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4 Projects Worth Rs 155 Crore Approved for Gurugram in Haryana High Power Working Committee Meeting

Why In News?

On February 28, 2023, the High-Power Working Committee chaired by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal approved projects worth about Rs 155 crore of four the Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority of the state.

Key points

- Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that for the first time, a meeting of the High-Power Working Committee was held for the allocation of engineering works worth more than Rs 10 crore.
- He said that the Haryana Engineering Works Portal, which has been launched for inviting e-tenders for the first time for engineering works, is proving to be effective.
- It was informed in the meeting that mg road, the main road of Gurugram, will be beautified on the lines of Lodhi Road in Delhi.
- The service lane, vendor zone and bus queue shelter from Gurugram's IFFCO Chowk to Sikandarpur metro station will also be revamped and projects related to construction of 100 MLD STP at Dhanwapur, sub-stations at Vasai and Baharampur have been approved.

Tony Blair Foundation and Haryana Government will work together in Various Fields Including Health

Why In News?

On March 2, 2023, former British Prime Minister Tony Blair met Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar at Haryana Bhawan in New Delhi and discussed cooperation and exploring new possibilities on subjects such as health and infrastructure.

Key points

- Tony Blair informed the Chief Minister that his organization Tony Blair Faith Foundation will cooperate in the health sector in Haryana, which will further expand the health sector and strengthen health facilities.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that the Haryana Government is providing tertiary level health facilities in the state. A medical college and nursing college are being opened in all the districts of the state, which will not only meet the shortage of doctors but will also strengthen health facilities.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Manohar Lal also presented Shrimad Bhagavad Gita and memento to Tony Blair.

Anupama Upadhyay Became the Winner of National Badminton Championship 2023

Why In News?

According to the information provided by the Haryana Information, Public Relations and Languages Department on March 2, 2023, Haryana's Anupama Upadhyay has become the winner in the Senior National Badminton Championship 2023 held in Pune recently.

Key points

- For the first time in the history of Haryana, the state's daughter has become the national championship winner in the women's singles in the senior category.
- Significantly, Anupama Upadhyay has won the women's singles title for the first time by defeating Chhattisgarh's Aakarshi Kashyap in the final match of Senior National Badminton Championship 2023. Anupama came from behind to beat Aakarshi 20-22, 21-17, 24-22 in a thrilling title match.
- Anupama secured the first rank based on her performance in the junior category. He is currently ranked third all-world in this category.
- Haryana Badminton Association President Devender Singh announced a cash reward of Rs 5 lakh for the winner Anupama Upadhyay.

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Shree Vishwakarma Skill University Signs MoU with Canada

Why In News?

On March 2, 2023, Raj Nehru, Vice Chancellor of Shri Vishwakarma Skill University in Palwal district of Haryana, informed that Shri Vishwakarma Skill University has signed an MoU with the prestigious Saskatchewan Institute of Canada.

Key points

- Vice Chancellor Raj Nehru said that under this MoU, Shri Vishwakarma Skill University will play many important partnerships in the field of skill education with this Canadian institute. The two institutes will partner in curriculum and technology as well as exchange of faculty knowledge. Student exchange will also be an important component in the joint program.
- Under the MoU, the curriculum, method and technique will be shared. Similarly, students and teachers will also be able to participate in each other's programs.
- This will greatly benefit the university academically. This will also make internships and training programs more robust. Students here will be able to do internships and training with Canadian institutions at better and international standards.

Inter-operable Criminal Justice System Implemented in Haryana

Why In News?

March 5, 2023, The Haryana Police has successfully implemented the According to the information given by the Haryana Public Relations, Information and Language Department on of the Central Government, working towards ensuring modern policing much-awaited project Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (ICJS).

Key points

- It is noteworthy that the ICJS project implemented by the Central Government has been implemented across the country through the Ministry of Home Affairs, on which the state police are working to ensure modern policing.
- Disclosing this here today, a state police spokesman said that the state police has succeeded in tracing 45 vehicles, finding 67 proclaimed offenders and bell jumpers and 02 most wanted criminals using the ICJS project. Apart from this, 4 FIRs have also been registered in the state on the said data.
- A police spokesman said that in the first phase of the ICJS project i.e., inter-operable criminal justice system, different IT systems have been implemented and organized. This system has also been enabled to search records.
- Apart from this, under Phase-2, this system 'one data, one entry' has been prepared on the principle of, under which data is recorded only once in one column and then the same data is recorded in all other columns. For this, there is no need to re-enter the data in each column.
- State Crime Records Bureau Director O.P. Singh said that the ICJS system is being made available through a dedicated and secure cloud-based infrastructure with high-speed connectivity.
- The responsibility of implementation of the ICJS project in the state lies with the State Crime Records Bureau.
- Interoperable Criminal Justice System (ICJS) is a national platform for integration of core IT systems to be used by five pillars [Police (Crime and Criminal Tracking and Network System), e-Forensics for Forensic Labs, e-Courts for Courts, e-Prosecution for Public

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Prosecutors, e-Jail for Jails] is done to implement criminal justice in the country.

- Through this software, the state police have a complete record of criminals lodged in jails. By entering the name and other information of the criminal in the above software, if his status is in any other state, then only then it is updated. Based on the above information, the research officer can take further action. Many times, it has been seen that a criminal is wanted in many states and imprisoned in another state. In such a situation, the current location of the criminals can be found with the help of the data base available on this software.
- In addition, stolen vehicles can be detected through the software.
- by the National Crime Records Bureau under the Ministry of Home Affairs in New Delhi, a police spokesperson said/Inter-Operable Criminal Justice System (An annual conference on good practices in CCTNSICJS) was organised. In this conference, Haryana Police secured the first position in the country in the category of best implementation of ICJS project.
- It may be mentioned that the performance of about 117 FSLs and CFSs in the country was evaluated on the parameters defined by NCRB, in which Haryana stood first as the best performer. Throughout the year, the state remained at the first place on more than 20 consecutive parameters on the Pragati dashboard.

35th Spring Festival begins in Panchkula

Why In News?

On March 4, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal formally inaugurated the 35th Spring Festival at Yavnika Town Park in Sector 5, Panchkula, The State.

Key points

- Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal said that dry flower decoration along with different varieties of flowers is also the center of attraction in this spring festival. This time visitors will get to see floral jewellery, vegetable carving, laser show etc. Special puppet shows and magic shows have also been arranged for children.
- Ajit Balaji Joshi, Chief Administrator, Haryana Urban Development Authority, by HSVP 35th Spring Festival

organized 1500 schools Panchkula, said that more than, institutions and organizations are participating in this time.

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'Haryana Family Security Trust'

Why In News?

On March 6, 2023, Haryana Public Enterprises Bureau Chairman Subhash Barala informed that the state government has standardized and simplified claim processing of existing insurance schemes and to provide direct benefits to the people set up a trust named 'Haryana Family Protection Trust' to ensure consolidated.

Key points

- The chairman of the Haryana Public Undertaking Bureau said that the 'Haryana Family Security Trust' will prove to be important in giving direct benefits to the people, this will also make various insurance schemes consolidated.
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- Chairman Subhash Barala said that in the case of death or permanent disability in the accident, 'Chief Minister Merchant Private Accident Insurance Scheme' has been introduced for small traders, so that their families can get financial support in times of trouble.
- Apart from this, 'Mukhyamantri Parivar Samridhhi Yojana' has been done to provide social security to Antyodaya families, so that they can be worried by giving benefits of insurance scheme to the last person.
- The chairman said that the Chief Minister said that for the welfare of street vendors, small traders and annual turnover of up to Rs 1.50 crore, 'Chief Minister Merchant Communication Insurance Scheme to provide compensation in case of any natural causes

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or property damage due to fire or fire. The revised guidelines of 'have recently notified. This scheme will also be operational in the entire state from April 1, 2023.

Haryana Agriculture Development Fair-2023

Why In News?

On March 6, 2023, a spokesman of the Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Department of Haryana informed that Haryana Agriculture Development Fair -2023 will be organized at Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University located in Hisar district of the state. The fair will run 10 to March from March 12.

Key points

- A spokesman of the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare said that Haryana Agricultural Development Fair-2023 is being organized to make the progressive farmers of the state aware of new agricultural techniques.
- Agricultural and industrial exhibitions will be organized in the fair and crop competition will be organized among the farmers. Similarly, new varieties of rabi crops will be demonstrated and the soil and water samples will be examined at the normal fee.
- In this fair, there will be a quiz meeting on the topic of problems and solutions related to agriculture and information about certified seeds of Kharif crops and vegetables will be given and sold.
- According to the spokesman, Haryanvi cultural programs will also be organized in the Krishi Vikas Mela. Apart from this, through the lucky draw, farmers will get a chance to win a small tractor, super cedar and power winder machine every day and on March 12, 2023, farmers will get a chance to win a big tractor.

Comprehensive Cashless Health Insurance Scheme (CCHIS)

Why In News?

On March 7, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed in a meeting that a comprehensive

cashless health insurance scheme (CCIS) has been prepared by the Haryana Health Department, which will soon be presented to the Chief Minister for approval.

Key points

- Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed that the scheme is expected to benefit about 3.35 lakh families (about 14.30 lakh persons) employees including boards and corporations.
- In addition, 3.05 lakh families of pensioners (6.10 lakh persons), 1200 families of recognized media persons (about 4800 persons), 424 families of Azad Hind Fauj soldiers (848 persons), 186 families associated with Hindi movement (372 persons), 555 families (1,110 persons) jailed during Emergency and 614 families (1228) jailed during Second World War will be benefited from this scheme.
- A total of 6 lakh 52 thousand families (20.48 lakh individuals) are expected to be covered under this comprehensive cashless health insurance scheme.
- Prabhjot Singh, Special Secretary, Health Department said that comments and suggestions have been sought from various departments, boards and corporations regarding this scheme. Apart from these, suggestions were also taken from various employees and pensioner unions of departments, universities, boards, corporations, ministerial education employees.
- It is noteworthy that the draft power point presentation of this scheme and the proposal was also placed on the website of the Chief Secretary for wider discussion.

Important Meeting of the Chief Minister with the Administrative Secretaries for the Implementation of the Budget for the Financial Year 2023-24

Why In News?

On March 9, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal held an important meeting with administrative secretaries in Chandigarh to decide the framework for the implementation of the announcements made in the budget for the financial year 2023-24, in which the officials

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were instructed that from April 1, from 2023 itself, implement new schemes in a time-bound manner, so that common people can get quick benefits.

Key points

- In the meeting, Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that reusing wastewater after purifying it is an important project, so ensure maximum use of treated wastewater. Make a plan to ensure the use of treated wastewater in the power plant as well.
- Officials of the Public Health Engineering Department said that a target has been set to lay 100 kilometres sewer pipeline in the financial year 2023-24, which will be completed in this year itself.
- Officials of the Electricity Department said that under the PM-KUSUM scheme, Haryana is the leading state in the country in terms of encouraging farmers to install solar power pumps and providing financial assistance to them. Apart from this, a target has been set to install 70,000 solar pumps this year.
- It was informed in the meeting that 24-hour electricity is being provided to 5694 villages under Mhara Gaon-Jagmag Gaon Yojana. Remaining villages will also be brought under this scheme soon. Preliminary processes of 800 MW power plant in Yamuna Nagar district have been completed. Work will start in this year.
- The Chief Minister said that in order to provide safe, comfortable and affordable transport services to the common man, the number of buses in the fleet of Haryana Roadways has been increased to 5300.
- He informed that it has been decided to reduce the age from 65 years to 60 years for senior citizens in Haryana Roadways buses for 50 percent concession in fare. Make sure to implement it from 1st April.
- Officials said that the e-ticketing system has been implemented in all the districts. In addition, the work of installing 6 bus ports is going on at a rapid pace.
- The Chief Minister directed the officials of the Irrigation Department to 20 years have been formed for more than collect data of the skins which and prepare a comprehensive action plan for their maintenance and repair. A special task force should be formed for this.
- He said that before the rainy season, it should be ensured to build recharging borewells for ground

water recharging. The government has set a target of making about 2,000 recharging borewells for this year.

State Level honor Ceremony in Karnal on International Women's Day

Why In News?

March 10, 2023, according to the information given by the Haryana Public Relations, Information and Language Department on a state-level felicitation ceremony was organized on International Women's Day in Karnal district of the state.

Key points

- On this occasion, Minister of State for Women and Child Development Kamlesh Dhanda said that 40 women have been honoured for outstanding work in various fields in the program, while for the upliftment of the girl child for the National Girl Child Day 62 awards were given Awards.
- The first Sushma Swaraj Award was given in the program, in which an amount of five lakh rupees was given. Apart from this, an amount of Rs 1.50 lakh was given under the Indira Gandhi Mahila Shakti Award.
- Minister of State Kamlesh Dhanda informed that Kalpana Chawla Shaurya Award, Lifetime Achievers Award, ANM/Nurses/Female MPW Award, Sports Woman Award, Government Employee, Social Worker Award, Women Entrepreneur Award, Nari Shakti Award, Best Anganwadi Award at the Women's Day function. Workers were given prizes.
- It is noteworthy that in the International Women's Day celebrations, women who have made the state proud in various fields including education, cultural army, singing art medicine, social welfare, awakening, empowerment, sports, mountaineering, flying are honored.
- Thousands of women from all over the state participated in the state-level program, including Anganwadi workers and women of self-help groups. A huge exhibition of products prepared by women of self-help groups was also organized at the function.

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Haryana Agriculture Development Fair-2023

Why In News?

From March 10-12, 2023, Haryana Krishi Vikas Mela-2023 was organized at Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University located in Hisar district of Haryana.

Key points

- Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the underground pipeline portal and e-Rupee app on the concluding day of the Haryana Krishi Vikas Mela-2023.
- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that the scientists of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Maharana Pratap Horticulture University and research institutes should cooperate for research work and bring forward new disciplines. For this, they will be encouraged, due to which the agricultural cost in farming will be reduced, along with good yield, the income of the farmers will also increase.
- He said that the government is giving subsidy of up to 85 percent to the farmers to adopt micro irrigation for proper use of water. Apart from this, borewells are being installed to put rainwater back into the ground, in which the farmer must pay only 25 thousand rupees, the rest of the cost will be borne by the government. The government will install 1,000 recharging borewells in the first phase.
- The Chief Minister said that about 80 lakh acres of land is cultivable the state, this land in every inch of is being prepared. For this, farmers should upload the complete details of their crop on My Crop-My Details the " portal. FPOs are being formed to increase the income of farmers in the state.
- He said that Haryana is the first state, which buys 11 crops on MSP. The difference between the MSP and the purchase price is also being given to the farmers under the 'Bhavantar Bharpayee Yojana'.
- Manohar Lal Khattar told in the program that for the first time in the state, the Haryana government has supplied water to 300 tails along the border of Rajasthan, where water had not reached for the last 25 years.
- On this occasion, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister J.P. Dalal said that every year this 3-day

fair is organized by the Agriculture Department and Haryana Agricultural University. Now it has been decided that in order to enhance the format of this fair in future, along with Agriculture Department, CII, foreign universities and foreign institutions will also participate in the fair.

- He told that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Government of India has increased the budget of farmers, which was Rs 20 to 25,000 crore in the year 2014, it has been increased six times to Rs 1,25,000 crore this year.
- In this budget also, the Chief Minister has increased the budget of Rs 40 crore to Rs 400 crore for the care of destitute animals.
- He said that about 6000 crore rupees have been received by the farmers in Haryana under the Crop Insurance Scheme. Apart from this, the farmers who were not covered under the Crop Insurance Scheme, have been given compensation of about Rs 4000 crore even after their crops failed.

Block Change Plan

Why In News?

On March 13, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal told a meeting with administrative secretaries in Chandigarh that as per the instructions of the Chief Minister, the state government came up with a 'Block Transformation Plan' to identify and develop one undeveloped block in each district.

Key points

- In the meeting, Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed that 18 commitments and 9 Key Performance Indicators (KPIs) have been finalized to identify underdeveloped blocks in the state.
- He said that under the Block Development Program, one underdeveloped block is being identified from each district and infrastructure and governance, health and nutrition, education and skill equality and empowerment, water and sanitation work will be started based on various KPIs including poverty alleviation, energy management, social development, agriculture and irrigation.
- Based on the data received by the department, these KPIs will be monitored regularly on monthly and quarterly basis.

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- The Chief Secretary informed that competition of selected blocks will also be organized, and the best performing block will be rewarded.

39th Haryana Livestock Exhibition-2023

Why In News?

The three-day 39th Haryana Livestock Exhibition-2023 was organized in Charkhi Dadri district of Haryana from March 12 to 14, 2023.

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- At the conclusion of the 39th Haryana Livestock Exhibition-2023, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar informed that six polyclinics would be set up in the state for the care of animals. A polyclinic will also be set up at Charkhi Dadri. Presently 7 polyclinics are functioning in the state.
- Apart from this, the budget of Gau Sewa Aayog has been increased 10 times to Rs 400 crore for the care of cattle in the state.
- The Chief Minister informed that in the budget of the year 2023-24, a new project Sanjhi Dairy has been envisaged. Under this project, a shed will be built on the land of the panchayat, in which cattle rearer's, who do not have space to tie their animals, will be able to keep their animals in this common shed. This work will be done by the Cooperative Department and this scheme will be launched on April 1, 2023.
- He said that the state government has made strict laws for the protection of cows. Provision has been made for punishment of up to 10 years and fine for cow slaughter. There are 632 Gaushalas in Haryana.
- Cow Service Commission has been constituted in the state. The budget has been increased to take care of the destitute cows. In this, more budget will be given to those cow shelters, which will take care of the destitute cows. Panchayats or other institutions will also take care of animals by building cow sheds, they will also be given grants.
- Significantly, cow's A-to milk is very beneficial, due to which many types of diseases are cured. Its research has also been done. Consumption of A-to milk increases eyesight, and it is also beneficial in other serious diseases.

- On this occasion, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare and Animal Husbandry Minister JP Dalal said that the purpose of organizing such fairs is to inform farmers and animal husbandry about new techniques, so that through these techniques their income can be increased by increasing milk production. must increase.
- He said that it is the policy of the Gau Sewa Aayog to make a Gau Van in 22 districts of the state, where there will be arrangement to keep these animals. Haryana is the only state where more than 8 lakh animals have been insured.
- JP Dalal told that according to the policies of the Government of India, a call center will be set up in the state, where cattle rearer's will be able to call and demand an ambulance. Immediately after that the nearest ambulance will go to the cattle rearer's house. In the first phase, 70 ambulances will be arranged. Later there will be 200 ambulances.
- Former Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Omprakash Dhankhar said that the scientists of Hisar's Lala Lajpat Rai Veterinary Science University have succeeded in producing calves through surrogacy technique. Similarly, through buffalo research, success has also been achieved in producing a calf from a clone. With this, the state will move forward in milk production.

Rs 298.44 Crore PMEGP Loan Sanctioned in Bhiwani

Why In News?

On March 14, 2023, Khadi and Village Industries Commission Chairman Manoj Kumar released a margin money grant of Rs 100.16 crore to 2989 beneficiaries under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP) scheme. These beneficiaries have been sanctioned Rs 298.44 crore by banks for setting up enterprises under PMEGP at Jhumpa in Bhiwani district of Haryana.

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- Speaking on the occasion, Manoj Kumar, Chairman, Khadi and Village Industries Commission said that about 24,000 people will get additional employment through these units set up by the beneficiaries. Apart from this, a margin money grant of Rs 4.44 crore was

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also disbursed to the PMEGP beneficiaries of Haryana against the sanctioned loan of Rs 13.67 crore.

- It is that 'Prime Minister's Employment Generation Program (PMEGP)' is playing an important role in realizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's dream of 'Self-reliant India'. KVIC through its schemes and various programs is creating employment opportunities for artisans in remote areas at very low cost at their doorsteps.
- On this occasion, under the empowerment program for leather artisans, advanced toolkits for footwear manufacturing were distributed to 50 beneficiaries of Haryana through online medium.
- Apart from this, 400 bee-boxes for beekeeping were also distributed online to 40 trained beneficiaries of Haryana under KVIC's 'Honey Mission' scheme.
- Manoj Kumar said that through these schemes, efforts are being made to upgrade the skills of more and more artisans by providing tool kits and improve their economic and social status, so that they can move towards building a prosperous, strong, self-reliant and happy nation.
- It is known that under the PMEGP scheme, the Government of India has increased the maximum project cost from Rs.25 lakh to Rs.50 lakh and in the service sector it has been increased from Rs.10 lakh to Rs.20 lakh.
- To set up these PMEGP units, the government provides 15% to 25% of the entire project cost as a grant to the beneficiaries in urban areas and 25% to 35% in rural areas.
- Apart from this, after the loan is approved, free entrepreneurship training is also provided to the beneficiaries regarding the establishment of their chosen enterprise.



Interactive Digital e-flip Book and Flash Card Game Box Launched

Why In News?

On March 15, 2023, Haryana's School Education Minister Kanwar Pal released the interactive digital e-flip book and flash card game box prepared by National Innovative Teacher Awardee Dr. Vijay Kumar Chawla to develop math skills.

Key points

- School Education Minister Kanwarpal said that the digital e-flip book and flash card game kit would prove to be a milestone in developing basic numeracy skills.
- Kanwar Pal said that in today's modern digital age, gamification technology is one of the best techniques to develop the basic understanding and proficiency of students in numeracy and related concepts under 'Skilled India Mission'.
- He informed that 32 games have been included in the digital interactive e-flip book of digital and offline mathematics games to develop basic understanding and skills related to numerical knowledge among the students.
- Students will be able to self-assess various competencies such as basic literacy and numeracy objectives - addition, subtraction, division and multiplication - through digital and offline games.
- Education Minister informed that the digital and offline games in the interactive digital e-flip book and flash card box have been developed keeping in mind the needs of differently abled students. All these games will prove to be beneficial for students with attention disorders.
- To play these games, students have to click on the link of the given game or scan the QR code. Students can easily acquire basic understanding and skills of numeracy and related concepts by playing these games.
- He informed that very soon interactive digital e-flip book and flash card kit of digital and offline games will be made available to teachers and students as free open educational resource through the website of SCERT, Gurugram.

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The State Government Renamed the Pandit Lakhmi Chand State Performing and Visual Arts University

Why In News

The Pandit Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts, Rohtak (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was passed in the budget session of the Haryana Legislative Assembly on March 20, 2023. According to the passed bill, now the word Dada will be used in place of Pandit in front of the name of Pandit Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts, Rohtak.

Key Points

- Rohtak-based Pandit Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts will now be known as Dada Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts.
- Similarly, the Haryana Urban Area Development and Regulation (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was passed in the Assembly. In order the Transferable Development Rights (TDR) management system, some amendments have been made in the to streamline the online operation of 1975 Act.
- Clause (n-2) of section 2 has been amended to make it possible to sell and transfer TDR certificates through sale, trade, auction mechanism and to rectify the inadvertent restriction on the geographical location of the buyer.
- In addition, the Haryana School Education (Amendment) Bill, 2023 was introduced in the House. The Bill will be discussed in detail in the House.
- Pandit Lakhmi Chand State University of Performing and Visual Arts, Rohtak came into existence on August 5, 2014, through Haryana Act No. 24 by integrating four government technical institutions, namely State Institute of Fine Arts (SIFA), State Institute of Design (SID), State Film and Television Institute (SIFT) and State Institute of Urban Planning and Architecture (SIUPA).
- The University was established, fine arts, film and television, to focus on new fronts of design urban planning and architecture, as well as to facilitate and encourage study and research in emerging areas of higher education and to achieve excellence in these and related fields.

- These four institutes 240 students with an annual intake capacity of were started in the year 2011 and were affiliated to Maharishi Dayanand University, Rohtak. The state government was providing 100 percent grant assistance to these institutions.
- In view of Pandit Lakhmi Chand's popularity as Dada Lakhmi Chand, now the government has decided to rename the university as Dada Lakhmi Chand State University of Performance and Visual Arts, Rohtak.



Director of Haryana Sahitya Akademi Released Three Books

Why in News?

On 19 March 2023, Dr. Chander Trikha, Director of Haryana Sahitya Akademi, at the Sahitya Akademi Bhavan, Panchkula, inaugurated the newly published book of litterateur and cinematographer Dr. Om Prakash Kadayan, 'Pagdandiyon ka Safar' and released two books: Haryanvi Muhavare va Lokoktiyan and 'Mati ki Khushboo' (Haryanvi poems) of author, poetess Dr. Suman Kadayan.

Key Points

- On this occasion, Director Dr. Chandra Trikha said that the travelogue collection of litterateur Dr. Om Prakash Kadayan's 'Pagdandiyon ka Safar' will take the readers to different tourist places of the country, historical heritage sites, remote Himalayas, beautiful valleys and deserts will make you feel the beauty of the sea and the vastness of the sea.
- He said that Dr. Suman Kadayan's book 'Mati Ki Khushboo' will help in enriching the Haryanvi folk language, while the book 'Haryanvi Muhavare va Lokoktiyan' will introduce people to Haryanvi folk literature.

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Pooja of Jhajjar Qualified for Asian Games

Why in News?

Pooja Mor, a resident of village Redhuwas in Jhajjar district of Haryana, has qualified for the Asian Games-2023 by winning three silver medals in the National Para Championship held at Shivaji Chhatrapati Stadium, Pune, Maharashtra from 18 to 20 March 2023.

Key Points

- In the National Para Championship, Pooja Mor has won silver medal in 400 metre race, silver medal in 1500 metre race and silver medal in long jump.
- It is known that Pooja has been the national champion for three consecutive years under the guidance of her coach Ashish Chikara. In 2021, he won three gold medals. There, in the year 2022, two gold and one silver were achieved. Pooja had also won a silver medal at the international level in the 400 metres race held in Tunisia.
- It is noteworthy that the Asian Games is also known as Asiad. It is a multi-sport event held every four years in which only players from different countries of Asia participate. This year's Asian Games will be held in Hangzhou, China from 23 September to 8 October 2023.



Haryana's Dynamic Ground Water Resource Potential Report

Why in News?

On 22 March 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal released the Dynamic Ground Water Resource

Potential Report of Haryana, which was prepared jointly by Ground Water Cell of Central Ground Water Board, Northwest Region Chandigarh, Irrigation and Water Resources Department of Haryana till March 31, 2022.

Key Points

- The State's Dynamic Ground Water Resource Potential Report has assessed 141 blocks and two urban areas of Gurugram and Faridabad with a population of more than 1 million.
- According to the Ground Water Resources Assessment, 2022, the level of ground water development has improved due to the efforts of the Haryana government. During the year 2020, the average groundwater exploitation level in the state was 134.56 percent, which has reduced to 134.14 percent by 2022.
- This report has been prepared with the help of InGRES software developed by the Central Ground Water Board.

Inauguration of Aravalli Green Wall Project

Why in News?

On 25 March 2023, Union Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Bhupendra Yadav in a program organized on the occasion of International Forest Day inaugurated the 'Aravalli Green Wall Project' in Tikli village of Gurugram district, Haryana.

Key Points:

- The Aravalli Green Wall Project aims to green a buffer area of about 5 km of the Aravalli mountain range spread over five states.
- During the event, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav unveiled an action plan to combat desertification and land degradation through forestry and FAQs on agroforestry published by the Indian Council of Forestry Research and Education.
- The Aravalli Green Wall Project will not only increase the green cover and biodiversity of Aravalli through afforestation, reforestation and restoration of water sources, but will also improve soil fertility, water availability and climate of the region.

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- The project will benefit local communities by providing employment opportunities, income generation and ecosystem services.
- In the initial phase of the Aravalli Green Wall Project in Haryana, 75 water sources will be rejuvenated under the project, which began on 25 March with five water sources in each district of the Aravalli landscape.
- The project will also involve massive tree plantation drive and conservation of water resources in the Aravalli region. The project will cover barren land in Gurugram, Faridabad, Bhiwani, Mahendragarh and Rewari districts.
- Voluntary organizations, Society for Geoinformatics and Sustainable Development and NGO, IMGurugram are engaged in mobilizing people for the purpose of Shramdaan for the revival of water bodies at Bandhwadi and Ghatbandh respectively.
- It is noteworthy that the Aravalli Green Wall Project is part of the Union Forest Ministry's vision to create green corridors across the country to combat land degradation and desertification. The project covers the states of Haryana, Rajasthan, Gujarat and Delhi where the Aravalli hills are spread over an area of 6 million hectares.
- The project will involve rejuvenating and restoring surface water sources such as ponds, lakes and rivers, as well as planting native species of trees and shrubs on scrub, barren land and degraded forest land.
- The project will also focus on agro-forestry and grassland development to enhance the livelihood of local communities.
- The Aravalli Green Wall Project has the following objectives-
- Improving the ecological health of the Aravalli range.
- Preventing the eastward expansion of the Thar Desert and reducing land degradation by creating green barriers that will prevent soil erosion, desertification and dust storms.
- This green wall will help reduce carbon sequestration and climate change by planting native tree species in the Aravalli region, providing habitat for wildlife and enhancing the biodiversity and ecosystem services of the Aravalli Range by improving the quality and quantity of water Will do
- To promote sustainable development and livelihood opportunities by involving local communities in afforestation, agro-forestry and water conservation

activities that will lead to income, employment, food security and social benefits.

- The project will be executed by various stakeholders such as central and state governments, forest departments, research institutes, civil society organizations, private sector entities and local communities. To ensure the success of the project, work will be done on adequate financing, technical skills, policy coordination and public awareness etc.
- Contribute to India's commitments under various international conventions such as UNCCD (United Nations Convention to Combat Diversification), CBD (Convention on Biological Diversity) and UNFCCC (United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change).
- To advance India's image as a global leader in environmental protection and green development.

Two women boxers from Haryana won two gold medals in the World Boxing Championship

Why in News?

On 25 March 2023, in the finals of the **Women's World Boxing Championship** at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Sports Complex in New Delhi, two players from Haryana - **Neetu Ghanghas** and **Sweety Boora** brought laurels to Haryana and India by winning gold medals.

Key Points:

- It is known that Neetu Ghanghas is a resident of Dhanana village in Bhiwani district of the state and Sweety Bura is from Ghirai village of Hisar district.
- Neetu Ghanghas' final bout in the 45-48 kg category was against Mongolia's Lutshekhan Altantseg. In this match, Neetu won the gold medal by defeating the boxer of Mongolia 5-0, displaying her brilliant game.
- It is noteworthy that Neetu Ghanghas had made India and Haryana proud by winning the gold medal in the Commonwealth Games last year.
- On the other hand, Sweety Boora won the gold medal by defeating China's Wang Lina in the 81 kg weight category. Sweety won the bout by a 4-3 split decision. Earlier, Sweety Boora had won the silver medal in the same competition nine years back.

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20th CSI SIG e-Governance Awards-2022

Why in News?

Recently, under the 20th CSI SIG e-Governance Award-2022 of the Central Government's 'Computer Society of India' at a function organized at Delhi Technological University, New Delhi, The Information, Public Relations, Language and Culture Department of Haryana was awarded the '**Award Of Appreciation**' and the Haryana State Election Commission was awarded the **CSI SIG e-Governance Award 2022**.

Key Points

- It is notable that the above awards were presented on 25 March 2023 at a function organized by CSI SIG at Delhi Technological University, New Delhi.
- The '**Award Of Appreciation**' given under the project category, was received by Deputy Director Urvashi Rangara on behalf of Information, Public Relations, Language and Culture Department of Haryana.
- Urvashi Rangara said that this award has been received for the initiative 'Online Release Order and Billing System' started by the department for the advertisements issued by the media houses.
- It is known that about three and a quarter years ago, Chief Minister Manohar Lal, taking a major initiative, launched Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) software to bring transparency and efficiency in the entire process of government advertisements issued to media houses and their payment.
- The software made payment for release orders and advertisements easier. The entire process has become completely computerized, which has brought speed and transparency in the work.
- The special feature of this software is that it has been completely developed 'in-house' in collaboration with NIC.
- Apart from the information, public relations, language and culture departments of the state, the Haryana State Election Commission has won the CSI SIG e-Governance Award 2022 for adopting an integrated system of applications to ensure smooth local body election management.
- It was developed and implemented by NIC Haryana during the General Elections of Urban Local Bodies 2022.

- The award was presented by the Computer Society of India and received by Deepak Bansal, Haryana State Informatics Officer along with Dr. Inderjeet, Secretary, Haryana State Election Commission.
- This ICT project was developed by NIC Haryana under the guidance of State Election Commissioner Dhanpat Singh.
- The main objective of implementation of ICT Application Suite for Haryana State Election Commission was to conduct local body elections in a free, fair and transparent manner. This ICT is best suited for bringing transparency in any time bound public activities.
- ICT project includes web based integrated modules and applications, preparation of voter list and ward closure, voters search web application, online collection of data of staff to be deployed on election duty, capture of details of nominated candidates, contesting candidates Know-how (KYC), Election Duty Management System Application, Affidavits of contesting candidates (after scrutiny of nominations and withdrawal of nominations), allotment of symbols to contesting candidates, election process monitoring and management systems such as Online counting results and generation of various reports on e-dashboard.

Venture Capital Fund will be Established in 'Padma'

Why in News?

On March 27, 2023, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala informed that like young entrepreneurs starting startups by the state government 'Padma' (Program to Accelerated Development for MSME Advancement) venture capital fund will also be set up in, so that more and more youth can become entrepreneurs under 'One Block One Product'.

Key points

- Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, who also holds the charge of the Industries and Commerce Department, made a presentation on the strategy prepared by the department to implement 'Padma' and gave several important suggestions to improve it.
- He said that the way the state government has planned a venture capital fund of Rs 200 crore up to Rs 5 crore in the budget to encourage youth to set up startups, similarly, to encourage 'Padma'. Venture capital fund will be created.

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- It is known that the State Government has started the 'One Block-One Product' initiative under the 'Padma' scheme of the Central Government. The objective of this initiative is to promote micro and small enterprises at the block level by taking advantage of the cluster approach and promote balanced regional development.
- The recently presented budget also proposes Rs 1,000 crore for 'Padma' over the next 5 years, through which new innovative incentives like designing, branding, marketing and export promotion schemes will be introduced.
- Wherein incubation centre's will be set up in the state to encourage youth to set up startups and to promote entrepreneurship among youth with requisite skills, personality and communication skills and to facilitate loans from banks, financial institutions and venture capital funds. Will be made available, while under 'Padma' especially rural youth will be made entrepreneurs.
- in the state 'Padma' About two dozen places have been identified for setting up industries under, soon people will be encouraged to set up industries by finalizing the places in the remaining blocks.
- The state government 'Padma' schemes for 6 have prepared a plan to make, in which provision will be made to give various incentives etc.



Notification Issued Regarding the Structure and Scope of the Rationalization Commission

Why in News?

On March 28, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal issued a notification regarding the structure and

scope of the Rationalization Commission constituted under the chairmanship of Rajan Gupta.

Key points

- As per the notification issued, the chairman of the commission will be appointed for a period of six months, a state government spokesperson said. However, his tenure may be extended for a further period of 3 months at the discretion of the state government.
- The post of the Chairman of the Rationalization Commission will be equivalent to that of the Chief Secretary to the Government of Haryana and the headquarters of the Commission will be at Chandigarh/Panchkula.
- The Rationalization Commission will function as an autonomous and self-regulatory body. The Administrative Secretary of the concerned department, in respect of which the Commission will initiate the process of rationalization, shall be deemed to be co-opted as a member of the Commission for the purpose of rationalization of that department. He shall participate fully in the deliberations of the Commission for the purpose of rationalization of the concerned department.
- For the smooth functioning of the Rationalization Commission, the State Government in consultation with the Chairman will sanction the requisite posts for the Rationalization Commission. The posts can be filled by the Commission in various ways. on deputation from any Department, Board or Corporation of the State and may be filled by re-appointment of a person retired from any Department, Board or Corporation in the State of Haryana.
- Apart from this, posts can also be filled through contractual employment as per the instructions and policies of the state government.
- The Commission shall submit its final report within a period of six months, which may be extended by 3 months at the discretion of the Government and shall submit an interim report at the earliest. If the Government thinks fit, the Government at its discretion may extend the tenure of the Commission for a further period in the same manner.
- Functions of the Commission:
 - The Commission will make recommendations for restructuring of various government departments, boards and corporations for rationalisation of staff

Note:

strength with a view to make delivery of public services more efficient and transparent.

- Similarly, to review the sanctioned filled and vacant posts of each Department, Board and Corporation and make recommendations for their rationalization, study the organizational structure at the headquarters as well as field level of various Departments, Boards and Corporations and make them more efficient. Making recommendations to make them responsive and efficient, recommending introduction of modern management systems to improve the efficiency of government departments/boards and corporations and to make officials at all levels more accountable.
- The functions of the Commission include making recommendations for preparation of charter of duties and functions of various departments and suggesting appropriate administrative structure for efficient discharge of such duties and functions.
- Apart from this, the Commission may also make any other recommendation to improve efficiency and transparency in the functioning of government departments, boards and corporations in the state of Haryana.
- Powers and Responsibilities of the Commission-
 - The Commission will function as an independent and autonomous body, and it will formulate its own procedure and regulate its own functioning. The Commission will keep a record of its work.
 - The Commission shall have full powers to seek any kind of information from any Department, Board or Corporation, including the number of sanctioned posts, filled, vacant, and the type of employees employed against such posts, budgetary provisions made during previous years and actual expenditure, the budget of the department, the entire or any level/level of expenditure. This includes the nature of duties and responsibilities of the Department in the form of regional organization etc., relating to matters being handled laws, rules and directions by the Department and any other information considered relevant to its deliberations by the Commission.
 - If any officer/employee fails to furnish the information sought by the Commission, he/she shall be liable to act for indiscipline by the concerned officers of the Government under the Haryana Civil Services Penalty and Appeal Rules, 2016 or any relevant rules applicable thereto.

1 Lakh Houses will be Built for Needy Families Under Housing for All

Why in News?

On 28 March 2023, Haryana Chief Minister **Manohar Lal** told a review meeting of budget announcements for the year 2023-24 with officials of various departments in Chandigarh that **1 lakh houses would be built for needy families in the state under Housing for All.**

Key Points:

- In the meeting, Chief Minister Manohar Lal gave instructions to make a structure of ground plus three floors to provide one lakh affordable houses to the needy families under the housing scheme in the state and prepare a new plan with certain parameters in this regard.
- Apart from this, he also directed the officers to formulate a new PACS policy for strengthening the cooperative structure by setting up 500 PACS and to start five models of joint dairy on pilot basis within a month.
- This is a different model, which will enable people who do not have enough land to increase their income through animal husbandry activities. A plan regarding **Bulk Milk Coolers (BMC)** will be prepared within a week.
- A similar scheme will also be started at the state level with an additional incentive of Rs 1000 per month for the work done by the sanitation workers in the municipalities to be included in the top fifty in their category at the national level.
- Sanitation workers of municipalities performing 50 percent at the state level will be given incentives in recognition of their efforts to keep the city clean.
- An action plan has been prepared regarding the regularization of unauthorised colonies and by 30th September this process will be completed in a systematic manner.
- Alternative land will be purchased on the outer periphery to sell the vacant land for projects for revenue generating projects and monetization of vacant land and for valuable land use.
- In the first phase by the end of September, **Haryana Urban Development Authority** and **Urban Local**

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Bodies will set up 100 and 200 **Atal Seva Centres** respectively in the state. Besides this, the textile policy will be notified and four of the eight schemes under the policy will be finalised by 30th April.

- In the meeting, the Chief Minister directed the officials to allot 10 acres of land in Kurukshetra University to the sports department for the construction of a cycling velodrome.
- The '**Khiladi Bima Labh Yojana**', to be operated through the Haryana Family Security Trust which will provide assistance to sports persons in case of injury and interruption of their career will be notified.

Hisar got the gift of 93 Projects worth Rs 19742.49 Lakh

Why in News?

On 30 March 2023, Haryana's Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala along with Urban Local Bodies Minister Dr. Kamal Gupta inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of projects worth crores of rupees in various assembly constituencies of Hisar district.

Key Points:

- Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala under the Chief Minister's announcement in the Nalwa assembly constituency of Hisar inaugurated the Hisar-Mangali-Syahadwa four-lane road built at a cost of Rs 1552.04 lakh, the Hisar-Mangali-Syahadwa ROB built at a cost of Rs 4781.78 lakh and two-lane ROB on Rewari-Bathinda railway line LC-76 at a cost of Rs 2796 lakh. An amount of Rs 9129.82 lakh will be spent on these three projects.
- The foundation stone of 8 roads to be built with an amount of Rs 2622.09 lakh in Uklana assembly constituency and 10 roads worth Rs 2424.67 lakh in Barwala assembly constituency were also laid.
- In the projects for which crores of rupees will be spent for different assembly constituencies, among them foundation stone was laid for five projects worth Rs. 2612.31 lakh in the Narnaund assembly constituency, 17 projects worth Rs. 2510.290 lakhs in the Nalwa assembly constituency and 22 projects worth Rs.2612.31 lakh in Adampur assembly constituency.

- In addition to laying the foundation stone of these projects, an amount of Rs 2627.88 lakh will also be spent on the construction of an emergency exit and perimeter road for Maharaja Agrasen Airport and the construction of an explosive disposal area (cooling off pit) in the operational area and construction of RCC security watch tower.

Dr. Vijay Chawla's team won awards in the Children's Educational e-content competition

Why in News?

Recently, in the All India Children's Educational E-Content Competition organised at the All India level for the year 2022-23 by the Central Institute of Educational Technology, National Council of Educational Research and Training, New Delhi, Dr. Vijay Chawla, Hindi Professor, Aarohi Adarsh Senior Secondary School, Gayong, Kaithal district, Haryana, and his team have won 3 awards for their significant contribution in preparing children's educational e-content.

Key Points:

- Haryana's School Education Minister Kanwarpal said that Dr. Vijay Chawla and his team have brought laurels to Haryana by winning the All India Children's Educational E-Content Competition for the third consecutive time.
- In the All India Children's Educational E-Content Competition, 657 entries were received from all over India out of which only 77 entries were selected for the award.
- National Innovation Awardee teacher Dr. Vijay Chawla from Haryana Education Department sent four entries from Aarohi Adarsh Senior Secondary School. Out of these four, three of his entries have been selected for the All India level award.
- In this competition, the program developed by Dr. Chawla under the 'Skilled India Mission' for developing the learning outcomes of basic literacy through interactive and infographic techniques won the award.

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- Apart from this, the second award has been given to the best program for the games of student Himanshu in the assessment program of Hindi grammar skills through digital games prepared by him.
- In the program 'Samajhdaar Chidiya', a story prepared to achieve the goals of basic literacy and numeracy under the Nipun Bharat Mission, student Ritika has received the Best Anchor Award for successfully using puppets as per the National Education Policy 2020.
- It is known that Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has set a target of implementing the new National Education Policy, 2020 in the state by 2025, while it will be implemented by the Central Government by the year 2030.



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