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HARYANA ADDS THREE MORE PLUMES TO DECORATED CAP

CM thanks PM for appreciating welfare schemes

By PARVEEN K MODI

Haryana has added three more plumes to its already decorated cap in a time span of less than a month, courtesy good governance and progressive policies pursued by the Manohar Lal Government.

Besides emerging as a top state in energy efficiency in the building sector in the country, it has again won the State Award in the Swachh Survekshan-2021 survey; and leapt to the second spot after Gujarat in the 2021 report on the Ease of Logistics index after Gujarat, from the 6th spot in 2020.

Packing the punch, all these come within less than a month of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, calling the Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, "the most honest Chief Minister in the last five decades" and appreciating the work-style of his government with the words "it is working in a purely honest manner and is a source of inspiration for other states".

The Chief Minister paid a courtesy call on the Prime Minister at his residence in New Delhi, thanked him for appreciating the welfare schemes launched by the state government, and invited him for the International Gita Jayanti Mahotsav. Besides other things, he also apprised him about the improved sex ratio and Haryana achieving good ranking in Swachh Survekshan-2021.

Taking first things first, logging a score of 22 out of 30, Haryana has emerged as a top state in energy efficiency in the building sector

in India, according to the 'State Energy Efficiency Index (SEEI), 2020' released by the Union Ministry of Power. This has been appreciated at the national level.

Attributing this to the continuous efforts made by HAREDA in collaboration with Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Mr P K Das, ACS, Power Department, said massive progress had been made in energy saving in Haryana. The building sector is the second-highest in Total Final Energy Consumption (TFEC) and is projected to grow by 45 per cent up to 2027 as compared to 2017.

The 'State Energy Efficiency Index-2020' has defined 16 indicators to evaluate EE initiatives in this sector. Data pertaining to these, including Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC-2017), mandatory energy audits of buildings, financial incentives for energy audits etc, was analyzed by the Bureau of Energy Efficiency, Government of India, under which more than 300 green certified buildings are located in Haryana.

Secondly, Haryana has once again made its mark in the field of cleanliness by winning a State Award in the Swachh Survekshan-2021 survey. Two cities of Haryana have bagged the 'Garbage-Free City' award and one city has won the 'Safaimitra Suraksha Challenge'. Twelve urban local bodies have been certified as 'ODF Plus-Plus' and 43 other ULBs with 'ODF Plus'.

And thirdly, with a score of 3.52, Haryana has leapt to the second spot after Gujarat in the 2021 report on the Ease of Logistics index after Gujarat, from the 6th spot in 2020.



Tide turned on fall in sex ratio at birth

57-point rise in last five years

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

If there has been one field in which Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has focussed his attention unsparingly during the last seven years in office, it is the welfare, protection and empowerment of women in Haryana which was extensively covered in schemes like 'Beti-Bachao, Beti-Padhao', "Aapki Beti-Humari Beti" and "Ladli".

It not only led to the empowerment of women but also soon saw women excelling in sports like hockey and wrestling and has finally turned the tables on the declining sex ratio in the state.

The state earned a feather in its cap as a report of the National Family Health Survey-5 (2020-21) released recently recorded a 57-point rise in the 'sex-ratio at birth in the last 5 years (females per 1,000 males) for infant girls in Haryana.

The Beti, Bachao - Beti, Padhao campaign was launched by Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi from Panipat in January 2015, Haryana was coping with a low sex ratio as per the Census 2011.

Additional Principal Secretary to Chief Minister, Dr. Amit Agarwal, said that a cell was immediately constituted in this regard and it started functioning in May 2015. Thereafter, comprehensive steps were taken to eradicate the malpractice of sex-determination and female foeticide under the Pre-Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (PNDT) Act and Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act.

However, regular monitoring of the Campaign, under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal combined with the conscientious and diligent efforts of the Deputy Commissioners has been rewarding.

Proactive measures were taken to enhance the gender ratio and to completely wipe out the menace of female foeticide.

In the last five years, about 1,000 raids were conducted of which 275 raids were interstate raids and 970 FIRs were registered with regard to sex determination and MTP. He elaborated that the gender ratio at birth (girl child) of Haryana was 871 in December 2014 as per the Civil Registration System (CRS) which has now improved to 922 in December 2020.

Primary healthcare to get a boost in urban areas

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

The primary health care in urban areas is all set to get a big boost in the State. The Central government has kept Haryana as one of the beneficiary States of the US \$ 300 million loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank (ADB). The loan amount will be spent on strengthening and improving access to comprehensive primary health care in urban areas of 13 States that will benefit over 256 million urban dwellers including 51 million from slum areas.

Delivery and health information systems for primary health care will be upgraded through digital tools, quality assurance mechanisms, and engagement and partnership with the private sector. The programme is supported by a \$2 million technical assistance grant from ADB's Japan Fund for Poverty Reduction to provide support for programme implementation and coordination, capacity building, innovation, knowledge sharing and application of scalable best practices across the healthcare system.

"Ensuring equitable access to non-COVID-19 primary health care is critical amid challenges posed by the coronavirus pandemic to India's health system," said Takeo Konishi, Country Director of ADB's India Resident Mission.

Rajat Kumar Mishra, Additional Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs in the Ministry of Finance, said the programme supports the Government of India's key health initiatives - Ayushman Bharat Health and Wellness Centres (AB-HWC) and Pradhan Mantri Atmanirbhar Swasth Bharat Yojana (PM-AS-BY), which has been renamed as Pradhan Mantri Ayushman Bharat Health Infrastructure Mission (PM-ABHIM) - by expanding availability and access to quality primary health care services particularly for vulnerable populations in urban areas.

The programme will be implemented in urban areas across 13 States: Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Haryana, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and West Bengal.

18.5 crore revenue records at the click of mouse

Modern Revenue Record Rooms set up in all 22 districts and 2 State HQs

By PARVEEN K MODI

In Haryana, and want any old revenue record related to the property you own? You can now get it at the click of the mouse!

Revenue records are no longer tied with a piece of cloth and a thread, kept in files casually stacked in the racks tucked in dark and dingy rooms, and allowed to gather dust.

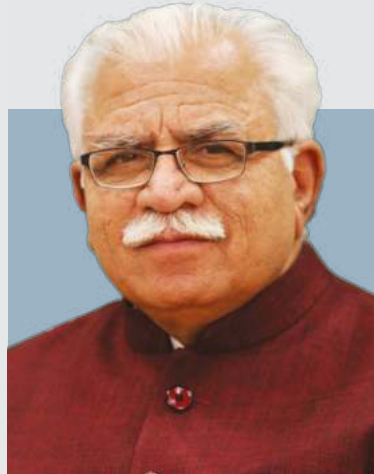
Moving fast and forward on the road to realizing the vision of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, of digitalising Haryana, 18.5 crore revenue records have already been digitized in the first phase. And these can be had in no time.

The records have been stored in digital format in the Modern Revenue Record Rooms (MRRRs) set up in 22 district headquarters and at two state HQs (Haryana Civil Secretariat and Haryana New Sec-



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prove to be an important initiative of the government to eliminate corruption and bring more transparency in the system", he added.

The MRRRs will not only comprise physical storage of records but will also have a computerized system for cataloguing, indexing to facilitate access and retrieval of these records effectively, as and when required.

Hence, the records / files have been stored in Customized Heavy Duty Racks in specifically made galvanised metal boxes with the help of bar code technology in a computerized environment with bar code reader, safety and security measures.

These include installation of powder-based fire extinguishers, CCTV cameras, smoke detectors etc. in the MRRR in order to prevent any untoward situation. Also to restrict unauthorized access, biometrics are installed so that only authorized persons can enter the modern record rooms.

The Department of Revenue & Disaster Management decided to establish such rooms and scan and digitise revenue records with

retariat in Chandigarh).

The work of digitizing revenue records in tehsils, sub-tehsils, patwar khana and the Department of Land Records will be taken up in Phase-II and completed by the end of 2022.

After inaugurating the MRRRs

in the districts through a virtual meeting, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, said that under the Digital India Mission of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, it was a remarkable and historic step taken for the betterment of the people by digitizing the revenue records in Haryana.

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KEY CONTENTS OF STANDING RECORDS

The following are the major contents of the standing records in the revenue settlement:

- Shajra kishtwar or field map along with a field book showing karukan i.e. measurement of all the sides of the field.
 - Shajra nasb or genealogical tree.
 - Misl Haquiat i.e. First jamabandi after settlement in form of a register of the holdings of the owners and the tenants.
 - Wazib-ul-arz or village administration paper.
- In addition to the revenue records similar to Revenue Settlements, the following are other vital revenue records prepared after consolidation of holdings under the East Punjab Holdings (Consolidation and Prevention of Fragmentation) Act, 1948 (East Punjab Act 50 of 1948) and available in 'consolidation bastas' in all the tehsils as well as with patwaris:-
- Final scheme istemal.
 - Khatauni istemal.
 - Shajra Nasab.
 - Misl Haquiat.
 - Shajra Parcha i.e. massavi.
 - Field Book showing measurements of 4 sides i.e. sharak (east), garab (west), Janub (south) and shumal (north) - one copy with patwari only.

Why the need for MRRRs?

Modern Revenue Record Rooms had become a necessity. For, it had become very difficult to maintain and handle voluminous records as their condition kept deteriorating by the day. The life of paper is limited and it can be destroyed by termite and insects. Moreover, the space requirement in record rooms was also increasing every day.

From the citizens' standpoint, they had to go through cumbersome procedures to obtain copies of land records by personally visiting the tehsil offices / patwaris time and again due to the unavailability of the official/officers concerned.

Also, the records were prone to theft, fire accident, damaged by termite, insects etc. in absence of a proper storage system. Records were also prone to manipulation / tampering by mischievous elements.

In order to overcome all such problems and difficulties, it was decided to adopt a system wherein the records are preserved for a longer time. It was decided to scan, digitize, index and preserve old records electronically, keeping the legal requirements in view and to economize the space in record rooms by making available old data online.

COUNTING THE BENEFITS

- Instant access to the records: these can be made available at the click of mouse.
- Increased efficiency by reducing the response time to users.
- Easy access to old documents / records without causing any damage to them.
- Safety of records against natural disasters like fire, flood etc.
- Overcoming shortage of storage space and proper utilisation of space vacated with the shifting of records in properly maintained centralised Modern Revenue Record Room.
- Flexible and fast retrieval of records regardless of archive size / period;
- Ease in RTI compliance, wherein searching of old records is a very time consuming process.
- Cost effective method of storage / retrieval and release of manpower deployed for the record storage purposes at their offices.
- Digitised data can easily be produced for court evidence, whenever required.

all the relevant chronological sequence order details.

Metadata like jamabandies, mutations, misal haquiat, registered deeds, field books, mussavies, judgments and orders of court cases, land maps etc. of various sizes (from A4 to A0) and in various languages (Hindi, Urdu, Arabic) etc. at the State HQs, divisional commissioner office, district HQs, tehsils, sub-tehsils, patwar khana and DoLR Office.



Centre to emulate Haryana in power reforms

State's model best in the country: Sitharaman

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

When Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman said that the measures taken by the Haryana government to reduce line losses of power distribution companies will be studied by the Central government, it was an outstanding tribute to the efforts of the Manohar Lal government to usher in a new era of power reforms in the state.

Sitharaman said the Union power secretary would be asked to study Haryana's model to get a better understanding of the blueprint followed by the state to bring about structural reforms in the power sector.

In his interaction with the Union Minister, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal informed that the state government had been making dedicated efforts to reduce the gross distribution and commercial deficit of distribution companies under the Ujjwal Discom Assurance Yojana (UDAY) scheme.

The scheme was launched with a motive to bring and upgrade efficiency in the power sector at a time when the Discoms bore an amount of Rs. 2374 crore as burden of interest on outstanding debt.

The Chief Minister said during the last five years, the gross distribution and commercial deficit declined from 30.02% in 2015-16 to 16.22% in 2020-21. Further, during 2017-18, Discoms achieved operating/net profit of Rs. 412 crore by achieving a financial turnaround two years ahead of the target year. This profit was Rs 291 crore in the year 2018-19 and Rs 331 crore in the year 2019-20."

SMART METERS

One of the main features of the power reforms has been Haryana's power distribution companies signing MoU with Energy Efficient Services Limited to install 10 lakh smart meters in the next three years.

As many as 2.15 lakh smart meters were installed by December 2020 in

the four major cities, Gurugram, Karnal, Panipat and Panchkula.

Smart-metering project by Discoms includes several citizen-centric features such as pre-paid facility, trust reading-based billing, missed call facility to view electricity bill online, making bill payment through post offices, consumer satisfaction rate for new connection and average time of de-

livery services.

In fact, reforms in the power sector have been a big mission for the Manohar Lal government in the last seven years.

POWER RATES NOSEDIVE

An outstanding outcome of power reforms has been that while the electricity in the neighbouring states have been looking up sharp-

ly, in Haryana, on the contrary, the rates have been declining.

In fact, in 2018 the power rates were almost reduced by half in the state.

In addition, efforts have been constantly made to check incidents of power theft. More than 230 teams of officials have been at job carrying out raids to detect power theft as a result about 48,000 cases were registered during the last one

year making the state government earn Rs 536 crores as revenue.

The government has been lately also engaged in shifting of dangerous supply lines passing over residential areas, schools and ponds. Officials said that 2539 such lines would be shifted at a cost of Rs 96 crores.

PUSH TO SOLAR POWER

In order to tap solar energy, the state government has been installing solar pumps all over Haryana. About 50,000 solar pumps are targeted to be put up at a cost of Rs 1696 crores.

In the first phase during 2021-22 about 22,000 solar pumps would be installed at a cost of Rs 200 crores.

The first of its kind e-power charging station has been set up in Panchkula whereas in Morakhi village in Jind district a 1.2-megawatt capacity biogas power plant is being installed. It is expected to generate 85 lakh units.

MHARA GAON, JAGMAG GAON

Soon after coming to power in his first term, the chief minister launched a "Mhara Gaon, Jagmag Gaon" which has brought about a major transformation in the power scene in Haryana. Today as many as 5600 of the 6848 villages have an around-the-clock supply of electricity whereas there is 24 hours power supply in 10 districts of the state, including Pachankula, Ambala, Kurukshetra, Yamunanagar, Karnal, Gurugram, Faridabad, Sirsa, Rewari and Fatehabad.

Under this Scheme, the old power cables are replaced by new aerial bunch cables in the villages, while old and malfunctioning meters are replaced, thereafter the villagers are requested to pay the outstanding electricity bills as soon as the line loss of the rural feeders reduces, then the village is included in Mhara Gaon, Jagmag Gaon Scheme and new power infrastructure in the village is built along with a 24-hour uninterrupted power supply. Officials admit that the scheme has been successful due to the positive attitude of villagers and their commitment to timely submission of electricity bills.



State gets a Swachhhta booster dose

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

Efforts to make Haryana a neat and clean state are bearing fruits now! The state has been ranked second in Swachh Survekshan Survey-2021 by the Government of India under the category of less than 100 Urban Local Bodies. Haryana has stood second with a score of 1,745 while the state of Jharkhand has been ranked first.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal congratulated the people of the state and officers of the Department for making consistent efforts to ensure a clean and green Haryana and urged them to aim for the first position in the next survey. Union Minister for Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs Hardeep Singh Puri felicitated officials who had come to receive the award on the behalf of the state in a ceremony in New Delhi recently.

Haryana has taken comprehensive steps under the visionary guidance of Chief Minister Mr Manohar

Lal, including establishment of a Waste to Energy Plant for disposal of waste in Sonapat from which 8 MW of power is being generated per day, an important milestone. Besides this, under the new category, Prerak Daur Samman, which will categorize cities on the basis of six select indicators, Gurugram, Rohtak and Karnal were recognized under Anupam (Gold) Category.

Panchkula, Faridabad and Nilokheri have been recognized under Ujjwal (Silver) Category and Ambala has been recognized under Aarohi (Aspiring) Category. Thus, seven cities of Haryana made place and won honours in the Swachh Survekshan Survey-2021.

Among other key steps taken by the state to ensure clean and green Haryana are 93 MRF centres set up in 60 cities of the state to segregate dry waste where more than 1800 garbage pickers were provided employment, Home composting has started in more than 11,000 houses in the state so as to ensure their participation in Swachh Survey.



INVESTMENT OFFERS KEEP POURING IN

Maruti to set up plant in Sonipat; Grasim Industries plans unit in Panipat; Rohtak may get facility to manufacture railway parts

By PARVEEN K MODI

Straws, they rightly say, indicate the direction in which the wind is blowing. The latest straws in the industrial wind sweeping Haryana come from Maruti-Suzuki India Limited and Grasim Industries which have firmed up plans to set up manufacturing facilities in the districts of Sonipat and Panipat, respectively.

That their plans were stamp-approved by the Haryana Enterprises Promotion Centre (HEPC) with the allotment of land at its meeting in Gurugram chaired by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, gave out two unmistakable and unmistakable messages loud and clear.

One, coming as these do close on the heels of the law enacted by the Manohar Lal Government to reserve 75 per cent of the under-Rs 30,000-jobs for the locals, the new investment proposals mean a lot. These steal the wind out of the sails of the orchestrated campaign unleashed by vested interests against the law.

The prophets of doom prophesying to one and all that the reservation measure will not only stop the flow of fresh investment in Haryana, but will also eventually stanch whatever has come, have been doomed.

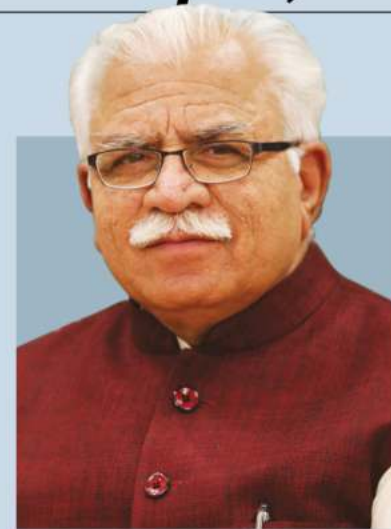
Two, the Haryana Enterprise and Employment Policy, 2020, continues to work wonders, drawing in hordes of investors, both domestic and foreign, giving industrialization and job-creation a shot of adrenalin. Fresh offers of investment from Maruti and Grasim underscore the point.

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ufacturing facility over 900 acres at Kharkhoda in Sonipat district, Grasim Paints has agreed to set up its plant over 70 acres in Panipat; and Rohtak will soon see a unit come up for the manufacture of railway parts.

Needless to emphasize, this will give industrialization a shot in the arm and job generation in the state, a big push. The HEPC meets from time to time to give big and small investors exemptions they need within the broad framework of the industrial policy.

Coming within four months of inauguration of the new state-of-the-art corporate headquarters of Hyundai Motors India in Gurugram, these speak volumes about Haryana emerging as a cynosure of all investing eyes, and a hub of manufacturing activity.

Emerging from the HEPC meeting, the Chief Minister said the new Maruti plant at Kharkhoda in Sonipat district would further increase the production of Maruti vehicles

and give a boost to the automobile sector in the state.

The decision marks culmination of several rounds of talks with Maruti to set up the plant. The matter was discussed in detail with senior management of the company.

If the company deposits the entire amount within 45 days, it will be given a 10 per cent discount on the total amount in keeping with the policy. Besides, the company has been given SGST reimbursement for 15 years by the government.

Referring to Grasim Paints, Mr Manohar Lal said the company had earlier held talks with the state government for setting up a plant in Rohtak but due to some reasons it will now do so in Panipat. Some new conditions have been added to the exchange of this plant.

Grasim Paints has also been given a discount as per the policy. It will be established on 70 acres. Another project regarding the production of railway parts was also taken up



at the meeting. It will be set up in Rohtak, the Chief Minister added.

HAND-HOLDING INDUSTRY

Haryana beckons entrepreneurs for, the state has the Manohar Lal Government that not only hand-holds industry but also sprinkles the in-

dustrial soil with the fertiliser of fiscal and financial incentives and care, to ensure that the seeds of industry germinate and blossom.

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Reforms galore to ease up ease of doing business

The Manohar Lal Government has carried out several systemic reforms to further ease up the ease of doing business and attract investors to the business-friendly ecosystem of the state. At the forefront of implementing reforms directed by the Central Government, Haryana has executed all the 301 reforms mandated under the Business Reform Action Plan (2020-21).

Some of the key areas reforms swept include land registration, approval of building plans, electricity and water connections, contract enforcement, single window desks, strengthening investment facilitation helpdesk, issuance of licenses and other approvals. In addition, Haryana has implemented all the 45 reforms related to the District Reform Action Plan-2019, said Mr Manohar Lal.

With the objective of creating an investment-friendly environment, the Haryana Enterprises and Employment Policy-2020 has been implemented. It aims to create 5 lakh jobs, attract investment of Rs 1 lakh crore, double the exports to Rs 2 lakh crore and amend several state laws (Acts, Rules and Guidelines) to make them investor friendly.

Besides the overarching industrial policy, sector-specific schemes have also been scripted and launched to meet specific needs of investors in such sectors as warehousing, logistics, agriculture and food processing, textiles and pharmaceuticals.

More than 150 industrial and business related services of about 25 departments are being provided through Invest Haryana Single Window Portal. More than 3 lakh services are provided through this portal, the Chief Minister added.

The other major initiatives taken in the interest of investors relate to land acquisition, approval of building plans and central inspection system. In addition, Haryana has passed the Right to Fair Compensation and Transparency in Land Acquisition, Rehabilitation and Resettlement (Haryana Amendment) Bill, 2021, which will help speed up development projects by simplifying the land acquisition process.

Maruti to bring latest know-how, pump in Rs 18k crore; Grasim Rs 1,140 crore

The Haryana Government's decision to approve investment intentions of Maruti and Grasim involving Rs 18,000 crore and Rs 1,140 crore, respectively, will contribute immensely to the development of the auto sector, and give local vendors a big push. It will put in motion economic development of the state via capital formation, employment generation, skill development, and creation of an ancillary ecosystem.

Currently, Maruti has two plants in Haryana, one at Manesar, and the other one at Gurugram, with a cumulative installed capacity to produce approximately 13 lakh cars per annum.

After factoring in everything and quashing concerns voiced by cynics over the measure seeking to reserve under Rs 30,000-a-month jobs for locals, Maruti has decided to select Haryana as the destination for its upcoming expansion plans, testifying to the favourable business ecosystem and robust policy regime enjoyed by the investors in the state.

Maruti plans to invest an additional Rs 18,000 crore at Kharkhoda in Sonapat district. This state-of-the-art green field plant will be set up on 900 acres, out of which 800 acres will be earmarked for car manufacturing, and 100 acres for making two-wheelers.

Plans have been firmed up for procuring more than 70 per cent of components of car from the vendors based in Haryana. Bringing the latest Japanese technology to India, this plant is slated to be completed in seven years spread over two phases. At full capacity, it will produce 7.5 lakh additional cars per annum which would boost the automotive sector and generate employment in the state.

Apart from Maruti, Grasim Industries has also announced its foray into decorative paints. Grasim Industries Ltd. is a flagship company of Aditya Birla Group which is one of the top-ranking public listed companies in India. The proposed manufacturing plant will be set up on 70 acres of land to produce paints and chemicals and generate employment for 500 people.

Ours is the land of hospitality and the birthplace of Gita. We believe in heart-to-heart connect," says the Chief Minister.

He has lived up to what he keeps telling glitzy and glittering gatherings of business tycoons, Indian diaspora and political heavy hitters that should they decide to come and invest in Haryana, they will find his government waiting, not wanting.

Small wonder that Haryana today is home to 299 large-scale industrial units involving an investment of Rs.97,516 crore and providing jobs to 2.73 lakh people. Though ranking 21st in the country in terms of area and 18th in terms of population, the state contributes 3.87 per cent to the GDP, and accounts for 4 per cent of its exports.

Haryana is the 7th largest merchandise exporter in the country, exporting such items as basmati rice, auto and auto components, manmade fibers, carpets, electric machinery etc. Exports are soaring. These aggregated Rs 1,10,993.22 crore in 2019-20 and Rs 1, 74,572 crore in 2020-21, making the state 7th largest exporter in the country, 2nd among the landlocked states, and 3rd in Export Preparedness Index, 2020 in the landlocked states category. The per capita income in the state is Rs. 2,26,409 as compared to India's Rs.1,25,883.

POLICY A CATALYST

Realising full well that industry plays a pivotal role in economic development, stimulates progress in other sectors of the economy and increases job opportunities the Haryana Government has come up with an overarching industrial policy that works as a catalyst, revving up the engines of growth.

Stitched with the warp and woof of first-time incentives and concessions, the Haryana Enterprises &

Employment Policy (HEEP), 2020 aims to generate five lakh jobs; attract investments worth Rs 1 lakh crore; double exports to Rs 2 lakh crore; and revise several state Acts, rules and guidelines to make them investor-friendly.

Fully aligned with the vision of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, of building an Atmanirbhar Bharat, the policy has its focus set on MSMEs. It seeks to make the factors of production cost-competitive, cut down the regulatory cholestrol choking the veins of industry, enhance productivity and ensure balanced regional development by promoting industry in the hinterland, and build brand Haryana.

SINGLE-WINDOW SYSTEM

Haryana's Single Window System—only ten states have it—has been recognized as one of the best systems in India for providing approvals for the industry. Besides, a new department named Foreign Cooperation Department, has been set up to help investors and entrepreneurs.

Regarding reserving 75 per cent employment opportunities in the private sector for Haryana residents, the Chief Minister said that this measure had been enacted only after consultation with industries and entrepreneurs. It was on the suggestion made by the entrepreneurs that the wage limit of Rs 50,000/month has been reduced to Rs 30,000. It will be implemented from January 2022, Mr Manohar Lal added.

Reading the tea leaves right, the never-satiated appetite of the Manohar Lal Government for steep growth and prosperity of the people is bound to make Haryana occupy the high bench of most industrialized and prosperous units of federal India. The growth story of the state has just begun.



FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT

CM hails decision to repeal farm laws

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has hailed the announcement made by the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, on the auspicious occasion of Gurburab to repeal the three farm laws, and said that this act highlighted the supreme character of the Prime Minister.

For more than one year since the Central Government had brought these agriculture laws for the benefit of farmers, especially small and marginal one's, some farmers' unions have been protesting on the Delhi borders. However, a large number of farmers had considered these laws beneficial and had also appreciated the Central Government.

The Chief Minister said the decision of the Prime Minister shows that the interest of the public is paramount for him. "Like the Prime Minister, I would also urge the farmers sitting on Delhi borders, to immediately end their protest and return to their homes, as the common man is facing a lot of difficulties due to their agitation. Now, a positive attitude should be adopted towards this issue", he added.

"Haryana has faced a major impact of this agitation and during the last one year, I have held various meetings with the Prime Minister, senior leaders and even with farmers' unions. As many as 11 formal meetings were held with the farmers on this issue, along with many informal meetings for sharing their message with the Centre. I think the effort put in by us has also played an important role in the decision taken by the Prime Minister," Mr Manohar Lal added.

NOC must for extraction of groundwater

The Chairperson, Haryana Water Resources Authority (HWRA), Mrs Keshni Anand Arora, has directed all industrial units of the state to obtain NOC at the earliest for extraction of ground water and said that the authority is concerned about the depleting ground water level in the state.

The HWRA is working on a comprehensive plan to get rid of the problem. All industrial units should ensure their participation in this, and should apply for a no-objection certificate to extract ground water.

Presiding over the workshop of HWRA, Mrs Arora asked the representatives of industrial units connected through VC to ensure maximum utilization of waste water from their industrial units. She said that earlier in the state no-objection certificates for ground water extraction were issued by the Central Ground Water Board, now No Objection Certificate will be issued by the HWRA.



HRSAC labs opened in 11 districts

The Chief Minister has said that Geographic Information System Laboratories (GIS Labs) are being established in all districts of the state, so that data related to various departments can be collected through satellite.

The monitoring of the projects run by various departments can be done through satellite and the data related to all the departments will be available in these labs.

After inaugurating the GIS Lab set up by Haryana Space Application Centre (HARSAC) in 11 districts of the state through a virtual meeting at Camp Office, the Chief Minister interacted directly with cabinet ministers, public representatives and officials of the state present in the districts.

Data would be collected and preserved using satellite images in these labs which are being built by HARSAC. After this, complete details of the data received such as name of the property owner, contact number, area of the property, status of the property related to residential or commercial area will be recorded. Also, the location of the property and the public facilities available in the area will also be easily accessible.

Not only this, authorized and unauthorized colonies can be easily identified through satellite as well. Even while buying a property, people will know whether that property is in the authorized area or not.

Data related to all departments including Revenue, Irrigation, Urban Local Bodies, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare, Development and Panchayat, Police and Education Department will be collected in the lab and shall be available online in the GIS Lab.

DAP SUPPLIES BRING SMILE ON FARMER'S FACE

By AJAY BHARDWAJ

Even as the neighbouring states like Punjab and Rajasthan saw the distribution of di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) fertilizer going haywire causing widespread unrest among farmers, Haryana's efficient and expeditious steps have made sure that farmers did not face any shortage or difficulty in procuring it. Special teams of senior officers monitored by the respective deputy commissioners have been on their toes to monitor the DAP fertilizer sale, particularly in the wheat-growing districts.

While Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has been keeping a close watch on the situation he has directed that strict vigil was kept on the state borders in order to keep a check on black marketing of DAP fertilisers from Haryana to other states.

The chief minister has been also in constant touch with Union Chemicals and Fertilisers Minister Mansukh Mandaviya to ensure uninterrupted supplies of the fertilizer.

According to senior officials, there were adequate stocks to meet the demands of the farmers. While wheat sowing has taken place on about 40-45 per cent of the total 60 lakh acres estimated to be covered under the crop, about 29,000 metric tonnes of DAP fertilizer was still in the stock.

In all, Haryana has so far supplied 2.5 lakh metric tonnes of fertilizer while some more stocks are expected to arrive in the next few days.

The state police and the Enforcement Department officials have been conducting joint raids to prevent hoarding or black-marketing of fertilizer. So far, 22 FIRs have been lodged while more than 400 raids have been conducted in different parts of the state.

Highlights

- Adequate stocks available
- More than 400 raids conducted to check hoarding
- 22 FIRs registered



Model villages to come up under Swa-Prerit Adarsh Gram Yojna

HARYANA REVIEW BUREAU

When President Ram Nath Kovind reached Sui village in Bhiwani district and initiated the Adarsh Gram Yojana by presiding over the inauguration ceremony of Sui-a model village developed under the Swa-Prerit Adarsh Gram Yojana, Haryana turned a new leaf on the path of rural development.

In this remote and god-forsaken village, there is now a new lake, parks, auditorium, library, roads, streets and government school. The village is a new model and modernised village in the state.

Welcoming the President, Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar said as Haryana had undertaken a mission of making model villages in the state. "It is a matter of pride that on the call of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Haryana government started a scheme to make model villages. In this series, Swa-Prerit Adarsh Gram Yojana was also made, under which the development of villages is also taking place. Taking initiative in Sui village of Bhiwani, industrialist Krishna Jindal, who belongs to the village, has got development works done in the village.

The roaring success of the scheme is reflected in the fact that more than 200 NRIs from Haryana

who live abroad have expressed their desire to get development work done in their native villages. The Haryana government has also inspired many big companies and industrialists to take up development in villages, cities and any part of the state through Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR). Due to this, Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) Trust has also been formed in Haryana.

The chief minister said as per the demand made by villagers, a road will be built through a marketing board from Sui to Dang. A project will be made for ensuring a clean drinking water supply in the village. A water treatment plant will be built to prevent the dirty water of Bhiwani city from entering the village so that the water can be treated and used for irrigation in the village.

Welcoming the President, the chief minister said that it is a matter of good fortune that the President himself has come to Haryana to initiate the Adarsh Gram Yojana. This will give new energy to rural development in Haryana.

The chief minister informed the President that a Pond Authority has been constituted in Haryana to clean the ponds. There are 8000 ponds in the state. The government will initially get the big ponds cleaned, after that the small ponds will be cleaned. In this way, the ponds of the entire state will be cleaned.



Enrolment in govt. schools up: ASER

By SHAGUN KAPOOR

The Pandemic has impacted the enrolment patterns in schools. The percentage of enrolment of children (age 6-14) in government schools has increased as compared to the private schools in Haryana from 2018 to 2021.

This is the finding of the Assessment of School Education Report (ASER) Rural 2021 after the schools reopened following 18 months of closures due to Covid-19. The ASER makes an assessment of children's schooling status.

The ASER covers 25 states, 3 UTs, and 581 districts, 17,184 villages, 76,706 households, 75,234 children (age 5-16 years) and 7,299 schools of India; out of which 21 districts, 628 villages, 3,099 out of 7,222 households and 2,839 children (age 5-16 years) of Haryana have been surveyed.

An official spokesperson told Haryana Review that the percentage had increased from 64.3 in 2018 to 70.3 per cent in 2021 in the enrolment of children (age 6-14) in government schools in the country.

The state-wise ASER (Rural) 2021 reveals that a total of 48.3 per cent of children (age 6-14) have been enrolled in government schools of Haryana whereas 46.9 per cent and 41.8 per cent of children have been enrolled in 2020 and 2018 respectively, he added.

With this, the percentage of children enrolled in the schools with smart phones available at home has increased by 63.7 per cent in government schools and 79 per cent in private schools of India in 2021 whereas in 2020, the percentage of children enrolled was 56.4 and 74.2 per cent in government and private schools, respectively.

However, on the basis of the state-wise data, Haryana's percentage of enrolled children in schools with Smartphone ownership was 86.3 per cent in 2021 against an estimated 82.3 per cent in 2020, and 57.3 per cent in 2018 ASER (Rural).

'Har Hith' a store boost to people's income

Har Hith stores are in sync with a number of measures taken by the Central and state governments to revive economic growth and bolster employment

By RAJEEV RANJAN ROY

Every positive step has a role to play in boosting shared prosperity! A case in point is 'Har Hith' stores having been opened across Haryana. These stores have dynamics to drive structural transformation in the micro rural economy, which is heavily dependent on agriculture and allied activities in the state, and their abilities to enhance people's economy.

Rising agricultural productivity in Haryana has increased employment in manufacturing and services sectors. This employment growth in rural areas is largely concentrated in small scale enterprises. It is spread across both small and large scale enterprises in bigger towns and cities. Affordable consumer goods will add to their financial resilience, thereby ensuring sustainability in their development.

Seventy one 'Har Hith' stores,

which were inaugurated by Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal simultaneously, will make 550 products of 60 companies to consumers at affordable rates. In the next phase, 5000 more such stores will be opened across the state. The state government has set a target of providing employment to a member of every family of Haryana by 2025.

Har Hith store would be opened in an area having a population of 3,000 in rural areas and 10,000 in urban areas. People will get direct and indirect benefits from these stores. Apart from MSMEs, small industrial units and cooperative sector units, quality products prepared by the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) of women will be made available at these stores at a price lower than the market rates.

"All the goods at Har Hith stores will be sold through a computerized system. The local markets in rural areas are almost closed and now people have to go to the city to get

the daily needed items. With the opening of these stores, people will get good quality goods in the village itself. Vita booths would also be opened across Haryana," said Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

Farmers, who are the backbone of the state economy, will also be a major beneficiary of Har Hith stores. Nearly 500 Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs) have been formed and 77,000 farmers have been connected to them. FPOs will get a good platform to sell their products through Har Hith stores.

The Government of India has set the target to form and promote 10,000 new FPOs till 2027-28 with a total budgetary outlay of Rs 6865 crore. The formation and promotion of FPO is based on the produce cluster area approach and specialized commodity based approach. While adopting cluster based approach, formation of FPOs is focussed on 'One District One Product' for development of product specialization.

Har Hith stores are in sync with a number of measures taken by

the Central and state governments to revive economic growth and bolster employment by adopting a broad-based and inclusive economic development approach. Some of them are Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Yojana, PM Garib Kalyan Rozgar Abhiyaan, PM SVANidhi, Agri-Infrastructure

Fund for farm gate infrastructure, Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana, Animal Husbandry Infrastructure Development Fund, Promotion of Herbal Cultivation and Beekeeping and extension of Operation Greens from Tomatoes, Onion and Potatoes (TOP) to all fruits and vegetables (TOTAL).

Key points

- 71 'Har Hith' stores will make 550 products of 60 companies to consumers at affordable rates.
- In the next phase, 5000 more such stores will be opened across the state.
- The state government has set a target of providing employment to a member of every family of Haryana by 2025.
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Adding resilience to rural life through PRIs

After taking a giant leap forward by ensuring elections of educated PRI representatives, the state government is actively working towards empowerment of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) by building their capacities and by devolving functions and funds to them. Greater roles and responsibilities are now being given to all three levels of PRIs.

Haryana has put DRDA under the control of Zila Parishads. It has made the CEOs of Zila Parishads responsible for execution of various rural development schemes like MGNREGA, IWMP, VAGY, and RURBAN Mission and so on. Chairman, Zila Parishad has also been given the powers to write ACRs of CEOs of Zila Parishads.

In a bid to promote self sufficiency of all PRIs by devolving funds to the extent of Rs 2500 per capita divided among the Zila Parishads, Panchayat Samitis and Gram Panchayats in the ratio of 10:15:75. This step will ensure an adequate amount of resources at their disposal.

The government is also planning to enhance its own resources of revenue of PRIs by giving them various powers of taxation. Two per cent cess on electricity consumption bills and two per cent increase in stamp duty for rural areas has already been brought into effect.

A scheme to provide title deeds (Svavitva Scheme) to residents living within Lal Doras in the rural area has been successfully launched in the state. Drone flying has been completed in all villages under this scheme. The state is among the best performers in the country in this regard.

A unique initiative to capture the demands of villagers for various departments has been launched under the Gram Darshan scheme in the state. The village level portal for every Gram Panchayat has been customized to capture the details of such demands and suggestions and every government department will be asked to work accordingly.

Under the Swachh Bharat Mission, the state was declared as Open Defecation Free (ODF) on June 22, 2017. Now the focus of Swachh Bharat Mission - Gramin is on ODF Plus, that is, sustainability of ODF status and solid and liquid waste management in rural areas! In all, 1,851 solid waste management and 2,565 liquid waste management projects amounting to Rs 1553.65 crore have already been sanctioned. As many as 1156 solid waste management projects have already been completed.

Similarly 667 liquid waste management projects have also been completed. Haryana achieved the first position in the country in Gandagi Mukh Bharat campaign (State with maximum number of ODF Plus villages). Deenbandhu Haryana Gram Uday Yojana has been made operational to provide physical, economic and social infrastructure facilities in villages having population ranging from 3,000 to 10,000. Under this scheme 481 Anganwadi Centres, 700 Village Knowledge Centres, 53 Veterinary Hospitals and 92 Veterinary Dispensaries are being constructed in the state.





HARYANA AT 40TH INDIA INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR
Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav
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CAMPUS CORNER

Class XI, XII students to get tablets

HARYANA REVIEW BUREAU

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has said that tablets will soon be given to the students of Class XI and XII across the state. This was decided at a meeting of the High Power Purchase Committee held at Haryana Niwas.

The Education Minister, Mr Kanwar Pal, Transport Minister, Mr Mool Chand Sharma, Power Minister, Mr Ranjit Singh, Agriculture Minister, Mr JP Dalal, Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Mr Anoop Dhanak and Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs Minister, Mr Sandeep Singh, were also present at the meeting.

The Chief Minister said that a total of 23 items on the agenda were tabled at the meeting and decisions related to purchases worth about Rs 1,000 crore were taken. The government has decided to purchase 5 lakh tablets, which will be given to the students studying in Class XI and XII in the coming academic session.

A total of Rs 560 crore will be spent on buy these tablets. He said that in future, the government would plan to give tablets to the students of other classes as well.



WINDOWS ON SPORTS

Sports Minister to head panel on Khelo India

HARYANA REVIEW BUREAU

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has directed setting up of a committee under the chairmanship of the Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs, Mr Sandeep Singh, to monitor the

arrangements regarding accommodation, catering, transportation, ceremonies, event days and purchase of sports equipment for the upcoming Khelo India Youth Games-2021, the state would host between February 5 and February 14, 2022 in Panchkula, Ambala, Shahabad, Chandigarh and Delhi in 25 sporting disciplines. This decision was taken at the

second meeting of the organizing-cum-coordination committee held to review the preparation for the Khelo India Youth Games-2021 under the chairmanship of Chief Minister. Mr Sandeep Singh was also present at the meeting. The officers of Government of India were also connected digitally at the meeting. An elaborate presentation was

given by the Director, Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Mr Pankaj Nain, regarding the preparations being made for the Khelo India Youth Games-2021. The Chief Minister has also directed the officers concerned to further strengthen and streamline sports infrastructure.

He was told that developmental works on various sports complexes, hockey stadium and badminton hall, auditorium and athletic stadium were on the verge of completion and would be ready by December. The cycling event will be held on the Panchkula-Yamunanagar road. The officers informed the Chief Minister that a weekly review of the preparations is being done.

The Chief Minister directed the Sports Department officers to give the responsibility to monitor sports to the District Sports & Youth Affairs Officers (DSOs) and to further augment sports infrastructure and explore the possibilities of setting up an engineering wing in the Sports Department.

Ten sports complexes will be handed over by HSVP to the Sports Department on January 1, 2022. The annual maintenance of these stadiums will be done by the Sports Department.

