



# Agroha will Develop as a Global City

## Why In News?

- On October 16, 2023, Haryana Urban Local Bodies Minister Dr. Kamal Gupta told a press conference that Agroha will be developed as a Global City after getting permission to excavate the archaeological site of Agroha.

## Key Points:

- Dr. Kamal Gupta said that this city will be developed within a radius of 20 kilometers of Agroha, which will make its identity like Singapore, Mauritius.
- Agroha will work to give cultural tourism recognition at the world level. Maharaja Agrasen Airport will also play an important role in this.
- Urban Bodies Minister Dr. Kamal Gupta while sharing his vision document about Agroha with the media said that Agrasen Global City is a very important location in terms of connectivity, which can become a center of international level religious tourism. A 108 feet high temple of Abhya Mahalakshmi is being built here, which will cost Rs 100 crore.
- Due to the archaeological and religious importance and the association of Harappan culture, there is immense potential for tourism here. Apart from Indus Saraswati sites, Rakhigarhi, Banawali, Birdana, Kunal, Hisar as well as Agroha will also be one of the largest circuits in the world in terms of tourism.
- Dr. Gupta said that the state government is planning to develop a big museum here on the lines of Rakhigarhi. The excavation work of the agroha archaeological site will be done jointly by the Excavation Branch (ASI) of the Survey of India and the Haryana State Archaeology Department.
- Minister Dr. Kamal Gupta informed that the Central Government has given approval regarding the excavation of Agroha Mound. He said that in 1888-89, the mound was excavated for the first time during the British era. The second time was carried out in 1938-39 and the third time in 1978-79. Now the excavation work will start for the fourth time.
- Under the government's ambitious plan, Agroha will be developed as a world-class tourist center, in which Maharaja Agrasen Airport will play an important role. Hisar airport is being developed in 7200 acres in Phase 2. In future, about 10 thousand acres of land adjacent to it will also be used for an integrated aviation hub.





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