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## **Launch of 'Haryana Pran Vayu Devta Pension' Scheme | Haryana | 31 Jul 2023**

### **Why in News?**

Giving information on July 29, 2023, an official spokesperson of the Haryana government said that a scheme named 'Haryana Pran Vayu Devta Pension' has been started for trees above 75 years of age, whose notification has been issued.

### **Key Points:**

- Under this scheme, the state government will give pensions to those who take care of and nurture trees above 75 years of age.
- Under this scheme, trees that have completed 75 years of age will be given an annual pension of Rs 2500 and like old age respect pension, this pension amount will be increased every year in proportion.
- This amount will be directly deposited in the bank account of the beneficiaries.
- Haryana is the first state in the country to implement this type of scheme.
- It is worth mentioning that this scheme has been implemented by the state government for the protection and conservation of old trees.
- An official spokesperson said that the government has been implementing corrective schemes for environmental protection from the very beginning. We get safe oxygen gas free of cost from trees and plants only.
- Trees grown over the age of 75 produce more oxygen in the atmosphere due to their spread. Many types of birds also make their nests on these trees.
- If a person has a tree of 75 years or more at his house or on his own land, then he can apply by going to the forest department office of his respective district, after that the application will be assessed by a committee.
- After verification, if all the conditions are found to be fulfilled then the beneficiary will be given a pension from the trees.

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## **Governor Bandaru Dattatreya laid the foundation stone of India International Cultural Centre in Gurugram | Haryana | 31 Jul 2023**

### **Why in News?**

On July 29, 2023, Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya inaugurated the three-day cultural festival & the foundation stone of the India International Cultural Center to be established by the International Divya Parivar Society and Chanakya Varta Parivar in Gurugram.

### **Key Points:**

- On this occasion, the Governor said that the Haryana Government has taken many effective steps to promote literature, art and culture in the state.
- In order to promote literature, art & culture, the Haryana Government is going to set up an art and cultural centre on five acres of land through Municipal Corporation Gurugram at a cost of Rs 209 crore, which is a successful effort to preserve the great & ancient culture of the State.
- The Governor said that laying the foundation stone of this cultural center is a historic step towards realizing the Prime Minister's dream of 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat'. Haryana state is also playing its role in this scheme.
- Telangana is the participating state of Haryana in this scheme. That's why the artists of Haryana & Telangana state are teaching each other their great culture and folk arts.
- On this occasion, the Governor released O.P. Pal's book 'Pratibimb' based on the interview of personalities related to Haryana's literature, folk art and cultural field, as well as honored the litterateurs who have done excellent work in the field of literature. .

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## **Bajra Section of CCS Haryana Agricultural University again received the Best Research Center Award | Haryana | 31 Jul 2023**

### **Why in News?**

On July 29, 2023, Haryana's Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University, (CCHAU) Millet Section of Hisar was awarded the Best Research Center Award for the year 2022-23 at the national level for the second consecutive time for excellent research in millet.

### **Key Points:**

- While giving this information, a spokesman of Chaudhary Charan Singh Agricultural University said that the award was presented by the Council's assistant at the 58th annual group meeting of the All India Coordinated Research Project organized in Hyderabad by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research, New Delhi.
  - It is worth mentioning that the department had also received this award in the 57th annual group meeting of the All India Coordinated Research Project held last year.
  - Millet Section of Chaudhary Charan Singh Agricultural University has done a lot of commendable work in recent years in development of improved varieties of millet, identification of new disease agents in millet, hybrid seed production and commercialization of millet.
  - Two biofortified millet hybrids with high iron content (both iron content 73, 83 ppm) were recently developed by the department with the development of HHB 299 and HHB 311.
  - The plant disease scientist of this department had identified stem rot disease in millet and Klebsiella leaf streak disease in sorghum and their causative bacteria for the first time in the world, which has been recognized at the international level.
  - This achievement has also played an important role in the department getting this award. According to him, the work of management of potash and other trace elements under the cultivation of millet has also been appreciated at the national level.
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# SHO of Ambala Cantt Police Station to be decorated with 'Home Minister's Medal' | Haryana | 31 Jul 2023

## Why in News?

On July 28, 2023, Haryana's Home and Health Minister Anil Vij decorated 'Home Minister's Medal' (Home Minister's Excellent Investigation Medal) to Naresh Kumar, SHO of Ambala Cantt Police Station, who caught heroin worth five crores in the past days in the direction of making the state drug-free.

## Key Points:

- Along with the Home Minister's Medal, Inspector Naresh Kumar will also be given a reward of one lakh rupees and extension in service for six months.
- It is worth mentioning that Inspector Naresh Kumar had succeeded in arresting a drug smuggler along with one kilogram of heroin in Ambala Cantonment recently. The seized heroin is worth five crore rupees in the international market.
- Home Minister Anil Vij said that 30 awards were announced to honor the excellent work of policemen, out of which 10 awards are to be given by the Chief Minister, 10 by the Home Minister and 10 by the Director General of Police. The proposal for these awards was also passed in the cabinet meeting yesterday.
- The winners of the Chief Minister's Gallantry Medal and the Home Minister's Excellent Investigation Medal will receive a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh & Rs 1 lakh, respectively, a certificate & a scroll signed by the Chief Minister and the Home Minister. Medal winning policemen will get six months extension in service.
- Apart from this, the personnel who are awarded the Director General of Police Uttam Seva Medal will get a scroll & a certificate signed by the DGP and Rs 50,000.
- The maximum number of medals in each category will be 10, which means that a maximum of 30 policemen can be awarded.
- In case of withdrawal of the medal due to corruption and other cases, the benefit of service extension will not be given, but the cash award will not be withdrawn.