- He said that a provision has been made in the rules issued in 2018 to use 50 percent of the income received from vehicle challans for road safety. The lead agency/transport department seeks schemes/schemes related to road safety from the concerned departments under these rules.
- Last year, Rs 37 crore was received, which has been distributed to police, transport, education, local bodies departments for works/schemes related to road safety.
- Navdeep Singh Virk said that there is a need to expand the subject of road safety further and bring new aspects. In the meeting of the Road Safety Council held last month, it was decided to register FIRs against the concerned on the highways on which illegal cuts have been made.
- In compliance with this, all the District Transport Officers have been instructed to select one National Highway and one State Highway and take action from the concerned departments.
- He said that an agreement has been signed with IIT Madras to fix speed limits for various roads, under which they will conduct a state survey in this regard and also provide training to the employees.

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- Additionally, the IRAD portal set up by the Ministry of Transport in the state has been launched to detect road accidents and black spots. He informed that 22 faceless services have been started in the state by VAHAN & SARATHI portal, due to which facilities will be provided on time through online application as per right to service act.
- It is known that Harman Singh Sidhu has prepared this manual and 10,000 copies of this manual in English language have been prepared by Maruti Company Executive Director Rahul Bharti with CSR funds.
- Similarly, in Hindi language, 5,000 copies of this manual will be prepared by Maruti company, which will be given to road safety knowledge centers and driving schools / training institutes.
- Transport Commissioner Yashendra Singh said that road safety is a serious issue in which the participation of all departments and public is very important so that road accidents can be reduced. For this, this manual will prove to be very useful and by reading it, driving learners and license makers and the general public will get information about the rules about road safety and reduce road accidents.
- On this occasion, Harman Singh Sidhu said that this road safety manual has been prepared under the guidance of the then Transport Commissioner Amitabh Dhillon.
- This manual is divided into four parts, in which Part-1 deals with road accidents and major risk factors, in Part-2 with knowing your vehicle which includes tyres, brakes, steering, wheels, lights, wind screen, rear view mirror, horn, Knowing blind spots, rules of the road, safe driving, polite driving towards other road users and safe driving, proper distance driving in part-3, following distances, about emergency vehicles, traffic signals at intersections Driving in compliance, types of signals, authority to mark, giving signals, changing lanes, highway driving, overtaking, railway crossing, driving in different conditions, stopping, parking and road signs and emergency situations and accidents in Part-IV Sharing the road, helping an accident victim, helping a Good Samaritan, responsibility towards the environment and laws, etc. have been explained.

86 Daughters will be Awarded on National Girl Child Day

Why In News?

Haryana Minister of State for Women and Child Development Kamlesh Dhanda said in a meeting with the officials of the concerned departments at the Civil Secretariat in Chandigarh that on the occasion of National Girl Child Day celebrated on January 24 every year, 86 daughters in the state will be honored with an amount of Rs 6,24,900 and certificates.

Key points

- Minister of State Kamlesh Dhanda said that due to various schemes run by the Central and State Government for the welfare of daughters, they are getting ample opportunities to move forward, as a result of which daughters have achieved many achievements not only in the country but also at the international level. In such a situation, girls who have achieved remarkable achievements in various fields will be honored with certificates and prize money.
- He said that for doing excellent work in various fields including sports, education, cultural, social work, girls will be given an amount of Rs 11-11 thousand and the participants who perform best in various competitions held at the state level will be given an amount of Rs 5100, 2100 and Rs 1100 and certificates.

Centre of Excellence in Horticulture inaugurated in Gignau under Indo-Israel Agriculture Project

Why in News?

On January 22, 2023, Ambassador of Israel Naor Gilon, who visited India, inaugurated the Semi-Arid Horticulture Excellence Centre built at a cost of About Rs. 12.5 crore in village Gignau in Loharu assembly constituency of Bhiwani district of Haryana.

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- Israeli Ambassador Naor Gilon said that the Centre of Excellence in Horticulture established under the Indo-Israel Agricultural Project in village Gignau will also strengthen the democratic relations between the political relations of the two countries.
- The main objective of setting up semi-arid horticulture centres of excellence is to develop new resources in the agriculture sector, which will make the farmer happy.
- He said that now Israeli technology and knowledge is being transferred and manufactured in India, which is giving a further boost to the Make in India initiative. Through this center, Israel based farming techniques produced in India such as drip irrigation, mulching, green house etc. will be showcased.
- Naor Gilon said that more than 40 million plants of quality vegetables and five lakh plants of quality fruits are being produced in horticulture excellence centers built on Indo-Israeli technology in India. More than one lakh 20 thousand farmers are also getting training every year at these centers.
- Haryana Agriculture and Animal Husbandry Minister J.K.P. Dalal said that Despite being a small country, Israel is a leader in many areas including agriculture and security. Today, other countries are also adopting the technology of this country. Israel has made its country a paradise by making wasteland fertile and has given the whole world the technology of farming from drop to drop.
- He said that the budget for horticulture in Haryana has been increased by 100 times from Rs' 8 crore to Rs 800 crore. A target has been set to set up 500 FPOs in the state.
- J. P Dalal said that by the year 2030, a target of horticulture has been set on 17 lakh acres of land. The world's largest vegetable market is being set up at Gannaur in Sonipat, which will be spread over 500 acres, which will cost 2.5 thousand crores and will provide employment to thousands of people.
- He informed that to reduce the risk in horticulture, 'Mukhyamantri Horticulture Insurance Scheme' has been implemented, under this scheme 46 crops have been covered. Apart from this, 21 horticulture crops have been included under the 'Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana'.
- Minister J. P. Dalal said that the highest scheme for farmers in the country has been implemented in Haryana. The Centre of Excellence built in Gignau

will prove to be a milestone for the future of farmers as well as youth.

- In this center, the best quality variety of Guava, Almonds, Dates, Pomegranate, Pear, Citrus fruits, Plums, Dragon fruits, Red bald malta, Strawberries, Avocados etc. will be prepared. From this center, high quality vegetable plants will be available to the farmers at affordable rates.
- In this hi-tech greenhouse, 30 to 40 lakh plants of vegetables will be prepared. Apart from this, mother blocks are being prepared for fruit plantation.

'International Gita Mahotsav' to be the Theme of Haryana Tableau for Republic Day celebrations

Why in News?

On January 22, 2023, Director General, Information, Public Relations and Language Department, Haryana, Dr. Amit Agarwal said that for the second consecutive time, haryana's tableau has been selected by the Special Committee of the Ministry of Defense for the second consecutive performance in the Republic Day celebrations on January 26, whose theme is 'International Gita Mahotsav'.

Key Points

- Dr. Amit Agarwal said that the process of selection of tableaux of states, union territories and ministries is started every year in the month of November by the expert committee constituted by the Ministry of Defense of the Government of India, in which all the states, union territories and ministries present their respective themes.
- The expert committee selects tableaux in a phased manner based on the relevance and usefulness of the theme. Last year also, haryana's sports achievements were presented to the country and the world in a powerful way through a tableau based on the theme of 'Number One Haryana in Sports'.
- Kurukshetra is known as one of the oldest pilgrimage sites in the world. Here the Vedas and Puranas were composed on the banks of the holy river Saraswati. About 5159 years ago, on the first day of the Mahabharata war, Lord Krishna gave the eternal

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message of Shrimad Bhagavad Gita to Arjuna on the battlefield of Kurukshetra, so Kurukshetra is identified as the birthplace of The Gita.

- Dr. Amit Agarwal said that the anniversary of the birth anniversary of the immortal message of Gita is celebrated as International Gita Mahotsav every year in Kurukshetra. The 18 day long International Gita Mahotsav aims to spread the global and inspiring message of Shrimad Bhagwat Gita and enlighten the world with the message of peace, harmony and universal brotherhood.
- He said that in the year 2018, the Haryana government decided to celebrate International Gita Mahotsav in other countries with the aim of spreading the eternal message of Gita in other parts of the world and in the year 2019, for the first time, International Gita Mahotsav was organized in Mauritius and London. In the year 2022, the International Gita Festival was also celebrated in Canada.
- Director General of Information, Public Relations and Language Department said that the message of Gita presented on the tableau of Haryana in the Republic Day parade is the biggest intellectual gift to mankind. This eternal message of karma is exemplary for the entire humanity.
- He said that in the tableau, Lord Krishna is shown serving as Arjuna's charioteer and giving him the knowledge of Gita. The first glimpse of the tableau offers a glimpse of spirituality, art and history.
- At the beginning of the tractor section there are visions of Lord Krishna's 'Virata Swaroop', as he displayed in front of Arjuna on the battlefield. In the statue displayed in the form of Virat, the 9 heads of Shri Vishnu are shown as Agni, Narsingh, Ganesh, Shiva, Vishnu, Brahma, Ashwini Kumar, Hanuman and Parashurama respectively. Divine serpents are covered with heads covered. Shri Vishnu holds sword, Trident, Lotus, Sudarshan Chakra in the right hand and Conch, Barchha, Bow, Nag, Mace etc. in his left hand. The entire bottom is shaped by Sheshnag and the waves have been given a circular shape.
- A grand chariot with four horses has been built in the Kurukshetra battlefield at the rear in the trailer section. Chariots, horses and all elements are depicted with in-depth detail. The idols riding on the chariot of Arjuna and Sri Krishna have been made colourful, while the rest of the trailer is made in the same earthly shadow. From horses to chariots and even the dust of the ground, every single detail is clearly visible in

the tableau. The pattern on the edges of the trailer depicts various scenes from the Mahabharata war.

HPPC Meeting Held Under the Chairmanship of Chief Minister

Why in News?

On January 21, 2023, a meeting of the High Powered Purchasing Committee (HPPC) was held in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, in which the purchase of goods worth more than Rs. 92 crore was approved by various departments.

Key Points

- Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal informed that a total of 8 agendas of Irrigation, Police, Transport, Hartron, Haryana Power Generation Corporation Limited were placed in the meeting, out of which 5 agendas were approved.
- He said that about Rs. 3 crore has been saved by fixing rates after negotiations with various companies.
- The Chief Minister said that the proposal to install de-knox combustion codification system to reduce pollution in thermal power plants has been approved. Apart from this, approval has also been given today to increase internet connectivity in various departments, boards and corporations in Haryana.
- He informed that e-Bhoomi portal has been created for the requirement of land for government projects, which is proving to be very effective. On this portal, information about the land requirement for projects is filled by the government and farmers and aggregators offer their land.
- The land is being purchased with the consent of the land owners after negotiations. So far, about 1000 acres of land has been procured through this portal.

Prisoners will Get Three Months Exemption on Republic Day

Why In News?

On January 24, 2023, Haryana's Energy and Prisons Minister Ranjit Singh said that on Republic Day, the state

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government has given special exemption to the prisoners serving the sentences awarded by the courts of criminal jurisdiction in the state.

Key points

- Energy and Jails Minister Ranjit Singh said that those convicts who have been sentenced to life imprisonment, 10 years or more will be given a remission of 90 days and those who have been sentenced to more than five years and 10 years will be given a remission of less than 60 days. Similarly, offenders who have been sentenced to less than five years will be granted a remission of 30 days.
- Republic Day (January 26, 2023) This exemption will also be given to all criminals who came on parole and furlough from jail on provided they surrender in the concerned jail at their scheduled time, he said. In that case, they will be exempted for the remaining period of imprisonment.
- Ranjit Singh said that the offenders who have been punished for non-payment of fine will not be given this exemption and the offenders who have been convicted by the courts of the Criminal Justice Zone in Haryana but are serving their sentence in jails outside Haryana will have the right to get this exemption as per the above scale. Criminals who are on bail will not be given this exemption.
- He said that 14 years the murder and abduction of children below the age of, murder with rape, robbery and robbery, Terrorist and Disruptive Activities (Prevention) Act-1967, Office Secrets Act-1923, Foreigners Act-1948, Passport Act-1967, Criminal Law Amendment Act, 1961, Sections 2 and 3 of the Indian Penal Code 1860 of the Sections 121 to 130, kidnapping for ransom, the POCSO Act 2012 any offence under, offenders serving sentences under Section 32A under the NDPS Act will not be exempted.
- The jail minister informed that persons convicted under sections 107/109/110 of the Pakistan National Penal Code, 1973 as well as failure to give security in the matter of keeping the peace, have committed any major jail offense during the last two years. Criminals serving sentences in the case of criminals involved in IPC will not get any exemption under Punjab Jail Manual, Haryana Jail Rules-2022 or any other act or rules in force on that day.

33 New Women Police Stations and 239 Women Help Desks Established in the State

Why In News?

On January 26, 2023, Haryana's Home and Health Minister Anil Vij told during the 74th Republic Day celebrations at the Police Line Complex in Ambala city of the state that 33 new women's police stations and 239 women's help centers have been set up in the state to deal with crimes against women. The desks have been set up.

Key points

- On this occasion, Home and Health Minister Anil Vij said that the state government is determined to increase the number of women police personnel in Haryana Police to 15 percent. In this series, to provide security to women, 24 companies of 'Durga Shakti Rapid Action Force' have been deployed for the security of school-college going girls and other women.
- He said that people should not face any problem in registering FIR, for this Zero FIR. The concept has been introduced. Now in any police station F.I.R. can be registered, irrespective of where the incident took place.
- The Home Minister informed that the Trakia bar-coding system has been commissioned at the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) at Police Complex, Madhuban in Karnal district. This system is fully computerized. Haryana is the first state in the country to use this type of system from the police station level to the forensic lab.
- He informed that Haryana Police has been awarded 5 times for sending passport verification before the stipulated time period.
- Anil Vij said that approval has been given to open five new police stations in Ambala range and one in Munak in Karnal district. In order to increase the sense of police security among the people and the police is with them at every step, the 112 vehicles have been added to the police fleet under 600 toll free number. Two vehicles have been provided in each police station.

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Chief Minister Announced Rs 90 crore for the Development of Tejli Stadium

Why In News?

On January 26, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar hoisted the national flag at Tejli Stadium in Jagadhri in Yamuna Nagar district on Republic Day and announced Rs 90 crore as a gift to the residents of the district for the development of Tejli Stadium.

Key points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar informed that Tejli Stadium in Yamuna Nagar district will be developed modernly in 3 phases. Spread over 50 acres, this stadium will have all the facilities for indoor and outdoor games.
- He said that in the first phase, including judo infrastructure will be developed and facilities will be provided for indoor sports taekwondo, wrestling, boxing, lawn tennis, kabaddi, archery, rifle shooting etc.
- In the next phase, outdoor games will be developed, in which sports like hockey football, athletics, table tennis, volleyball, basketball, handball, badminton etc. will be developed.
- This work will be done by the Sports Department and will be completed in about 3 years.

Haryana-Saskatchewan Academic Round Table Conference

Why In News?

January 25, 2023, the According to the information given by the Haryana Information, Public Relations and Language Department on by the Foreign Cooperation Department in Panchkula district Haryana-Saskatchewan Educational RoundTable was organized of the state.

Key points

- The Haryana-Saskatchewan Educational Round table discussed the identification, facilitation, support, strengthening of strategic partnership between Haryana and Saskatchewan in the field of educational and skill development.

- Speaking on the occasion, Director General and Secretary, Department of Foreign Cooperation Anant Prakash Pandey said that the Haryana government is committed to strengthen cooperation with Saskatchewan in areas such as skill development, academic research, student and faculty research, curriculum development. To further strengthen these efforts, the expertise of Saskatchewan Polytechnic will be leveraged.

The Chief Minister Made Several Announcements at the Birth Anniversary Celebrations of Deenbandhu Chhoturam.

Why In News?

On January 25, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal made several announcements at the birth anniversary celebrations of farmers' messiah Deenbandhu Sir Chhoturam organized at Jat Dharamshala in Kurukshetra district of the state.

Key points

- On this occasion, Chief Minister Manohar Lal announced to increase the rate of sugarcane 10 to Rs by Rs 372. He also announced to increase the salary of patwaris from Rs 25,000 to Rs 32,100.
- He said that due to the hailstorm, there has been a lot of damage to the mustard crop, in such a situation, the crop will be repaired, and compensation will be given to the farmers.
- The Chief Minister also announced a grant of Rs 51 lakh for Jat Dharamshala. The land for the hostel to be built by Jat Dharamshala will be arranged through Kurukshetra Development Board or Haryana Urban Development Authority.
- He said that the Haryana government is running Sant Mahapurush Prachar Prasar Yojana, under which birth anniversaries of saints and great men are officially celebrated.
- to fix the land having problem of water logging in 1.5 lakh acres of land Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal said that a budget of Rs. 1100 crore would be spent by next year of the state. This land will be made cultivable.

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- The Chief Minister said that Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram, working on his ideals, competed with the British and made laws for the poor and farmers. He implemented a one-day holiday in markets, shops and factories. It was Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram who also pulled the debt-ridden farmers out of the clutches.

Two Personalities of the State Selected for Padma Shri Honor

Why In News?

On January 25, 2023, the President announced the country's highest civilian awards 'Padma Awards' for the year 2023 on the eve of Republic Day. Among these, two personalities from Haryana have been selected for the Padma Shri award.

Key points

- For the year 2023, the President has approved the conferment of 106 Padma Awards, including three dual cases (in a dual case, the award is counted as one).
- The list includes 6 Padma Vibhushan, 9 Padma Bhushan and 91 Padma Shri awardees. The list of awardees includes 19 women and 2 persons from the category of Foreigners/NRI/PIO/OCI and 7 posthumous awardees.
- Bakshi Ram and Dr. Sukama Acharya are among the two personalities from Haryana selected for the Padma award.
- Dr. Sukama Acharya of Akupur village in Jhajjar district has been selected for the Padma Shri award for distinguished service in the field of spiritualism and Dr. Bakshi Ram, an agricultural scientist from Gurgaon, for distinguished service in the field of science and engineering.
- Agricultural scientist Bakshi Ram is known for developing sugarcane variety CO-0238.
- Significantly, Padma award is included in the highest civilian awards of the country. The Padma awards are given in three categories - Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri. The awards are announced on Republic Day every year.
- The awards, social work public affairs science and engineering are given in the fields of various disciplines trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service etc/activities such as art.

- 'Padma Vibhushan' is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service, 'Padma Bhushan' for distinguished service of high order and 'Padma Shri' for distinguished service in any field.
- These awards are presented by the President of India in ceremonial ceremonies which are usually held at Rashtrapati Bhavan around March/April every year.

Haryana Police 14 officers awarded Police Medal

Why In News?

On January 26, 2023, on the occasion of Republic Day, 14 officers and personnel of Haryana Police were decorated with Police Medals for distinguished and meritorious services by the Union Home Ministry.

Key points

- Out of the total 14 medals announced, one police officer was awarded president's police medal for distinguished services and 13 others were awarded police medals for meritorious services.
- Amitabh Singh Dhillon, Inspector General of Police (Modernisation) has been selected for the president's police medal for distinguished services, a police department spokesperson said.
- Those who have been decorated with the Police Medal for Meritorious Services include Satendra Kumar Gupta IGP (Karnal Range) Karnal, B Satish Balan IGP (STF), Virendra Kumar Vij DCP (East) Gurugram, Surendra Singh DSP (CID) New Delhi, Rajkumar Ranga ACP Panchkula, Hari Kishan Inspector State Crime Branch, Ramesh Kumar Sub-Inspector (SI) Ambala, Dinesh Singh SI 1st IRB Bhondsi Gurugram, Naresh Kumar SI Rohtak, Devendra Kumar ASI Panipat, Ram Pal EASI (CID) Chandigarh, Sajjan Kumar ORP ASI Hisar and Sunil Kumar Head Constable Panchkula.

Smart Solar Hub Launched by Two UIET Students

Why In News?

On 25 January 2023, Additional Principal Secretary to The Chief Minister of Haryana and Director General of Information, Public Relations and Language Department

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Dr. Amit Agarwal launched the Smart Solar Hub startup started by Ishank Bansal and Arjun Mittal, two students at Panjab University's University Institute of Engineering and Technology (UIET), Chandigarh.

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- It is known that Director General of Public Relations and Languages Department, Dr. Amit Agarwal has launched this start-up named Envinova of Solar Energy.
- He said that Haryana has the third position in the country in terms of startups. Out of 60,000 new startup companies, 5,000 companies are in Haryana, which is 12 percent.
- Dr. Agarwal said that in order to promote startups, the state government has made a new startup policy, under which new startups are being encouraged to set up new startups in the state by giving different types of discounts and concessions.
- Launched as Smart Solar Hub, Envinova aims to enhance public interaction in outdoor space with accessible energy and connectivity.
- Through this, the focus has been on how urban living can be improved by popularizing technology in public life. This technology will also prove to be effective in making cities more vibrant, sustainable and more sensitive.
- On this occasion, Registrar Panjab University, Prof. Y.P. Verma said that there are a total of 8 startups running in UIET, for which the department gives space and provides necessary equipment.

PM Modi's 'Mann Ki Baat' Program Started from Kirmach Village of Kurukshetra

Why In News?

On January 29, 2022, Prime Minister Narendra Modi started the 97th episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' program for the first time this year from village Kirmach Village of Kurukshetra in Kurukshetra, Haryana. In this, the Prime Minister gave many important messages, including the production of millets, deepening of democracy, extracting the best from e-waste.

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- This time the 'Mann Ki Baat' program will be broadcast in Haryana, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Rajasthan, Telangana, Etc. Tripura and Uttar Pradesh are directly connected. In this, farmer Dhumman Singh was selected from booth number 180 Kalu Patti of Kirmach Village of Kurukshetra, the only village from Haryana.
- At the event, the Prime Minister talked about the appreciation being made across the country for many new initiatives taken in the Republic Day celebrations, while also giving examples of people who have become interpurposed in coarse grains.
- The Prime Minister particularly spoke on coarse cereals, which are the major farming of Haryana. This has boosted the morale of farmers. His message will promote the cultivation of coarse grains.
- It is noteworthy that 'Mann Ki Baat' is a program broadcast on All India Radio, through which The Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi addresses the citizens of India. The programme was first aired on 3 October 2014. In January 2015, US President Barack Obama had also attended the event along with him and replied to letters from the people of India.
- According to a statement by the Minister of Information and Broadcasting in the Rajya Sabha in July 2021, the main objective of the program is to 'engage with citizens on day-to-day governance issues'. This program is India's 'First Visually Enriched Radio Program'.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar Laid the Foundation Stone of Guptisagar Nature Care Institute

Why In News?

On January 29, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar laid the foundation stone of Naturopathy Center Guptisagar Nature Cure Institute in a program organized by Shri 108 Guptisagar Dham Jain Trust, Ganaur.

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- On this occasion, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar congratulated Shri 108 Guptisagar Ji Maharaj. He also

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released a book on the personality and work of Pt. Deendayal Upadhyaya.

- The Chief Minister said that Naturopathy is important for our eating habits to be fine Ayurveda and, the body remains healthy. Naturopathy is not a medicine, but the essence of Methodologies.
- The Chief Minister said that Ayushman Bharat Yojana has been implemented as a medical model, on the same lines, the state government has started 'Chirayu Haryana Yojana' in Haryana and under this, 29 lakh families in Haryana can avail medical facilities up to Rs 5 lakh in listed hospitals and civil hospitals.

Georgia and Haryana will Cooperate on Various Subjects

Why In News?

On January 30, 2023, Georgia's Ambassador to India Archil Dzuliashvili met Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and discussed cooperation between Haryana and Georgia on a range of subjects, in Gurgaon district of Haryana. These mainly include agriculture, medical education, health system, pharmaceutical and sports.

Key points

- Georgian Ambassador Archil Dzuliashvili expressed interest in the successful experiment done by the Haryana government in the IT sector and said that Georgia wants to learn from this initiative of Haryana how to bring transparency in administrative work by using IT.
- Giving information about the IT initiatives taken in Haryana, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said that the use of IT has helped in bringing transparency in government work on the one hand, while on the other hand the benefits of government schemes and programs are being extended to the actual beneficiaries.
- Georgian Ambassador Archil has also sought Haryana's cooperation in promoting yoga in the country. On this, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar assured cooperation and said that the Department of External Affairs will create a framework in this regard on how Haryana can cooperate with Georgia.

Health Department and Haryana State Seed Certification Agency Notified under Right to Service Act

Why In News?

On January 30, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal said that under the Right to Service Act, 2014, the state government has fixed the deadline for more than 5 services provided to the citizens by the Health Department and 3 services of the Haryana State Seed Certification Agency. notified.

Key points

- Sharing information in this regard, Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal said that certified and death certificates copies of birth (already registered) for the current year 14 days, the last years have been fixed at 30 days for till 1972 and 90 days in the case before 1972.
- Similarly, a time limit of 30 days has been fixed for registration of the child's name, 30 days for rectification of entry in the register of births and deaths (after submission of complete application).
- Besides, a time limit of 90 days has been prescribed for fresh registration of genetic counselling centres, genetic laboratories, genetic clinics, ultrasound clinics and imaging centers and renewal of registration certificates of clinics, ultrasound clinics and imaging centres.
- The Chief Secretary said that under delayed registration of birth and death events, if the applicant applies after 21 days of the event but within 30 days, then the deadline of 21 days, after 30 days of the event but before one year, 30 days. Day limit, one year after the occurrence of the incident but up to 1972 the limit of 60 days and before 1972 the limit of 90 days has been fixed.
- He said that the time limit for registration of firm for seed production, registration of processing plant for seed processing and renewal of processing plant for seed processing has been set at 21 days by the Haryana State Seed Certification Agency.



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