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## Haryana Launches Schemes for Youth | Haryana | 14 Aug 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, The **Haryana Chief Minister** participated in an [International Youth Day](#) programme organised by the **Youth Empowerment and Entrepreneurship Department**.

- He launched the [Drone Didi Yojana](#), **Contractor Saksham Yuva Yojana** and the [IT Saksham Yuva Yojana](#).

### Key Points

- Haryana has helped over one lakh youth in skill development under the [Haryana Kaushal Vikas Mission](#) and provided 1.44 lakh jobs to the youth.
- **Contractor Saksham Yuva Yojana:**
  - The government will **provide skill training to 10,000 engineering diploma and degree holders for three months** so that they can become self-dependent.
  - The government will also provide these youth with **Rs 3 lakh interest-free loan for one year**.
  - The youth will be able to apply for government contracts of up to the value of **Rs 25 lakh of the state Panchayati Raj Department**.
- **IT Saksham Yuva Yojana:**
  - Through this scheme the state government will **provide IT training to graduate and postgraduate youth** to help them make a career in the sector.
  - The youth will be provided training in **coding, Java language, web designing, networking and digital marketing, among others**.
- **Drone Didi Yojana:**
  - Under this scheme, the state government will **provide training to 5,000 young women in drone operation and management in 2024-25**.
  - The government will provide them 80% of the cost of drones and other equipment.
- **Unemployment grant hiked:**
  - The Chief Minister announced an **increase in the unemployment allowance for Class XII pass youth from Rs 900 per month to Rs 1,200 from 1st August, 2024**.
  - The **unemployment grant for the graduate youth has been increased to Rs 2,000 per month and for the postgraduate youth to Rs 3,500 per month**.
  - The government will **provide such grants to 2.61 lakh youth**.

### Haryana Skill Development Mission (HSDM)

- It was **established in May 2015** by the State Government.
  - Its aim is to **empower youth to take part in the economic and all around growth** of Haryana and India.
  - It is a single point of contact within the Government to **formulate and steer skill development schemes across the Department**.
  - HSDM acts as an **integrated mission which combines the efforts of various State Departments in achieving the skill development target** of the State.
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## Chhattisgarh School Textbooks As Per NEP | Chhattisgarh | 14 Aug 2024

### Why in News?

**Chhattisgarh** has become the first state to take the initiative of **textbook writing and curriculum development** for school students in accordance with the norms of [National Education Policy \(NEP\), 2020](#) in collaboration with [National Council of Educational Research and Training](#).

### Key Points

- The aim is to **introduce changes in the curriculum by the next academic session** for Classes 1-3 and 6.
  - The Chhattisgarh Chief Minister has urged and directed the officers to expedite the process for the sincere implementation of the NEP in the state.

### National Education Policy, 2020

- **The National Education Policy (NEP), 2020** aims to address India's evolving development needs by overhauling the education system to meet 21st century goals and [Sustainable Development Goal 4 \(SDG4\)](#), while preserving India's cultural heritage.
- It replaced the National Policy on Education, 1986, which was modified in 1992.

### National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT)

- The NCERT is an **autonomous organization that was established in 1961** under the **Societies Registration Act, 1860**.
- It is the **apex body for advising the central and state governments** on matters related to **school education**.

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## Campaign to end Discrimination Towards HIV Patients | Jharkhand | 14 Aug 2024

### Why in News?

According to the sources, a **campaign will be started in Jharkhand on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2024** to create **awareness for eliminating discrimination against** [Human Immunodeficiency Virus \(HIV\)](#) patients.

### Key Points

- It was announced during the launch of an intensified **IEC (information, education, communication) campaign** at the **Dr Shyama Prasad Mukherjee University auditorium**.
- According to the **Jharkhand State AIDS Control Society's** Project Director the **campaign will**

be conducted at district, block, and village levels.

- Especially the **youth will be made aware of HIV and [sexually transmitted diseases](#)** through the campaign.

## Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

### ▪ About:

- HIV is a virus that attacks the [immune system](#) in the human body.
- It primarily **targets and damages CD4 immune cells**, which are essential for the **body's ability to fight infections and diseases**.
  - Over time, HIV weakens the immune system, leaving the body **vulnerable to opportunistic infections and [cancers](#)**.

### ▪ Transmission:

- HIV is primarily spread through the exchange of certain bodily fluids such as **blood, semen, vaginal fluids, and breast milk**.

### ▪ Severity:

- If left untreated, the virus destroys a person's immune system and they are said to be in the [Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome stage \(AIDS\)](#) where they get **several opportunistic infections that may result in death**.

### ▪ Cure:

- Although there are **no cures for the infection at present**, the disease can be managed using [antiretroviral therapy](#).
  - These medicines suppress the replication of the virus within the body, **allowing the number of CD4 immune cells to bounce back**.

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## Injured Vulture with 'Dhaka' Inscription Found in Jharkhand | Jharkhand | 14 Aug 2024

### Why in News?

Recently, an **endangered white-backed [vulture](#)** with an injury was discovered in a dam in **Jharkhand's Hazaribagh district**. The vulture had a **metallic ring fitted to one of its legs**, which was **inscribed with the word 'Dhaka'**.

### Key Points

- The police suspect that **John Malot, a bird researcher from Dhaka** who is associated with the **UK-based Royal Society for Protection of Birds**, released the vulture after fitting it with a [solar-powered radio tracking collar](#) in order to monitor the bird's movements from Dhaka to Jharkhand.

### Indian white-backed vulture

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- They are medium-sized, dark vultures.
- **Scientific name:** *Gyps bengalensis*
- **Distribution:** Pakistan, India, Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and southern Vietnam.
- **Habitat:** Found mostly in plains and less frequently in hilly regions. Can also be seen in villages and cities near to cultivation.
- **Features:**
  - Adults are **75 to 85 cm tall**.
  - **White neck ruff, rump and under wing coverts.**
  - Adults tend towards black coloration, while younger individuals are browner.
  - Their **wingspan is 180 to 210 cm**.
  - Weight: Ranges from 3.5 to 7.5 kg.
- **IUCN Status:** Critically Endangered

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## Multipurpose Buildings on Waqf Board Land | Bihar | 14 Aug 2024

### Why in News?

The government of Bihar is making preparations to construct **multipurpose buildings**, wedding halls, market complexes and other structures **to develop the properties that are registered** under the [S Sunni and Shia Waqf Boards](#).

### Key Points

- **Ten projects had been proposed for construction** of multi-purpose buildings, market complexes and libraries in **Patna, Purnea, Kaimur, Katihar, Kishanganj, Nawada and Siwan in 2023-24**.
- Under the [Bihar Rajya Madarsa Sudridhikaran Yojana \(BRMSY\)](#) the state government has also decided to set up 21 new madrasas in various parts of the state.
- Facilities such as **drinking water, libraries, equipment, toilets and computer science labs** are provided for strengthening the madrasa infrastructure.

### Waqf Board

- A Waqf board is a **legal entity** capable of **acquiring, holding and transferring property**. It **can sue and be sued in court**.
- It **administers** Waqf properties, **recovers** lost properties and **sanctions** the transfer of immovable Waqf properties through sale, gift, mortgage, exchange, or lease, with at least two-thirds of the board members voting in favour of the transaction.
- The [Central Waqf Council \(CWC\)](#), established in **1964**, oversees and advises state level Waqf Boards across India.
- **Waqf Properties:** The Waqf board is said to be **the third-largest landholder** in India after the Railways and the Defence department.
  - Currently, there are 8,72,292 registered Waqf properties spread across 8 lakh acres. These properties generate Rs 200 crore in revenue.
  - Once a property is **designated as a Waqf**, it becomes **non-transferable** and is **detained perpetually** as a charitable act toward God, essentially transferring ownership to God.

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## Resolution of Issues in NH Projects | Uttar Pradesh | 14 Aug 2024

### Why in News?

In an official statement, **Uttar Pradesh** Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath **assured the Centre of timely resolution of any issues** in the execution of **national highway projects** in the state.

### Key Points

- The **departmental land will be provided free of charge** for the expansion of national highways in Uttar Pradesh.
  - The process of land acquisition and compensation distribution would be completed within the stipulated time.
- The CM also emphasised the need to complete projects related to the [Mahakumbh](#), which will be held in 2025.

### Maha Kumbh

- Kumbh Mela comes under [United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization \(UNESCO\)'s Representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity](#).
- It is the largest peaceful congregation of pilgrims on earth, during which participants bathe or take a dip in a sacred river.
  - It takes place on the banks of the [Godavari river in Nashik](#), the [Shipra river](#) in Ujjain, the Ganges in Haridwar, and the confluence of the [Ganges](#), [Yamuna](#), and the mythical [Saraswati river in Prayagraj](#). The confluence is referred to as the 'Sangam'.
- As it is held in four different cities in India, it involves different social and cultural activities, making this a **culturally diverse festival**.
- The **over month-long fair** is marked by the construction of a massive tented township, complete with cottages, huts, platforms, civic facilities, administrative and security measures.
  - It is organized immaculately by the government, the local authorities and the police.
- The mela is especially **renowned for the presence of an extraordinary array of religious ascetics** enticed from remote hideaways in forests, mountains and caves.

