



President Inaugurates Gita Shilp Kala Udyan | Haryana | 30 Nov 2022

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.

Key Points

- In this garden, efforts have been made to show the 75th 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 | Haryana | 30 Nov 2022

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.
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President Draupadi Murmu Inaugurates 3 Major Projects for Haryana | Haryana | 30 Nov 2022

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.
- 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.