



The Mountainous Region from Kalka to Kalesar will be developed as a Place of Pilgrimage | Haryana | 02 Jan 2023

Why In News?

- On January 1, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar gave a New Year gift to the people of the state and said that along with the construction of a **ropeway from Mata Mantra Devi Temple to Adi Badri in Himachal Pradesh**, the mountainous area from Kalka to Kalesar of Shivalik Hills will be developed as pilgrimage.

Key Points

- Chief Minister Mr. Manohar Lal said that the hilly area from **Kalka of Panchkula to Kalesar in Yamuna Nagar** in Shivalik Hills in the state has been developed as pilgrimage. For this, the public works (building and roads) department will explore the possibility of constructing a 10-meter wide road.
 - Apart from this, there are also plans to start adventure sports activities such as trekking in the region. These efforts of the government will promote tourism in the state, while local people will also get employment opportunities.
 - He also laid the foundation stone of a memorial to revive the saga of bravery and sacrifice of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur at Lohgarh, Yamuna Nagar, the first capital of the Sikh Raj established by Baba Banda Singh Bahadur. Lohgarh will be developed as a mini city.
 - It is noteworthy that Baba Banda Singh Bahadur started the formation of the army by gathering youth from Khanda Sheri village of Sonapat district and toured the whole of Haryana with the youth and raised an army and made Lohgarh the first capital of The Sikh Raj. The area of Lohgarh, the capital of Baba Banda Singh Bahadur, falls half in Haryana and half in Himachal.
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Resolution Taken to Celebrate the Year 2023 as Antyodaya Arogya Varsh in Haryana | Haryana | 02 Jan 2023

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- Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar on December 31, 2022 has decided to celebrate the **year 2023 as Antyodaya Arogya Varsh**, taking forward the journey of his efforts for Antyodaya Utthan Year 2022.

Key Points

- It is noteworthy that according to Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyay's Antyodaya philosophy, it was resolved to celebrate the year 2022 as Antyodaya Utthan Varsh to bring the sections who have lagged behind in the society for some reason into the mainstream. Under the Antyodaya Utthan,

emphasis has been laid on 5 S- education, health, security, self-respect and self-reliance while ensuring all-round development of the citizens.

- He said that under the Antyodaya Arogya Year, every citizen of the state will get better health facilities and the poor person will not have to face any kind of difficulty for treatment. With this vision, the state government has launched the Healthy Haryana Scheme, under which the health of Antyodaya families of the state will be checked in the first phase.
- The Chief Minister said that the year 2023 is going to be very thoughtful in another case as it has also been decided to celebrate the year 2023 as The International Year of Coarse Grains with the support of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Haryana government will also make every effort to promote the use of coarse grains in the state following this call of the Prime Minister.
- He said that on the one hand, while the use of coarse grains will be encouraged, its cultivation will also be encouraged and the income of farmers will also increase. Coarse grains are known for their ability to nourish the body and cure diseases. They contain large amounts of fiber, minerals and protein. Therefore, coarse grains must be included in the food and thus this 'diet itself' will also work as a medicine.

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