



Diamond League | Haryana | 16 Sep 2024

Why in News?

Recently, Neeraj Chopra finished second in the **2024 Diamond League Final**, narrowly missing the top spot by just 1 centimeter.

Key Points

- Neeraj Chopra threw **87.86 meters**, finishing 2nd behind **Grenada's Anderson Peters**, who threw **87.87 meters**.
- Chopra's best throw came on his third attempt, while Peters' winning throw was achieved in his first attempt.
- This was Chopra's second consecutive runner-up finish in the **Diamond League Final**, after winning the [trophy in 2022](#).
- He maintained a consistent top-two finish streak throughout the season.

Diamond League

- The **Diamond League** is an annual series of outdoor track and field meetings organized by [World Athletics](#), established in 2010.
- It features **32 Diamond Discipline events**, with each meeting hosting several of these events.
 - **The 32 disciplines of the Diamond League are as follows:**
 - **Men:** 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m/Mile, 3000m/5000m, 3000m SC(Steeplechase), 110m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles, High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw;
 - **Women:** 100m, 200m, 400m, 800m, 1500m/Mile, 3000m/5000m, 3000m SC(Steeplechase), 100m Hurdles, 400m Hurdles, High Jump, Pole Vault, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Shot Put, Discus Throw, Javelin Throw.
- Some events losing **Diamond Discipline status** are moved to the **World Athletics Continental Tour**, the second tier of track and field competitions.
- The 2024 Diamond League concluded with its finals in Brussels, Belgium, on 13th and 14th September.

Haryana Assembly Dissolved | Haryana | 16 Sep 2024

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Recently, the Haryana Assembly **was dissolved** ahead of polls to prevent a potential **constitutional issue** of mandatorily convening a session within 6 months.

Key Points

- The Haryana Assembly was dissolved by the [Governor](#) under [Article 174\(2\)\(b\)](#) of the Constitution on the recommendation of the [Chief Minister and the council of ministers](#).
 - [Article 174](#) of the Constitution authorizes the **Governor to summon, dissolve and prorogue the state legislative assembly**.
 - **Article 174(2)(b)** of the Constitution gives powers to the **Governor to dissolve** the Assembly **on the aid and advice of the cabinet**. However, the Governor can apply his mind when the advice comes from a Chief Minister whose majority could be in doubt.
- The [dissolution](#) aimed to prevent the **requirement to convene a session within six months of the last assembly meeting**, which occurred on 13th March, 2024, with a session due by 12th September, 2024.
 - **Article 174(1)**: The Governor shall from time to time [summon the House or each House of the Legislature of the State](#) to meet at such time and place as he thinks fit, **but six months shall not intervene** between its last sitting in one session and the date appointed for its first sitting in the next session.

Governor

- **Article 153** says that there shall be a Governor for each State. One person can be appointed as **Governor for two or more States**.
 - A Governor is appointed by the President and is a nominee of the Central Government.
- It is stated that the Governor has a dual role.
 - He is the constitutional head of the state, bound by the advice of his **Council of Ministers (CoM)**.
 - He functions as a vital link between the Union Government and the State Government.
- **Articles 157 and 158** specify eligibility requirements for the post of governor.
- Governor has the power to grant [pardons](#), reprieves, etc. (**Article 161**).
- There is a CoM with the CM at the head to aid and advise the Governor in the exercise of his functions, except some conditions for discretion. (**Article 163**)
- The Governor appoints the Chief Minister and other Ministers (**Article 164**).
- Governor assents, withholds assent, or reserves the bill for the consideration of the President passed by the Legislative Assembly (**Article 200**).
- Governors may promulgate the Ordinances under certain circumstances (**Article 213**).