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## CM Dashboard and 'CM Uphaar' portal in Chandigarh

### Why In News?

On October 31, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal launched the CM Dashboard and 'CM Uphaar' portal in Chandigarh.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister said that the CM Dashboard Portal will enable a real analysis review of all the departments and information about high-level decisions on all major schemes will be made available on the CM Dashboard. This portal will also benefit greatly in good governance.
- On this dashboard, information about the functioning and schemes of all the departments will be available to the Chief Minister at all major and small levels and on this, the functioning can be tracked and it will be easy to analyze the reports and by this old and new data can be compared, which will make it possible to get prior information on the basis of data.
- It is worth mentioning that this dashboard has been developed in-house with state-of-the-art Business Intelligence software.
- Apart from this, all the valuable gifts received by the Chief Minister through the 'CM Uphaar' portal will be auctioned online in a transparent manner and on this portal any citizen of the country can bid for 'Uphaar' and the highest bidder will be awarded. The gift will be given to him after he is declared the winner.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that this portal has been launched for the welfare of the society. The amount received from the auction of gifts through the portal will be used for the welfare of the citizens of Haryana through the Chief Minister's Relief Fund.

## Sonipat will be the Fourth Police Commissionerate in Haryana

### Why In News?

- On November 2, 2022, a proposal has been sent to the Chief Minister regarding the appointment of Sonipat district as police Commissionerate by the

Ministry of Home Affairs in Haryana. After the chief minister's approval, Sonipat district will become the fourth police Commissionerate in the state after Gurugram, Faridabad and Panchkula.

### Key Points

- With Sonipat district becoming the police Commissionerate, an IG-rank officer will be the police commissioner and three police zones will be created.
- In this proposal of the Ministry of Home Affairs, all the 15 police stations in Sonipat district have been accommodated in three zones and all the police stations of GT Road - Gannaur, Badi, Murthal, Rai, Bahalgarh and Kundli will be included in the Eastern Police Zone, while in the Western Zone, thana City Sonipat, Sadar Sonipat, Civil Line, Sector-27 will be included in the Eastern Police Zone. and police station Kharkhoda will be involved. Apart from this, police station Mohana, City Gohana, Sadar Gohana and Police Station Baroda have been included in Gohana police zone.
- These three zones will be headed by superintendent of police rank officers. The decision to create a police Commissionerate will strengthen the security arrangements of the district.
- It is noteworthy that recently the foundation stone of Maruti's new factory in Sonipat district and the coach renewal factory of the railways have started.

## Highest Unemployment Rate in Haryana

### Why In News?

According to the data released by the Centre for Monitoring Indian Economy (CMIE) recently, Haryana ranks first in the country in terms of unemployment rate.

### Key Points

- According to CMIE, the unemployment rate in rural areas in the country has increased compared to urban areas. In October, the unemployment rate in the country increased to 7.77 percent. Of this, unemployment was 7.21 percent in urban areas and 8.4 percent in rural areas.
- Nine states in the country had higher unemployment than the national average. In Jharkhand, Bihar and Haryana, it is in double digits. It is in double digits in six out of 25 states.

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- Unseasonal rains in the country in the last six months, global political situation and fall in production due to rising interest rates are the main reasons for unemployment.
- Bihar, Assam, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu and Kashmir, Jharkhand, Rajasthan, Telangana and Tripura have reported higher than the national average in October.
- Haryana has an unemployment rate of 31.8 percent, followed by Rajasthan (30.7 percent), Jammu and Kashmir (22.4 percent), Jharkhand (16.5 percent) and Bihar (14.5 percent).
- According to the data released by CMIE, the situation is better in Uttar Pradesh, Delhi and Uttarakhand in terms of unemployment rate. It is 4.2 percent in Uttar Pradesh, 6.7 percent in Delhi and 3.4 percent in Uttarakhand.
- At the same time, Madhya Pradesh with the lowest unemployment rate of 0.8 percent and Chhattisgarh with 0.9 percent are at the bottom.

## Haryana wins India Agribusiness Best State Award

### Why In News?

- On November 3, 2022, a spokesperson of the Haryana government informed that **Haryana has bagged the award in the best state category in the India Agrobusiness Award-2022** released by the **Indian Council of Agriculture and Food**.

### Key Point

- Haryana has received this award for outstanding contribution in the areas of **agriculture friendly policies, programs, production, inputs, technologies, marketing, value addition, infrastructure and exports in the state**.
- A 15-member committee headed by Niti Aayog member Prof Ramesh Chand has selected Haryana as the best state for implementing better techniques, advanced methods in the field of agriculture and horticulture.
- **Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister J. P. Dalal** will receive the award on behalf of Haryana on November 9 at the **National Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi**.

- Under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal, Haryana, which has been moving from agriculture, horticulture revolution to blue revolution for the last 8 years, is now moving forward in agro business as well. As a result of the Chief Minister's efforts to make farmers aware, the farmers of the state have adopted crop diversification in large numbers. This has not only increased their income, but has also opened up other employment opportunities.
- **Haryana** has played the role of a guide in the **journey of transforming Indian agriculture from a production-centric to a market-driven system**. In view of the improvement in the field of agriculture and horticulture, several steps have been taken by the Haryana government including proper use of water for irrigation, diversification of crops with less water consumption and implementation of various schemes to increase the income of farmers.
- At present, special attention is being paid by the state government to promote agribusiness and make farmers self-reliant. For this, companies in the agricultural sector, farmer producer organizations have been identified, so that the farmers can be organized and collectively ensure their production and marketing system. Special emphasis is also being laid on reducing the cost of agriculture and horticulture by providing investment, technology and new equipment in this work.
- The Haryana government is paying special attention to the formation and strengthening of FPOs and so far about 700 FPOs have been formed in the state. The government is inviting agriculture sector companies in the state to work with these FPOs to strengthen backward and forward linkages.
- During the year 2021-22, 22 agriculture sector companies have entered into 34 MoUs with 22 FPOs with Buy Back Corporation for trading and marketing of FPO products. During the current financial year, 12 more FPOs and 15 companies have come forward to sign MoUs for horticulture products.
- The state government is providing incentives to FPOs for their handholding. For agribusiness, the government has launched a special scheme called **'Crop Cluster Development Programme'** for FPOs. Under this programme, 70-90 per cent subsidy is provided to FPOs for setting up integrated pack houses in horticulture clusters. So far, 30 integrated pack houses have been set up. Priority is also being given to setting up custom hiring centres by the agriculture department.

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- To promote FPOs, the Haryana government has come up with the 'FPO Policy 2022'. Under this policy, SFAC-Haryana will act as the state nodal agency to liaise with various implementing agencies and carry out some important functions like registration, rating/grading, monitoring, marketing.
- The policy will also ensure strengthening of FPOs including cluster formation of horticulture and agriculture, smooth functioning of FPOs, backward and forward linkages, strengthening of supply chain and direct marketing/trading of produce after sorting/grading at aggregation points.

## Notification Issued for the New Name of Chandigarh Airport

### Why In News?

On November 4, 2022, the Chandigarh International Airport in Haryana was notified as Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport by the Ministry of Civil Aviation and the name was implemented with immediate effect.

### Key Points

- It is noteworthy that on September 28, 2022, the Ministry of Civil Aviation organized an event to rename Chandigarh International Airport as 'Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport'.
- The naming ceremony was taken at an event in Mohali district to mark the 115th birth anniversary of Shaheed Bhagat Singh.
- During the same event, Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann had also asked the Civil Aviation Ministry to start more international flights from Chandigarh airport.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi had also talked about renaming Chandigarh international airport as Shaheed Bhagat Singh International Airport on September 25 in radio broadcast 'Mann Ki Baat'.
- Earlier, Punjab Chief Minister and Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala had met on August 20, 2022, in which it was agreed to name the airport after Shaheed Bhagat Singh.
- However, earlier Haryana had recommended that Panchkula's name be included in the name of the airport, as Haryana has also had an equal share in the construction of this airport.

## 6.51 Lakh Workers of Haryana to be Covered in Cashless Scheme

### Why in News?

On November 7, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed that the government is going to expand the scope of cashless scheme health insurance scheme in the state under which more than six lakh 51 thousand employees, pensioners and their dependents will be covered among other categories.

### Key Points

- In this scheme, under category-1, three lakh 43 thousand 746 families of government and corporation employees, three lakh five thousand families of pensioners of Haryana will get this benefit.
- Category-2 will include 1200 families of accredited journalists, 424 families of soldiers of Azad Hind Fauj, 555 families of persons jailed during emergency, 186 families of persons associated with Hindi movement and 614 families of persons jailed during World War II.
- The Chief Secretary has instructed the concerned officials to geographically map the private hospitals included in the list and prepare a draft for the scheme after taking suggestions from the officers and employees' associations.
- He said that for this scheme, treatment in emergency situations in unlisted hospitals will be allowed as per the current practice. Hospitals empanelled with state capitals, metro cities under the 'Pradhan Mantri Jan-Arogya Yojana' can also be empanelled by a Haryana government insurance company.
- It is known that services are currently available in all empanelled hospitals in Haryana, Tricity, NCR on pan India level.
- In this regard of cashless scheme, the Chief Secretary has directed the officials to prepare the RFP (Request for Proposal) of the insurance scheme soon.
- A Request for Proposal (RFP) is issued at an early stage in a procurement process, where an invitation is often submitted through a bidding process for suppliers to submit proposals on a specific commodity or service.

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## Haryana to Change its Tax System

### Why in News?

On November 8, 2022, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that preparations are underway to change the tax system in the state and this change in tax will be done from Module-1 to Module-2.

### Key Points

- Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala said that this change in the tax system over time is very important, so that with the support of every person, India will lead the system of 'One Tax-One Nation' and in the coming years, many new taxpayers will be added to India and the ability of the people to pay tax will also increase.
- He said that Haryana is making changes in the tax system from Module-1 to Module-2, while this change is not easy, but Haryana had played a leading role in implementing the VAT tax system in the year 2003. After that, other states started adopting the VAT tax system.
- The Deputy Chief Minister said that Haryana is a producing state with a population of less than 3 crore and Haryana is at the forefront of per capita receiver goods in small states except Goa and Delhi, and at present the tax is Rs 26 thousand per person.
- He said that in collaboration with the British High Commission, the united kingdom authorities are training more than 200 officers of Haryana regarding the tax system. This is the annual program of the state and it is necessary for the rapid development of the country.

## Haryana Sanskrit Academy Announces Literary Awards for the Year 2021

### Why In News?

On November 9, 2022, Director, Haryana Sanskrit Academy, Dr. Dinesh Shastri said that the Sanskrit Academy of the state has announced the literary awards for the year 2021.

### Key Points

- Dr. Dinesh Shastri informed that Dr. Devi Sahai Pandey (Ayodhya) has been selected for Sanskrit Sahit Alankar Samman and Prof. Kamala Bhardwaj has been selected for Haryana Sanskrit Gaurav Samman.
- Dr. Ambedkar of Karnal has been awarded the Maharishi Valmiki Samman Award for the year 2021. Satyapal Sharma, Sarveshwar Prasad Semwal of Panchkula for Acharya Sthanu Dutt Samman Award, Prof. Aruna Sharma and Maharishi Vishwamitra Samman Award were given to Dr. Chandra Kumar Jha has been selected.
- Dr. Ambedkar of Faridabad was honored for Mahakavi Baanbhatt Samman. Geeta Arya has been selected for Guru Virja Nand Acharya Samman, Acharya Swami Prasad Mishra of Panchkula. Apart from these, Vidya Martand Pt. Anju Bala of Karnal has been selected for Sitaram Shastri Acharya Samman.
- The Vishisht Sanskrit Seva Samman Award will be given to Rajesh Nain of Kaithal for his outstanding services in the Sanskrit field. Guru Ravidas Sanskrit Maha Vidyalaya (Gurukul Pohadka), Sirsa has been selected for Swami Dharamdev Sanskrit Samara dhak Samman Year 2021.
- Dr. Dinesh Shastri said that earlier the Academy has honored the selected litterateurs for the awards from the year 2017 to 2020 and soon these selected litterateurs will be honored by organizing a function.
- It is to be noted that for Sanskrit Sahit Alankar Samman and Haryana Sanskrit Gaurav Samman, a sum of Rs 2 lakh and citation are given to the litterateur. Similarly, Rs 1.5 lakh is given for Maharishi Valmiki Samman, Acharya Sthanu Dutt Samman, Maharishi Ved Vyas Samman, Maharishi Vishwamitra Samman.
- Apart from these, prize money of Rs 1 lakh is given for Mahakavi Baanbhatt Samman, Guru Virja Nand Acharya Samman, Vidya Martand Pandit Sitaram Shastri Acharya Samman, Swami Dharmadev Sanskrit Samara dhak Samman and Vishisht Sanskrit Seva Samman.

## Haryana gets 'Best State Agribusiness Award-2022'

### Why In News?

Presentation of outstanding contributors in the areas of policies, programmes, production, inputs, technologies, marketing, value addition, infrastructure and exports in

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the agriculture sector under the India Agribusiness Award-2022 by the Indian Council of Agriculture and Food, in New Delhi on November 10, 2022. For this, Haryana was awarded in the category of 'Better State'.

### Key Points

- Haryana Agriculture and Development Welfare Minister J. P. Dalal pointed out that Haryana is one of the largest contributors to the national food pool. The state has taken several policy initiatives for diversification towards promoting horticulture and agri-business and has mapped about 400 horticulture crop clusters and formed 700 farmer producer organizations'.
- In order to strengthen backward and forward linkages in clusters, Haryana has launched an ambitious scheme 'Crop Cluster Development Programme (CCDP)' with a provision of Rs 510.35 crore for setting up integrated pack houses through FPOs. So far, 30 integrated pack houses have been set up and a total of 100 such integrated pack houses are targeted to be set up by the end of the current financial year.
- The Agriculture Minister informed that to ensure final value chain for farmers and agricultural products, a total of 37 agriculture sector companies have executed 54 MoUs with 34 FPOs for trading and marketing of FPO products with buy back mechanism to promote agri-business activities.
- He informed that Haryana has been at the forefront of value conservation through 'Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana (BBY)' and horticulture crops were encouraged with Rs 24 crore (in the last three years) and bajra with about Rs 750 crore. It covered 2.41 lakh farmers from Rs 437 crore in 2021-22, while about 2.25 lakh farmers were covered from about Rs 310 crore in 2022-23.
- Haryana is also a pioneer in demonstration of technologies and has set up 11 Centres of Excellence with national and international collaboration. A premium horticulture training institute is also set up in the state to skill more than 2500 farmers and entrepreneurs through weekly, monthly and annual programmes under the National Skill Mission.
- The Agriculture Minister also informed that Asia's largest horticulture market is going to be built in Gannaur, Haryana. With its construction, the farmers of Haryana as well as the farmers of the entire country will benefit from it. With the formation of this market, all the things will be available to the people related

to agriculture at one place, such as vegetables, fruits, flowers, fish and dry fruits etc. This market will be made better than the market of Paris and Spain.

## 5 Districts Including Panchkula, Yamunanagar, Mahendragarh, Faridabad and Kurukshetra have been Included in Tourism Hubs.

### Why In News?

On November 10, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed the first state steering committee meeting held for the development of tourism infrastructure under the Swadesh Darshan-2.0 scheme of the Government of India that 5 districts including Panchkula, Yamunanagar, Mahendragarh, Faridabad and Kurukshetra have been included in the tourism hub to promote tourism in the state.

### Key Points

- Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal said that Swadesh Darshan-2.0 scheme is a better effective scheme to promote tourism and work should be done on it with more attention, so that employment opportunities can also be increased by developing tourism in the state.
- He said that detailed project report is being prepared to prepare structural infrastructure for tourism in Panchkula district. Panchkula has 55 tourist destinations like Morni Hills, Yadavindra Garden, Kaushalya Dam, Nada Sahib.
- The proposal to include Mahendragarh and Faridabad districts in the Swadesh Darshan-2.0 scheme will also be sent to the Ministry of Tourism, so that tourism can be promoted in these districts too. There are many ancient monuments like Madhogarh Fort, Birbal's Chatta, Jalmahal, Dhosi Parvat in Mahendragarh, which are being developed for tourism.
- He said that there are 17 tourist places in Faridabad like historic Surajkund, Damdama Lake, Aravalli Golf Club, Waterfall of Sohna etc. and as per the instructions of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, work will also be done to build a special tourism section of modern level in Surajkund so that it can become a center of more attraction for tourists.

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- It is known that there are many tourist places in Yamunanagar like Adibadri, Lohagarh, Hathnikund Barrage, Kalesar National Park, Chanheti Pillar etc.
- The Chief Secretary said that under the Swadesh Darshan Scheme 2.0, work is to be done on tourism and allied infrastructure, tourism services, human and capital development, site management and promotion etc. Apart from these, facilities and services like cultural and heritage tourism, adventure activities, rural and wellness tourism will also be worked on. For this, meetings, conference and exhibition venues and places will also be selected to promote tourism promotions.
- Under the Swadesh Darshan 1.0 scheme, eco-tourism, wildlife, intellectual, spiritual, hilly, inaccessible areas, Tirthankar etc. sites were selected. In this scheme, tourist infrastructure is being developed at a cost of Rs 97.34 crore by including the Krishna Circuit project in Kurukshetra, Haryana.
- In these, work is being done on 5 schemes like Multipurpose Tourism Information Center, Railing of Sarovar, Abhimanyu Ghat, Light and Sound Show, which will be completed and operated in the month of November and Thanesar Sheikh Chilli Mahal of Kurukshetra will also be included in this scheme. will be developed.

## **Augmentation of Capacity of Gurgaon Water Supply Channel (GWS) to Augment Water Supply in Gurugram District**

### **Why In News?**

On November 12, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal informed a meeting of the Irrigation and Water Resources Department held in Chandigarh that the capacity of Gurgaon Water Supply Channel (GWS) will be increased to increase water supply in Gurugram district of the state.

### **Key Points**

- It may be noted that at present the water supply channel capacity in Gurugram is 175 cusecs, which will be increased to 1000 cusecs according to the

- population of the year 2030. For this, the repair and remodeling of the channel will cost about Rs 1600 crore.
- It was informed in the meeting that the length of Gurgaon water supply channel is 69 km, which originates from Kakroi head on RD No-227800 of Delhi branch and ends at Basai Water Treatment Plant.
- The channel was constructed in the year 1995 with a capacity of 175 cusecs. The channel caters to the water needs of Bahadurgarh, Gurugram and 28 water works of Public Health Engineering, HSIIDC and Forest Department. The channel lining has deteriorated due to continuous water flow for 27 years. In some places, there have been cracks in the channel and due to siltation, the water capacity has decreased and the capacity of this channel has reached 100 cusecs, which is in dire need of repair.
- It was informed in the meeting that water is also taken from this channel by various departments to meet the needs of water. It can be clearly seen from this that by the year 2040, the requirement of drinking water in Gurugram city and towns will reach about 475 cusecs. To meet this demand and to avoid wastage of water, a project of remodeling of GWS channel has been prepared along with increasing the cusec capacity.
- At present, 1050 cusecs of water is being given to Delhi, 400 cusecs to Gurugram and the remaining water is being used for irrigation. With the repair, remodeling of these channels, the total capacity will be 2300 cusecs, which will be able to meet the availability of water by the year 2030.
- It was informed in the meeting that by the year 2030, 1068 cusecs will be required according to the water needs of Haryana Urban Development Authority, Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority, Public Health Engineering Department, HSIIDC, Forest Department etc. Similarly, 1269 cusecs of water will be required by 2040 and 1504 cusecs by 2050. This will also require redesign and remodeling of the Delhi branch.
- Regarding water supply, it was informed in the meeting that Renuka, Kishau and Lakhwar dams are proposed to be built on Yamuna river, whose work is likely to be completed by 2031. With the construction of these dams, Haryana will get 1150 cusecs of water from its share.
- The Chief Minister said that in order to ensure proper management of water, the treated waste water policy

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will have to be fully implemented in the colonies developed by the Haryana Urban Development Authority, industrial estates developed by HSIIDC and colonies developed by private developers in the coming years, which will Under double pipeline, separate line for clean water and separate line for treated water and installation of micro STP will be emphasized and apart from this emphasis will be laid on implementing rain water harvesting system.

- The Chief Minister directed the officials to take steps to bring the water of river Ganga to Haryana, for which a letter should be written to the Ministry of Water Resources, Government of India and Government of Uttar Pradesh for the construction of Ganga-Yamuna Link Canal. With the construction of this link canal, additional availability of water to Haryana will be ensured.
- He also directed the officials of the Faridabad Metropolitan Authority that to meet the water requirement in Faridabad also, emphasis should be laid on water harvesting through Raini well project. Apart from this, an expert committee should also be constituted, which will study the underground flow in Yamuna and also assess how much water is needed in South Haryana and how much is being supplied at present.

## **National Sports Award**

### **Why In News?**

On November 14, 2022, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the National Sports Awards for the year 2022. For excellence in sports and games, 25 sportspersons will receive the Arjuna Award for 2022, including two players from Sonipat, Haryana, Seema Antil and wrestler Sarita Mor. Along with this, international coach Raj Singh Chhikkara has been nominated for the Dronacharya Award (Lifetime Category).

### **Key Points**

- The awardees will receive the award from the President of India on November 30, 2022 at a specially organized ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- Discus thrower Seema Antil Poonia, the country's most experienced athlete nominated for the country's prestigious sports honor Arjuna Award, has scored a hat-trick of medals in the Commonwealth Games.

He did this feat in the years 2006, 2010 and 2014. Not only this, she has also secured Olympic quotas in the years 2004, 2012, 2016 and 2022.

- Seema Antil was born in Khevda village of Sonipat. The atmosphere of sports in the family was there from the beginning. Amidst this atmosphere of sports, Seema started discus throw.
- Seema qualified for the 2016 Rio Olympics by throwing 62.62 meters in the discus. This was his best record till date. Seema played in Athens 2004, won silver medal in 2006 Commonwealth Games, won bronze medal in 2010 Commonwealth Games, finished 13th in 2012 London Olympics with a throw of 61.91, Silver medal in 2014 Commonwealth Games, Won Gold Medal in Asian Games in the year 2014, Bronze Medal in Asian Games in the year 2018 and Silver Medal in the year 2018 Gold Coast Commonwealth Games.
- Wrestler Sarita Mor started practicing wrestling at the age of 12 at Chaudhary Bharat Singh Memorial Sports School, Nidani. Sarita Mor was born on April 16, 1995 in a simple farmer family in village Baroda, Sonapat. She is the eldest of three siblings.
- Raj Singh Chhikkara, former international coach of the Indian junior wrestling team, will be given the Dronacharya Award (Lifetime Award) in recognition of his contribution to the sport of wrestling. Raj Singh Chhikkara has given 70 international wrestlers to the country. Olympic medalist Yogeshwar Dutt, Asian Games medalist Mausam Khatri, Parvesh, Yudhvir, Kulbir, Ravindra Bhura, Dalmiya, Sunil Kumaspur, Satpal, Sonu etc. have made the country proud in wrestling under their guidance.
- Raj Singh Chhikkara, former international coach of the Indian junior wrestling team, will be given the Dronacharya Award (Lifetime Award) in recognition of his contribution to the game of wrestling. Raj Singh Chhikkara has given about 70 international wrestlers to the country. Olympic medalist Yogeshwar Dutt, Asian Games medalist Mausam Khatri, Parvesh, Yudhvir, Kulbir, Ravindra Bhura, Dalmia, Sunil Kumaspur, Satpal, Sonu etc. have made the country proud in wrestling under his guidance.
- It is noteworthy that National Sports Awards are given every year to recognize and reward excellence in sports. Arjuna Award is given for 'outstanding performance in sports and games, for displaying qualities like leadership, sportsmanship and discipline' over a period of last four years.

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- The Dronacharya Award is given to coaches who consistently do outstanding and commendable work in sports and games and enable sportspersons to excel in international competitions.

## Golden Card Distribution Programme Under Ayushman Bharat Scheme to Be Launched in Manesar

### Why in News?

According to the information received from Haryana Information, Public Relations and Language Directorate on November 15, 2022, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar will issue golden cards to the beneficiaries by launching the Golden Card Distribution Program in Manesar on November 21 to make golden cards under Ayushman Bharat Yojana.

### Key Points

- The Haryana government has also started giving benefits to such needy families of the state under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme, whose names were not recorded in the Social, Economic and Caste Census (SECC) data of the year 2011.
- Health services are constantly being strengthened and expanded by the government to provide the benefit of health facilities to every person. Therefore, under the guidance of the Chief Minister, the state government has taken a big step and decided to give the benefit of Ayushman Bharat Scheme to all such families, whose annual income is up to Rs 1.80 lakh, apart from the families included in the SECC list in the state.
- Apart from SECC data, the expenditure of up to Rs 5 lakh of other families to be included in this scheme will be borne by the state government.
- It is noteworthy that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Central Government had announced the 'Ayushman Bharat Yojana' in 2018, which was aimed at providing health facilities to the needy and deprived in the country.
- In the state too, the benefit of this scheme is being given to the eligible beneficiaries as per the SECC list, but the Chief Minister has increased the annual

income limit of BPL families from Rs 1.20 lakh to Rs 1.80 lakh with the aim of providing the benefit of Ayushman Bharat Scheme to more and more poor families.

- It is to be noted that according to the parameters of the Central Government, 15,51,798 families in Haryana were being covered in this scheme, but the state government increased the scope of the scheme, due to which now 28 lakh families of the state will get the benefit of this scheme. All these families will also be provided free medical facilities up to Rs 5 lakh under the Ayushman Bharat Scheme.
- So far, 28,89,036 Ayushman cards have been made in Haryana. A total of 715 hospitals are empanelled under the Ayushman Bharat scheme in the state, including 539 private hospitals and 176 government hospitals. Through these hospitals, the needy persons are getting the benefit of health facilities.

## Technocrats will now be kept in Haryana's Cyber Police Station

### Why In News?

On November 16, 2022, Haryana Home Minister Anil Vij told a review meeting of senior officials of the Home and Police Department that technocrats will now be kept in the cyber police station of the state so that cyber-crime can be completely curbed.

### Key Points

- Anil Vij said that technocrats should be kept on deputation from other departments to keep at least one cyber-related technocrat in every district of the state. Apart from this, police public committees will be formed by November 30, in which select and present people of the city will also be included in the committees, including people from various institutions, organizations.
- During the meeting, the Haryana Police Rules were also discussed, and the Minister was informed that a committee has been formed in this regard, which is acting on the investigation of these rules and these rules will be implemented by December 31, 2022. The report will be submitted to the government for further action.

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- In the meeting, Vij said that a decision will be taken soon regarding the promotion of police personnel working in Ambala and Karnal range and keeping in view the seniority, the police personnel will be promoted, for which today he has given instructions to the senior officers of the police department. .
- In order to make Haryana a crime-free and safe state, the Home Minister directed the officers to speed up the work of installing CCTV cameras in crowded areas.
- Anil Vij told that now new smart cards will be issued for arms license in Haryana.
- He directed the officers to issue instructions to the Superintendents of Police and Police Commissioners of all the districts of the state to redress the problems of the people every day from 11 am to 12 am, so that many cases would be resolved at their level only.

## Haryana Government Participated in UNFCCC-COP for the First Time.

### Why In News?

According to the information given by an official spokesperson on November 16, 2022, the state government under the leadership of Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal participated in the 27th session of the Conference of Parties (COP) of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) ensuring its participation on the world stage for the first time. The summit is being held in Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt from 6-18 November 2022.

### Key Points

- A delegation led by Vineet Garg, Additional Chief Secretary, Environment and Climate Change Department, Haryana, is on a visit to Sharm-el-Sheikh to attend the conference.
- At the COP-27 held in Sharm-el-Sheikh, Egypt, an action plan prepared by the state government on various initiatives being taken to implement 'Mission Life' - Lifestyle for Environment - 'Lifestyle for Environment', which included various countries, UN organizations, Participants from civil society organizations and youth participated in large numbers.
- Mission Life was delivered by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres in Gujarat in October 2022.

- Under the guidance of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, who also holds the environment and climate change portfolio, the state government has taken concrete steps to increase the green cover in the state along with launching several environmental adaptation initiatives. Apart from this, the participation of students and youth has been ensured in the plantation and greenery campaign under the leadership of Forest and Education Minister Kanwar Pal.
- The UNFCCC is one of the Rio Conventions and more than 190 member states are participating in COP-27 to deliberate on challenges and road maps to consider climate change.
- The spokesperson said that the initiatives being taken by Haryana on the five elixirs (Panchamrit) of India's climate change action plan and commitments during COP-26 in Glasgow, UK, were presented by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at COP-27. The special event showcased initiatives of the Government of Haryana that support the climate goals and India's commitment to climate neutrality by 2070.
- Haryana has set an excellent example in promoting Agroforestry and Tree Outside Forest (TOF). Despite being a forest deficient state with only 3.5 percent under forest area, Haryana accounts for about 50 percent of the country's plywood production with agro-based timber sourced from non-forest areas.
- Haryana is also part of the USAID supported TOFI (Tree Outside Forests in India) program which is to be implemented in seven states of India. The TOFI program will contribute to sequestration of 420 million tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent and cover 2.8 million hectares of new land under TOF.
- Through the establishment of six interdisciplinary centers focused on research on processes and technologies for thematic areas - Water, Air, Earth, Forest, Energy and Waste to Wealth conservation in a special event organized during COP-27 Climate action is being demonstrated since.

## Integrated Command and Control Centers

### Why In News?

Presiding over the review meeting of the committee constituted under the ICC project in Chandigarh on November 17, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev

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Kaushal said that as per the instructions of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, Integrated Command and Control Centers (ICCCs) will be set up in every district.

### Key Points

- The Chief Secretary of the state informed that the Integrated Command and Control Center (ICCC) will prove to be helpful in obtaining real time information along with ensuring security and surveillance, traffic management, solid waste management and effective use of e-governance applications.
- It is noteworthy that the state government is already running a pilot project of ICCC in three districts Gurugram, Faridabad and Karnal, which is yielding positive results.
- He informed that the ICCC project will prove to be a milestone in curbing crime in the state while ensuring transparency. The state government will prepare its own model to implement this scheme, which will eliminate the dependence of third parties. The project will be reviewed every 5 years to update the smart system.
- The project components include civil infrastructure, smart solutions, sensors/cameras, devices and IT infrastructure, he said. By next week, the proposed draft of this project will be presented to the Chief Minister with detailed information.

## First International Convention Center

### Why In News?

On November 17, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, while chairing a meeting of the Committee of Administrative Secretaries in Chandigarh, informed that the first International Convention Centre will be built in Haryana.

### Key Points

- Sanjeev Kaushal directed the officials to closely study such International Convention Centres (ICCs) at other places and also evaluate their feasibility.
- He said that the International Convention Center is to be built in Sector-78, Faridabad, to speed up its construction, a meeting with stakeholders will be organized in the next 15 days.

## Union Home Minister's Medal

### Why In News?

According to the information given by the spokesperson of Haryana Police Department on November 17, 2022, four police officers of Haryana have been awarded 'Union Home Minister's Medal' for Excellence in Investigation for the year-2022. Among those who were decorated is a woman police officer.

### Key Points

- Inspector Basant Kumar, Sub-Inspector Yogesh Kumar, Woman Sub-Inspector Suman Devi and Head Constable Gopal Chand were awarded the prestigious medal as per a notification issued by the Union Home Ministry, a police department spokesperson said.
- The cases were solved through scientific investigation by the police officers decorated with this prestigious medal, making outstanding contributions in the field of investigation.
- The medal was instituted in 2018 with an aim to promote high professional standards of crime investigation and to recognize such 'excellence in investigation' by investigating officers.

## Electric-Vehicle Policy-2022

### Why In News?

On November 17, 2022, Anand Mohan Sharan, Additional Chief Secretary, Haryana Industries and Commerce Department, informed that the state Industries and Commerce Department has notified the Electric-Vehicle Policy-2022, under which 12 schemes have been made live.

### Key Points

- Anand Mohan Sharan informed that the electric-vehicle policy aims to promote the manufacture of electric vehicles and their components in the state. The formation of this policy will promote research and development in the field of electric-vehicles.
- Apart from strengthening infrastructure, provisions have also been made to reduce the upfront cost of electric vehicles, which will also encourage buyers of hybrid EVs.

Note:

- The 12 schemes that have been made live to promote electric vehicles in the Electric-Vehicle Policy include Purchase Incentive for Buyers, Charging and Battery Swapping Station Scheme, Pure SGST Reimbursement Scheme, Capital Subsidy Scheme, Employment Generation Grant Scheme, Electricity Duty Exemption Scheme, Stamp Duty Reimbursement Scheme, Patent Duty Reimbursement Scheme, R&D Incentive, Human Capacity Building Excellence Center Scheme, Seed and Transformation Fund Scheme, Water Treatment Incentive Scheme.

## Cyber City Gurugram will now have its own Metro Train

### Why In News?

At the 50<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Board of Directors of Haryana Mass Rapid Transport Corporation Limited (HMRTC) held in Chandigarh on November 18, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed that Gurugram, the cyber city of the state, will now have its own metro train.

### Key Points

- The Chief Secretary said that for the metro train, the Public Investment Board (PIB) of the Central Government has approved 28.5 km long metro connectivity between HUDA City Center and Cyber City in Gurugram. It will cover the entire Gurugram city.
- The Chief Secretary said that this metro rail will provide efficient and environment-friendly transport system especially to the people living in Gurugram and its surrounding areas. This will greatly help students, women, working class and office going persons in and around Gurugram.
- He said that connectivity from Rezagla Chowk to Sector-21 Dwarka in Gurugram has already been approved by Chief Minister Manohar Lal and after that it is also being sent to the Government of India for approval.
- This metro rail will also provide seamless connectivity from Gurugram to Delhi's IGI Airport.
- It is worth mentioning that Gurugram metro has done its excellent performance in this financial year compared to last year in the direction of revenue. As compared to last year's income of Rs 3.84 crore, the income till October 2022 has been Rs 21.6 crore.

Income from hire and non-fare revenue through commercial activities has also increased along with an increase in the number of passengers with an increased percentage of 230 percent in financial performance.

- He said that the number of passengers in this metro rail has increased from 8500 per day to 40,000 per day. With these efforts, for the first time, Rapid Rail Metro Gurugram, which was a loss-making institution, is going to come in 'operational profit'.
- Gurugram HMRTC is also undertaking an exercise to provide down charging and parking facilities in its metro station areas which will help in last mile connectivity. Efforts are being made to provide last mile connectivity from metro stations to increase the number of passengers and convenience of the public.

## Good Governance Award Scheme

### Why In News?

On November 19, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal said that the state government has started 'Good Governance Award Scheme' to encourage employees doing remarkable and innovative work. A notification has also been issued for this.

### Key Points

- Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal said that the objective of 'Good Governance Award Scheme' is to promote good governance and reward those employees who promote good governance in the state through their individual innovations and special efforts.
- He informed that good governance awards will be given at two levels - one state level award and the other district level award. The first prize of Rs 51,000, the second prize of Rs 31,000 and the third prize of Rs 21,000 will be given to the winning team of individual employees or employees.
- Similarly, the first prize of Rs 31,000, the second prize of Rs 21,000 and the third prize of Rs 11,000 will be given. The award will also carry a trophy, a certificate of appreciation signed by the Chief Minister (a copy of which will be displayed in the service book of the employee) along with the cash prize.

Note:



- According to the scheme, a maximum of 10 awards will be given at the state level. Two prizes will be given for the first place, three prizes for the second place and five prizes for the third place. Similarly, at the district level, 3-3 awards will be given in each district for the three ranks.
- It is noteworthy that the state government has launched the Haryana Good Governance Award Scheme, 2022, which covers all employees of Group A, B, C and D and any department, board, corporation, statutory authority, mission, society, institute, university, under the Government of Haryana. Applicable to employees and persons working under the outsourcing policy in public sector undertakings etc., who have done remarkable and innovative work in specified sectors. However, the scheme is not applicable to administrative secretaries, heads of departments and AIS officers.

## Increase in Honorarium of Sanskrit Writers

### Why In News?

Recently, Director of Haryana Sanskrit Academy Dr. Dinesh Shastri said that the state government has announced to increase the honor amount of Sanskrit scholars and litterateurs of the state.

### Key Points

- Dr. Dinesh Shastri told that apart from the amount of honor, changes have also been made in the rules of honor. The restriction of age limit has now been removed for the highest honor Sanskrit Literature and Haryana Gaurav. The amount of scholarship, grant and financial assistance scheme has also been increased manifold.
- He informed that the national level honor 'Sanskrit Sahityalankar Samman' has been increased from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 7 lakh. Similarly, the prize money of 'Haryana Sanskrit Gaurav Samman' has been increased from Rs 2 lakh to Rs 5 lakh.
- The amount of Maharishi Valmiki and Maharishi Ved Vyas Samman has been increased from Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 3 lakh. The amount of Maharishi Vishwamitra Samman has been increased from Rs 1.5 lakh to Rs 2.5 lakh, while Acharya Sthanudatta Samman will now get Rs 2 lakh instead of Rs 1.5 lakh. In the same order, under Mahakavi Baanbhatt Samman, Rs 2.5

lakh will be given instead of Rs 1 lakh. The literary award amount was earlier 11 lakhs, which has now increased to 25 lakhs.

- The director informed that the prize money of Acharya Samman has been increased from Rs 4 lakh to Rs 8 lakh. Similarly, now Guru Virja Nand Acharya Samman, Vidyamartand Pt. Sitaram Shastri Acharya Samman, Pt. Yudhishtir Mimansak Acharya Samman have now been increased from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh. Now the amount of one lakh rupees has been increased to two lakh rupees for Swami Dharmadev Sanskrit Samara dhak Samman.
- The prize money for the book for Sanskrit innovation talents has also been increased from Rs.31,000 to Rs.51,000. With this, talents will work more enthusiastically in literature writing. The amount of honorarium for grant-in-aid for manuscript publication has been increased from Rs.10,000 to Rs.21,000. In the short Sanskrit story writing, drama writing competition, the first prize will now be Rs 10,000, the second Rs 8,000 and the third Rs 5,000. The consolation prize has also been increased from Rs 3,000 to Rs 6,000.
- Dr. Shastri told that the government has given a special gift to the students studying Sanskrit. Under this, students studying in Prathama, Purva Madhyama, Uttar Madhyama, Visharad, Prak Shastri and Shastri room will now get Rs 8,000 instead of Rs 3,000 as scholarship. Apart from this, students of Acharya classes will get Rs 10,000.
- Needy Sanskrit writers will be able to get an assistance of Rs.50,000 instead of Rs.3,000 in a year for medical expenses. Similarly, the financial grant amount received by the writer in the financial year has also been increased from Rs. 6,000 to Rs. 21,000 directly.

## IIT Delhi's Extension Campus

### Why In News?

On November 20, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal told in a meeting with the officials of IIT Delhi at Haryana Bhawan in Delhi that an extension center of IIT Delhi would be set up on about 50 acres of land in village Badsa in Jhajjar district of the state.

### Key Points

- The Chief Minister informed that new health care technologies will be developed by incorporating the data of patients received from the National Cancer

Note:

Institute located at Badsa and the technology of IIT Delhi. This will benefit the patients as well as the players.

- Apart from MSc, PhD, various types of certificate courses will also be conducted in this campus. These special courses and training programs will skill the youth and also create various types of employment opportunities for the local youth.
- He told that this campus will become India's first center for precision medicine, that is, what type of medicine is required by a particular patient, through research and development of medicine. For this, bioengineering solutions will be found after ascertaining the need of the patient from the medical experts, which will benefit the pharma companies.
- Medical experts will be able to develop a new drug for cancer patients based on the research of medical experts from the National Cancer Institute and technical experts from IIT Delhi, which will be suitable for the treatment of patients.
- The Chief Minister said that in order to help the players perform better in this campus, techniques to perform better in sports and prevent injuries will also be developed. Players from the state are already doing well at the national and international level and when they get technical help they will be able to perform even better.
- This technique will prove to be very useful for Paralympic players. It was suggested to develop the technology and research developed for the players in coordination with the Sports University Rai (Sonipat), so that the players can get maximum benefit out of it.
- Apart from this, techniques will be developed for the treatment of cancer patients using medical imaging and artificial intelligence in this campus, so that the source of cancer tissue can be detected and then the need to remove the entire organ affected by cancer in the body. Will not have to For example, dental implants, hip protection devices in the elderly, prosthetic knee joints, etc.

## 33<sup>rd</sup> National Sports Competition

### *Why In News?*

On November 20, 2022, Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya inaugurated the 33<sup>rd</sup> National Sports Competition by Vidya Bharati All India Institute of Education at the sports complex of Kurukshetra University.

### *Key Points*

- Narayan, principal of Vidya Bharti All India Institute of Education, Kurukshetra, said that it is a very big tournament of sports going on till November 23. As many as 728 women and men athletes are participating in various athletics events.
- The event will be held under the guidance of around 100 judges. This tournament will produce good players, who will bring glory to the country in the future. Not only this, the younger generation will get a new direction.
- The Governor said that Haryana has emerged as a sports hub due to the sports policy of the Central Government and the State. Haryana, despite being only two and a half percent of the country's population, brought glory to India in sports.
- He said that under the new sports policy of the state, the Haryana government has given Rs 100 crore as cash prize to the sportspersons in a year. Along with this, a provision of Rs 600 crore has been made for sports in the state budget, which is more than any big state. New Sports Rules-2021 have been made to ensure secure employment for outstanding players in the state.

## 'Chirayu Haryana' Scheme

### *Why In News?*

- On November 21, 2022, Haryana's Development and Panchayat and Archeology Minister Devendra Singh Babli told in the expansion program of Antyodaya families of Ayushman Bharat Yojana organized at the community center located in Sector-7 of Gohana tehsil of the state that the state under the able leadership of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Chirayu Haryana Scheme has been started, under which the needy and the underprivileged will be able to get the best treatment facilities free of cost.

### *Key Points*

- Mr. Devender Singh Babli said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Ayushman Bharat Yojana with the **aim of providing free treatment facility to the needy**, which chief minister Manohar Lal has extended and taken exemplary steps towards benefiting the needy of the state and this scheme has now been named '**Chirayu Haryana**'.

Note:

- The expenditure of these families up to Rs 5 lakh will be borne by the state government.
- He said that now more than 28 lakh families in the state will get the benefit of this scheme. With the expansion of the scheme, more than 12 lakh new BPL families have been added to it.
- It is known that earlier there were 3 lakh 84 thousand eligible families in Sonapat district of the state and now the number of eligible families has increased to 5 lakh 48 thousand 01. It is 40 percent of the total population.
- He said that initially golden cards of this scheme have been distributed to some identified families. The remaining eligible families will be distributed cards by organizing camps at district and block level and going door-to-door.

## Jal Jeevan Survey 2022-23

### *Why In News?*

On November 21, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal, while presiding over a meeting of the Committee of Administrative Secretaries in Chandigarh, informed that under the Jal Jeevan Survey 2022-23 released by the Government of India, three districts of **Haryana Ambala, Rohtak and Faridabad have been declared leaders in 100 percent tap connection coverage.**

### *Key Points*

- The Chief Secretary informed in the meeting that under the Water Life Survey 2022-23, among the three districts of the state, Ambala has secured the first position, Rohtak and Faridabad have secured the third position.
- In the meeting, 10 departments including Technical Education, Electricity, Public Health Engineering, Civil Aviation, Public Works (Building and Roads), Architecture, Health and Family Welfare, Medical Education and Research, Irrigation and Water Resources, Cooperative and Home Department received Rs. 100 crores. As many as 54 projects were discussed. The total cost of these 54 projects is about 16 thousand crore rupees.
- Giving information about the completed major projects worth more than Rs 100 crore in the meeting, it was informed that under the Smart City Project, the existing 11 KV substations under Sector-14, 17, 30, 31, 32, 40,

Jharsa and DLF Division in Gurugram The renovation work of feeder line has been completed at a cost of Rs 255.8 crore. Similarly, widening of Karnal-Meerut road, NH 709A to 6 lanes at a cost of Rs 151.57 crore, construction of 4-lane road from Rai Milakpur to Khadak corridor and Bhiwani bypass at a cost of Rs 247.25 crore, Gurugram at a cost of Rs 105.92 crore The construction work of 576 multistoried houses has been completed.

- It was informed in the meeting that work is being done at a cost of Rs 210.9 crore to increase water supply to ensure drinking water supply in 80 villages of Jhirka and Nagina blocks of Mewat district. Apart from this, the work of water supply scheme being implemented at a cost of Rs 114.7 crore in Bhalkhi, Mahendragarh is on the verge of completion.
- He also directed the officers to prepare a plan and send a report within the stipulated time frame, strengthen inter-departmental coordination to ensure timely completion of important projects.

## The area of Shri Mata Mansa Devi Temple will be made a 'Holi Complex' Holi Complex

### *Why In News?*

Recently, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal informed the meeting of Shri Mata Mansa Devi Shrine Board held at Haryana Secretariat in Chandigarh that the area of Mata Mansa Devi Temple in **Panchkula of the state will be made 'Holi Complex'.**

### *Key Points*

- The Chief Minister said that liquor shops will be closed in the designated area of Mansa Devi temple. There will be a complete ban on the sale of liquor in an area of about 2.5 km from the temple area. Along with this, the contracts that are currently there will also be allotted elsewhere.
- He said that the Sanskrit College being built in Shri Mata Mansa Devi campus will be run by the Shrine Board. The appointment of staff in this college, their salary and fees charged from the students will be decided by the Shrine Board. This is a unique initiative to promote Sanskrit.

Note:



- Significantly, the foundation stone of this college has been laid. The Shrine Board has provided land for this. Construction work will start soon.
- The Chief Minister said that the building of the old age home being built in the premises of Shri Mata Mansa Devi Temple is almost ready. For its operation, the board has been instructed to prepare a plan as soon as possible, so that it can be operated effectively.
- He also directed to complete the work of National Institute of Ayurveda, Yoga and Naturopathy and Sanskrit Gurukul to be built in Shri Mata Mansa Devi Temple at the earliest.

## Haryana will Prepare Scientific Research Paper on Natural Farming

### Why In News?

On November 24, 2022, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal told a review meeting on natural farming in Chandigarh that **Haryana will now prepare a scientific research paper on natural farming to promote natural farming in the state** and encourage more and more farmers towards it. Detailed information about the time period and results will be available.

### Key Points

- The Chief Secretary said that this work would be implemented at the earliest by talking to the Vice Chancellor and Director of Research of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University to prepare scientific research paper on natural farming.
- He said that natural farming is gradually becoming the need of the hour. With this method, the farmer can increase organic yield with low cost and also increase his income.
- The objective of natural farming is to promote chemical-free agriculture, climate-friendly farming in line with nature and establish this method as a sustainable livelihood by reducing environment and climate pollution. For this, farmers are also being made aware and trained by the state government.
- It is noteworthy that at present training is being imparted in 2 training centers in the state Gurukul (Kurukshetra) and Gharaunda (Karnal). Apart from this, 3 more training centers will be established soon

at three places Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University (Hisar), Hameti (Jind) and Mangiana (Sirsa).

- He said that the basic objective of natural farming is to change the food habits, for this the concept of **'food is medicine'** has to be adopted. To make farmers aware about this, natural farming will be done in a demonstration field in every block. So far, such demonstration farms have been prepared in 5 districts.
- It was told in the meeting that to promote natural farming, the state government had launched a portal in April, 2022, on which farmers willing to adopt natural farming can register themselves. So far 2992 farmers have registered themselves on this portal. 1201 farmers have given their consent to do natural farming during Rabi season. Apart from this, 3600 soil samples have also been collected.
- In the first phase for natural farming, more emphasis is being given by the government on training and awareness, so that the farmer can understand this method better. So far 405 ATMs, BTMs and 119 progressive farmers have been trained for natural farming. He will now work as a master trainer to train other farmers. Apart from this, 151 youths have also been trained in this farming method.
- It is known that in order to promote natural farming in the state while moving towards making **'Atmanirbhar Bharat'**, subsidy of up to Rs 25,000 on the purchase of desi cow and four big drums for preparation of Jeevamrit solution for natural farming. 3 thousand rupees are being given to each farmer for this. Haryana is the first state in the country to do this.
- Apart from this, a scheme has also been prepared to pack natural farming products directly from the farmer's fields, so that customers in the market do not have doubts whether it is a product of natural farming or not.

## President Inaugurates Gita Shilp Kala Udyan

### Why In News?

On November 29, 2022, President of India Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the **Gita Murti Shilp Udyan built at Purushottam Pura Bagh in Dharmakshetra Kurukshetra, Haryana.**

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**Key Points**

- In this garden, efforts have been made to show the 75<sup>th</sup> Amrit Mahotsav model of independence, Gita and many important aspects of Indian culture. 21 sculptures have been prepared by 21 craftsmen from the state of Haryana as well as Odisha, Telangana, Rajasthan and Assam after working tirelessly day and night.
- These statues, weighing five to 12 tons made of black marble, have been prepared by the artists by carving pieces of the same rock. All the idols have been prepared with subjects related to Mahabharata. They also depict the Amrit Mahotsav of Independence and the Gita.
- This incomparable work has given a special recognition internationally to the fading modern sculpture in the state as well as the young artists of the state. This modern wonderful art, which has lived for centuries, is working to increase the pride and honor of the state.
- In Geeta Shilp Kala Udyan, 21 craftsmen from 4 states have prepared sculptures, including Art and Cultural Officer (Sculpture) Hriday Kaushal, Amit Kumar from Jind, Arun from Bhiwani, Arundhati Chaudhary from Assam Guwahati, Dinesh Sewal from Rohtak, Goldy from Kurukshetra, Harpal from Sirsa, Kuldeep Singh from Karnal, Mahipal from Kamla Nagar Rohtak, Madan Saini from Chang Haryana, Monu from Jind, Meenakshi, Nema Ram from Rajasthan, Narendra from Jhajjar, Prince Sharma from Kurukshetra, Rakesh Patnaik from Odisha, Rahul from Rewari, Dr. Snehlata Prasad, Sweep Raj from Sonipat, Sushank Kumar from Mehrauli Delhi, Virender Kumar from Chandigarh.

**International Gita Festival****Why In News?**

On November 29, 2022, President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the International Gita Mahotsav at Kurukshetra in Haryana and inaugurated an all-round exhibition based on the education of Lord Krishna received at the ashram of Sandipani Rishi in Ujjain by visiting the pavilion of Madhya Pradesh, the partner state of the festival.

**Key Points**

- In the Madhya Pradesh Pavilion set up on the banks of Brahma Sarovar in Kurukshetra, 14 Vidyas and 64 Arts of Lord Krishna have been displayed through slides.

- The model of the main entrance of Ujjain Mahakal corridor in Madhya Pradesh Pavilion has been displayed on the cultural platform.
- It is noteworthy that in the ashram of Sage Sandipani, Lord Krishna, along with his brother Balram and friend Sudama, learned 14 Vidyas and 64 arts in 64 days.

## President Draupadi Murmu Inaugurates 3 Major Projects for Haryana

**Why In News?**

On November 29, 2022, President Draupadi Murmu virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of three important projects of the Haryana government at the International Gita Seminar at Shrimad Bhagwad Gita Sadan, Kurukshetra University in the series of programs of the ongoing International Gita Mahotsav at Dharmakshetra Kurukshetra, Haryana.

**Key Points**

- President of India launches 'Nirogi Haryana Yojana' for Antyodaya families. Under this scheme, comprehensive health check-up of Antyodaya families will be done free of cost. In the first phase, families with income less than Rs 1 lakh 80 thousand will be included as beneficiaries, while the remaining population will be covered in later phases.
- It is noteworthy that Chief Minister Manohar Lal, while announcing in the budget for the year 2022-23 as finance minister, had presented the vision that comprehensive health check-up of all the citizens of the state should be done free of cost at least once in two years. Giving shape to this announcement, 'Nirogi Haryana Yojana' has been made.
- According to the data of Antyodaya households released by the Department of Civil Resources Information, the total number of households is 26,64,257 and the population is 1,06,06,475. The Antyodaya Parivar will be taken as a unit for comprehensive testing of all its members and the population has been classified into 5 different age groups to make the process easier. 0-6 months under Category-1, 6-59 months in Category-2, 5-18 years in Category-3, 18-40 years in Category-4 and above 40 years in Category-5 class has been kept.

Note:

- Asha and Anganwadi workers will visit each household of the eligible population and guide them for testing at the nearest health facility. The beneficiary will be subjected to a general physical examination. In addition, other laboratory tests will also be conducted.
- An in-house application will be developed to keep a record of data during health check-ups, which can be used to improve existing health programs.
- Keeping in view the increasing demand of doctors and with the aim of achieving the desired doctor-patient ratio, the state government has set a target to build a medical college and hospital in every district. In this episode, the President laid the foundation stone of a medical college to be built on 21 acres of land in Sirsa district. It will cost about Rs 950 crore.
- With the establishment of this college, medical education and research will also be encouraged along with better medical facilities in Sirsa and surrounding areas. 100 M.S. in this college. B.B.S. There will be an annual admission of students and a 539-bed hospital equipped with state-of-the-art technologies .
- The campus includes teaching hospital with service block, medical college with examination block, girls hostel and girls intern hostel, boys hostel and boys intern hostel, junior senior resident hostel, autopsy block, waste management facility, sports facility, nursing, paramedical and physiotherapy college, There will be facilities like nursing girls hostel etc.
- It is notable that at present there are 1835 M.B.B.S. seats, 708 M.D./M.S. seats and 155 D.N.B. There are 13 medical colleges functioning with diploma seats. Of these, 6 are state, 1 state aided and 6 private sectors. With the opening of a medical college in every district, the number of MBBS seats in the state will increase to more than 3,000.
- President Draupadi Murmu launched e-ticketing system in Haryana Roadways buses. With the launch, the President was presented with a replica of the National e-Mobility Card as the first ticket.
- Haryana has become the first state in the country to implement open loop ticketing system as per the guidelines issued by the Government of India. In the initial phase, the e-ticketing system will be implemented in 6 depots, namely, Chandigarh, Karnal, Faridabad, Sonipat, Bhiwani and Sirsa. Similarly, by the end of January 2023, this project will be fully implemented in the remaining 18 depots of Haryana Roadways.
- The main objective of this project is to close revenue leakages. Also, promote the use of open loop ticketing, which can later be used for other modes of travel across India.
- Apart from this, identification of exempted, elimination of fake passes, paper savings for concessional passengers, providing better travel experience for passengers through use of common mobility cards, route rationing according to the number of passengers and increasing the number of passengers travelling by buses, public transport.

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