



Haryana CID Signs MoA for Enhancing Cyber Crime Probe Skills | Haryana | 07 Feb 2024

Why in News?

Haryana's [crime investigation department \(CID\)](#) and **Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)**, a Union ministry of electronics and information technology organisation, signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) to enhance the skills of law enforcement personnel in [cyber-crime investigation](#) through comprehensive capacity building programmes.

Key Points

- The programme will encompass training in **cyber forensic analysis, cyber threat intelligence, and social intelligence methods.**
- Under the MoA, Haryana CID will collaborate with C-DAC to strengthen its cyber forensic capacity building and research initiatives.
- On the other hand, C-DAC will develop solutions for social media and cybercrime, offer paid training programs, and provide support for research efforts.
- The collaboration is a significant step towards strengthening the capabilities of law enforcement agencies in combating cybercrime.

Criminal Investigation Department (CID)

- **Established in 1902 by the British Government**, CID is an investigation and intelligence department of state police. On the other hand, CBI is an agency of the Central Government.
- CID is looking into murder, assault, riot or any cases as directed by respective High Courts.

Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC)

- C-DAC is the premier **Research & Development organisation of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** for carrying out R&D in IT, Electronics and associated areas.
- [India's first supercomputer PARAM 8000](#) was indigenously built (in 1991) by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing.
- It was **established in 1988.**

Haryana Right to Service Act, 2014 | Haryana | 07 Feb 2024

Why in News?

According to [Haryana Right to Service Commission \(HRTSC\)](#) chief commissioner, the [Auto Appeal System \(AAS\)](#) introduced under the **Right to Service Act, 2014** is a game changer in ensuring transparency and accountability in service delivery to citizens.

Key Points

- The HRTSC, reviewed the findings of an exhaustive study **“Comparative evaluation of implementation of Haryana Right to Service Act 2014”** conducted by Chandigarh-based **Institute for Development and Communication (IDC)**.
- The IDC study shows that Haryana has emerged as a leading state by **providing a robust grievances redressal forum**. The effective implementation of the auto appeal mechanism by HRTSC and imposing a fine on the defaulting officer is ensuring hassle-free services to citizens.
- To ensure timely and transparent delivery of public services, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar launched the **AAS on September 1, 2021**.
 - Before AAS was launched, **there was a provision for the manual filing of appeals, in the event of a delay in service delivery**. However, it was cumbersome, leading to citizens not coming ahead to file appeals.
- Now if a person’s work is not done on time and that work comes under the purview of the Right to Service Act, then under the AAS, **the application goes to the appellate authority**.
 - Even then if no work is done, then the application moves to the higher authority. Still, **if work is not done at both these levels, then the application goes to the commission automatically**.
- The key findings of the study pointed out that among the beneficiaries **73% received the service as requested and 46% of beneficiaries were satisfied** with the overall application process.
- The findings also highlighted that the AAS has made the appeal system paperless and reduced legal burden and out-of-pocket costs earlier incurred by the citizens.

Haryana Right to Service Act, 2014

- It was enacted with the sole **objective of providing an effective framework for time bound delivery of services** being provided by various government departments under the State of Haryana in order to promote transparency and accountability.
- The act has **empowered people to seek maximum advantage of services** in a hassle free, transparent and time-bound manner through an effective service delivery mechanism.
- The services delivered within the prescribed time limits and **without any hassle will enhance credibility of the government functioning**. This will also fulfill the maximum expectations of the people with regard to rendering of services by the Government.

Visually Impaired Girl Honoured with 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar' | Haryana | 07 Feb 2024

Why in News?

Garima, a visually impaired girl of Mahendergarh district was given the ['Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar'](#) by **President Droupadi Murmu** in the social service category in New Delhi.

- She was honoured for her gallant initiative of **"Sakshar Pathshala"** in which over 1000 students were connected for education by her.

Key Points

- The award was presented to **19 youngsters from throughout the country**. These children participate in the **national [Republic Day Parade](#) on January 26th**.
- Garima through her "**Sakshar Pathshala**" **encourages and inspires the slum people and children the importance of education** in one's life and how it leads the path to progress.
 - **Education is a [fundamental right](#) and a vital component of a child's life** as it even allows them to contribute to the progress of the country.

Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar

- Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar is given to children between the **age of 5 to 18 years** who have shown **outstanding performance** in categories such as **bravery, culture, environment, art, science and technology, social service and sports**.
 - **Total 19 children were selected** for the year 2024, out of which **4 were in the social service category**.

Lucknow To Get 1500-Acre Aerocity | Uttar Pradesh | 07 Feb 2024

Why in News?

Uttar Pradesh finance minister Suresh Khanna announced that **Lucknow is all set to get its aerocity**. Much like **Aerocities in Hyderabad and Delhi**, it will be the new destination of choice for corporate leaders who have their businesses anywhere across the state.

Key Points

- The **Lucknow-Kanpur Expressway**, which is located close to the aerocity is also getting widened and the 104-km long outer ring road is also close to the proposed location of Aerocity.
 - The name '**Aerocity**' is based on the fact that they are usually situated close to **airports**.
- It has been reported that the **Hinduja group is all set to establish its [Electric Vehicles \(EV\) plant](#)** at the site where the Scooters India plant existed earlier in Sarojini Nagar.
- The upcoming **[Noida International Airport at Jewar in Greater Noida](#)** in Uttar Pradesh **will also have an Aerocity spread over 172 acres**.

Rajasthan Government Plans Uniform Civil Code (UCC) | Rajasthan | 07 Feb 2024

Why in News?

- Rajasthan cabinet minister Kanhiya Lal Choudhary informed the state assembly that the government would soon introduce the **[Uniform Civil Code \(UCC\) Bill](#)**.

Key Points

- The proposed UCC Bill aims to establish uniform **laws pertaining to marriage, divorce and inheritance of property**. It seeks to **curb practices like polygamy and divorce** through religious means.
- On the lines of Uttarakhand, the **Rajasthan UCC Bill will exempt the tribal community**, as they've **raised serious objections, terming their customs and practices** uncompromisable.

Uniform Civil Code (UCC)

- The Uniform Civil Code is **mentioned in Article 44 of the Indian Constitution**, which is part of the **Directive Principles of State Policy**.
- These principles are **not legally enforceable but are meant to guide the state** in making policies.
 - It has been supported by some as a way **to promote national integration and gender justice, but opposed by others as a threat to religious freedom and diversity**.
- The **only state in India that has a UCC is Goa**, which retained its common family law **known as the Goa Civil Code** after it was liberated from Portuguese rule in 1961.
 - Recently, **Uttarakhand** has also introduced the **UCC bill** in the state assembly.
- The **rest of India follows different personal laws** based on their religious or community identity.

Coal Mines Expansion in Chhattisgarh | Chhattisgarh | 07 Feb 2024

Why in News?

The **Forest Advisory Committee (FAC)** of the environment ministry has accorded an **“in-principle” approval for expansion and opening of** a number of **mines in Chhattisgarh, Odisha, Meghalaya** and exploratory **drilling in Assam’s wildlife rich Doyang reserved forest**.

Key Points

- Three of the mines are in Chhattisgarh’s **Korba district**. These are Gevra mine, Kismunda mine, and Dipka Opencast coal mine.
- In Chhattisgarh, FAC recommended “in-principle” approval:
 - for the additional diversion of 94.293 hectares of forest for expansion of **Gevra mine**.
 - to expansion of **Kismunda mine** for diversion of an additional 43.942 ha of forest land.
 - Kismunda opencast mine flows adjacent to a **Hasdeo tributary** which makes it a particularly **vulnerable area**.
 - to **South Eastern Coalfield Limited (SECL) Dipka Opencast coal mine** for diversion of additional 0.093 ha of forest land in Korba’s Katghora forest.
- FAC has recommended that **Chhattisgarh government ensure treatment of the catchment area** and directed SECL to follow the rules imposed by the Water resource department for conservation of the Hasdeo river.

Forest Advisory Committee (FAC)

- It is a **statutory body** which was **constituted by the Forest (Conservation) Act 1980**.
- It comes under the **Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change (MoEF&CC)**.
- It considers questions on the diversion of forest land for non-forest uses such as mining, industrial

projects, townships and advises the government on the issue of granting forest clearances. However, its **role is advisory**.

South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL)

- SECL is the **highest coal producing company of India**. The coal mines of SECL are spread across two states namely Chhattisgarh and Madhya Pradesh.
- It operates **65 coal mines**, of which **39 coal mines lie in Chhattisgarh State**, while the rest **26 coal mines are situated in Madhya Pradesh**. Out of these 65 coal mines, 46 mines are worked by underground method of mining while rest 19 mines are Opencast mines.

Hasdeo River

- The Hasdeo river is a **tributary of the Mahanadi river** which originates in Chhattisgarh and flows through Odisha into the Bay of Bengal.
- The Hasdeo forests are also the catchment area for the **Hasdeo Bango Dam** built across the Hasdeo river which irrigates six lakh acres of land, crucial to a State with paddy as its main crop.
- Besides, the forests are ecologically sensitive due to the **rich biodiversity** they offer and due to the presence of a **large migratory corridor for elephants**.

