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## HARYANA GIVES INDIA NATIONAL ANTHEM MOMENT IN OLYMPICS

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

Haryana accounts for just two per cent of the country's population but it contributed almost one-fourth of the 120-strong Indian contingent for the Tokyo Olympics. And when it came to medals, the tiny state did not just come glory by getting India its first gold in athletics but had almost 40 per cent share in the medals tally of the nation. With first gold, Haryana's name gets etched in stone.

No wonder that when Independent India won its first Olympics gold in athletics, Haryana was trending on Twitter.

Haryana's spectacular achievement on the international platform has not been scripted overnight. In fact, it is the outcome of meticulously planned and executed sports policy under the close supervision of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, which made sure that the talent in youth is spotted early, groomed and harnessed to the full.

But for Haryana, no other state thought of providing financial support to the Olympic trainees so that lack of resources did not hinder or scuttle their efforts. Haryana made sure that every trainee is given Rs 4 lakh as they prepare for the event. In addition, it announced a strap of incentives for the winners.

At a felicitation function in Panchkula Haryana Governor Ban-

daru Dattatraya distributed cheques amounting to more than Rs. 23 crore to the players along with job offer letters to be given to them as per the State's Sports Policy.

In all, 32 players of the State who made Haryana shine bright in Tokyo Olympics-2020. A cheque of Rs. 50 lakh was given to Rani Rampal, Captain, Indian women's hockey team which missed the medal by a whisker.

The players who received Rs. 15 lakh and job offer letters include Seema Bisla, Sonam Malik, Anshu Malik, Vinesh Phogat, Yashaswini Singh Deswal, Sanjeev Rajput, Manu Bhakar, Abhishek Verma, Sumit Na-

gal, Diksha Dagar, Manish Kaushik, Amit Panghal, Vikas Krishan, Seema Punia, Sandeep Kumar, Rahul.

Those who received cheques amounting to Rs 50 lakh for standing fourth in the tournament includes, Deepak Punia, Udit, Sharmila Devi, Savita Punia, Rani Rampal, Nisha, Neha Goyal, Navneet Kaur, Navjot Kaur, Monika Malik, Pooja Rani.

As the Haryana players heralded the national flag with aplomb in Tokyo the Chief Minister announced golden boy Neeraj Arora would be given Rs six crores, the silver boy Ravi Dahiya would get Rs four

crores and the bronze boys, Bajrang Punia (Wrestling), Sumit Kumar and Surender Kumar (Hockey) would receive Rs 2.5 crores each.

The Chief Minister also announced that Ravi Dahiya, a resident of Sonapat district, would be given a cash reward of Rs 4 crore for winning a silver medal in the Olympics. He will also be appointed to the post of Class-I officer. The Chief Minister further announced that Ravi Dahiya would also be provided with a plot of HSVP at concessional rates.

Besides this, the Chief Minister also announced the construction of

a Wrestling Indoor Stadium with modern world-class facilities at Ravi Dahiya's village Nahari.

The Chief Minister announced a job of Senior Coach (Group B) along with an award of Rs 2.5 crore each to both the players of Haryana in the men's hockey team which won the bronze medal in the Olympics. Along with this, land plots of Haryana Sheshi Vikas Pradlikaran will be provided to both of them at concessional rates. He said that after 41 years, the hockey team has created history and made the country proud by winning a bronze medal in the Olympics and it is a matter of great pride for us that this team includes two players from Haryana who have performed brilliantly during the entire competition.

Deputy Chief Minister Dushyant Chautala announced that under the able and dynamic leadership of the Chief Minister dedicated efforts are being made by the State Government to make Haryana a sports hub and taking this a step further to realize the Chief Minister's vision of providing world-class training and facilities in sports, as many as five Sports Centers of excellence will be opened in Haryana.

He said that in these Centres free coaching will be provided to the talented players. These Centres will be opened in Boxing, Hockey, Shooting, Wrestling and Athletics.



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## Want to sell your land? Note, state govt. too is a buyer

### Haryana scripts policy to create a land bank

By PARVEEN K MODI

Always-on-the-look-out for ways to de-stress the distressed farmers in Haryana, the Manohar Lal Government has now come up with a policy under which farmers will now be able to sell land to the state government which would set up a land bank. Haryana Review had reported this move in its May 16-31 issue under the headline: "Land Bank to kill two birds with one stone"

The policy, approved by the state Cabinet and notified by the Haryana Revenue and Disaster Management Department, seeks to serve the twin objectives of preventing the land

owners from resorting to distress sale, and making chunks available to different departments of the state government for setting up essential public services.

Besides the land offered for sale by farmers to the government, the land bank will also include chunks of surplus land as had been acquired by various departments under the Land Acquisition Act, 1894 but not needed now. The Revenue Department will consolidate the land to provide the same to the departments wanting it for setting up projects of public use and welfare.

It will also make things easy for the state government which has been experiencing a lot of difficulty in mak-

ing land available to the departments.

Giving details, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, Financial Commissioner, Revenue and Additional Chief Secretary, said it had been observed that landowners at times had to make distress sale of land, especially those living abroad, due to slump in market or due to pandemic, pressure of middlemen or for a plethora of other reasons.

The proposed bank will offer a win-win situation for the landowners/ farmers, and the state government. While the former will be able to sell land at a competitive price, the latter would not have to look the other way when any department knocks at their door for land for set-

ting up public utilities.

Land will be provided to the departments for setting up essential services, including waterworks, power sub-stations, colleges and other specialized institutions of higher learning, including universities, medical colleges, hospitals and polytechnics etc.

The bank will be set up under the Policy for Purchase of Land Voluntarily Offered to Government For Development Projects, Creating Land Bank for Government Department, including Boards and Corporations.

Landowners, including farmers, wanting to sell land to the government to obtain a competitive price, can apply on the online portal of the Director, Land Records, to make an offer of his land to the state by giving complete details of land, including negotiable price of the same.

# Policies on rental housing; HR Department formed

*New recruitment and regulation of services of the govt. employees among the main tasks*



The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, presiding over a Cabinet meeting, in Chandigarh

## HARYANA REVIEW BUREAU

The Haryana Cabinet that met under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Manohar Lal has approved the creation of a new Department namely the Human Resources Department under the Chief Secretary.

The new department has been created with a view to ensuring that standards and norms, as laid by HR Department are followed by Departments, in the recruitment, regulation of service conditions posting/transfers, the deputation of personnel; to ensure implementation of State Training Policy 2020, to ensure unified administrative control over all the employees of Group A, B, C & D, including HCS, to ensure maintenance of Common Cadres through a single department, to ensure maintenance of the integrity of the public services and eradication of corruption, to ensure transparency in recruitment through Common Eligibility Test.

The scope of the Department will be - Regulation of Service conditions of all Government posts, HRMS, HPSC/HSSC, Policy regarding CET, Training Policies, Training of State level Government employees, Training Institutions, policy regarding temporary and contractual services, online transfer policies, Ex-gratia policy, Service Rules, Policy for the maintenance of the integrity of the public services and eradication of corruption & weeding out of employees on grounds of inefficiency & corruption and restructuring of

Departments from time to time.

### AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING POLICIES

While addressing the housing needs of students, working women, labour and senior citizens, etc. in Haryana and further envisaging Chief Minister Manohar Lal's vision of assuring affordable houses to all, as many as five Affordable Rental Housing Policies have been formulated by the State Government.

The Cabinet accorded approval to these five Affordable Rental Housing Policies namely Policy for planned development of Retirement Housing, Affordable Rental Housing, Policy for planned Development of Student Rental Housing, Policy for planned Development of Medico Assisted Living Facilities and Policy for planned Development of working Women's hostel.

The five policies have been formulated through the grant of CLU permission under the Haryana Scheduled Roads and Controlled Areas Restriction of Unregulated Act, 1963 and through the grant of license under Act Haryana Development and Regulation of Urban Areas Act, 1975.

Suggestions and objections were sought from the general public for the said policies and relevant suggestions have been suitably incorporated in the policies.

### HCS (EXECUTIVE) RULES AMENDED

The Cabinet has approved the amendment in Haryana Civil Service (Executive Branch) Rules, 2008.

As per the said Rules for Departmental Examination of Assistant

### ASSEMBLY MONSOON SESSION FROM AUG. 20

The state Cabinet has given its recommendation to start the monsoon session of the Haryana Vidhan Sabha from August 20. In this regard, permission will be taken from the Haryana Governor. The duration of the Assembly Session would be decided in the meeting of the Business Advisory Committee.

Commissioners, Extra Assistant Commissioners and Candidates for the post of Extra Assistant Commissioners, earlier there were three standards of examination i.e. pass with credit (75% marks), higher standard (67% marks) and lower standard (50% marks). The Rules have been amended with notification dated January 6, 2021, and now, there are only two levels to pass the departmental examination i.e. with credit (75% marks) and pass (50% marks) and thus, there is no level of "Higher Standard" to pass the departmental examination in the said Rules of Departmental Examination for Extra Assistant Commissioner.

The matter has been considered by the State Government in pursuance of the said amendment dated January 6, 2021 for the Rules and it has been decided to delete the words "by the Higher Standard" from Rules 21 and 24 of "Rules,

2008" accordingly with effect from January 6, 2021 i.e. the date of notification of amendment in Rules.

### NEW TRANSFER POLICY FOR TEACHERS

The Cabinet approved amendments in the Teacher Transfer Policy-2016 to ensure equitable, demand-based deployment of Teachers/School Heads, in a fair and transparent manner so as to protect the academic interest of the students.

As per the amendment now the persons having vision and locomotor disabilities from 31 to 50 per cent would be given 10 marks, while earlier the said disability percentage was from 40 to 60 per cent. Similarly the now the persons having a vision and locomotor disabilities above 50 per cent and up to 75 per cent would be given 20 marks, while earlier the said percentage was from 60 to 80 per cent and the marks given were only 15.

Likewise, as per the amendments, the disability percentage of vision loss or locomotor disability for any reason has been reduced from 100 per cent to more than 75 per cent. Besides this, now any teacher willing to participate in Transfer drive can participate, if he/she desires so, irrespective of his/her stay in the current zone/school. This change will also be applicable to respective clauses of Transfer Policy for Clerks, Assistants and Lab Attendants also.

Under the amended rules, now the Guest Teachers working in various schools across the State would be included in the online transfer drive. Furthermore, as per

the amendment made under involuntary deemed vacancy, a post occupied by guest/ adhoc teacher has also been included along with existing provisions.

### HISAR AIRPORT NAMED AFTER MAHARAJA AGRASEN

The cabinet approved the decision to name the airport of Hisar after "Maharaja Agrasen Airport Hisar". The chief minister said that work is going on to extend the airstrip at Hisar airport from 4,000 to 10,000 feet.

### SKILL EMPLOYMENT CORPORATION

The Cabinet has approved the formation of the Haryana Skill Employment Corporation. From now onwards, all the outsourcing recruitments will be done through this Corporation. With skill training, unemployed youths will be able to register their names on its portal. The names registered on the Saksham Yuva Portal will also be registered on its portal.

### 82,000 NEW CARDS FOR BPL FAMILIES

The Chief Minister said that so far 82,000 families have been identified in the Income Verification Survey of Parivar Pehchan Patra Yojana, whose annual income is less than Rs 1.8 lakh. BPL cards will be made for all of them. He said that along with this, 75,000 such families have been identified during this survey, whose income is more than Rs 1.8 lakh and they are taking benefits of schemes made for BPL families whose names will be deducted from the BPL list.

# BHARAT KA LATH GAAD DIYA

*Neeraj becomes first golden athlete of the country to fulfill the dream of greats like Milkha Singh and PT Usha*

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

**N**eeraj Chopra became India's golden boy of the Olympics as he won the first-ever gold for India in athletics by excelling in his event, javelin throw fulfilling the dream of sprinters like Milkha Singh and PT Usha who had missed the Olympic medals in athletics by a whisker.

The 23-year-old from Panipat set a few astounding records when he won the Men's Javelin gold medal at Tokyo Olympics. He became the first Asian man to win the competition at the Olympics and was also the first Indian track and field athlete to become an Olympic champion. He clinched the top title with a throw of 87.58m which, however, was not at par with Neeraj's season-best throw.

In the qualification round, all Neeraj needed was just one throw. He landed his spear at 86.65m and topped the qualifying round. He saw the spear soar into the sky, land over the automatic qualification mark after which he packed

his bags and left.

Cut to the final on August 7, Neeraj Chopra laid down the early marker with a throw of 87.03m. With two Olympic medalists -- Keshorn Walcott and Julius Yego -- bowing out in the qualification round, Neeraj's first throw, it appeared, would land him on the podium.

Neeraj took the spear, warmed up and ran down the lane for an even better throw of 87.58m in his 2nd attempt. The moment Neeraj let the javelin fly out of his hand, he raised his arms in celebration. He knew he had done something special.

Neeraj's throw of 87.58m is the 4th best throw for an Olympic gold medal since the start of the 21st century.

The Athletics Federation of India's (AFI) appreciation of German coach Klaus Bartonietz, who helped guide javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra to gold at the Tokyo Olympic Games, speaks a lot about the commitment the biomechanics expert brought to the table when he started training the Indian for the big event.

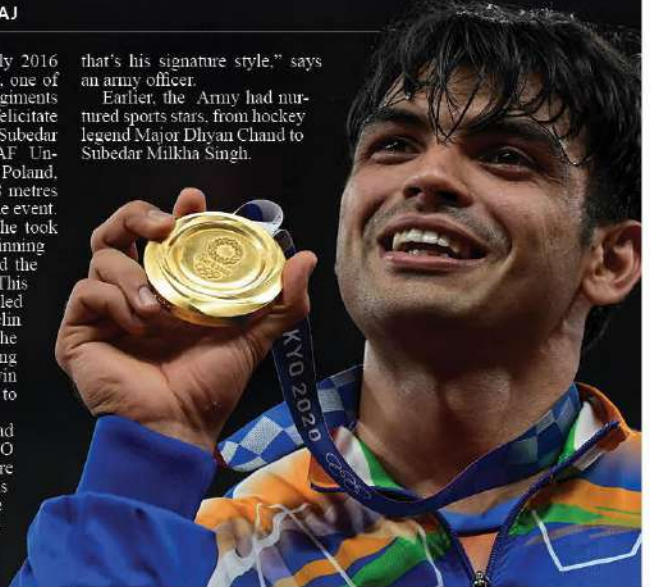
It was way back in July 2016 when the Rajputana Rifles, one of the army's oldest rifle regiments was hosting an event to felicitate one of its own—Naib Subedar Chopra, who at the IAAF Under-20 championship in Poland, had thrown a record 86.48 metres and set a world record in the event.

It was from there that he took to blaze a golden trail, winning the 2018 Asian Games and the Commonwealth Games. This year, on August 7, he fulfilled his promise with a javelin throw of 87.58 metres at the Tokyo Olympics, becoming only the second Indian to win Olympic gold and the first to do so in an athletics event.

Army officials who had seen the laser-focused JCO train over the years were certain something big was coming in Tokyo. "The moment he turned around and raised his hands, we knew he had a winner—

that's his signature style," says an army officer.

Earlier, the Army had nurtured sports stars, from hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand to Subedar Milkha Singh.



## Golden boys who wrestled for silver and bronze

**R**avi Kumar Dahiya and Bajrang Punia have been the silver and bronze boys for the country.

Ravi Dahiya finished with the silver medal after losing 7-4 to World champion Zaur Uguev of Russia in the keenly-fought men's 57kg freestyle while Worlds silver medalist Deepak Punia went down fighting to San Marino's Myles Amine 4-2 in an 86kg bronze medal.

The 23-year-old Ravi became the second Indian wrestler, after Sushil Kumar, to get a silver medal in the Olympics. He had lost to Uguev in the semifinal of the World wrestling championships in Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, in 2019.

In the much-anticipated gold medal contest, Uguev took an early lead by pushing Ravi out of the circle twice. Ravi, a Worlds bronze medalist and a two-time Asian champion, caught up with the Russian through a fine takedown from the left.

Bajrang Punia is an Indian freestyle wrestler hailing from Haryana. He is currently ranked number 2 in the 65 kg weight category. He is the only Indian wrestler to have won three medals at the World



Wrestling Championship.

In Tokyo, he defeated his opponent 8-0 in the play-off to secure his first Olympic medal. He tasted his first gold medal, finally, after two years at the 2017 Asian Wrestling Championship held in Delhi. He won another gold at the Commonwealth Games in 2018 in the men's freestyle 65-kg category. He scored his 3rd gold medal in the 2018 Asian Games.

He became world number 1 in the 65-kg category after clinching a silver medal at the 2018 World

Wrestling Championship. A bronze medal at the 2019 World Championship earned him a ticket to the 2020 Summer Olympics.

Tokyo Games bronze medalist Bajrang Punia's Olympic campaign was marred by an injury to his right knee that he picked at the Ali Akhiev tournament in June.

Bajrang injured his knee during the semi-final bout against Abulmazzhid Kudiev in Russia and resorted to physiotherapy and rehabilitation to be able to take the mat at the Olympics. In Tokyo, barring his bronze medal playoff against Daut Niyazbekov, he grappled with a strapped knee.

India's newest wrestling star Ravi Dahiya picked up an impressive silver on his Olympic debut but the country was left emotionally stirred by its lionhearted men's hockey team players who secured a bronze that washed away four decades of pain and disappointment that the sport and its followers have endured.

## A toast to two Haryana sticks

**A**s the Indian men's hockey team registered a memorable win to claim the bronze medal by defeating Germany 5-4 at the Tokyo Olympics it was yet another moment of celebrations in Haryana to raise the toast for Surender Kumar and Sumit Kumar who played a pivotal role in the team's performance.

Kurad, the native village of midfielder Sumit Kumar, 25, in Sonapat district started dancing in ecstasy as the news broke out. It has been quite a challenging journey for Sumit who belongs to a landless labourer's family and did odd jobs, including working as a dhaba cleaner, to make ends meet. His elder brother, Amit Kumar, quit playing hockey so that Sumit could get the facilities needed to make it to Team India.

"Before selecting the sports hostel in Gurugram, Sumit worked at dhabas in Murthal for five years so that he could arrange for the diet and other expenses. Milk was a luxury. During his early days, he used to travel in trains without a ticket to save for meals and fruits," Amit said.

Sumit has dedicated the bronze medal to his mother Darshna Devi, who passed away last year. "My mother worked as a domestic help to bring us up. Had she been alive, she would have been the happiest person



today. It was her dream that India win a medal in hockey at the Olympics. Though she is not alive, her blessings are always with us," Sumit said.

India team's defender Surender Kumar coming from Kurukshetra district had no easy way either. Last year, Surender (27) tested Covid positive and even had to face post-Covid complications. Surender had developed pain and swelling in his right arm due to a blood clot. He had to take a rest from the game to recover.

It was 2004-05 when inspired by others he took to hockey.

"It was a new game for us so we decided to start playing. We requested the coach there, but our financial condition was not very good and we were not able to buy even a hockey stick. Then, a friend's father, Purushottamji who used to motivate us, gave us a hockey stick. The only things we had at that time were our hard work and struggle. But after we both got jobs in 2012, the situation improved," recalled his brother.

Surender, who now works for FCI in Delhi, was also part of the team in the Rio Olympics too in 2016.



Photographs By Vinay Malik

# GIVING INDUSTRY, JOB CREATION BIG RURAL PUSH TO MAKE HARYANA 'BEROJGAR MUKT, ROZGAR YUKT'

That the Haryana Government, led by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, is committed to bridging the urban-rural divide by bringing life and living in villages on a par with cities and towns, is old hat. Persistent efforts made in this direction during the last more than six years have made even some of the back-of-beyond hamlets, fed on modern infrastructure, facilities and amenities, wear the look of present-day towns.

Not content, the state government wants to take the agenda forward. Keen on ensuring growth devoid of the diving rural-urban aisle, it has now decided to give industrialization, entrepreneurship and job creation a big and real rural push. Two schemes—'Haryana Gramin Udyogik Vikas Yojna' and 'Har Hith' outlets—have been launched in what is being billed as a giant leap towards paving the way for an Atmanirbhar Haryana and Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Doubtlessly, these two, having rural trappings, will have more than one spin-off effect. One, while the Gramin Udyogik Vikas Yojana will hugely incentivize prospective entrepreneurs to go deep into the interiors of the state, giving infrastructure and job creation there a decisive thrust, Har Hith outlets will bring out the entrepreneur in the youth, and convert job seekers into job creators.

Two, with youth in the villages either landing themselves jobs or getting self-employed by venturing into opening stores, migration from villages to cities will drastically come down, meeting a crying need of our times. More importantly, it will lessen the burden on tillable land whose holdings are shrinking by the day, increase per head income from a given chunk of land, and make farming a more attractive and profitable proposition.

Haryana Review slices and dices the two schemes to bring out their impact and import, and make the readers wise on what these would mean to the economy of the state.

## Magnet of incentives to draw industry to rural areas

By PARVEEN K MODI

Wanting to start a new business in the rural areas of Haryana? This is the right time to strike and get the benefits just mentioned. The Manohar Lal Government has launched a new scheme, 'Haryana Gramin Udyogik Vikas Yojna' especially crafted for the rural areas. With a view to making substantial growth in the rural areas, the Haryana Government has decided to provide capital support and affordable credit to new micro enterprises in 'B', 'C' and 'D' category blocks. The Haryana Gramin Udyogik Vikas Yojna has been notified to achieve this objective. There is an added attraction too. New micro enterprises established under this scheme would also get other incentives specified for the MSME sector under the Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy, 2020. Approval letter for providing

benefits will be issued within 45 days, according to the terms and conditions, and benefits will be disbursed within seven days.

Elaborating on the benefits rolled out under this scheme, official sources told Haryana Review that 15 per cent subsidy will be provided on investment made on plant and machinery and building up to a maximum of Rs 25 lakh for women and SC entrepreneurs.

Subsidy of up to 50 per cent would be given on the cost of diesel generated set, subject to a maximum of Rs 8,000 per KVA. In addition, interest subsidy of 7 per cent or maximum of Rs 8 lakh per annum will be given on the term loan for 7 years.

The scheme would be considered effective from January 1, 2021 and remain operational for a period of five years. New rural micro enterprises located in 'B', 'C' and 'D' category blocks will have to file Udyam Registration Certificate (URC) and Haryana Udyam Manasikaran (HUM) on the portal for statistical purposes.

But there are a few caveats. The unit wanting to avail itself of the benefits should not have been placed in the restrictive list as notified by the Haryana Government from time to time and the unit should be in commercial production. The unit should remain in regular production at the time of dis-

bursement and the subsidy would not be released to the closed unit. For capital subsidy, the unit should remain in regular production for a period of five years from the date of commencement of production for which joint director of deputy director, District MSME Centre, will conduct annual inspection of the unit. DG sets should be intact and operational for a period of five years from the date of purchase and should have been purchased on or after the date of commencement of the policy i.e. January 1, 2021. Unit which has obtained subsidy under the Prime Minister's Employment Generation Programme (PMEGP) will not be entitled to any benefit under the scheme except DG set subsidy. Entrepreneurs to get the benefits

should apply on the prescribed format along with the listed documents and submitted to the District Director General, MSME. Disbursement on the web portal of the department within three months from the date of finalisation of the scheme, whichever is later as per criteria mentioned on the portal. The application will be processed and examined by the joint director/deputy director, District MSME Centre. He will be responsible for scrutiny and will clearly recommend for approval/objection of the claim after conducting the inspection of the unit. Deductions, if any, will be communicated to the applicant in writing within seven days and the applicant shall be given 10 days to rectify the deficiencies as pointed out.



### Window on benefits

- Capital Subsidy:** One will get subsidy @ 15% on the cost of plant and machinery and building for setting up a unit outside the municipal limits in rural areas subject to a maximum of Rs 25 lakh for Women/SC/ST. Applicants, the maximum capital subsidy will be Rs 25 lakh.
- Interest Subsidy:** It will be given for 7 years for setting up a unit in rural areas. One can take interest subsidy @ 7 per cent term loan for 7 years, subject to a maximum of Rs 8 lakh per year.
- DG Set Subsidy:** One can get DG subsidy @ Rs 8,000 per KVA subject to a maximum of up to 50 per cent of the cost of the set.
- MSME Specific Incentives:** Besides, one can get additional benefits provided by the Government for MSME units.
- No CLLU/NOIC required:** The micro enterprises set up in rural areas without the participation of village panchayat, under the Haryana Gramin Udyogik Vikas Yojna, shall not be required to submit CLLU/NOIC from Town & Country Planning Department for availing this incentive.

## Har Hith outlet, a game changer, set to make job seekers, job givers

By PARVEEN K MODI

Having the potential to convert job seekers into job givers, Har Hith outlets are set to emerge as a game changer in Haryana. These will empower youth with jobs and make the entrepreneur in them rise up, said the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, while launching the first-of-its-kind store in Panchajanya for promoting sales of quality products of daily needs at reasonable prices.

These stores will provide a platform to youth franchisees as well as Micro Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), government cooperative institutions, FPOs (Farmer Producer Organizations), Self Help Groups (SHGs) to increase their business.

Making Haryana 'Berojgar Mukh' through 'Yat' by 2024 is our target and opening of these stores would ensure creation of a necessary, encourage entrepreneurship and create an ecosystem that promotes youth to be a part of Atmanirbhar Bharat," said the Chief Minister.

The outlet would not only play a pivotal role in enhancing the manufacturing capabilities of MSMEs but would also prove to be a game-changer in providing market access to government cooperatives. "With the opening of these stores, the state government's model of making youth a job giver instead of job seeker, would also be accomplished, he added.

**FRANCHISE POLICY LAUNCHED**  
Franchise Policy under which those interested in applying for these stores can apply after duly ful-

filling the terms and conditions, has also been launched. Under the policy, people in the age group of 18-35, women, those with special disability and those verified under the Mahatmanzari Parivar Urban Youth would be given preference. As many as 1,500 stores would be opened in the rural areas and 500 in urban areas. Those interested can apply for these stores on the web portal. Young members of families having annual income of less than Rs 1.5 lakh and who have been verified under Panchajanya Parivar scheme will also be given priority in this Har Hith store scheme. If youths show their interest, the government will guarantee a minimum monthly income of Rs 15,000 per

month from the store to these youth. "As per the sale provisions made in the Har Hith store scheme, the franchisee partner who sells products worth Rs 1,50,000 will earn a marginal profit of 10 per cent that is Rs 15,000," said the Chief Minister.

Meanwhile, if any youth who has verified family annual income is less than Rs 1.5 lakh and is not able to earn an income of Rs. 15,000 in the first six months, the government will guarantee their financial assistance for at least six months. "If the youth is able to earn Rs. 12,000, the government would give him a compensation amount of Rs. 3,000 as financial aid, if the income is above Rs. 10,000, the government would provide compensation

of Rs. 2,000 and so on. We shall ensure that his minimum income comes to Rs.15,000," he added. If the applicant is financially weak, the state government would provide a loan facility under the Pradhan Mantri Mohn Yojna without any guarantee. **THOUSANDS OF TRADE SHOPS WITH 55 CORPORATE FRANCHISES**  
The Haryana Agro Industries Corporation Limited (HAIACL) has already signed Terms of Trade (TOT) with as many as 51 big corporate houses which would be providing quality products to these stores. Along with providing ample employment opportunities to the youth, delivery of quality and certified products of various brands will be assured to prospective consumers.



The Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister, Mr J.P. Dhillon, said opening of Har Hith stores to promote employment and market in rural areas of Haryana certainly highlights the foresightfulness of the Chief Minister who has the vision to make every youth employable. "We have a target of opening 5,000 such outlets," he added. These stores would be established with complete IT support system ensuring the smooth running of the retail store. All sales would be done through Point of Sale system. Scan the goods through the machine will facilitate billing, online payment, keeping financial details and ordering stock, the Chief Minister added.

# Haryana takes tap water to all schools, ashramshalas, & anganwadis

Following the principle of Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas,' the motto of NJJM is -- No one is left out and every household in the village should be provided with tap water connection

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

In a rare feat, Haryana has been able to ensure tap water supply to all schools, ashramshalas, and anganwadis, which is going to give a big boost to children's health and hygiene. The achievement assumes significance as the state government was preoccupied like anything to deal with the second wave of Covid-19. "Once schools and ashramshalas open, safe tap water to children will greatly contribute to their better health, improved sanitation and improved hygiene," said the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti in a statement.

It is worth mentioning that in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, a campaign was launched by Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi on October 2 last year to ensure that clean tap water is supplied to children in schools, Anganwadi



centres and ashramshalas (residential schools) for their wellbeing and better health. In less than ten months since the launch of this campaign, provision of tap water has been made in 6.85 lakh (66 per cent) schools, 6.80 lakh (60 per

cent) Anganwadi centres (AWCs) and 2.36 lakh (69 per cent) Gram Panchayats (GPs) and Community Healthcare Centres (CHCs) in villages across India.

Due to unsafe water, poor sanitation and hygiene, children are susceptible to water-borne diseases like diarrhea, dysentery, cholera, typhoid, etc. Repeated infections due to consumption of unsafe water and poor sanitation in formative years of children may lead to adverse health effects like stunting. In areas where water sources are contaminated with arsenic, fluoride, heavy metals, etc., prolonged consumption of contaminated water leads to serious health issues. Therefore, tap water supply of prescribed quality is being provided for drinking and cooking mid-day meal, for hand washing and in toilets and urinals of schools and Anganwadi centres.

The other States which have also been able to provide tap water connections to all schools, ashramshalas and Anganwadi centres Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Kerala, Punjab, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, and UT of

Andaman & Nicobar Islands. "The provision of clean tap water supply in all schools, ashramshalas and Anganwadi centres have been made in these States, despite Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown resulting in repeated disruptions," added the Union Ministry of Jal Shakti.

To ensure safe tap water to children, Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi on September 29, 2020 had appealed to all States and UTs to reach every school and Anganwadi centre with tap water connection on priority basis. To translate the vision of the Prime Minister, a 100-day long campaign was launched by Union Jal Shakti Minister Gajendra Singh Shekawat on October 2, 2020 to bring awareness and a sense of urgency to provide clean drinking water to children across the country. The National Jal Jeevan Mission (NJJM) reached out to States/ UTs to ensure that during the campaign period, Gram Sabhas are convened and resolutions passed to provide safe water in all schools, ashramshalas, Anganwadi centres, Gram Panchayat buildings and healthcare and wellness centres.

## A feat achieved against all odds

In less than 10 months, as a result of a sustained campaign, 6.85 lakh schools, 6.80 lakh Anganwadi centres and 2.36 lakh GPs and CHCs have tap water supply for drinking water and cooking Mid-Day meals. As many as 6.18 lakh schools have tap water in toilets and urinals, while 7.52 lakh schools have tap water hand washing facility. This provision of tap water supply not only contributes to better health of children but also prevents the spread of water-borne diseases.

To ensure water availability and treatment of used water, in 91.9 thousand schools, rain water harvesting and in 1.05 lakh schools, grey water management systems have been put in place. This will not only boost the water availability but will also create awareness among children and inspire them to learn water management in their growing stage.

Acknowledging the need of 'potable piped water' to children, teachers, support staff, Anganwadi workers and the caregivers for repeated hand washing to prevent Covid-19 pandemic, the NJJM is pushing for providing safe piped water supply to all schools, ashramshalas and Anganwadi centres at the earliest.

On August 15, 2019, at the time of launch of NJJM, out of 18.98 crore rural households in the country, only 3.23 crore (17 per cent) had tap water connections. Despite Covid-19 pandemic and lockdown constraints, the NJJM provided 4.57 crore tap water connections in the last 23 months. As a result, today, 7.80 crore (41.14 per cent) households have tap water supply.

- Water Quality Management Information System (WQMIS), an online portal, has been developed in partnership with ICMR for water quality sample collection, testing and communicating results to users.
- In case any water sample tested is found to be contaminated, an automated alert is sent to concerned authorities to initiate remedial action. On this portal, an individual can register his sample and choose a nearby lab to get the water sample tested.
- The water supply facilities created under NJJM is operated and maintained by the Gram Panchayats or their Sub-Committee, which is Village Water and Sanitation Committee or Paani Samiti.
- Development agencies like UNOPS, UNICEF and WHO are also assisting in generating awareness about NJJM, water conservation.
- NJJM aims to provide tap water connection to every rural household of the country by 2024. The total outlay of the mission is Rs 3.60 lakh crore.

# Big relief to power consumers

CM announces cut in power tariff by 37 paise per unit

By PARVEEN K MODI

In these days of rising costs and incomes struggling to catch up with pre-pandemic levels, power consumers in Haryana could not have asked for more. They have been handed relief of 37 paise per unit in power tariff aggregating Rs 100 crore per month. In other words, the FSA (fuel surcharge adjustment) of 37 paise per unit has been waived.

This has been facilitated by better planning, advanced scheduling and paring down of the transmission losses by the two power distribution companies—DHBVN and UHBVN—whose efficient functioning

earned them improved rating by the Union Power Ministry. The reduction in power tariff was announced by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, on the last day of July.

Explaining how it has been made possible, sources said efficient working enabled the discoms to achieve substantial reduction in the average power purchase cost of about 46 paise per unit during 2020-21 over the previous year.

This has been reflected in FSA calculations done by the state power regulator. With a view to passing this benefit in the reduction of cost to the consumers, particularly during the Covid time, the state government has decided to waive the 37 paise FSA

being charged from the consumers.

The FSA burden in respect of agriculture consumers is already being borne by the state government. No gainsaying repeating the fact that the state government remains committed to providing quality power to the electricity consumers of the state at affordable rates.

Over the last few years, the power discoms have turned around logging excellent performance which was reflected in the integrated rating done by the Union Ministry of Power where Haryana emerged as the second best-performing state after Gujarat, he added.

It is pertinent to point out that the relief to power consumers comes close on the heels of the decision of the state

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The innovative and proactive steps taken by the HVPNL has resulted in the transmission system availability in the range of 99.3 per cent and intra-state cumulative transmission losses at 2.09 per cent up to January 2021, one of the best among

the transmission utilities in India.

During the current financial year, the transmission system in the state has been further strengthened by adding five new sub-stations, three 220 kV, one 132 kV, one 66kV and augmentation of 41 existing sub-stations. This resulted in an increase in capacity of 1,979 MVA. Besides, 246 circuit kms transmission lines have also been added.

# HARYANA POLICE EXTRAORDINAIRE

Scores a perfect 100 beating all other states in the country in implementing Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

It was an outstanding feat when Haryana was bestowed on the first position in the country for executing the Crime and Criminal Tracking Network System (CCTNS) scheme in the state.

On the national scorecard, Haryana was granted a perfect 100 for which Chief Minister Manohar Lal complimented the Haryana police along with Home Minister Anil Vij and called upon the police force to rededicate themselves with more vigour and commitment to serve the people.

The notable highlight of the scheme, initiated on behalf of the Union Home Ministry, has been that a system would be put in place to contain the crime with the help of the technological infrastructure so that a fool-proof system comes in place to nail the criminals.

Under this system, the police in the states had to upgrade the systems to the latest technology under certain parameters, while doing so the Haryana police secured the first position in the country with 100 per cent marks while Gujarat has secured the second position with 99.9 per cent marks and Himachal Pradesh has secured the third position with 99.6 per cent marks.

Additional Director-General of Police, (Telecom and IT) A.S. Chawla said that this system has been integrated with the Pragati Dashboard which is reviewed at regular intervals by the Prime Minister. He said that under this system, Haryana got 100 per cent marks with regard to the connection of police stations, installation of complete hardware in police stations, establishment and

operation of disaster recovery, capacity building, technical establishment, data bank services, etc.

Haryana had consistently maintained its position at the third position in the CCTNS system for the last five months and now this time

Haryana has been ranked first.

The system, in fact, aims at creating a comprehensive and integrated system for enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of policing through e-Governance and the creation of the nationwide networking infrastructure for the evolution of an IT-enabled state-of-the-art tracking system.

It is supposed to a long way in strengthening the 'Investigation of crime and detection of criminals.'

The system provides for enhanced tools for investigation in crime incidents, besides increasing the ability to analyse the crime pattern and the modus operandi. With the centralised crime and criminal information repository, it provides for advanced search capabilities.

For people, the system has accrued so many benefits like they can have multiple channels to access services from the police along with a simplified

## Effective Policing

- Make the Police functioning citizen friendly and more transparent by automating the functioning of Police Stations.
- Improve delivery of citizen-centric services through effective usage of ICT.
- Provide the Investigating Officers of the Civil Police with tools, technology and information to facilitate investigation of crime and detection of criminals.
- Improve Police functioning in various other areas such as Law and Order, Traffic Management etc.
- Facilitate Interaction and sharing of Information among Police Stations, Districts, State/UT headquarters and other Police Agencies.

## Benefits to citizens

- Multiple channels to access services from police.
- Simplified process for registering petitions.
- Simplified process for accessing general services such as requests for certificates, verifications, and permissions.
- Simplified process and accurate means of tracking the progress of the case during trials.
- Simplified and accurate access to view/report unclaimed/recovered vehicles and property.
- Simplified process and channel for grievance registration.

process of registering petitions.

One could also track the progress of the case investigation along with a simplified process of accessing general services like requests for certificates, verifications and permissions.

It would also ensure a faster and assured response from the police to any emergency call for assistance.

The basic purpose of launching the system was to make the police

functioning citizen-friendly and more transparent by automating the functioning of police stations. It has also helped the police investigating officers as they are better equipped with tools, technology and information to investigate the crime incidents and detect the criminals. The delivery of citizen-centric services is also expected to improve a great deal.



Photograph By Vinay Malik

# Dial 112 to the rescue of 25,000 in first 500 hours

Round-the-clock emergency response support system (ERSS) has started functioning from the State Emergency Response Centre (SERC) in Panchkula and Mirroring Emergency response centre (MERC) in Gurugram

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

Result speaks louder than words! The Dial 112 – a well crafted state-of-the-art initiative to reach out to the people of Haryana in distress with help and hope – is showing all signs to be a milestone on the road to inclusive policing and good governance. A total of 2,17,754 calls were received on Dial 112 in the first 500 hours from July 13 8 am onwards after this ambitious project was launched by Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal in the gracious presence of Home Minister Mr Anil Vij and Speaker, Haryana Vidhan Sabha, Mr Gian Chand Gupta.

According to Mr Arshinder Singh Chawla, Additional Director General of Police, Telecom and IT, out of the total calls, 31,717 calls were from those who were genuinely in need of

help. As many as 25,826 emergency vehicles were sent to the incident locations to support the citizens in distress. Remaining calls were majorly kind of enquiries, blank calls, appreciation calls and missed calls, said Mr Chawla, also the nodal officer of Haryana 112 project. Armed with multiple features, Dial 112 has the capability to manage missed calls and ensures that all the missed calls are properly addressed by calling back the callers.

He said that out of the total actionable calls received at the unified emergency helpline number in the first 500 hours, as many as 23,924 calls needed police assistance, 2,836 calls were for ambulance services, while 241 people requested for fire services. Out of the total dispatched calls, multi-service dispatches have also happened in which the system dispatched multiple services on a single call.

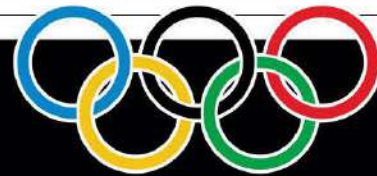
## Key points

- Dial 112 project integrates police, ambulance and fire emergency services
- It is a new and complex system in terms of its multi-dimensional components
- There are well equipped 601 police emergency response vehicles across the state.
- Feedback calls are being made to victims within 24 hours after availing of the emergency service.

The ADGP said that initially the response time was on the higher side than expected. A continuous improvement has been observed on the basis of learnings and day-to-day monitoring to bring down the response time between 15-20 minutes. He congratulated Mr Uday Singh Meena, SP/ERSS and other team members for their hard work in bringing down the average response time from approximately 34 minutes as on July 13, 2021 to less than 20 minutes as on August 2, 2021. "We are committed to providing prompt and efficient emergency services to the residents across the State and are taking all necessary steps in this regard," he added.



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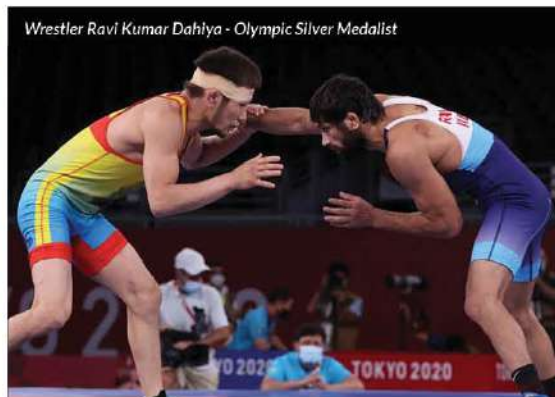
# Olympian heroes of Haryana



Javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra - Olympic Gold Medalist



Hockey player Sumit Kumar exults on the field after a goal (Men's Hockey won Bronze)



Wrestler Ravi Kumar Dahiya - Olympic Silver Medalist



Wrestler Bajrang Punia Olympic Bronze Medalist



Hockey player Surender Kumar wrests the ball after dribbling

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