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Air Sports Policy will be Made in Haryana

Why In News?

Recently, Haryana Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala, who also holds the charge of Civil and Aviation Department, while reviewing various projects of the Civil and Aviation Department in Chandigarh, said that air sports policy will be formulated in the state which will also promote sports tourism in the state.

Key Points:

- While directing the officials to study the country's first 'National Air Sports Policy' issued by the Central Government, the Deputy Chief Minister said that such an air sports policy will be made by the state government in which the participants can be attracted as much as possible, so that the state can There will be an increase in revenue.
- After the implementation of Air Sports Policy in the state, sports tourism will also develop and employment opportunities for the youth will also increase.
- Air sports include many other sports like air racing, aerobatics, aeromodelling, hang gliding, paragliding, paramotoring and skydiving. There are also international competitions for these sports.
- Haryana is also suitable for air sports due to its geographical area and clear weather conditions in different areas.
- Air sports activity will not only bring direct revenue to the state government but will also increase travel growth, tourism, infrastructure and local employment. The state government is trying to make Haryana an air sports hub like other sports.



- It should be noted that currently India does not participate in any such competition on a permanent basis, but due to this new policy made for the first time by the Central Government, India may soon participate in the international competitions of these sports. There is a large number of youth in India whose interest is increasing in adventure sports and flying sports.

Haryana is the First State to Implement Property ID in the Entire Country

Why In News?

On October 31, 2023, Haryana's Urban Local Bodies Minister Dr. Kamal Gupta said in a press conference that Haryana is the first state to implement Property ID in the entire country.

Key Points:

- Dr. Kamal Gupta said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi appreciated Chief Minister Manohar Lal's 'Creation of New Property-ID under Normal and Tatkal Scheme' and also suggested other states to adopt it.
- Giving information regarding Property ID, Dr. Gupta said that 34 lakh properties falling inside Lal Dora have been integrated into the new Property ID and a new Property ID has been created. Now the registry can automatically upload property ID data.
- He said that so far, out of 2274 unauthorized colonies, 494 have been authorized and work on others is going on. Around 850 colonies will be authorized by January 31, 2024.
- Dr. Gupta said that under the ownership scheme, the Urban Local Bodies Department has also done the work of providing ownership rights to the shopkeepers who complete 20 years on December 31, 2020.
- The minister said that any information related to property can be sent to the citizens of urban local bodies through SMS.
- Dr. Gupta said that exemption has been given for a limited time on full payment of property tax for the year 2023-24, which exemption will continue till November 15, 2023. Now property holders can verify their property data themselves on the departmental portal to remove any type of error.

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Families in the Annual Income Group of Rs 1.80 lakh to Rs 3 lakh Start Getting the Benefits of Ayushman/Chirayu Yojana .

Why In News?

On the occasion of Haryana Day on November 1, 2023, Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal gave a big gift to Antyodaya families by distributing cards in principle to the members of families of annual income group ranging from Rs 1.80 lakh to Rs 3 lakh. Started giving the benefit of Ayushman/Chirayu Scheme.

Key Points:

- So far, 38,000 families had applied under the Ayushman/Chirayu scheme. From Haryana Day, all these families started getting the benefit of Ayushman/Chirayu Scheme.
- In the meeting, Chief Minister Manohar Lal also inaugurated cashless health facility by giving gifts to the employees and pensioners of the state.
- In the first phase, 894 employees of two departments namely Fisheries and Horticulture have been included and in the first phase, 1055 packages of diseases and 305 hospitals of Haryana have been included.
- In the coming time, this cashless facility will also be implemented in other departments, which will benefit all the employees of the state. Apart from this, accredited journalists of the state will also be able to take advantage of the cashless facility.
- Once fully implemented, about 3.5 lakh regular employees, 3 lakh pensioners and their 20 lakh dependents in Haryana will be able to avail cashless treatment in empanelled hospitals.



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- The Chief Minister said that a total of 1340 diseases have been covered in this scheme. This cashless facility can be availed in 569 listed hospitals in the state and in future, hospitals across the country will be connected to this scheme.

Four Policemen of the State Selected for DGP Uttam Seva Medal

Why In News?

On October 31, 2023, the police department selected the names of four policemen in the state for the DGP Uttam Seva Medal and the names of another policeman for the cash award .

Key Points:

- Government spokesperson said that three types of state level awards have been approved by the state government to encourage the police personnel, which include Chief Minister Bravery Medal, Home Minister Excellent Investigation Medal and DGP Uttam Seva Medal.
- The Chief Minister Bravery Medal winner will be awarded a reward of Rs 2 lakh, the Home Minister Excellent Investigation Medal winner will be awarded Rs 1 lakh and the DGP Uttam Seva Medal winner will be awarded Rs 50 thousand. Apart from this, the officers and policemen will also get a certificate/scroll signed by the Chief Minister and the Home Minister.
- 4 policemen have been selected in Haryana state under DGP Uttam Seva Medal Winner, who will be honored with an amount of Rs 50 thousand. Along with this, another policeman will be honored with a cash amount of Rs 10,000.
- The policemen selected for the DGP Uttam Seva Medal include Sub Inspector Pradeep Kumar, Head Constable Ankush, Inspector Ram Kumar and Sub-Inspector Ajab Singh. Whereas Sub-Inspector Shamsheer Singh will be honored with a cash amount of Rs 10,000.
- Pradeep Kumar, working as Sub Inspector in IG Traffic and Highway Karnal office, did many important tasks related to traffic management during his duty. Along with this, he also gave important support in the smooth conduct of various competitions organized in the state related to traffic.

- Head Constable Ankush is being honored for his excellent services in Cyber Cell. Ankush demonstrated exemplary performance in better implementation of the action plan regarding cyber security. Along with this, Ankush gave cyber security training to more than 1600 teachers and students and more than 1250 police personnel.
- Ram Kumar, currently working as Inspector in Hisar district, worked with many senior officers during his tenure and helped in solving many serious cases. Due to his hard work and dedication, he was also promoted to the post of Inspector.
- Sub-Inspector Ajab Singh working in District Panchkula has always been very hardworking and dedicated towards his duty, due to which he was also promoted in the police department in the year 2017. His working system while on duty was very systematic and fair.
- Shamsher Singh, currently serving as Sub-Inspector in Haryana Police Academy, Madhuban, has performed well in many cases while establishing coordination with senior officers during his duty. Due to which they will be presented a cash amount of Rs 10,000 as reward.



Haryana Matrashakti Entrepreneurship Scheme

Why In News?

On November 3, 2023, a spokesperson of Haryana Mahila Vikas Nigam said that the Haryana Government has launched 'Haryana Matrashakti Entrepreneurship Scheme' from the year 2021-22 through Haryana Mahila Vikas Nigam to make women self-reliant and financially empowered.

Key Points:

- The spokesman said that for the upliftment of women and to set up their own enterprises, the corporation is providing financial assistance in the form of subsidy so that they can become financially self-reliant in areas like agriculture, industry, trade.

- Under the scheme, women/girls living in Haryana from rural and urban areas, whose annual income does not exceed Rs 5 lakh and is between 18 and 60 years of age, are provided loans up to Rs 3 lakh through banks.
- Under this scheme, 7 percent interest subsidy amount is given by the corporation for 3 years on timely payment of installments by the applicant.
- The spokesman said that under this scheme, loans are provided to women for various activities such as auto rickshaws, vehicles for carrying small goods, three wheelers, taxis, salons, beauty parlours, tailoring, boutiques, photocopy shops, papad making, pickle making, confectionery, food stalls, ice cream making units, biscuit making, handloom, bag making, canteen service etc.

Agreement Signed Between Skill Development Department and ICICI Foundation

Why In News?

On November 3, 2023, the Department of Skill Development and Industrial Training and ICICI Bank launched a campaign to make unemployed youth employable in the state. A 'Memorandum of Understanding' was signed between the Foundation.

Key Points:

- Dr. Vivek Agarwal, Director General, Department of Skills said that under this MoU, ICICI Bank has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU). The foundation will set up a computer lab in the premises of Babu Mool Chand Jain Government Industrial Training Institute, Karnal.
- Under this, ITIs will be set up to make unemployed youth employable in the state. A workshop will be organized every three months to train the trainees on soft skills, interview skills, teamwork, leadership, time management, problem solving, emotional competence etc.
- Dr. Vivek Agarwal also informed that ICICI Bank has been working on the issue. A letter of intent was also signed by the department with the foundation, under which ICICI Bank has signed a memorandum of intent with the foundation. The Foundation has

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5 different state ITIs. We will set up a computer lab through which ITI will be set up. Computer based training will be provided to the trainees.

Home Minister honored Gymnastics Players of Ambala who Won Medals in the 37th National Games

Why In News?

On November 3, 2023, Haryana Home and Health Minister Anil Vij felicitated the medal winners of gymnastics in the 37th National Games at the Gymnastics Hall of War Heroes Memorial Stadium, Ambala Cantonment.

Key Points:

- In the National Games Gymnastics, Yogeshwar Singh of Ambala won three gold medals and two bronze medals while Sahil Yadav and Rohit Kumar won one bronze medal each. While felicitating all these players, Home Minister Anil Vij announced a grant of 1 lakh rupees to Yogeshwar Singh and 50 thousand rupees to the other two players from his voluntary fund.
- Meanwhile, Home Minister Anil Vij said that Haryana's sports policy is considered to be the best in the whole country and other states are also following it. In Haryana, an Olympic gold medal winner is given an amount of Rs 6 crore and there is a provision for giving a job along with it.



- The Home Minister said that ambala cantonment, which was the hub of football, has been built here with an international level FIFA approved football sports stadium. All weather swimming pool, gymnastic hall with modern facilities have been made available to the players.

37th National Games: Haryana won Gold in Athletics, Shooting and Wrestling

Why In News?

Haryana won gold and silver medals on the first day of shooting in the 37th National Games being held in Goa on November 3, 2023, while athletes and players in wrestling also won many medals for the state.

Key Points:

- On the first day of shooting, Sagar Bhargava won the gold medal for the state, while Sarabjot Singh, who got the Olympic quota, won the silver medal.
- Haryana's Gatka team created history by winning two bronze medals for the first time in the National Games. Gatka team player Jaswinder Singh won the bronze medal, while Sunidhi Chauhan had already won the bronze medal.
- The Haryana Sepak Takra women's team won the silver medal in the state's bag. Haryana's hockey team defeated Odisha 7-2 to register their third consecutive win. At the same time, all three teams of Haryana Archery have reached the finals.
- In the wrestling competition of the National Games, Nitesh won gold in the 97 kg weight category, Vikas won the gold medal in the 77 kg weight category and Arju won the gold medal in the 68 kg weight category, while Sumit Malik won the silver medal in the 125 kg (about 275.58 lb) weight category.
- Apart from these, Rohit Boora won bronze medals in 97 kg weight category, Rakesh in 86 kg weight category, Deepak Punia in 76 kg weight category, Swati Berwal in 68 kg weight category, Sweety in 50 kg weight category won bronze medals for the state.
- In javelin throw, Shilpa Rani won gold medal and Priyanka Singh won silver medal, Manpreet won silver medal in shot put, Vikram Panchal won silver medal in 400 meters (about 1312.34 ft) race, Ajay won silver

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medal in hammer throw and Tanu won silver medal in hemtholon. Hardeep won a bronze medal in the 20 km (about 12.43 mi) race walk and Pooja won a bronze medal in the 800 m (about 2624.67 ft) race.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah Launched 5 New Schemes

Why In News?

On November 2, 2023, Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah launched 5 new welfare schemes launched by the Haryana government for Antyodaya Utthan in the presence of Chief Minister Manohar Lal.

Key Points:

- During the Antyodaya Mahasammelan organized in Karnal district to commemorate the completion of 9 years of Haryana Government, the union Home minister launched these 5 schemes - Ayushman Bharat Chirayu Yojana, Haryana Income Enhancement Board, Chief Minister Antyodaya Milk Production Cooperative Promotion Scheme, Haryana Antyodaya Family Transport Scheme (HAPPY) and Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana.
- **Ayushman Bharat-Chirayu Yojana**
 - The union home minister has added 14 lakh new families of the state to this scheme. Now about 40 lakh Antyodaya families of Haryana will be able to take advantage of the Ayushman Bharat-Chirayu Scheme, including the central and state government schemes.
 - Apart from this, about 38 thousand families with an annual income of 1.80 lakh to 3 lakh rupees have also been included in this scheme.
 - Under the Central Government's Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, 15 lakh families of Haryana get annual treatment of Rs 5 lakh free of cost. Also, about 11 lakh families are getting this benefit from the Chirayu Scheme of the Haryana Government so far.
- **Haryana Aay Vriddhi Board,**
 - Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the Haryana Aay Vriddhi Board to increase the income of Antyodaya families in Haryana.
- This board will monitor and review the schemes being run by the state government for Antyodaya families so far. At the same time, this board will also make new plans to increase income quickly and will also ensure their implementation.
- **Haryana Antyodaya Parivar Parivahan Yojana (HAPPY)**
 - Union Home Minister launches Haryana Antyodaya Parivar Parivahan Yojana (HAPPY).
 - Under this scheme, every member of Antyodaya families with an annual income of less than Rs 1 lakh, who have more than 3 members, will be given the facility to travel up to 1000 km (about 621.37 mi) per year free of cost in Haryana Roadways buses.
- **Chief Minister's Antyodaya Milk Production Cooperative Incentive Scheme**
 - The Union Cooperation Minister also launched the Chief Minister's Antyodaya Milk Production Cooperative Promotion Scheme. In this scheme, incentives will be given to those Antyodaya families, who want to open mini dairy by taking a loan.
 - When such families sell milk in the milk union, they will be given Rs 10 per liter more than the cooperative union price on milk for one year.
- **Haryana Tirth Yatra Yojana**
 - The union home minister also launched the Mukhyamantri Tirth Yatra Yojana.
 - Under this scheme, members of families above 60 years of age with an annual income of less than Rs 1.80 lakh will be allowed to visit pilgrimages like Ayodhya, Varanasi etc. The state government will bear all the expenses of transportation.



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Professor Sohan Lal of Chemistry Department, Kurukshetra University received the Young Scientist Award.

Why In News?

Prof. Sohan Lal of the Department of Chemistry, Kurukshetra University, located in Kurukshetra district of Haryana, has been honored with the Young Scientist Award in a program organized by the Environment and Social Development Association at Galgotias University in Delhi on November 6, 2023.

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that the Young Scientist Award is given to researchers below 40 years of age working in the field of research. Prof. Sohan Kumar has been honored with the award at the age of 37 for his excellent work in the field of research.
- This award encourages the youth to do excellent work in the field of research and environmental protection and also motivates them to work harder.
- Prof. Sohan Lal has done excellent work in the field of research to re-use waste polythene, which is a serious problem of polluting the environment.
- He has researched that by reusing waste polythene, paver blocks, chairs or other useful items can be made, which will reduce the pollution caused by plastic and it can also be reused.
- While he has worked to utilise waste polythene, he has also worked on making antibiotic medicines containing natural ingredients and is continuously working in the field of research.



- Prof. Sohan Lal has received this award from Padma Bhushan Chandiprasad Bhatt, who started the Chipko movement and has done a lot of work in the field of environment.

Panchayat Development Index will be prepared for the Overall Development of Rural Areas .

Why In News?

On November 6, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal announced in a meeting held in Chandigarh that the Panchayat Development Index will be prepared by the Development and Panchayat Department for the overall development of rural areas of the state.

Key Points:

- The Panchayat Development Index is being prepared for the rural areas of the state so that the goal of sustainable development can be easily achieved with all-round development plans.
- The Chief Secretary said that data will be collected for 57 services of 12 big departments, on which better development plans will be prepared.
- This Panchayat Development Index will be prepared keeping in mind the social, economic parameters and development status of the local community on the basis of the index.
- It will use a number of sectoral and sectoral indices, covering electricity, water, roads, sanitation, infrastructure, health and education services, institutions, economic and social indices including literacy and poverty rate, governance and governance, environmental sustainability.
- The development index will identify inequalities in rural communities, target sustainable development, achieve goals and formulate policies for their better lives.
- It will promote poverty-free and livelihood villages, healthy villages, child-friendly panchayats, adequate water, clean and green panchayats, self-reliant panchayats with infrastructure, social justice and safe panchayats, good governance and women-friendly panchayats.

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- For this, state steering committees and district and block steering and verification committees have been formed. These committees will prepare quality data by grading the panchayats and will also plan and review it at the panchayat level.
- In this way, the data report card of every panchayat will be prepared. The data will be prepared at the panchayat level and uploaded on the Panchayat Development Index portal pdi.gov.in by December 31, 2023.
- The Chairman of the District Data Verification Team will be the Deputy Commissioner of the respective districts and the CEO of the District Council will be the Member Secretary. Apart from this, heads of 12 other district level departments have been made members, who will work on 577 local indices.
- Additional Chief Secretary of Development and Panchayat Department Anil Malik said that rehearsals have been done to collect data of panchayats of 10 villages in the state. Soon the data of all the panchayats will be collected.



Student Transportation Safety Plan

Why In News?

On November 5, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal announced the launch of 'Student Transport Security Scheme' in a public dialogue program in village Ratangarh in Karnal district.

Key Points:

- Under the 'Student Transport Security Scheme', if there are more than 50 students in the village, bus service will now be provided by the Transport Department to go to far-flung schools.

- The Roadways Department bus will wait for the students at Ratangarh village at 7 am. This bus will take the students to school and then drop them home.
- In villages where there are 30 to 40 students, facilities like mini bus will be available, in villages where there are 5 to 10 students, there will be facilities like auto rickshaw. This facility will be provided free of cost to the students. Its money will be spent through the District Education Department.
- This scheme will be implemented in Karnal district in the first phase and then in other districts of the state.



Haryana Government Increased the Rate of Early Sugarcane Crop

Why In News?

6 On November 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, while giving a Diwali gift to the sugarcane producing farmers of the state, has announced an increase in the price of sugarcane for the early variety.

Key Points:

- The Chief Minister has said that for this year, the price of sugarcane for early variety is declared to be increased from Rs 372 per quintal to Rs 386 per quintal, which is a substantial increase of Rs 14.
- Along with this, the Chief Minister has also announced increase in the sugarcane rates for the next year. The code of conduct will be in place on the days when sugarcane rates are declared next year. Therefore, after consulting the department, the rate of sugarcane for the next year is declared at Rs 400 per quintal.
- The purpose of this decision taken by the government is to ensure that sugarcane farmers get fair prices for their hard work and dedication.

Note:

- The Chief Minister has encouraged sugarcane farmers by significantly increasing sugarcane rates and his move is expected to have a positive impact on the lives of sugarcane farmers and contribute to the prosperity of Haryana's agriculture sector.
- It should be noted that Haryana is the only state where 14 crops are purchased at MSP.



Reorganization of Haryana Traders Welfare Board

Why In News?

According to the notification issued by the Industries and Commerce Department of Haryana on November 6, 2023, the state government has reorganized the Haryana Traders Welfare Board, reiterating its commitment towards the welfare of traders.

Key Points:

- Its main objective is to solve the problems and issues of the traders, to act as a bridge between the traders and the state government, to ensure social security and insurance cover of the traders.
- Apart from this, its objective is also to increase investment and employment opportunities in the state, to analyze the terms and conditions of various departments related to traders and to give suggestions to the government for their equalization as well as to constitute a trader welfare fund.
- According to the notification, the board will have one person above 18 years of age as chairman and two people as vice chairmen.
- Apart from this, administrative secretaries of the departments of Finance, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs, Labour, Excise and Taxation,

Industry and Commerce, Energy, Mining and Geology, Environment and Climate Change will be the members of the Board while an officer of Haryana Civil Service who will be the Secretary of the Board. Will also act as Member Secretary.

- According to the notification, the State Government can also nominate ten non-official members as members of the Board from time to time.
- The headquarters of the board will be at Chandigarh/ Panchkula. If necessary, the Chairman can call a meeting anywhere in the state.



Chief Minister Inaugurated Hot Air Balloon Safari in Pinjore

Why In News?

On November 8, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal inaugurated the Hot Air Balloon Safari at Pinjore, known as the 'Gateway of Himachal', located in Panchkula district of the state.

Key Points:

- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar along with Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker Gian Chand Gupta and School Education and Heritage and Tourism Minister Kanwar Pal took a hot air balloon safari.
- Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said that hot air balloon safari is very safe from the point of view of security. The company operating the hot air balloon has obtained safety certificates.
- To enjoy the hot air balloon safari, it will cost 13 thousand rupees per ride per ride. Only those people will be able to ride in it who meet the health related parameters. The state government will give Rs 72 lakh as VGF to the company for two years.

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- The introduction of hot air balloon safari in the region will not only boost tourism but also provide employment opportunities. With this, on the one hand, tourists will get to share new experiences in their journey in addition to the ongoing tourism activities, on the other hand, they will also be able to get acquainted with the historical background of Pinjore.
- The Chief Minister has made Panchkula, located in the Shivalik mountain range, a hub of adventure sports activities. Morni, the only hill station in the state, is also located in Panchkula. After introducing adventure sports like paragliding, water sports activity, jet scooter, para-sailing and trekking in the tikkartal area near Morni Hills, Pinjore is now being developed as tourism.
- The Chief Minister said that the state government is developing Shivalik mountain region as well as Aravalli region for tourism. The world's largest jungle safari park is being developed by the state government on 10,000 acres of land in Gurugram and Nuh districts falling in the Aravalli mountain range. This will help in preserving the Aravalli mountain range, while on the other hand tourism will also boost tourism in Gurugram and Nuh areas.
- Pinjore, considered the gateway of Dev Bhoomi Himachal, has its own historical significance, it is also considered to be a site of Mahabharata period. This place preserves thousands of years old ancient history within itself. The remains of ancient history are present here.
- It is believed that the Pandava's spent a large period of exile here during their exile, evidence of which is still seen in Pinjore. Not only this, the Yadavindra Garden, also known as Pinjore Garden, located here, is extremely famous. It is an example of Mughal Garden style.



Enhanced Version of NDC Portal launched with Bilingual Options

Why In News?

On November 7, 2023, Haryana Urban Local Bodies Minister Dr. Kamal Gupta inaugurated the NDC Project. Launched an upgraded version of the portal. The portal will now facilitate citizens to get information in both Hindi and English languages.



Key Points:

- Urban Local Bodies Minister Dr. Kamal Gupta said in a press conference that a budget of Rs 791.44 crore has been allocated for various development projects in the financial year 2023-24. Apart from this, a budget of Rs 50 crore has been approved under 'Divya Nagar Yojana' and Rs 3,116 crore under 'Atal Renewal and Urban Transformation Mission' (AMRUT) scheme.
- Dr. Gupta informed during the press conference that 93.66 km of roads have been repaired by urban local bodies, which shows commitment towards improving urban infrastructure.

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- Apart from this, the department has taken steps to streamline parking in the state, so far 28,000 parking spaces for four-wheelers and 14,423 parking spaces for two-wheelers have been identified. Apart from this, 9,141 tricolor lights have been installed on the 280 km long road.

Haryana Government Launches 'Mission Karmayogi Haryana' Program

Why In News?

On November 7, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal launched the 'Mission Karmayogi Haryana' (MKH) programme. This is an unprecedented initiative of the state government aimed at providing training to more than 3 lakh employees.

Key Points:

- The 'Mission Karmayogi Haryana' programme will sensitize all state government employees and stakeholders on the importance of ethical behaviour, values and principles in governance.
- The initiative, run by Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, aims to develop ethical governance and enhance the skills and competencies of government employees. The programme aims to enhance public service delivery and accountability while delivering tangible benefits to the citizens of Haryana.
- Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal urged the administrative secretaries and heads of departments to regularly attend the training sessions organized at the Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) under the 'Mission Karmayogi Haryana' programme.
- He also called for considering the extraordinary contribution made by the young officers in implementing the state's flagship schemes and district-level indicator area while nominating candidates for good governance awards.
- Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) Director General Chandreleka Mukherjee said the MKH programme will adopt a hub-and-spoke model. Experienced officers of the Haryana government will be hired as master trainers. First, these master trainers themselves will undergo intensive training at HIPA, Haryana Police Academy and Divisional Training Centre Panchkula.



Solar Pumps will be Given on Subsidy to Cow Shelters and Water User Associations.

Why In News?

On November 7, 2023, a spokesman of the New and Renewable Energy Department of Haryana said that solar pumps will also be given on subsidy by the Haryana government to cow shelters and water user associations of the state. The last date to apply is November 14, 2023.

Key Points:

- The spokesperson said that in order to promote agricultural activities using solar energy in rural areas, the state's New and Renewable Energy Department, on behalf of the Central and State Government, is providing solar energy pumps ranging from 3 HP to 10 HP for irrigation to the farmers. 75 percent subsidy is being provided.
- He informed that 64,902 solar power pumps have been installed by the department so far and the work of installation of 26,798 pumps is going on. Haryana ranks second in the country in implementing this scheme and the department has set a target of installing 70,000 pumps in the financial year 2023-24.
- The spokesperson said that the pending electric tube well connections for the year 2019-2021 ranging from 1 HP to 10 HP will also be given on solar. Apart from this, solar energy pumps will also be given to cow sheds and water user associations, collective irrigation systems for irrigation at 75 percent subsidy.
- In this phase, applications were invited from interested farmers on saralharyana.gov.in portal till November 7, 2023, the last date of which has been extended to November 14, 2023.

Note:

Chief Minister Inaugurates Water Sports Activities at Hathnikund Barrage

Why In News?

On November 8, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal started water riding and boating in Yamuna at Hathnikund Barrage located on Yamuna River in Yamunanagar district.

Key Points:

- On this occasion, the Chief Minister said that due to tourism, such activities can be increased in many areas in Haryana. In terms of tourism, there are many possibilities down the hill from Kalesar to Kalka, such as one can visit various places like Adi Badri, Lohgarh, Trilokpur Devi Temple through foot trekking, cycle trekking and motorcycle etc.
- In Haryana too, a park is being built on Hathnikund Barrage to increase people's interest in tourism. This park is named after the former Prime Minister of India, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee.
- It is worth mentioning that the Jungle Safari Project will be built in about 10 thousand acres in the area of Gurugram and Nuhan districts. It will start soon.
- The Chief Minister said that the fresh head was smaller earlier. After that Hathnikund Barrage was built, but due to excess water, a 50 meter high dam was built in Kalesar. People of Haryana, Himachal, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh will get direct benefits from this dam.
- This project is the meeting point of 4 states. There will be a possibility of tourism here and the water needs of all four states can be met. Electricity can also be generated through this. Rajasthan and Delhi will also be able to benefit from this.



9th India International Science Festival will be organized in Faridabad

Why In News?

On November 8, 2023, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal informed that the 9th India International Science Festival will be organized by the Department of Science Technology, Government of India at Regional Biotechnology Centre, Faridabad from January 17 to 20, 2024 to promote science interest among students.

Key Points:

- About 12 thousand students from various schools and colleges across the country will participate in the International Science Festival.
- International research and advancements in the field of science will be discussed in detail in the International Science Festival.
- During Amrit Kaal, the latest developments in the field of science and technology innovation in New India will be showcased.
- Apart from lectures on various scientific subjects, exhibitions will be organized in this festival which will run for four consecutive days. In this, 35 students from every district of Haryana from class 8 to 11 will display their models on science.



Note:

37th National Games : Haryana finished third with 192 medals

Why in News?

Haryana finished third with 192 medals including 62 gold, 55 silver and 75 bronze in the 37th National Games held in Goa on November 9, 2023.

Key Points

- In the 37th National Games held in Goa from October 26 to November 9, 2023, Maharashtra topped with 228 medals including 80 gold, 69 silver and 79 bronze, while Services stood second with 126 medals including 66 gold, 27 silver and 33 bronze.
- In the 37th National Games, Haryana players won 26 more medals than in the 36th National Games played in Gujarat last year, but Haryana missed out on getting second place by four medals.
- Maharashtra topped the National Games 2023 medal tally and won the Raja Bhalindra Singh Trophy, which is awarded to the team that wins the most gold medals at the National Games.
- Olympic swimmer Srihari Nataraj (8 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze) was named the best male athlete, while gymnasts Sanyuktha Prasen Kale and Pranati Nayak (4 gold and 1 silver each) were jointly named the best female athletes at the 37th National Games.
- Haryana's gymnastics players brought glory to the state by winning 11 medals for the first time in the National Games. Haryana gymnasts managed to win 4 gold, 3 silver, 4 bronze medals.
- Wrestling players of Haryana represented their state in the national games. Won a maximum of 24 medals. This includes 11 gold, 1 silver and 12 bronze medals.
- **Haryana's performance in team competition**
 - Hockey teams of the state had an excellent performance in the team competition. The men's hockey team won the gold medal and the women's team won the silver medal. Men's hockey team won the gold medal by defeating Karnataka team 5-3 in the final match. The final match of the women's hockey team was with Madhya Pradesh. In this match, Haryana had to be satisfied with the silver medal after losing in the shootout.

- In Kabaddi and Handball events, men and women teams got silver medals after losing in the finals. In football, the women's team won the bronze by defeating West Bengal 1-0.

Child Helpline 1098 Desk to be open at District Level

Why in News?

According to information received from the media on November 13, 2023, Child Helpline 1098 desks will soon be opened at the district level in the state. The process has been started by the Women and Child Development Department.

Key Points

- There is no separate district level help desk for Child Helpline 1098 across the state. Complaints received for help on the child helpline go to the nodal help desk of Panchkula headquarters, which is then forwarded to the child protection officer of the concerned districts for action.
- This process is not only delayed at times, but it is also not possible to take timely action on most complaints due to lack of adequate staff with the Child Protection Officer. Due to this, the Women and Child Development Department has decided to set up a separate Child Line Help Desk at the district headquarters soon.
- Earlier, the child helpline was operated through NGOs, but now the department has taken it into its own hands. Now the Women and Child Development Department itself will operate child helplines at district headquarters. With the opening of the child helpline 1098 desk at the district level, quick action will be possible on complaints related to children.
- Instead of the Panchkula headquarters, the child helpline desk will receive calls for help from the district headquarters itself. The authorities will be able to take cognizance of these promptly and take effective steps to get them out of that trouble along with relief and rescue of the children.
- New staff will also be appointed separately for the child helpline at the district level. In this, the command of the child helpline will be in the hands of the District Coordinator. At the same time, employees will also be appointed to ten posts including counselors.

Note:

- Child Welfare Police Officers have also been appointed in every police station to investigate cases related to child crime and to deal with child sexual abuse cases. The CWPO also works closely with the Child Protection Officer in cases related to child crime.

Junior Women's Hockey World Cup: Three Women Players from Sonipat Selected in the Indian team

Why in News?

Recently, three women players from Sonipat, Preeti, Sakshi Rana and Manju Chaurasia, were selected in the Indian Junior Women's Hockey team announced by Team India for the FIH World Junior Women's Hockey Cup to be held from 29th November to 10th December in Chile's capital Santiago.

Key Points

- It may be noted that while leading the Indian team in the Junior Women's Hockey Asia Cup held in Kakamigahara, Japan from June 2 to 11, Preeti had won the Asia Cup title for the country.
- By winning the Asia Cup, the Indian Junior Women's Hockey team had qualified for the Junior Women's Hockey World Cup.
- The journey of Preeti, resident of Bhagat Singh Colony, Sonipat, has been full of struggle. At the age of 10, Preeti used to go to the hockey field located in the Old Industrial Area with the neighboring girls.
- Brahma Nagar resident Manju Chaurasia watched the hockey film Chak De India in 2010. After which she took up the stick to do something in hockey. Her dream is to win the World Cup for the country in hockey. Presently she is working in Railways.
- It is noteworthy that in the Junior Women's Hockey World Cup, Team India has been placed in Pool C along with Germany, Belgium and Canada. The first match of the Indian team is with Canada on 29 November. After this, the Indian team will compete with European teams Germany and Belgium in the first Pool C matches on 30 November and 2 December.



Girls doing Commendable Work in Various Fields will be Honoured on National Girl Child Day

Why in News?

On November 14, 2023, the spokesperson of Haryana Women and Child Development Department said that the girls doing commendable work in various fields will be honoured by the department on National Girl Child Day. For this, the date of application has been extended from November 1 to November 30.

Key Points

- The spokesperson of the department said that a total of 86 awards will be given on the state level National Girl Child Day, out of which 47 awards worth Rs 11,000 each and 39 awards will be given for state level competitions.
- The spokesperson said that girls doing commendable work can submit applications in the Women and Child Development Department office of the concerned district by November 30.
- As per the directives provided by the department for the state-level observance of National Girl Child Day, accolades will be bestowed upon girls who have excelled nationally and internationally in diverse domains such as sports, cultural activities, social service, media, literature, and sports. The recognition extends to those who have attained noteworthy positions or accomplished commendable work at the state, national, and international levels. Additionally, individuals nominated by the state for national-level recognition in fields like bravery will also be honoured.
- Apart from this, 60 percent or more special disabled children have done commendable work in these areas

Note:



and children living in child care institutions have done commendable work in these areas. Those girls will be honoured with cash prizes and certificates in the state level program organised on the occasion of National Girl Child Day.

Cooperative Minister inaugurates 48th crushing season of Karnal Sugar Mill

Why in News

On November 14, 2023, Haryana's Cooperative and Public Health Engineering Minister Dr. Banwari Lal started the 48th crushing season by putting sugarcane in the Karnal Sugar Mill machine. He honored these farmers who were the first to bring sugarcane in the crushing session.

Key Points

- Cooperative Minister Dr. Banwari Lal said that a target of 10% sugar recovery has been set with the crushing of 55 lakh quintals of sugarcane in this sugar mill. The state government will purchase each sugarcane from the farmer and will also make payment on time.
- He said that the government has increased the price of sugarcane by Rs 14 per quintal to Rs 386, which is the highest in the entire country. Apart from this, it has already been announced to increase the price of sugarcane to Rs 400 per quintal for next year's crushing season.
- Dr. Banwari Lal said that work has been done to increase the capacity of sugar mills. Now farmers' sugarcane does not go to other states. Along with sugar, ethanol plants and biogas plants have also been started in sugar mills. A lot of reforms have been made in cooperative societies. People will benefit from the PACS being computerised.



Note:

9th India International Science Festival-2023 will be held in Faridabad

Why in News

According to the information given by the Press Information Bureau of the Government of India on November 15, 2023, the 9th edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023 will be held in Faridabad, Haryana from January 17 to 20, 2024.

Key Points

- The mega science fair of India will be organised at the campus of Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) and Regional Center for Biotechnology (RCB) of the Department of Biotechnology in Faridabad.
- The theme of the present edition is '**Science and Technology Public Outreach in Amrit Kaal**'.
- IISF 2023 aims to inspire a wide range of people and provide a platform for individuals with diverse interests such as students, teachers, scientists, researchers, industry professionals, entrepreneurs and science communicators.
- IISF 2023 has a total of 17 themes to showcase scientific achievements providing various benefits to the participants and the general public.
- The program brings together all the stakeholders through various activities such as seminars by national and international experts, interactions with speakers, exhibitions, competitions, workshops, knowledge-sharing activities, technology shows, etc.
- It is noteworthy that this program dedicated to promoting creativity in science, technology and innovation for the advancement of a prosperous India was launched in collaboration with Vigyan Bharati through collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- Since 2015, IISF has organised eight editions across different geographical regions of India and has expanded into a mega science festival. In 2021, the Department of Space and the Department of Atomic Energy became integral parts of IISF.



9TH INDIA INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE FESTIVAL (IISF)

Dhyan Chand Awardee Sajjan Singh Passes A way

Why In News?

On November 18, 2023, Dhyan Chand Awardee wrestler Sajjan Singh Phogat, resident of Samaspur in Charkhi Dadri district, died at the age of about 90.

Key Points:

- Dhyan Chand Awardee Sajjan Singh was born on July 28, 1933 and in 1951, He joined the army as a constable. He was a good Kabaddi player during his school days. But after joining the army, he took up wrestling.
- Sajjan Singh represented the country in many international wrestling competitions. He represented the country at the Rome Olympics in 1960, achieving seventh place. Similarly, he won two silver medals



Note:

in the 1962 Asian Games in Indonesia, bronze in the 1966 Asian Games and silver medal in the 1970 Commonwealth Games.

- He also represented the country in World Wrestling in 1965, 1967 and 1970. In 1979, he received the title of 'Rustame Hind' in Cuttack and in 1973 he retired from the army.
- Sajjan Singh said goodbye to wrestling in the year 1979 and in 1989 he became the coach of SAI. Sajjan Singh received the Dhyan Chand Award from the then President Ramnath Kovind on November 13, 2021.

Indian Technology will Improve Oil and Water Quality of 34 Countries

Why In News?

On November 20, 2023, Dr. RK Yadav, Director of Karnal-based Central Soil and Salinity Research Institute (CSSRI) said that 34 countries will improve the quality of their land and underground water with the techniques, technology and salt tolerant crop varieties developed by the institute.

Key Points:

- This Indian technology developed by CSSRI has so far reached 25 countries, and seven more countries are currently being trained in the technology.
- It should be noted that about 67.4 lakh hectares of land in India is affected by salinity and alkalinity, whereas in 34 African and Asian countries, salinity and alkalinity is increasing in lakhs of hectares of land and underground water, due to which the land here is also moving towards becoming barren.
- International organization African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO) has provided training to all its 34 member countries on soil and water reclamation techniques developed by CSSRI, Karnal for the improvement of salt and alkalinity affected lands and underground low quality water. Have signed a contract.
- This training has been going on for the last 13 years. So far, 100 scientists and agricultural experts from 25 countries have been trained in this technique.



- Dr. RK Yadav, Director of CSSRI Karnal, said that recently nine foreign scientists and agriculture expert officers from seven countries (including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Kenya, Zambia, Jordan and Eswatini) have reached the institute to receive training. Who are being trained in techniques.
- Among the technologies developed by CSSRI Karnal are gypsum, sulphur, FGD gypsum technology for the improvement of alkaline land, sub surface drainage, drainage technology for the improvement of saline land and varieties of salt tolerant crops and their seeds and low quality water. Many techniques, technologies and methods are included for the improvement of gypsum bed, gypsum brackets and rapid acidulating material and culture etc.



10 Students of HKRI Selected for Training at Warsaw University, Poland

Why In News?

On November 20, 2023, the spokesperson of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar said that 10 students of the university have been selected for training at Warsaw University in Poland.

Key Points:

- University spokesperson said that these students will get practical knowledge about new technologies, innovations etc. in the fields of agriculture, home

science and fisheries science at Warsaw University in Poland.

- The above students have been selected on the basis of examination and interview under the process of Student Development Program in International Organization under National Agricultural Higher Education Project (NAHEP-IDP).
- These selected students include Sushant Nagpal, third year student from Agricultural College, Hisar, Nidhi and Vishal, fourth year student, Munish and Nancy from Agricultural College, Bawal, Haritima and Anju from Agricultural College, Kaul, Mamta, Muskaan and Matsya from Community Science College. Amit is from Science College.
- Vice Chancellor of the University Prof. B.R. Kamboj said that till now many students of Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar have gone to world famous universities for higher education and training.



Training of Chief Trainers on Ethical Behavior Started under 'Mission Haryana Karmayogi'

Why In News?

On November 20, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal, through a video message, inaugurated the training of master trainers under 'Mission Haryana Karmayogi' at Haryana Police Academy Madhuban, Haryana Institute of Public Administration Gurugram and the Regional Training Center of the same institute, Panchkula.

Note:

Key Points:

- These master trainers will receive training to strengthen the spirit of service and ethical behavior among government employees and will then provide training to approximately 3.3 lakh government employees in their respective districts.
- Chief Minister Manohar Lal said through video message that Haryana is the first state to start Karmayogi Mission for its workers.
- On this occasion, Haryana Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal also said through video message that this is a leading program in ethics training programs under which all the employees of the state are going to be trained.
- On the occasion of the launch of the program at Haryana Police Academy, Madhuban, Director General of Haryana Institute of Public Administration, Chandrulekha Mukherjee said that Mission Karmayogi Haryana is a unique initiative of moral training of the state government. Under this, Haryana aims to awaken the spirit of service and ethical behavior among the government employees. A target has been set to provide training to approximately 3.3 employees of the state.
- To complete this work, training of about 3 thousand master trainers has started in the first phase. This training will be given in groups and 150 master trainers will participate in one group, who are further divided into five sub-groups of 30 each.
- Thus, three sub-groups will be provided training for two days each at the Haryana Police Academy, one sub-group at the Haryana Institute of Public Administration, Gurugram and one group at the institute's regional training center, Panchkula. In the second phase, all these master trainers will pair up and give training on ethical behavior awareness to 300 employees in groups of 30 each.

1.62 Lakh Tonnes of Fish Production So Far in Haryana in the Current Financial Year

Why In News?

Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Minister Jai Prakash Dalal said that in the current financial year so far, 1.62 lakh tonnes

of fish has been produced in 46,493 acres of water area in the state.

Key Points:

- Giving information about the work being done by the Haryana Government in the field of fisheries, JP Dalal said that along with making farmers aware, new schemes are being implemented to promote fisheries.
- The state government has set a target of producing about 30,000 tonnes of shrimp in an additional 15,000 acres in the next five years.
- He said that in the current financial year so far, 1.62 lakh tonnes of fish has been produced in 46,493 acres of water area in the state and 7500 tonnes of shrimp has been produced in about 4350 acres, due to which there has been a significant increase in the income of fishermen.
- He said that in the last financial year, 2.12 lakh tonnes of fish was produced in 45,015 acres of water area.
- It may be noted that the Global Fisheries Conference India-2023 conference held in Ahmedabad, Gujarat was attended by state fisheries ministers, ambassadors of various countries, global fisheries scientists, policy makers, fisheries communities and investment bankers, among other dignitaries and stakeholders.

Indiathon Haryana 2023

Why In News?

On November 21, 2023, Dr. Vivek Aggarwal, MD, Haryana Skill Development Mission informed that Haryana Skill Development Mission will promote entrepreneurship and startup among the students of ITIs, HSDM training centres, polytechnic colleges and other educational institutions of Haryana as well as among the general public. Ideathon Haryana 2023 has been launched to promote ideas.

Key Points:

- Dr. Vivek Aggarwal said that for this, interested candidates can register till December 1 and the last date for submission of ideas has been fixed as December 15, 2023. After this, prizes will be announced for the winners.
- Only those with valid family identity card ID can participate in this competition. This is a special online tech event in which prize money of more than Rs 4 lakh will be awarded to 21 winners from Haryana.

Note:

- Under this program which runs continuously for a month, the youth of Haryana are being encouraged to come together. This allows candidates to use their creativity and skills to find innovative solutions, address global challenges and develop prototypes or solutions to real-world problems.
- He said that participants can present their ideas in 12 categories of the competition. These include agriculture, affordable and clean energy, robotics and space, quality education, emerging technology, healthtech, cleantech, mobility, craft and sustainability, clean water and sanitation, consumer and enterprise technology and good health and wellness.
- Participants can register for the event as individuals or teams and must submit their ideas with a pitch deck of no more than 5 slides and a 2-minute video pitch.

IITF: E- Cycle Made with Modern Technology Seen in Haryana Pavilion

Why In News?

According to the information received from the Directorate of Information, Public Relations and Languages of Haryana on November 22, 2023, e-cycle made with modern technology has also been included in the Haryana Pavilion at the India International Trade Fair (IITF) 2023 held at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi. Which will be helpful in saving the environment along with health.

Key Points:

- Startup Vikas Yadav has brought the project of e-cycling made in Haryana. Vikas has earlier worked in the famous company 'Tesla' in Tokyo, the capital of Japan. He lost his job during the Covid pandemic, after which he returned to India and started his own startup in his native Rewari, Haryana.
- Considering the situation at that time and the health of the general public, he decided to make an e-cycle. Inspired by the slogan of Make in India, Vikas made 'Make in Haryana' his goal.
- He prepared a battery pack from Panasonic battery cells which is perfect for e-cycle. This e-cycle has been prepared keeping in mind all sections of the society. In this e-cycle, it costs only Rs 3 to travel 50 to 60 kilometers in rural areas and in urban areas it costs up to Rs 5.

- He told that this is the first bicycle company in India which has the options of front drive, mid drive and rear drive in e-cycle. Vikas has sent samples for export abroad to Korea, Netherlands and South Africa. this startup of his Very good response has been seen in foreign countries also.



- It is noteworthy that many such startups related to Haryana have been given place in IITF 2023 in which small businessmen related to MSME from different areas of the state participated.
- Their start up will prove helpful to the common man in protecting the environment and getting rid of pollution as well as in getting rid of traffic jams. Along with this, it will also help in improving health.

An Amount of Rs 44.48 Crore Given to 1159 B Beneficiaries under DAYALU Scheme

Why In News?

On November 23, 2023, Chief Minister Manohar Lal transferred an amount of Rs 44.48 crore directly into the bank accounts of 1159 beneficiaries under the Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Parivar Suraksha Yojana (DAYALU), launched with the aim of providing socio-financial security to Antyodaya families. .

Key Points:

- Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that when a family member dies or becomes disabled in an accident, a mountain of troubles falls on that family. A poor family is also in great trouble financially. Taking care of such families, we have started Deen Dayal Upadhyaya Antyodaya Parivar Suraksha Yojana (DAYALU) to provide them financial help.
- Under this scheme, assistance is provided in case of death or disability of a member of the age group of 6 years to 60 years of a family with annual income up to Rs 1 lakh 80 thousand. Under this scheme, so far an amount of Rs 75 crore 10 lakh has been deposited directly into the bank accounts of 1964 beneficiaries.

Note:

- This scheme is being implemented by Haryana Family Protection Trust.
- Under Dayalu Yojana, benefits are given according to different age groups. Rs 1 lakh for 6 to 12 years of age, Rs 2 lakh for above 12 and up to 18 years, Rs 3 lakh for above 18 and up to 25 years, Rs 5 lakh for above 25 and up to 45 years, above 45 and 60 An amount of Rs 3 lakh is given per year.
- This benefit also includes the amount received under the Pradhan Mantri Jeevan Jyoti Bima Yojana (PMJJBY) or the schemes run by various departments for the concerned category in the age group of 18 to 40 years.

Haryana Government will Give Incentive Amount to Sanitation Workers of Civic Bodies

Why In News?

On November 23, 2023, Chief Minister Manohar Lal has announced that additional incentive amount will be given to the sanitation workers of the bodies falling in the top 25 percent (Best Performing) category in the cleanliness survey ranking conducted by the Government of India.

Key Points:

- The Chief Minister said that an annual incentive of Rs 12,000 will be provided to the sanitation workers of those municipalities which are in the top 25 percent category among all the municipalities based on the performance of the Swachh Survekshan.
- Apart from this, an annual incentive amount of Rs 9,000 will also be provided to the sanitation workers of the municipalities falling in the next 25 percent category.
- The Chief Minister said that the incentive amount given to the sanitation workers of the civic bodies will be given on the basis of the performance of the cleanliness survey being conducted by the Government of India.
- The category of incentives to be given in the next financial year will be decided based on the performance of the bodies during the Swachh Survekshan conducted in any one year. In the next year again the incentive amount for the coming year will be decided based on the performance of the latest survey.

- Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that this incentive amount will be provided in 4 installments. An installment will be given at the end of each quarter of the financial year. With this, the sanitation workers will get an additional amount of about Rs 20 crore annually. These include regular employees, municipal roll employees, outsourcing agency employees etc.

Haryana is the First State in the Country to Set up Military and Paramilitary Welfare Department .

Why In News?

On November 26, 2023, Haryana Minister of State for Military and Paramilitary Welfare Om Prakash Yadav said that Haryana is the first state in the country where the Military and Paramilitary Welfare Department has been formed, through which many welfare schemes are being run for the welfare of ex-servicemen and para-soldiers.

Key Points:

- Earlier, ex-gratia amount of Rs 20 lakh was given to the army personnel and Central Armed Police Forces personnel martyred during the war in Haryana, which has been increased to Rs 50 lakh by the state government.
- Along with this, Rs 50 lakh is also given to those martyred during IED blast.
- Haryana Government has provided jobs to 367 dependents of martyred Military/Central Armed Police Forces on compassionate grounds since October, 2014.
- On 26th November, Constitution Day and Millets Day were celebrated at Bhanu, Primary Training Center of Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, Panchkula. Products made from millets were also displayed on this occasion.
- On this occasion, Inspector General of Bhanu Panchkula, the primary training center of Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force, APS Nimbadia was also present.
- It is noteworthy that the year 2023 is being celebrated as the International Millet Year by the United Nations.

Note:



Haryana Government Signs MoU with CPWD for Critical Care Block and DIPHL

Why In News?

On November 23, 2023, Haryana Government signed an MoU with the Central Public Works Department (CPWD) for the construction of 15 Critical Care Blocks and 17 District Integrated Public Health Laboratories (DIPHL) in the state.

Key Points:

- Chief Secretary Sanjeev Kaushal said that the construction work for the establishment of Program Management Unit will start soon. The construction work of Critical Care Block in Ambala Cantt is being done by the Public Works Department and 40 percent of its work has been completed, which is likely to be completed by December 2024.
- Additional Chief Secretary, Health and Family Welfare Dr. G. Anupama said that the Central Government has been requested to release the second installment for the construction of Critical Care Block and District Integrated Public Health Laboratory in Civil Hospital, Ambala Cantt. 90 percent of the total budget of Rs 18.92 crore, Rs 16.63 crore has been utilized for this project.
- Apart from this, the Public Works Department has also been entrusted with the construction of two Critical Care Blocks and five District Integrated Public Health Laboratories in the state.

Chief Minister Approves Improvement of 8 State Highways and Widening of Sivaha- Pillukheda Road

Why In News?

Taking important steps towards increasing connectivity and seamless transportation facility in the state of Haryana, on November 25, 2023, Chief Minister Manohar Lal announced the improvement of 8 state highways at an estimated cost of Rs 75.16 crore besides widening of

Sivaha-Pillukheda road at a cost of Rs 1.47 crore. Administrative approval has been given for further strengthening.

Key Points:

- Jagadhri-Bilaspur Sadhaura-Narayangarh-Raipur Rani road spanning 12.72 km in Ambala district will be improved with an estimated budget of Rs 6.80 crore.
- Barwala-Hisar-Seoni Singhani road (SH-19) will be improved in Bhiwani district with an estimated amount of Rs 1.69 crore, the length of this road is 5.40 km. Is.
- Rewari-Dahina-Kanina-Mahendragarh-Satnali-Loharu road (SH No. 26) spanning 9.23 km in Bhiwani district will be improved at a cost of Rs 5.38 crore.
- 32.00 km long Mahendragarh-Satanali-Loharu road (SH-24) in Mahendragarh district will be improved at a cost of Rs 17.72 crore.
- Hisar district includes improvement of 11.67 km long Adampur to Jhansal road at a cost of Rs 7.62 crore.
- The 26.038 km long Karnal Assandh-Jind-Hansi Road (SH-12) in Hisar district will be improved at a cost of about Rs 27.58 crore.
- RCC side drain will be constructed on the 0.500 km long Kunjpura Karnal Road (SH-08) in Karnal district at a total cost of Rs 3.8 crore.
- Apart from the 7.064 km long Surewala Chowk to Uklana Bhuna (SH-02) road in Hisar district, Siwah to Pillukheda road will be widened and strengthened at an estimated cost of Rs 1.47 crore in Hisar district at an estimated cost of Rs 7.96 crore.

Cancer Patients in 'Third and Fourth Stage' will get Financial Assistance Similar to Old Age Respect Allowance.

Why In News?

On November 27, 2023, the Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Manohar Lal approved the proposal to provide monthly financial assistance to the 'third and fourth stage' patients of cancer disease on the lines of old age samman allowance scheme. The scheme will come into force from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.

Note:

Key Points:

- The financial assistance provided under this scheme will be in addition to the benefits being availed by the applicant under any other social security pension scheme.
- Under this scheme, eligible cancer patients will be provided monthly financial assistance of Rs 3000 from January 1, 2024 on the lines of old age honor allowance scheme.
- Cancer patients whose annual family income is less than Rs 3 lakh excluding the amount of other social security pension schemes will be eligible.
- The objective of this scheme is to reduce the financial burden faced by the 'third and fourth stage' patients of cancer. This scheme will be applicable for stage-3 and 4 cancer patients of all age groups in the state of Haryana.
- Under this, monthly financial assistance will be provided for the needs of serious cancer patients, living expenses, basic needs, medical expenses, indirect costs, OOPC etc.
- Under the scheme, the conditions of 'bonfied-residence' will be valid in the eligibility of the patient. Apart from this, the applicant should also have a family identity card.
- It may be noted that Chief Minister Manohar Lal had announced pensions for the third and fourth stage cancer patients during the inauguration of Atal Cancer Center Ambala Cantt on May 9, 2022.
- Cancer is a multifactorial disease, which is one of the leading causes of death in India. India records 13.24 lakh new cancer cases and about 8.51 lakh cancer-related deaths annually. Haryana reported an estimated 29,000 new cancer cases and 16,000 cancer deaths in the year 2020.
- About 64 percent of the patients in the third and fourth stages of cancer come from poor backgrounds. In such a situation, with the approval of this scheme by the Haryana Government, there will be a lot of relief from getting financial assistance to the 'third and fourth stage' patients of cancer disease.



Note:

'Haryana Lump Sum Settlement Scheme 2023' Approved for Recovery of Outstanding Amount'

Why In News?

The Haryana Cabinet on November 27, 2023 approved a unique scheme called 'One-Time Management Scheme 2023' with an aim to expedite recovery of dues and reduce litigation in Haryana.

Key Points:

- It is noteworthy that the Chief Minister had announced in his budget speech that such a scheme would be brought under the dispute resolution scheme for recovery of dues.
- The scheme is designed to facilitate recovery of dues governed by various Acts of the Excise and Taxation Department in the Pre-GST system. The scheme will come into effect from the date of notification.
- The Acts covered under the scheme include the outstanding dues pertaining to seven Acts, namely, Haryana Value Added Tax Act, 2003, Central Sales Tax Act, 1956, Haryana Local Area Development Tax Act, 2000, Tax on Entry of Goods in Haryana Local Area Act, 2008, Haryana Happiness Means Tax Act, 2007, Punjab Entertainment Fee Act, 1955 and Haryana General Sales Tax Act, 1973.

Haryana Cabinet Approves Amendment in Communication and Connectivity Infrastructure Policy

Why In News?

The Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on November 27, 2023 approved amendments to the 'Communication and Connectivity Infrastructure Policy-2023' with an aim to increase the availability of high-quality technology and communication infrastructure to boost connectivity across the state.



Key Points:

- This new policy will replace the 'Communication and Connectivity Infrastructure Policy-2017' and will align with the revised Indian Telegraph Right of Way rules notified by the Union Ministry of Communications (Department of Telecommunications) in 2022.
- The cabinet decision encourages integration of cutting-edge technological advancements in the telecom sector, including innovative business models such as 'Fiber to the Home' (FTTH) and 'Open Access Network' (OAN), which separates physical access to networks from service delivery.
- The revised policy establishes a framework for building 5G enabled infrastructure through roadside ducts, allowing multiple service providers to share the same infrastructure to optimise 'Right of Way' (ROW) availability and prevent repeated disruptions caused by digging in ROWs by multiple infrastructure providers.
- Under the newly sanctioned schedule, if the nodal officer fails to grant permission or reject the application within 45 days from the date of submission of application, the permission will be deemed granted. The Deputy Commissioner of the concerned district will be the only contact person for all the approvals.
- Any telecom infrastructure and service provider registered or licensed with the Department of Telecommunications, Government of India or an infrastructure provider duly authorized by the licensee to lay communication and connectivity infrastructure is eligible to seek permission under this policy to establish, lay or provide connectivity infrastructure and communications in the State.

Gram Panchayats of Three Villages Got Approval to Sell Land for the Expansion of Panipat Refinery.

Why In News?

In the cabinet meeting held on November 27, 2023, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, approval was given for the sale of 350.5 acres of panchayat land to Indian Oil Corporation Panipat Refinery and Petrochemical Complex Panipat to the Gram Panchayats of three villages for the expansion of the first phase of IOCL Panipat Refinery.

Key Points:

- IOCL will purchase 140 acres of 6 Kanal 12 Marla land of Asan Kalan village, 152 acres of 2 Kanal 15 Marla of Bal Jatan village and 57 acres of 2 kanal 19 marla land of Khandra village at market price of Rs 2.20 crore per acre.
- Apart from this, IOCL will also pay an amount of Rs 10 lakh per acre to gram panchayats for development works of these villages.
- The state-owned oil giant has set up its Panipat refinery and petrochemical complex in Panipat over an area of over 4,200 acres.
- IOCL had requested the Haryana government to provide about 600 acres of land for the expansion of the refinery, out of which 349 acres has been provided by the government.

7 Castes of Backward Class Block-A of the State Included in Haryana Scheduled Caste Category List.

Why In News?

In the cabinet meeting held on November 27, 2023 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal, it has been decided to include 7 castes namely Aheria, Aheri, Heri, Hari, Turi or Thori in the Backward Classes Block-A of Haryana State by removing them from serial number-1 and included them in the Haryana Scheduled Caste Category List.

Key Points:

- Apart from this, the 'Rai Sikh' caste mentioned on serial number 50 in the Haryana Backward Class Block-A list has also been removed and it has also been included in the Haryana Scheduled Caste category list.
- With this decision of the Haryana government, these castes will now get the benefit of scheduled caste category.
- Along with this, the word 'Jangam-Jogi' caste has been revised to 'Jangam' on serial number 31 in the Haryana Backward Class Block-A list.
- The Haryana government will send a written letter to the Central Government for inclusion of the 'Nayak' community of the state in the list of Scheduled Caste category. Further action will be taken in this regard as per the instructions of the Government of India.

Note:

Haryana Becomes the First State in the Country to Purchase 14 Crops on MSP

Why In News?

On November 28, 2023, Haryana became the first state in the country to procure 14 crops at MSP.

Key Points:

- The state government has increased the price of sugarcane from Rs 372 to Rs 386 per quintal, which is the highest in the country. Along with this, the government has also announced to give a price of Rs 400 per quintal for the coming year, taking care of the future of sugarcane farmers.
- The state government has sent Rs 85,000 crore to the accounts of 12 lakh farmers in the last 7 seasons under the Meri Fasal Mera Byora portal. Also, 29.45 lakh farmers have claimed insurance of Rs 7656 crore under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana.
- To ensure that farmers do not face inconvenience in selling their crops, the state government is constructing an international level horticulture market at Ganaur, Sonipat at a cost of Rs 7,000 crore.
- Similarly, the state government is constructing an apple, fruit and vegetable market in Pinjore at a cost of Rs 150 crore. Along with this, the government has spent Rs 1074 crore on the development of new and additional mandis.
- Instead of 1,74,464 acres of paddy cultivation, alternative crops are being cultivated. Under this, the state government has provided assistance of Rs 118 crore to farmers at the rate of Rs 7000 per acre. Also, the government has sent Rs 836 crore to the account of millet farmers under the Bhavantar Bhrapai Scheme.
- As many as 11,043 farmers have been registered under the natural farming scheme. Natural farming training centres have been started at Gurukul Kurukshetra, Hameti (Jind), Mangiana (Sirsa) and Gharaunda to impart training to them.
- The state government has started canteens in 25 mandis to provide food at Rs 10 per plate through the Atal Kisan Mazdoor Canteen Scheme. 108 mandis of the state have been linked to the National Agriculture Market Portal (e-NAM). Also, farmers' markets have been started in Panchkula, Sector-20 and Gurugram.
- The government is giving a subsidy of Rs 1000 per acre to the farmer to meet the expenditure on crop management.

Government Approved 14 New Projects Worth Rs 32.69 Crore

Why In News?

On November 28, 2023, the Haryana government has decided to implement 14 new projects worth more than Rs 32.69 crore under the Augmentation Rural Water Supply-State Scheme in two districts Fatehabad and Hisar in an effort to bring a transformative change in the lives of the rural population of the state.

Key Points:

- The new works under the 'Augmentation Rural Water Supply-State Plan' include laying of remaining sewer lines at an estimated cost of Rs 4.23 crore in the MC area of Narnaund town of District Hisar.
- Apart from this, the estimated cost of construction of canal-based water works Baliaia in village Balliala and Bora of Fatehabad district will be Rs 7.23 crore, DI water supply pipeline will be laid in various streets of village Karandi tehsil Tohana district at an estimated cost of Rs 23.32 lakh.
- Construction of independent canal-based water construction work in village Madh of Fatehabad district will be done at an estimated cost of Rs 3.93 crore, expansion of water supply scheme at village Nangal at an estimated cost of Rs 1.04 crore, laying of DI water supply pipeline at an estimated cost of Rs 24.35 lakh in village Dulat, water supply scheme at a cost of Rs 1.54 crore in village Rattakheda.
- Replacement of existing distribution system and repair of water works structures in Village Alawa Lawas of Fatehabad district at an estimated cost of Rs. 2.77 crore, providing independent canal-based water works at a cost of Rs. 3.17 crore in village Birbari, construction of a sump well for assured raw water in village Buwan at an estimated cost of Rs. 1.86 crore.
- Apart from this, providing and laying rising mains, an additional boosting station for Dadupur Dhani at a cost of Rs 1.83 crore, construction of rising main and repair of existing structure of water works in village Dariyapur at a cost of Rs 1.11 crore, modernization of water supply scheme at village Gadli at a cost of Rs 1.34 crore and expansion and boosting of water supply scheme at a cost of Rs 2.11 crore in village Jandali Khurd. Construction of station, repair of water works structures will be carried out.

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