



# Complete Ban on Serving Hookah in Commercial Establishments in Haryana

## Why In News?

On September 25, 2023, Chief Minister Manohar Lal has announced a comprehensive ban on serving hookah to customers in hotels, restaurants, bars and commercial establishments across the state on the concluding ceremony of the state level Cyclothon under the drug de-addiction campaign in Karnal, the city of Danveer Karna.

## Key Points:

- However, this ban will not apply to traditional hookah used in rural areas.
- Expressing gratitude to the police personnel who worked tirelessly for 25 days (about 3 and a half weeks) during the cyclothon, the Chief Minister announced that all the 250 participating personnel would get Class-I commendation certificates from DGP Haryana.
- Apart from this, he also announced a five-day leave for these dedicated policemen.
- In order to promote bicycle cycling and encourage eco-friendly transport, Manohar Lal also announced that the Haryana Urban Development Authority and any licensed builder providing housing facilities to individuals would gift a bicycle to the property owner along with the property registry.
- In such cases, where the beneficiary already has a bicycle, HSVP or the builder will give Rs 3,000 in exchange for the bicycle.
- It is known that the Chief Minister flagged off the cyclothon against drug abuse on September 1, 2023.



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