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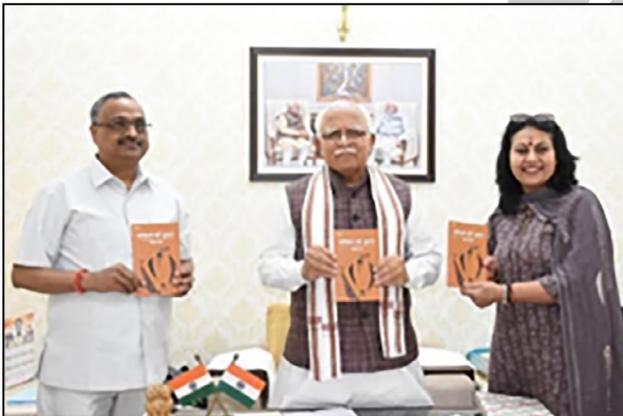
## The Book 'Samvedna ki Pukar' released

### Why in News?

On 31 May 2023, a well-known writer and social worker of Haryana Sweety Tomar presented a copy of her book 'Samvedna Ki Pukar' to Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in Chandigarh.

### Key Points:

- Through the book 'Samvedna Ki Pukar', Sweety Tomar has highlighted the social challenges faced by girls in getting an education and the harmful effects of child marriage.
- The author said that literature, especially books, can play an important role in bringing about a change in society.
- On this occasion, the author discussed with the Chief Minister the social issues related to girl education and child marriage raised through the book.



## MoU signed between Shri Vishwakarma Skill University & British Council

### Why In News?

On 1 June 2023, a spokesman of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University of Palwal district said that an important MoU has been signed between Shri Vishwakarma Skill University and British Council with the aim of enabling students in the field of employment through English.

### Key Points:

- It is known that the British Council is known for professional training in the English language. Shri Vishwakarma Skill University is focusing on linguistic courses and English is the third most spoken language in the world.
- Now the British Council in collaboration with Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Palwal will train students in English.
- The spokesperson said that the British Council English will contribute its skills to the social and professional advancement of students through an online self-study course.
- The British Council in association with Sri Vishwakarma Skill University will make more and more students competent and proficient in English through this course.
- Language plays the most important role in the development of personality as well as professional advancement. English is spread all over the world and through this, students can make their careers stronger.
- With this objective, Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Palwal is running courses in English, German and Japanese languages on its campus. Now after joining the British Council, there will be more quality in the language course of English.



## Chief Minister laid the Foundation Stone of 8 Pilgrimage Projects

### Why in News?

On 3 June 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal laid the foundation stone of 8 pilgrimage projects of the Kurukshetra Development Board in Karnal district to be built at a cost of about Rs 1177 lakh.

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**Key Points:**

- The Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of 'Prithvi Tirth' at village Balu in Nissing block at a cost of Rs 86.89 lakh, 'Raghuvendra Dasaratha Tirth' at village Ongad at a cost of Rs 112.11 lakh, and 'Mishrak Tirth' at Nissing rural at a cost of Rs 159.31 lakh.
- Apart from these, 'Dhankshetra Tirtha' in Assandh at a cost of Rs 40 lakh, 'Anjani Tirtha' in village Anjanthali at a cost of Rs 229.77 lakh, 'Prakshant Tirtha' in village Patanpuri at a cost of Rs 231.29 lakh, 'Vedvati Tirth' in village Sitamai at a cost of Rs 134.52 lakh and also laid the foundation stone of the work of 'Vyas Sthal Teerth' in village Bastali at a cost of Rs 183.06 lakh.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that earlier the Kurukshetra Development Board used to take care of only the pilgrimages of the Kurukshetra district, but now Dharmakshetra Kurukshetra is being renovated by the Kurukshetra Development Board, realizing the importance of 164 pilgrimages established in the periphery of 48 Kos under the famous pilgrimage.
- Kurukshetra Development Board is also deciding to develop Tirth Parikrama so that the people of the village, as well as people from outside, come for darshan at the centres of people's faith, this will increase the number of tourists and provide employment to the people.



## 5 major Sewerage & Drinking Water Projects approved in the state worth more than Rs.4508 lakh

**Why in News?**

On 6 June 2023, in a meeting held in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Haryana Public Health &

Cooperation Minister Dr. Banwari Lal, 5 major sewerage and drinking water schemes worth more than Rs 45.08 lakh were approved in the state.

**Key Points:**

- The Public Health & Cooperation Minister said that the old sewerage system from Timber Market Chowk near Kheda, Arya Nagar Chowk Nandi Mohalla to South Disposal in Ambala city would be strengthened with CIPP technology at a cost of about Rs 1349.31 lakh.
- The work of changing the sewerage system in 10 wards of Karnal city will be done, in which 425 RCC main halls will be built and water connections will be made. For this, a 200 mm pipeline of about 12037 meters long will be laid. An amount of about Rs 691.80 lakh will be spent on this.
- The cabinet also approved the installation of 14 tubewells and submersible pump sets for drinking water and new pipelines for drinking water & sewerage in Karnal city. An amount of Rs 759.60 lakh will be spent on this work. Thus, the sewerage and drinking water schemes in Karnal city will cost more than Rs.14.51 lakh.
- Under the 'Mahagram Yojana', the work of laying sewerage line will be done in the village Siswal of Hisar district. Rs 1167.77 lakh will be spent on this work. Work is already underway on the drinking water scheme to provide an adequate quantity of clean drinking water to the people in Siswal.
- A sewerage line and a sewerage treatment plant of 2.50 MLD will be constructed in the village of Kaul of the Kaithal district. Apart from this, an amount of Rs 540.89 lakh will be spent on the work of commissioning the main pumping station etc. These projects will be launched in the coming month.
- The Public Health Minister directed the officials to complete the Mewat Rainwell project at the earliest and solve the drinking water problem of the Pinjore and Morni areas with immediate effect. Apart from this, he also directed to completion the necessary formalities for the early construction of the water house at Raghunathpura, Ibrahim Bishnupar in Rewari.



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## Shri Vishwakarma Skill University will start the 'Selfie with Daughter' campaign

### Why in News?

On 6 June 2023, Dr. Raj Nehru, Vice-Chancellor of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University located in Palwal district of Haryana, informed that the university will launch the 'Selfie with Daughter' campaign on 9 June in honour of daughters. Many big personalities from the country and the world will join this online ceremony.

### Key Points:

- Vice-Chancellor Dr. Raj Nehru said that initiatives are being taken to give a big dimension to this social campaign in honour of daughters. Along with honouring the daughters by taking selfies with them, there will also be an oath in this campaign. Through this pledge, a pledge will be taken to improve the lives of disabled daughters.
- The 'Selfie with Daughter' campaign is promoted by Sunil Jaglan and the campaign will be dedicated to specially-abled daughters.
- It is known that social worker Sunil Jaglan started the 'Selfie with Daughter' campaign on June 9, 2015. He is associated with Shri Vishwakarma Skill University in this campaign.
- Vice-Chancellor Dr. Raj Nehru said that through this campaign, an appeal will also be made that everyone should take selfies with their daughters and upload them on social media so that people's attitude towards daughters changes. Those who do not have daughters in their homes will be called to take selfies with disabled daughters and upload them.
- Anvi, the award winner of the 'Selfie with Daughter' campaign and the brand ambassador of the campaign, will also participate in the event. Apart from this, Vikram Shrestha, who promoted this campaign in Nepal, will also be part of the celebrations through online mediums.
- The oath will be -"I pledge to respect all daughters in my family and society. I take a pledge that whenever I meet a differently-abled daughter, I will make her life better. I pledge to contribute to making the 'Selfie with Daughter' campaign a success by taking a beautiful selfie with her and uploading it on my social media."

## Cabinet approves metro connectivity from HUDA City Centre to Cyber City, Gurugram with a spur to Dwarka Expressway

### Why in News?

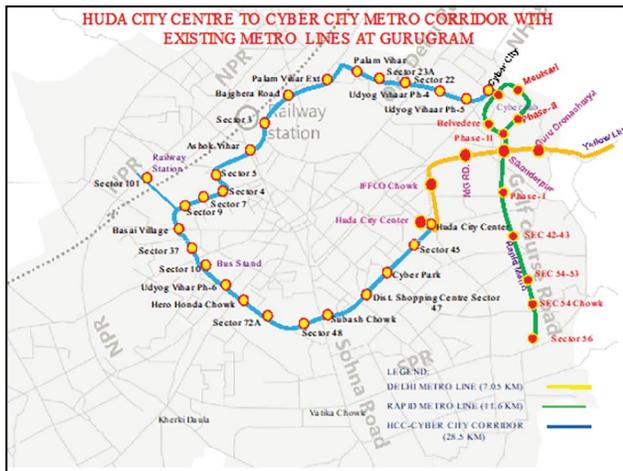
On 7 June 2023, the Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved Metro connectivity from HUDA City Center to Cyber City with spur (side line) to Dwarka Expressway, Gurugram covering a distance of 28.50 km. There will be 27 stations in this route.

### Key Points:

- The total cost of completion of the project will be Rs 5,452 crore. It will be a standard gauge line of 1435 mm (5 ft 8.5 in).
- The entire project will be elevated. Spur has been provided for connectivity from Basai village to the depot.
- The project is proposed to be completed in four years from the date of sanction and is to be implemented by Haryana Mass Rapid Transport Corporation Limited (HMRTC).
- It will be set up as a 50:50 Special Purpose Vehicle (SPV) of the Government of India and the Government of Haryana after the approval order is issued.
- As of now, there is no metro line in Old Gurugram. The main feature of this line is to connect New Gurugram with Old Gurugram. This network will be connected to the Indian railway station. In the next phase, it will provide connectivity to IGI Airport. It will also provide overall economic development in the region.

Name of corridor	Length (in km)	station number	Elevated / Underground
HUDA City Center to Cyber City Center - Main Corridor	26.65	26	Elevated
Basai Gaon to Dwarka Expressway -Spur	1.85	01	Elevated
<b>Total</b>	<b>28.50</b>	<b>27</b>	

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## An MoU between the J C University and Inovik Energy

### Why in News?

On 7 June 2023, J C Bose University of Science & Technology located in Faridabad, Haryana signed an MoU with Innovic Energy, a company specializing in the manufacture of electrical panels, in a significant step towards empowering students with employable skills in the energy sector.

### Key Points:

- University Registrar Dr. Sunil Kumar Garg and Director of Innovic Energy Kumaresh Som signed the agreement. It was signed in the presence of Sushil Kumar Tomar.
- The collaboration between J.C. Bose University and Innovic Energy aims to conduct practical training, seminars & technical courses to students, enabling them to acquire the necessary skills & prepare them for a career in the industry.
- At the same time, the company will also offer industrial internships to students to provide them with an opportunity to work on industrial products.
- Expressing happiness over the industrial partnership for the skill development of students, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Shri Sushil Kumar Tomar stressed the need to make this partnership research-oriented.
- Kumaresh Som, Director, Innovic Energy, particularly stressed the growing demand for new & renewable energy sources including the need for innovation & adaptation in the energy sector.

- He said that due to the changes coming in the energy sector, conventional electric panels are going out of vogue. Innovic Energy is also moving towards the green energy sector and is working on the development of equipment in this area. The company will provide its support to students doing research in this field.



## Education Minister released Interactive Digital E-book

### Why in News?

On 7 June 2023, Haryana Education Minister Kanwar Pal released the interactive digital e-book 'Bhool Bhulaiya Khel Pitara'.

### Key Points:

- This digital e-book has been prepared in an interactive manner by Dr. Vijay Chawla, Hindi Professor working in Aarohi Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Gyeong, District Kaithal.
- This e-book can be used in schools through smart classrooms, digital labs, tabs and mobiles. It also provides simple and interesting study material to develop Hindi linguistic skills.
- Links and QR codes have been provided to study digital reading material. Students will have to click on the link given to read the digital reading material and scan the QR code contained in it. By doing this, students will be able to study Hindi competencies in detail.
- The Education Minister said that unless the students become proficient in Hindi linguistic skills, they cannot score good marks in Hindi subject. Only by being proficient in Hindi competencies, students are able to answer different types of questions themselves.
- The Education Minister expressed hope that this edition of the interactive digital e-book 'Bhool Bhulaiya Khel Pitara' will fully meet the expectations of children and teachers to develop Hindi linguistic competencies prepared by Dr. Vijay Kumar Chawla.

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## Haryana became Champion in Boxing & Athletics in 66<sup>th</sup> National School Sports Competition

### Why in News?

On 9 June 2023, the first stage competition of athletics & boxing concluded in the 66th National School Sports Competition organized by the School Games Federation of India in Bhopal, in which Haryana won this championship with a total of 20 medals including 9 gold, 7 silver & 4 bronze medals in both boys and girls' categories.

### Key Points:

- In this championship, Uttar Pradesh stood second with a total of 13 medals and Maharashtra stood third with a total of 11 medals.
- Maharashtra stood first, West Bengal second and Haryana third in the medal table in the girls' category. And in the boys category, Haryana stood first, Uttar Pradesh second and Kerala third.
- In the third day athletics competition, Baljit Singh of Haryana won the gold medal in the cross country race in the boys category.
- At the same time, Yash of the state got the gold medal in the javelin throw competition in the boys category. In the girls category, Deepika won the gold medal and Sapna won the silver medal.
- Deepak Kumar of the state got a gold medal in the long jump boys' category. Sunil Kumar of the state won the gold medal in the 800-meter race in the boys' category. At the same time, Haryana stood second in the girls' category in the 4400-relay race.

- In boxing, Mohit and Shloki Negi of the state got bronze medals in the 52 kg weight category. At the same time, Pankaj Kumar won the gold medal in the 60 kg weight category.
- In the 64 kg weight category, Mohit Kharab of the state won the silver medal and Sankalp Lavania & Lavjeet Singh jointly won the bronze medal. And in the 81 kg weight category, Crush won the gold medal.
- Apart from this, Anjali of the state won silver and Raveena & Aditi Negi jointly won bronze in the 45 kg weight category in the girls' category. At the same time, Kashish Mehta won the gold medal in the 48 kg weight category.
- Meenakshi of the state won gold in 51 kg weight category, Tanu won gold medal in 54 kg weight category. At the same time, in the 75 kg weight category, Ritu of the state got the bronze medal.
- It is known that the athletics and boxing competitions of the first phase of the 66th National School Sports Competition have been completed. Badminton, table tennis & football matches will now be organized at TT Nagar Stadium and various sports grounds in Bhopal.



## CGHS Wellness Center Inaugurated in Chandigarh and Panchkula

### Why in News?

On 9 June 2023, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, Union Minister of Health & Family Welfare inaugurated CGHS Wellness Centers at Chandigarh and Panchkula.

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**Key Points:**

- The opening of these two wellness centers will help in mitigating the hardships faced by the pensioners living not only in the Chandigarh-Panchkula-Mohali TriCity area but also in the adjoining areas of Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh.
- It is noted that Chandigarh already had one CGHS wellness center with 47000 registered beneficiaries. The opening of the second wellness center has brought great relief to the beneficiaries as the workload will now be divided between the two wellness centers and the waiting time will be reduced & life will become easier for the citizens.
- It is worth mentioning that the coverage of CGHS cities has been expanded from 25 cities in 2014 to 80 in 2023.
- Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya said that CGHS technology has been integrated with the National Health Authority and aims to expand CGHS to 100 cities in India soon, further increasing access of people to good quality healthcare in India.



## Chief Minister inaugurated works worth Rs 2600 crore in Indian International Horticulture Market

**Why in News?**

On June 11, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated the construction of the second phase of works worth Rs 2600 crore at the Indian International Horticulture Market at Ganaur in Sonipat district on National Highway No-44.

**Key Points:**

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone of various development projects worth about Rs 55 crore.
- The Chief Minister said that this horticulture market will become the biggest market not only in India but also in Asia. This will give special benefits to the buyers and sellers of the states of North India. It will be prepared as the best alternative to Delhi's Azadpur Mandi, in which all kinds of facilities will be provided.
- This will double the income of the farmers of the state. Along with this, it will prove to be very beneficial for farmers, fruit & vegetable producers, common people and traders.
- Along with the self-reliance of the farmers, the market will also lead the state towards self-reliance, which will strengthen the economic condition of the state. The market will play a special role in fulfilling the target set for increasing the income of the farmers.
- Along with this, works will be expanded at a cost of Rs 3,000 crore, while tender works worth Rs 2,600 crore will be completed within two years. Along with Haryana, farmers and traders from the states of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir and Uttarakhand will be able to take advantage of the market.
- The Chief Minister also announced a subsidy of Rs 5,000 per acre for three years to the farmers producing vegetables of Ganaur block. It is known that at present vegetables are being produced on three thousand acres in Ganaur block.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that an oil factory will be set up on four acres of land in Kurukshetra for sunflower producing farmers, which will have a capacity of 20 thousand metric tonnes. Oil and ghee are made from sunflower seeds. On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that an oil factory will be set up on four acres of land in Kurukshetra for sunflower producing farmers, which will have a capacity of 20 thousand metric tonnes. Oil and ghee are made from sunflower seeds.



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## Chief Minister launched 10 Faceless Services of Haryana Urban Development Authority

### Why in News?

On June 12, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal launched 10 faceless services of the Haryana Urban Development Authority, which is an important step towards digital empowerment and citizens' facilities. Along with this, the Chief Minister also launched a brochure of faceless services.

### Key Points:

- Haryana Urban Development Authority aims to provide transparent & citizen-centric services through technology and contribute to the overall development & welfare of the state.
- Allottees can now avail of Haryana Urban Development Authority services from anywhere without the need to personally visit the Estate Office. The online platform is accessible 24x7, allowing citizens to easily submit their applications and access services at their convenience.
- The Chief Minister said that the user-friendly interface of the online system ensures a smooth & hassle-free experience for the users, simplifies the application process and enables the citizens to navigate easily through the various services provided by the Haryana Urban Development Authority.
- Faceless service will increase transparency as applicants can track the status of their applications and get updates online.
- In addition, the system's faceless service promotes fairness and objectivity in the allocation process, thereby ensuring a level playing field for all.
- The launch of faceless service will bring many benefits to the citizens of the state and the allottees can now apply for various services like- Transfer permission letters, Non-dues certificates, Non-encumbrance certificates, Independent floor-transfer permission letters, Mortgage permission Facilities of Letters, Independent Floor Re-allotment letter, De-mortgage permission letter, Cancellation of transfer permission, Allotment letter (e-auction) and Re-allotment letter will be provided.

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister flagged off the Haryana Urban Development Authority van. This van will go to every sector of HSVP and inform people about the schemes being offered by HSVP & will work to make them aware.
- It was told in the meeting that last year 62 thousand people have taken advantage of these services through manual mediums, but now the benefit of all these services will be available through online mediums only.
- User has to log in to the allottee corner to avail these services. Users can log in through launch videos on HSVP's website guiding them on how to avail the services.



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## **A New Policy will be Made for Construction of Boundary Walls, Sheds etc. in Vegetable Markets in the State.**

### **Why in News?**

On June 13, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal announced a new policy for construction and repair of boundary walls, sheds, gates & cleaning arrangements etc. in vegetable markets across the state.

### **Key Points:**

- Under this, a committee will be formed, in which commission agents will be partners. Some amount will be made available to this committee from the market fees, so that the committee will be able to get the work of the market done at its own level.
- The market fee and HRDF rate to be charged in the vegetable market across the state will now be fixed in one go. The bill to amend the rules related to this has been passed by the Vidhan Sabha.
- At present, the rate of 2% market fee and 2 percent HRDF is applicable in the vegetable market. Considering the demand of workers, the state government has decided to do it outright.
- It is known that shops were sold to traders under the policy by the Haryana Urban Development Authority in Transport Nagar in Kaithal, but today traders are not able to sell their shops further due to some terms and conditions in the policy.
- Realizing the difficulty of the traders, the state government has decided that a new policy will be made for such traders, and they will be given relaxation in the rules, so that they will be able to sell their shops.
- The Chief Minister informed that a policy is also being made to shift government Godowns built in cities across the state out of the city. Soon such Godowns will be set up outside the city.
- He announced the extension of the dispute resolution scheme launched by the government for a period of one year to settle the ongoing disputes related to shops in Mandis.
- To solve the problems of the traders in the state, the state government has also formed the 'Traders Welfare Board'. In addition, insurance cover is provided to

traders under the 'Chief Minister Traders Collective Private Accident Insurance Scheme'.

- It is known that under the 'Small Trader Maandhan Yojana' launched by the Central Government, an annual assistance of Rs 6 thousand is provided to small traders. Apart from this, loans ranging from Rs 10,000 to Rs 1 lakh are given to street vendors under the 'PM-Swanidhi Yojana'.



## **Aapda Mitra will be Made in All Villages of State**

### **Why in News?**

On June 13, 2023, Deputy Chief Minister of Haryana, Dushyant Chautala told after the meeting of the ministers of the Disaster Management Department of all the states held under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi that Aapda Mitras will be made in all the villages of the state who will work as volunteers at the time of disaster and soon a portal will be started to register them.

### **Key Points:**

- It is known that Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala also has the charge of Revenue and Disaster Management Department.
- The Deputy Chief Minister informed that committees will be formed from district to village level by the State Disaster Management Board.
- It is known that this year Rs 1,100 crore has been sanctioned for providing relief in times of possible calamities like flood and drought, while provision of Rs 500 crore & Rs 300 crore was made per year respectively in previous years.

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- Plans are also being made to drain the areas in the state where water gets filled due to rains and to pour water into canals etc. so that there is neither damage to crops nor loss of life & property.
- The Deputy Chief Minister informed that the state government is warning about possible disaster by sending messages through mobile etc. This year too, messages related to heavy rains, strong storms etc. have been sent in advance to the people of the state.
- It was informed in the meeting by the Central Government that a technology has been invented to predict fire due to lightning. The Haryana government is also going to implement this technology soon in the state so that people can be saved from loss of life and property.
- In the meeting, a request was made on behalf of the Haryana Government to the Home Minister to set up a battalion of National Disaster Relief Force (NDRF) in Hisar so that help can reach immediately in case of any disaster.
- It is known that the state government has also given training to 260 IRB personnel for the National Disaster Relief Force.
- The Deputy Chief Minister urged the Central Government that a command-center should be set up jointly for Chandigarh, Punjab and Himachal Pradesh in Haryana so that the forecast of earthquakes in the Kangra-seismic belt could be made.

## DHBVN Ranks 4<sup>th</sup> All Over India in Power Transmission and Supply

### Why in News?

According to information provided by a spokesperson of Dakshin Haryana Bijli Vitran Nigam (DHBVN) on June 18, 2023, DHBVN is at the fourth position in electricity transmission and supply across India.

### Key Points:

- Similarly, Fatehabad district has been the first in the state in power distribution and communication in two years. There are 2 lakh 86 thousand electricity connections in Fatehabad district.
- It is known that under 'Mhara Gaon Jagmag Gaon Yojana', electricity is being supplied for 24 hours in rural areas and 23 hours in urban areas except for schedule cuts.

- The spokesperson of the corporation said that providing an uninterrupted power supply to the people in the state is the priority of the administration. People are informed about the schedule cut in advance through SMS and newspapers.

## Cabinet Minister Lays Foundation Stone of Rs 6.5 Crore Canal Based Drinking Water Project in Villages of Rewari

### Why in News?

On June 17, 2023, Haryana's Public Health Engineering Minister Dr. Banwari Lal taking forward the series of development works in the Public Health Engineering Department, laid the foundation stone of the canal-based water distribution project to be built at a cost of about six and a half crore rupees in village Nangal Mundi and Lala village of Rewari district.

### Key Points:

- Two crores 88 lakh rupees in village Lala and three crores 47 lakh 60 thousand rupees in village Nangal Mundi will benefit from these two villages besides many other villages.
- The Public Health Engineering Minister informed that clean drinking water is being distributed at the rate of 70 litres per person per day to all the houses in the village under the 'Har Ghar Na Se Jal' scheme of the Haryana Government.
- Minister Dr. Banwari Lal said that it is the result of the government's policies of welfare and system change that the problem of drinking water, which was there before 2014 in the Bawal assembly constituency, has now been completely controlled.



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## Chief Minister Made Big Announcements for Self-Help Group

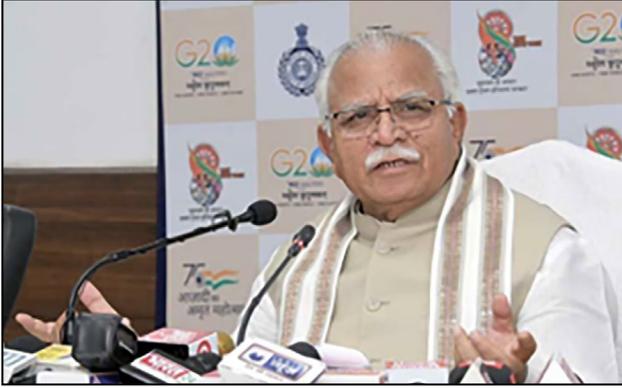
### Why in News?

On June 17, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal made several major announcements while interacting directly with the beneficiaries of self-help groups through audio conferencing.

### Key Points:

- The Chief Minister said that out of all the ration depots allotted in the state in future, the government has decided to allot 33 percent depots to women. If any self-help group applies for a ration depot, it will be given priority.
- Apart from this, if the self-help group applies for the contract of fish farming of panchayat land or pond, then it will be given a discount of 10 percent in the auction amount.
- Even at the bus stand, 25 percent of the shops allotted through lottery or any other method will be reserved for self-help groups. If these shops are allotted through auction, the SHG will get a 10 percent discount on the auction amount.
- If the family income of a member of the self-help group increases by more than Rs 1.80 lakh, then their ration card and Ayushman card will not be deducted for 1 year.
- The Chief Minister said that a call centre would be set up in the office of the Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission so that the beneficiaries belonging to the self-help groups could get various types of information.
- It is known that in the year 2014, the number of self-help groups in the state was 812. In the year 2014-15, the state government paid attention to self-help groups and in the first year itself 2100 new self-help groups were formed and at present there are a total of 57,376 self-help groups in the state.
- They have been provided Rs 54 crore 57 lakh revolving fund, about Rs 285 crore community investment fund and about Rs 880 crore bank credit linkage. In addition, the state government has increased the amount of the revolving fund from Rs 10 thousand to Rs 20 thousand.
- The Chief Minister said that by joining SHGs, women are not only taking care of their families by adopting self-employment but also providing employment opportunities to other women. That's why it would be meaningful to call them 'Social Help Group' instead of Self Help Group.
- Women associated with the 'Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission' have been honoured by various institutions and organizations for their commendable work & contribution to society. Pooja Sharma, a resident of village Chandu in district Gurugram, was awarded the 'Nari Shakti Puraskar' by the President on the occasion of International Women's Day 2022.
- During the conversation, the Chief Minister ordered the officials to develop a portal on which information about the products made by the self-help groups would be uploaded. By certifying the quality of these products, a brand identity should be given, so that people can buy Self Help Group products through this portal.
- To make the products made by self-help groups available in the market, a program has been made to organize Swapan Aajeevika Mart and Saras Mela throughout the year. Under this, on the occasion of Teej and Diwali, Swapan Aajeevika Marts are organized at the subdivision level in the entire state.
- Arrangements have been made to provide various types of training for SHGs in the state. 773 women are working as bank facilitators after getting computer training and passing out from the Indian Institute of Banking and Finance.
- Apart from this, the state government is promoting 'One Block One Product' under the 'Padma Scheme' to give national and international recognition to the products made by SHGs.
- Under the Tailoring Training Scheme, the amount of Rs 150 given for purchasing raw material has been increased to Rs 300 and the monthly allowance of Rs 100 has been increased to Rs 600. Under this scheme, sewing machines are also given after training. Since November 2014 till now 9,921 beneficiaries have been given incentive amount of Rs 5 crore 85 lakh 53 thousand.
- In order to provide alternative sources of livelihood to the members of self-help groups, an interest-free amount of Rs 5 crore 41 lakh has been made available to 149 beneficiaries for vehicles under the Aajeevika Gramin Express Yojana.

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## A Big project will be set up for Micro Irrigation in Morni area

### Why in News?

On June 19, 2023, the High Powered Purchasing Committee (HPPC) meeting held in Chandigarh under the chairmanship of Haryana Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, approved the decision to set up a Major Micro-irrigation Project in the area with the objective of providing better irrigation facilities to the farmers of Morni area of Panchkula district of the state settled in the Shivalik mountain ranges.

### Key Points:

- Apart from the micro irrigation project in the Morni area, procurement and contracts worth more than Rs 87 crore were approved in the meeting.
- The Chief Minister said that the implementation of a solar-powered integrated micro-irrigation project for Taparia, Kandiawala, Kaimbwala, Khairwali Parwala and Lashkariwala villages in Morni block would not only facilitate irrigation but also increase production in the region.
- After the success of this pilot project, such projects will also be set up at other places in the state.
- It was informed in the meeting that under the Integrated Micro Irrigation Project, an infiltration gallery will be created, from which clean water will be sent forward. Water will be transported to the storage tank through pipelines and wells, where a drip irrigation system will be installed for micro irrigation.

- The project, to be implemented at a cost of about Rs 20 crore, will benefit about 1280 acres of area under irrigation.
- The meeting also approved the project for the revival of the Indori River from village Bas Padamka to Siwari in the Gurugram district. It will cost about Rs 20 crore 80 lakh.
- Apart from this, another project of the irrigation department worth more than Rs 10 crore was approved. Under this, VR bridges will be reconstructed on Lakhna Majra Link Drain.
- The meeting also approved the construction of two intermediate pumping stations in Adampur as well as a project to set up a sewerage network system. It will cost about Rs 34.5 crore.



## Ayush Minister launched the website of Haryana Yoga Commission

### Why in News?

According to the information provided by the Directorate of Information, Public Relations and Languages of Haryana on June 19, 2023, the state AYUSH Minister Anil Vij launched the website of the Haryana Yoga Commission at the Haryana Civil Secretariat in Chandigarh.

### Key Points:

- On this occasion, the AYUSH Minister said that the Haryana Yoga Commission has worked in the last few years to make the state a leading position in the field of yoga. Haryana is the only state in the whole of India, where yoga has been included in the curriculum of education and now in the coming days, the work of registration of yoga practitioners & naturopaths will also be done through the Haryana Yoga Commission.

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- On this occasion, it was announced that the program of International Yoga Day will be organized by the state government and district administration at 145 places across Haryana.
- Apart from this, around 2000 other events are also being organized in the State by various institutions of Yoga, namely, Patanjali Yog Samiti in Haryana, Bharat Swabhiman, Yuva Bharat, Art of Living, Indian Institute of Yoga, Divya Yog Mandir, Brahmakumari family and Yoga Bharati along with several local bodies.
- It is worth mentioning that many competitions are also being organized at the state level to encourage the players of the Yogasan game. Children of all age groups are participating in Yogasana in the form of a game.



## State level program of International Yoga Day to be organized in Panipat

### Why in News?

On June 19, 2023, Haryana Home, Health and AYUSH Minister Anil Vij informed the meeting of all the District Deputy Commissioners and Superintendents of Police of the State regarding International Yoga Day through video conferencing that the State level programme of International Yoga Day to be organized in Panipat district of the State.

### Key Points:

- Apart from this, district level programs will be held in 21 districts of the state and Yoga Day programs will also be organized in 121 blocks.
- This year the theme of International Yoga Day is 'Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' and the tagline is 'Har Ghar-Aangan Yoga'.
- The AYUSH Minister said that according to the tagline of Yoga Day 'Har Ghar Aangan Yoga', the state

government is also setting up yoga schools to take yoga to every village. Till now about 600 Yogashalas have been built.

- He instructed the Deputy Commissioners that for organizing the program of Yoga Day in a proper way, there should be an arrangement of uniforms, symbols, and yoga mats should also be there. Also, there should be a trained yoga assistant, who can perform yoga activities on the main stage and get other seekers to follow.
- Apart from this, the AYUSH Minister instructed the senior officers present in Chandigarh to send the minute-to-minute program to all the Deputy Commissioners. There should be a complete arrangement for display in the program organized at the district & block level because the address of the Prime Minister and the Chief Minister will be shown live.
- Yoga classes are going on in every city & block etc. of the state, so on the day of Yoga Day, all these yoga seekers gather at one place and practice yoga.
- Director General of Ayush Department Dr. Saket Kumar said that 5 to 6 thousand participants will participate in the state-level program, 3 to 4 thousand in the district-level program and more than 1 thousand participants in the block-level program.
- He said that this time the photo and video of Yoga Day can be uploaded through the 'Bhuvan Yoga' app.



## Union Transport and Highways Minister gave a big gift to Haryana

### Why in News?

On June 20, 2023, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari inaugurated 11 flyovers on the eight-lane National Highway from Delhi to Panipat in the Sonipat district of Haryana.

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**Key Points:**

- The project is 24 km long and has cost around Rs 900 crore.
- The Union Road Transport and Highways Minister also laid the foundation stone of Karnal bypass and the new bypass for Ambala city besides inaugurating 11 flyovers from Delhi to Panipat. The cost of these projects is about Rs.3700 crores.
- On this occasion, The Chief Minister of the state Mr. Manohar Lal said that so far 17 National Highways have been constructed in the state and Haryana is perhaps the only state whose all the district centres have been connected with national highways.



## The Haryana Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme

**Why in News?**

On June 20, 2023, Haryana's Forest and Environment Minister Kanwar Pal said that the state government will also give pensions to trees above 75 years of age on the lines of pensions given to elderly people. In this regard, the government has prepared and notified 'The Haryana Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme'.

**Key Points:**

- This pension given under 'The Haryana Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme' will be Rs 2500 per year. Now people will be entitled to pension for trees above 75 years of age standing in the courtyard of their house and engaged in the field.
- At present, this scheme has been made for 5 years, later it will be further improved based on the need and suggestions.

- The scheme covers trees grown from a single seed. A grove of trees arising from a seed, like ficusbengalensis, would also be considered a single tree.
- The scheme does not cover fallen trees, hollow, dead, dry or diseased trees. Trees standing on forest land will not be covered under this scheme.
- The Environment Minister said that the decision to include which trees above the age of 75 years in 'The Haryana Pran Vayu Devta Pension Scheme' will be taken by a committee formed under the chairmanship of a divisional forest officer.
- The amount of pension given by the state government for the maintenance of the Pran Vayu Devta tree will be sent to the bank account of the owner of the tree.
- The pension of Pran Vayu Devta Tree will be increased every year on the lines of the 'Old Age Samman Pension Scheme'.



## Sahiba of Kurukshetra University got the Best Youth Coordination Award

**Why In News?**

On June 25, 2023, a spokesperson of Kurukshetra University of Haryana informed that Sahiba, the Youth Red Cross volunteer of the university, has been awarded the best youth coordination award.

**Key Points:**

- The spokesman said that a five-day State Level Youth Red Cross Adventure Camp was organized by Indian Red Cross Society, Haryana State Branch, Chandigarh from June 19 to 23, 2023 in Manali in which 88 women students and Youth Red Cross counselors from 10 universities and seven colleges participated.

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- The team of Kurukshetra University also participated in this camp, in which Youth Red Cross Volunteer Sahiba of Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra was honored with the Best Youth Coordination Award.



## Now e-KYC for PM Kisan Samman Nidhi can be done from home

### Why In News?

On June 25, 2023, an official spokesperson of the Haryana government said that the beneficiary farmers of the 'Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Yojana' will no longer have to wander to get e-KYC done. Farmers can now complete this work sitting at home.

### Key Points:

- The spokesman said that the PM-Kisan Mobile App has been launched by the Central Government simplifying this entire process. Through this app, farmers can now do e-KYC for PM Kisan Samman Nidhi from home.
- He said that farmers will no longer need OTP or fingerprints for this. With the help of face authentication feature, e-KYC will be done, as well as with the help of this, e-KYC of hundred other farmers can also be done.
- It is capable of providing information related to the scheme and PM Kisan accounts to the farmers.
- He explained that the new app is very simple to use. It is easily available for download on Google Play Store.

## Haryana's 'Udanpari'-Great Grandmother won Gold medal in 100 meter Race

### Why in News?

According to the information received from the media on June 27, 2023, in the 18<sup>th</sup> Yuvarani Mahendra

Kumari National Athletics Championship held in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, along with the youth, and elderly players from all over the country showed their strength, in which 106-year-old 'Udanpari'- Pardadi, a Great Grandmother named Rambai of Haryana won the gold medal by winning the first place in the 100 meters race.

### Key Points:

- In the National Athletics Championships, 'Udanpari'-Pardadi Rambai participated with her three generations. Rambai won 100 meters, and her daughter Santra and granddaughter Sharmila Sangwan covered 5 km. Participated in the race.
- Rambai, who hails from Village Kadma in Charkhi Dadri district of Haryana, has made history by winning 4 gold medals in the 100, 200 m race, relay race, and long jump with her three generations in the national level athletics championships.
- Rambai is the oldest woman in her village and is called 'Udanpari' and 'Pardadi'. She runs 5-6 km every morning to keep herself fit.
- Rambai started competitive races at the age of 104. She also won a double gold medal at the National Open Masters Athletics Championships in Vadodra, Gujarat.



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## Salinity Prevention Project

### *Why in News?*

On June 27, 2023, Haryana's Irrigation and Water Resources Department's Engineer-in-Chief Dr. Satbir Singh Kadian informed that the state government is going to start a salinity reduction project in Beri block of Jhajjar district with Indo-Australian co-operation.

### *Key Points:*

- The Engineer-in-Chief said that the state government under the leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal

has collaborated with Australia for in-situ remediation of aquifer salinity.

- The Haryana government has constituted a working group under the Indo-Australian Cooperation (IAC) to prepare a project for salinity remediation in Berry block, comprising senior officials from various departments.
- Chief Engineer of Irrigation and Water Resources Department Bijendra Singh Nara has been named as the chairman of the working group.
- The visit of the Working Group and India-Australia Cooperation is planned to be scheduled in the near future.



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