



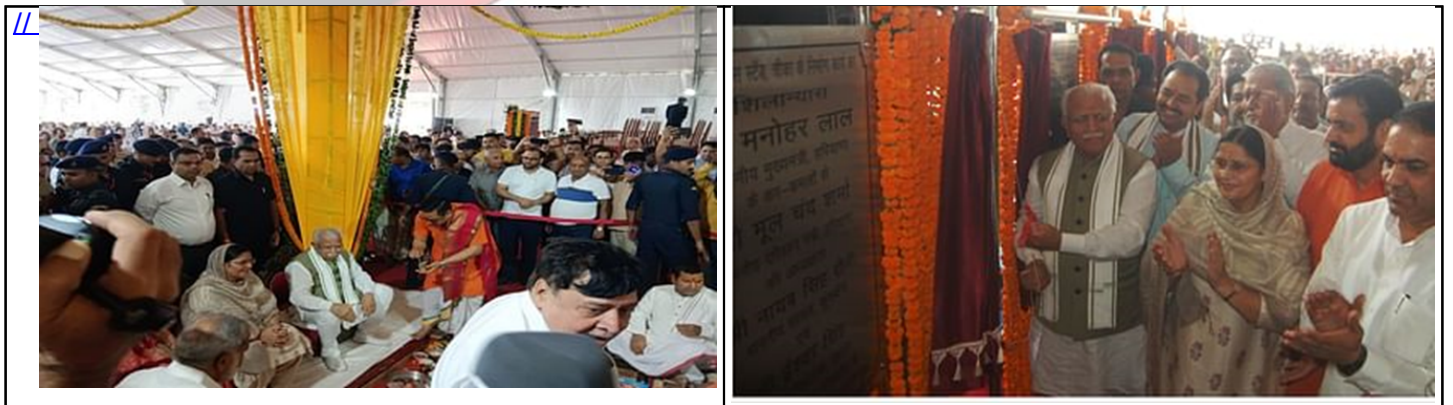
Chief Minister Laid the Foundation Stone of Medical College in Sampan Khedi Village of Kaithal | Haryana | 17 Oct 2023

Why In News?

On October 16, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal laid the foundation stone of Lord Parshuram Medical College to be built at a cost of about Rs 950 crore in Sampan Khedi village of Kaithal.

Key Points:

- A target has been set to complete the construction work of Lord Parshuram Medical College on 20 acres of land in the next two and a half years.
- With the construction of a medical college in Kaithal, the people of the district as well as neighboring districts and Punjab will also benefit from it. At present, except the nearby district of Karnal, there is no medical college in any other neighboring district. After the construction of the medical college in Sampankhedi, people of Jind, Kurukshetra and Khanauri and Patra areas of Sangrur district of Punjab will also get its benefits.
- It is noteworthy that at present there is a severe lack of facilities in the District Civil Hospital. The biggest problem here is the absence of doctors. Here, out of 56 sanctioned posts, doctors are working only on 24 posts. Due to shortage of doctors, patients do not get better treatment here.
- After the completion of the construction work of the medical college in the district, there will be a lot of improvement in health services here. A 500 bed hospital will be built in the medical college itself. After getting 100 MBBS seats here, the children of the district will be able to become doctors.
- After the construction of this hospital, a large number of people will be able to come here for treatment, while the students studying in the medical college will be able to serve the public by providing better services in the hospital itself.
- On this occasion, Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that not only Haryana but the surrounding states will benefit from this college and hospital. The construction of this college was announced at the Brahmin Mahakumbh held on December 11, 2022 in Karnal.
- He said that the previous governments had created six medical colleges before 2014, which had 700 MBBS seats, but at present there are 15 medical colleges in the state and 2185 MBBS seats. In the coming time, eight new medical colleges will be established including Fatehabad, Sirsa, Charkhi Dadri, Palwal and MBBS seats will increase five times to 3500 in the next four years.



Former President Ramnath Kovind laid the Foundation Stone of the Hospital being Established with the Basic Mantra of No Profit No Loss. | Haryana | 17 Oct 2023

Why In News?

On October 15, 2023, former President Ramnath Kovind laid the foundation stone of Samarpan Heart and Cancer Hospital being established in L-Block of TDI City Kundli with the basic mantra of No Profit No Loss.

Key Points:

- While inaugurating its model, former President Ramnath Kovind congratulated the birth anniversary of Maharaja Agrasen, who gave the message of 'One Rupee One Brick'.
- The hospital will be started with a 50-bed facility, which will be converted into a 500-bed facility in the near future.
- The former President said that Samarpan Sanstha has exemplary fulfilled its responsibilities towards providing medical services to the people, which also includes blood donation camps, helping people with food and oxygen cylinders during the Corona period, operation of medicine banks etc.
- The former President said that Samarpan Sanstha has exemplary
- He said that every year lakhs of people are suffering from cancer and heart disease, for the prevention of which awareness is necessary. The lives of such patients can be saved by proper first aid. This hospital will also provide medical services free of cost and at concessional rates.

The Famous Historical City Agroha will be Developed as a World Heritage and Tourist Destination. | Haryana | 17 Oct 2023

Why In News?

On October 15, 2023, Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that a prestigious museum will be established at the historical archaeological site of Agroha Dham in Haryana. Also, the historical place Agroha will now be developed on the lines of Rakhigarhi.

Key Points:

- Chief Minister Manohar Lal gave this information while addressing a press conference after offering prayers at the Mata Mansa Devi temple complex on the occasion of the first Navratri in Panchkula.
- Manohar Lal said that the archaeological site of Agroha is considered to be the capital of Maharaja Agrasen. With the development of this place, not only will this center of faith make its mark in the world, but this place will also become famous as a tourist destination.
- The Central Government has given approval for the overall development of Agroha archaeological site and the surrounding area through MoU according to the Rakhigarhi model.
- He informed that the excavation of Agroha archaeological site will be done jointly by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) and Haryana State Archeology Department. Before starting the

excavation, a GPR survey will be conducted in the prospective areas by the state government. After that there will be a joint MoU between ASI and Haryana Government.

- It may be noted that Chief Minister Manohar Lal had written a letter to Union Culture Minister G Kishan Reddy in the month of August regarding the excavation at the centrally protected site Agroha in Hisar district of Haryana. The Chief Minister had expressed the desire that the Haryana Government wants to highlight the archaeological heritage in the famous historical city of Agroha, Tehsil Adampur, District Hisar, so that an important chapter can be added to the historical and cultural field of the state.
- He has also requested to initiate a project to convert this site into a grand heritage site in Haryana and establish an archaeological site museum.
- The discovery of coins of Agroha district (republic) during excavation and the appearance of its ancient name 'Agradoka' in ancient literature including Mahabharata are enough evidence of it being the headquarters of the republic.
- The city of Agroha was situated on the ancient trade route between Taxila and Mathura and hence remained an important center of commerce and political activity. Earlier excavations proved the potential of the site and revealed five distinct cultural periods ranging from approximately the fourth century to the fourteenth century AD.
- The Chief Minister said that more than 100 archaeological sites have been identified across Haryana. These are being developed jointly by the central and state governments. Just as about Rs 23 crore is being provided by the Central Government to preserve the heritage of Rakhigarhi, similarly funding will be provided for Agroha also. Apart from this, the state government will also provide an adequate budget.

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