



Rajya Vishisht Yojana | Haryana | 29 Oct 2024

Why in News?

Recently, Haryana introduced the **Rajya Vishisht Yojana** to tackle [stubble burning](#), aiming to protect [air quality](#) during the harvest season.

Key Points

- **Rajya Vishisht Yojana:**
 - Haryana's **Rajya Vishisht Yojana** focuses on reducing stubble burning through incentives and resources for farmers, primarily targeting areas where paddy harvesting leads to stubble residue.
- **Subsidies and Resources:**
 - The government provides subsidies on equipment for crop residue management, such as [Happy Seeders and Super SMS systems](#), to promote eco-friendly disposal methods.
- **Penalties and Rewards:**
 - Strict fines for stubble burning violations are enforced, alongside incentives for farmers who comply, aiming to balance punitive and supportive measures.
- **Environmental Goals:**
 - The initiative aligns with [national environmental goals](#) by promoting [sustainable agricultural practices](#), reducing [air pollution](#), and mitigating [respiratory health risks](#).

Alternatives to Stubble Burning

- **PUSA Decomposers:** The [decomposers](#) are in the form of capsules made by extracting fungi strains that help the paddy straw to decompose at a much faster rate.
- **Happy Seeder:** It is a tractor-mounted device offering an eco-friendly alternative to stubble burning.
 - It works by cutting and lifting rice straw, simultaneously sowing wheat into the exposed soil and depositing the straw over the sown area as protective mulch.
- **Palletisation:** Paddy straw, when dried and transformed into pellets, becomes a viable alternative fuel source.
 - When mixed with coal, these pellets can be utilized in thermal power plants and industries, potentially saving coal usage and lowering carbon emissions.

Grand Acharyakulam for Vedic Learning | Haryana | 29 Oct 2024

Why in News?

Recently, Haryana's Chief Minister announced plans to create a prestigious **Acharyakulam**, or [traditional](#)

[school](#), to preserve [Vedic culture](#) and ancient Indian education.

Key Points

- **Institution Focus:**
 - The Acharyakulam aims to revive **Vedic teachings, Sanskrit, and Indian** traditions, promoting [cultural heritage](#) among students.
- **Facilities and Infrastructure:**
 - It will be set to feature advanced educational amenities while adhering to traditional gurukul values, it will provide students with holistic learning environments.
- **Government Support:**
 - The state government emphasizes the importance of integrating modern education with ancient wisdom, aligning with broader initiatives to preserve Indian culture.

Vedic Period (1500-600 BC)

- In terms of literature, as well as social and cultural evolution, Vedic texts reflect two stages of development.
- The Rigvedic period, also known as the Early Vedic period, corresponds to the time when the Rigvedic hymns were composed, which was between 1500 BC and 1000 BC.
- The later stage, known as the Later Vedic period, is placed between 1000 BC and 600 BC.

Bihar Business Connect 2024 | Bihar | 29 Oct 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the Bihar government hosted the [Bihar Business Connect 2024](#) investor summit to showcase the state's growing economic and business potential.

Key Points

- **Objective:**
 - The summit aimed to attract investments across sectors, including [manufacturing](#), [infrastructure](#), [agriculture](#), and technology, showcasing Bihar's conducive environment for business growth.
 - **Government Initiatives:**
 - Key policies and reforms focused on improving [ease of doing business](#), along with tax incentives, infrastructure upgrades, and [skill development](#) programs to create a favorable climate for investors.
 - **Networking Platform:**
 - The event provided a platform for networking among industry leaders, government officials, and global investors, enhancing collaboration opportunities in Bihar's economy.
 - **Sectoral Focus:**
 - Emphasis on sectors like [renewable energy](#), [IT](#), [tourism](#), and [agri-business](#) aligns with the state's plans to diversify its economic landscape.
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Cabinet Doubles OBC Reservation in Local Bodies | Chhattisgarh | 29 Oct 2024

Why in News?

Recently, the Chhattisgarh government increased [OBC reservations](#), aimed at boosting representation across the state.

Key Points

- **Increased OBC Reservation:**
 - The government has doubled OBC reservations in panchayat and urban bodies from **25% to 50%**, covering roles like district [panchayat](#) chairpersons and [municipal mayors](#), while ensuring reservation aligns with population ratios.
- **Exclusion Criteria:**
 - This reservation does not apply to bodies **with 50%** or more [SC/ST reservations](#).

Constitutional Provisions Governing Reservation in India

- Part XVI deals with reservation of **SC and ST** in Central and State legislatures.
- **Article 15(4) and 16(4)** of the Constitution enabled the State and Central Governments to reserve seats in government services for the members of the SC and ST.
- The Constitution was amended by the **Constitution (77th Amendment) Act, 1995** and a new **clause (4A) was inserted in Article 16** to enable the government to provide reservation in promotion.
- Later, **clause (4A) was modified by the Constitution (85th Amendment) Act, 2001** to provide consequential seniority to **SC and ST** candidates promoted by giving reservation.
- Constitutional **81st Amendment Act, 2000 inserted Article 16 (4 B)** which enables the state to fill the unfilled vacancies of a year which are reserved for SCs/STs in the succeeding year, thereby nullifying the ceiling of fifty percent reservation on total number of vacancies of that year.
- **Article 330 and 332** provides for specific representation through reservation of seats for SCs and STs in the Parliament and in the State Legislative Assemblies respectively.
- **Article 243D** provides reservation of seats for SCs and STs in every Panchayat.
- **Article 233T** provides reservation of seats for SCs and STs in every Municipality.
- **Article 335** of the constitution says that the claims of SCs and STs shall be taken into consideration constitutively with the maintenance of efficacy of the administration.

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