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## Chief Minister Felicitates Athletes Who Won in Deaflympics, 2021 | Haryana | 31 May 2022

### Why in News?

- On May 30, 2022, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar honoured the Deaflympics athletes with cash awards of about Rs 6 crore during the state-level felicitation ceremony held at the Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Panchkula.

### Key Points

- It may be mentioned that the Deaflympics, 2021 Games were held in Brazil from May 1 to May 15, in which out of the total 16 medals won by the players of the country, 6 medals including 4 gold have been won by the players of Haryana. That is why Haryana is known as the medal factory of India.
- The Chief Minister informed that out of 65 athletes from India who participated in this international competition, 15 were from the state of Haryana.
- The Chief Minister presented cheques of Rs 1.20 crore each to Rohit Bhaker, Mahesh, Diksha Dagar and Sumit Dahiya to win gold medals in badminton, golf and wrestling respectively. At the same time, Amit and Virendra Singh, who won a bronze medal in wrestling, were given cheques of 40 lakh rupees each.
- Apart from this, the Chief Minister gave cheques of Rs 2.5 lakh each to Priyanka, Balram, Yogesh Dagar, Nirchira, Ajay Kumar, Kuldeep Sharma, Asif Khan, Aman and Shubham Vashistha to participate in this international competition.
- At the same time, the Chief Minister also dedicated four state-of-the-art sports facilities built at a cost of Rs 116 crore.
- These include the Scientific Sports Training and Rehabilitation Centre built at a cost of about Rs 50 crore, hockey astro-turf built at a cost of Rs 10 crore and renovation of athletics track at a cost of about Rs 6 crore.
- Chief Minister said, "We have made a provision to give a cash prize of Rs 6 crore to the Olympic Games gold medalist, Rs 4 crore to the silver medalist and Rs 2.5 crore to the bronze medalist.
- Haryana is the first state in the country which has made a provision to give an advance of Rs 5 lakh to the players for the preparation of the game so that they do not face any difficulty in their preparation.
- The Chief Minister said that the government has implemented the Haryana Outstanding Sportspersons (Recruitment and Conditions of Service) Rules, 2018 to ensure employment for outstanding sportspersons.