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## Cooperative Minister inaugurates 48th crushing season of Karnal Sugar Mill | Haryana | 16 Nov 2023

### Why in News

On November 14, 2023, Haryana's Cooperative and Public Health Engineering Minister Dr. Banwari Lal started the 48<sup>th</sup> crushing season by putting sugarcane in the Karnal Sugar Mill machine. He honored these farmers who were the first to bring sugarcane in the crushing session.

### Key Points

- Cooperative Minister Dr. Banwari Lal said that a target of 10% sugar recovery has been set with the crushing of 55 lakh quintals of sugarcane in this sugar mill. The state government will purchase each sugarcane from the farmer and will also make payment on time.
- He said that the government has increased the price of sugarcane by Rs 14 per quintal to Rs 386, which is the highest in the entire country. Apart from this, it has already been announced to increase the price of sugarcane to Rs 400 per quintal for next year's crushing season.
- Dr. Banwari Lal said that work has been done to increase the capacity of sugar mills. Now farmers' sugarcane does not go to other states. Along with sugar, ethanol plants and biogas plants have also been started in sugar mills. A lot of reforms have been made in cooperative societies. People will benefit from the PACS being computerised.



# 9th India International Science Festival-2023 will be held in Faridabad | Haryana | 16 Nov 2023

## Why in News

According to the information given by the Press Information Bureau of the Government of India on November 15, 2023, the 9<sup>th</sup> edition of the India International Science Festival (IISF) 2023 will be held in Faridabad, Haryana from January 17 to 20, 2024.

## Key Points

- The mega science fair of India will be organised at the campus of Translational Health Science and Technology Institute (THSTI) and Regional Center for Biotechnology (RCB) of the Department of Biotechnology in Faridabad.
- The theme of the present edition is '**Science and Technology Public Outreach in Amrit Kaal**'.
- IISF 2023 aims to inspire a wide range of people and provide a platform for individuals with diverse interests such as students, teachers, scientists, researchers, industry professionals, entrepreneurs and science communicators.
- IISF 2023 has a total of 17 themes to showcase scientific achievements providing various benefits to the participants and the general public.
- The program brings together all the stakeholders through various activities such as seminars by national and international experts, interactions with speakers, exhibitions, competitions, workshops, knowledge-sharing activities, technology shows, etc.
- It is noteworthy that this program dedicated to promoting creativity in science, technology and innovation for the advancement of a prosperous India was launched in collaboration with Vigyan Bharati through collaborative efforts of the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- Since 2015, IISF has organised eight editions across different geographical regions of India and has expanded into a mega science festival. In 2021, the Department of Space and the Department of Atomic Energy became integral parts of IISF.

