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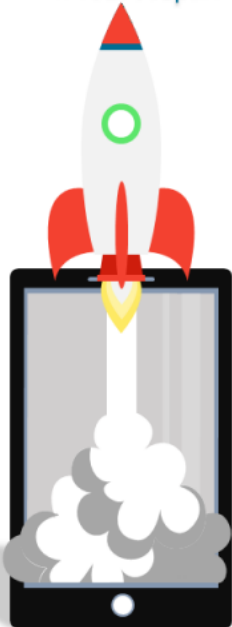
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Himachal Pradesh was hit by 29 cloudburst incidents in the last three years.

## Topic: Har Ghar Tiranga Programme

### Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains

## ***What is the news?***

- Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has urged the people of the state to participate in Har Ghar Tiranga programme by hoisting the Tricolor on their home from 13th August to 15th August, 2022.
- He said that people could also pin a flag online and upload a selfie with the flag on the official website of Har Ghar Tiranga.
- Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur launched final track of the ***theme song of “Har Ghar Tiranga-Shaan Tiranga” composed and sung by noted State Police Orchestra ‘Harmony of Pines’*** ahead of Har Ghar Tiranga campaign to be launched nationwide from 13th to 15th of this month, in HP Vidhan Sabha complex here today.



## ***Lets Learn about Har Ghar Tiranga program:***

### ***What is Har Ghar Tiranga campaign?***

1) The government has been advocating for ‘Har Ghar Tiranga’ campaign under the aegis of ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’ urging citizens to hoist the Tricolor at their home to mark the 75th

year of India's Independence. Last year, the Centre announced the 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' initiative in a bid to commemorate 75 years of Independence.

2) The program envisages inspiring Indians everywhere to hoist the national flag at their homes. The aim of the program is to make the relationship with the national flag a more personal one rather than just keeping it formal or institutional.

3) Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav is an initiative of the Government of India to celebrate and commemorate 75 years of independence and the glorious history of India's people, culture and achievements.

4) The Government of India is celebrating HarGharTiranga Program from 11th August – 15th August, 2022. Under AzadiKaAmritMahotsav year, the Government of India under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrate the event at 400 iconic sites across the country.

5) People who use social media platforms can also participate by changing their profile pictures to that of the National flag. Further, Indian citizens have been asked to hoist tricolor at their homes from August 13 to 15 to participate in this drive.

- The Prime Minister while addressing the 91st edition of the monthly Mann Ki Baat, called upon all citizens to turn the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign into a mass movement by hoisting or displaying the national flag at their homes and using the 'tiranga' as a display picture on their social media accounts between August 2 and August 15 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of India's Independence.

## ***How to fold your National flag correctly?***

- Under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, the Ministry of Culture posted a step-by-step guide on how to fold and store the national flag correctly.

Step 1: Place the flag horizontally.

Step 2: Fold the saffron and green bands under the middle white band.

Step 3: Fold the white band in such a way that only the Ashok Chakra is seen parts of saffron and green bands.

Step 4: After the process is complete, carry the folded flag on palms or arms to store it.

- Meanwhile, the Department of Posts under the Ministry of Communications have sold more than one crore National flags in just 10 days through its 1.5 lakh post offices spread across the country.

*(Source: HP Government & livemint)*

## ***Topic: Award***

***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

### ***What is the news?***

- Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has congratulated ***Additional Superintendent of Police Narvir Singh Rathore for being chosen for ' National Medal for Excellence in Investigation'.***



### ***The award was announced by?***

- The award was announced by the ***Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India.***

### ***The Chief Minister said:***

- It was a reward for dedication and commitment towards the duty and hoped that other police officers and officials would emulate the footsteps of the Narvir Singh Rathore to excel in their fields so that police organization could scale new heights in the profession.

### ***About National Medal for Excellence in Investigation:***

- The 'Union Home Minister's Medal for Excellence in Investigation' was constituted in 2018 with the objective to promote high professional standards of investigation of crime and to recognize such excellence in the probe.
- It is announced on August 12 every year.

*(Source: HP Government)*

## ***Topic: Lahaul farmers adopt natural farming***

***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

## ***What is the news?***

- Farmers of high-altitude villages of Lahaul and Spiti district have put the natural farming practice to good use. Adopters of these practice in the world's highest village – Komic – and the adjoining Hikkim and Langza villages in the Spiti valley are reaping high yields of radish, spinach, peas, barley and potato.

## ***Which technique they used?***

- The ***Subhash Palekar Natural Farming (SPNF) technique*** was introduced in these three villages last year and vegetables were grown on 18 bighas by nine families.



## ***Farmers experiences:***

***Chhering Lamo (42) from Komic, who along with her husband has grown peas and barley on 12 bighas shared:***

- We have never used any chemical and practice traditional farming, using farm yard manure (FYM). However, after we

started using Jeevamrit as a part of the SPNF technique, the crops have become healthier and the production has also increased.

***Sher Singh (40), a farmer from Hikkim shared:***

- We were using animal dung only, but we didn't know how much quantity we require. Now, we have guidance about the use of natural inputs such as Jeevamrit and Ghanjeevamrit. It is of a great help and with its use, the production of peas at my farm is steadily increasing.
- Sher Singh owns eight bighas. He initially started natural farming on the field of peas and is now gradually replicating it on other fields. "In spite of low production of peas this year due to acute water shortage, my crop is still robust.

***About Subhash Palekar Natural Farming (SPNF) technique:***

- SPNF is a system where the laws of nature are applied to agricultural practices to produce healthy food, to keep ourselves and our land healthy. The ancient system of natural farming is more suited for farming because of its easy adaptability and cost-effectiveness.
- The non-chemical, low-cost and climate-resilient SPNF technique is being promoted under the Prakritik Kheti Khushhal Kisan Yojana (PK3Y). The farm inputs are made from the cow dung and urine without any dependence on market.
- "As many as 267 farmers in Kaza block have adopted the natural farming technique under the PK3Y on 404.2 bighas," said Joint Director, PK3Y, Dr Digvijay Sharma, adding that they were trying to reach out to them with the SPNF technique to streamline farming and make it more sustainable.

- The Prakritik Kheti Khushhal Kisan Yojana has reached 99 per cent panchayats in the state and about 1.71 lakh farmers are partially or fully using natural farming technique on 9,421 hectares.

*(Source: The Tribune)*

## ***Topic: Kangra Central Cooperative Bank (KCCB) on its phenomenal turnaround***

### ***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

#### ***What is the news?***

- Union Minister Anurag Thakur on Thursday congratulated the ***Kangra Central Cooperative Bank (KCCB)*** on its phenomenal turnaround.
- According to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the bank which had suffered a loss of around Rs 46 crore in just four years has earned a profit of Rs 87 crores in the financial year 2021-22.

#### ***About Kangra Central Cooperative Bank (KCCB):***

- The KCCB was issued a Certificate of Registration in 1920 and started operations in March of the same year. The bank currently has 26 branches with its Head Office at Dharamshala.
- During the last four years, the bank has seen tremendous growth in various indicators. Investments of the bank have increased by Rs 2324 crore while reserve funds have grown by Rs 26 crores.

- The Net Profit has increased to Rs 87.53 Crore in the financial year ending March 31, 2022, compared to Rs 4.55 Crore as on 31st March 2018.

(Source: Theprint)



***Topic: Amrit Sarovar: Himachal's Sirmaur district tops by making 75 Amrit Sarovars***

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***What is the news?***

- On the occasion of the 75th anniversary of independence, ***Sirmaur district has secured the top position across the state in the Amrit Sarovar Campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for water conservation across the country.***
- Before Independence Day, the Sirmaur administration executed this plan. Mandi district was second in the state by making 73 Amrit Sarovars and Chamba district was third by making 61 lakes.
- In fact, all the districts had got a target of building 75 Amrit Sarovars by Independence Day. Sirmaur has been number one in executing this scheme. However, a total of

135 lakes will be built in Sirmour district. The work of building the remaining lakes will be completed next year.

### ***It supports which campaign?***

- Under the water conservation campaign of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the work of constructing Amrit Sarovar was started in 10 districts of Himachal Pradesh.

### ***Data analysis:***

- According to the data, 60 lakes have been built in Shimla district, 41 in Hamirpur district, 39 in Kinnaur district, 38 in Kangra, 29 in Kullu, 23 in Bilaspur. However, not a lake has been built in Lahaul Spiti yet.
- Apart from this, two districts of the state Una and Solan have not been included in this scheme. Deputy Commissioner Sirmour RK Gautam said that Sirmour has been ranked first in the state in the implementation of the Amrit Sarovar scheme.
- On Independence Day, family members of martyrs or senior citizens of the Panchayat will hoist the tricolor on these lakes.

### ***About Amrit Sarovars:***

- Amrit Sarovars prepared in the district have been built from 500 square meters to 5000 square meters, which have cost five lakh to 30 lakh rupees.
- These Amrit Sarovars have been constructed under MNREGA.
- Amrit Sarovars have a capacity to store five lakh litres to 10 lakh litres of water. In future, this water will be used for fisheries and irrigation use in these Amrit Sarovars.
- Along with this, these Amrit Sarovars will be developed to promote the tourism sector.

*(Source: Amar Ujala)*

## ***Topic: Cloudburst hit Himachal Pradesh***

### ***Importance: Himachal HPAS Prelims and Mains***

#### ***What is the news?***

- Himachal Pradesh was hit by 29 cloudburst incidents in the last three years.
- This was informed in a written reply by Revenue and Jal Shakti Minister Mahender Singh Thakur in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly on Friday in reply to a starred question sought by MLA Ramesh Dhawala (Jawalamukhi) during the question hour.

#### ***Losses:***

- As many as 19 lives were lost and property worth crores of rupees was reportedly destroyed in the last three years till 20 July this year as a result of flash floods due to cloudbursts.
- A loss of crop Rs 1, 85,813 and government property of Rs 19, 98, 00,000 was estimated in Kinnaur district.
- Damage to property including 12 houses, 5 water mills, 7 camping sites, 5 Dhabas, 6 livestock and damage to Malana project and one bridge was accounted for.

#### ***Initiative by State Government:***

- It was also informed that the state government will seek cooperation from the France Development Institute for

early warning, research and study for the increasing cloudburst in Himachal.

- Financial assistance will also be sought from other institutes including Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, GB Pant of Himalayan Studies, Defense Geo Informatics Research Establishment (DGRE), Wadia Institute of Himalayan Studies and Department of Science and Technology.
- It was also informed that the Disaster Management Department with the help of DGRE is in the process of setting up of Automatic Weather System at 61 places.

### ***What is Cloud Burst?***

- According to meteorologists, when a certain area receives a sudden heavy rainfall for a very short time, it is called cloudburst.

*(Source: thestatesman)*

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