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## Haryana's New Excise Policy | Haryana | 16 May 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, the **Haryana Cabinet** gave its nod to a **new excise policy** for the year **2024-25** after receiving approval from the [Election Commission](#).

### Key Points

- There will be a slight increase in the **excise duty** on **IMFL (Indian Made Foreign Liquor)** and **country liquor** in the new policy starting from 12th June.
- The cabinet met here under the **chairmanship of Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini**.
- The maximum basic quota of **IMFL** will be **700 lakh proof liters** (Measurement Unit) and **1,200 lakh proof liters** for the country liquor for the year **2024-25**.
- The **QR code-based track and trace system** that was introduced in 2023-24 for IMFL and country liquor will be extended to **imported foreign liquor** as well.
- The maximum number of retail vends will remain the same in the new policy. Any person desirous of participating in the **e-auction** will be required to furnish an [Aadhar Card](#) or **Parivar Pehchan Patra**, [Income Tax Returns](#) for the last three assessment years and must have a minimum net worth of **Rs 60 lakh**.
- As the [Model Code of Conduct](#) is in force in view of the ongoing **Lok Sabha election**, the approval of the EC was taken before the decision was taken on the policy.

### Model Code of Conduct

- The MCC is a **consensus document**. The political parties have themselves agreed to keep their conduct during elections in check and to work within the Code.
- It helps the EC in keeping with the mandate it has been **given under Article 324** of the Constitution, which gives it the power to supervise and conduct [free and fair elections](#) to the Parliament and State Legislatures.
- The MCC is **operational from the date on which the election schedule is announced until the date of the result announcement**.
- The government **cannot announce any** financial grants, promise construction of roads or other facilities, and make any ad hoc appointments in government or public undertaking during the time the Code is in force.

### Income Tax Return

- **Income Tax:** It is a tax charged on the annual income of an individual or business earned in a financial year.
    - The Income Tax system in India is governed by [The Income Tax Act, 1961](#) and it is a direct tax.
  - **Income Tax Return:** It is a designated document used to convey details about an individual's earnings in a financial year and the taxes paid on that income to the Income-tax Department.
    - This form also facilitates the carrying forward of losses and enables individuals to claim refunds from the income tax department.
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## Heatwave in Haryana | Haryana | 16 May 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, the [India Meteorological Department \(IMD\)](#) has issued a "yellow" and "orange" alert, signaling the likelihood of heatwave conditions in Haryana.

### Key Points

- Heatwaves are **prolonged periods of excessively hot weather** that can cause adverse impacts on human health, the environment, and the economy.
  - India, being a tropical country, is particularly vulnerable to heatwaves, which have become more frequent and intense in recent years.
- **Criteria for Declaring Heat Wave in India:**
  - **Plains and Hilly Regions:**
    - Heat wave is considered if the maximum temperature of a station reaches at least **40°C or more for Plains** and at least **30°C or more for Hilly regions**.
    - **Based on Departure from Normal Heat Wave:** Departure from normal is **4.50°C to 6.40°C**.
      - **Severe Heat Wave:** Departure from normal is **>6.40°C**.
    - Based on Actual Maximum Temperature Heat Wave: When actual maximum temperature **≥45°C**.
      - **Severe Heat Wave:** When actual maximum temperature **≥47°C**.
    - If the above criteria are met in **at least 2 stations** in a Meteorological subdivision for at least two consecutive days, it is declared so on the second day.
  - **Coastal Areas:**
    - When the maximum temperature departure is **4.50°C or more from normal**, a heat wave may be described provided the **actual maximum temperature is 37°C or more**.

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