



Haryana CM Administered Oath

Why in News?

Recently, **Haryana Chief Minister** Nayab Singh Saini was administered the **oath of legislator by the Assembly Speaker** Gian Chand Gupta.

Key Points

- The CM contested the [by-election](#) for the Karnal assembly seat after he replaced the previous Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar.
 - Polling for the state's 10 Lok Sabha seats and the Karnal assembly constituency was held in the sixth phase of the [general election](#) on 25th May 2024 and the **results were declared on 4th June 2024.**

By-elections (Bypolls)

- **About:**
 - By-elections are also known as bypolls or **special elections**, which refer to **elections held to fill vacant seats in the legislative bodies of India.**
 - It serves as a **vital component within the broader electoral cycle** and complements regular elections by **addressing unforeseen vacancies.**
- **Purpose:**
 - The primary objective of bypolls is to ensure **the timely filing of vacant seats, enabling the representation of the affected constituency** or district in the legislative body.
- **Occurrence:**
 - Bypolls are conducted when a seat in the legislature becomes vacant due to reasons such as the **death, resignation, disqualification, or expulsion of a sitting member.**
- **Timeframe:**
 - Section 151A of the [Representation of the People Act, 1951](#) mandates the Election Commission to fill the casual vacancies in the Houses of Parliament and State Legislatures through **bye elections within six months from the date of occurrence of the vacancy**, provided that the **remainder of the term of a member in relation to a vacancy is one year or more.**
 - Hence, there is **no need to hold bye elections if the remaining term of the Lok Sabha is less than one year** from the date of occurrence of vacancies.