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Futuristic Budget budgets for growth, equity

No fresh taxes: CM hikes allocations for all key sectors to ensure holistic Development

By Parveen K Modi

It is a Budget that budgets for growth and equity. The third consecutive Budget, presented for 2022-23 by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, who is also the Finance Minister, reflects his resolve and drive to pace up economic recovery, and smoothen the state's journey on the road to realizing sustainable development goals. Counter-cyclical fiscal measures have been taken to give impetus to the economy.

Having a reformist pulse, the Budget seeks to effect systemic changes to bring about a paradigm shift in the processes involved to hasten development and delivery to the last man standing in the true spirit of Antyodaya. It also holds a mirror to the vision of the Chief Minister to make Haryana play a significant role in the endeavour of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, to make India a \$5-trillion economy.

Fiscal prudence combined with pragmatism and prioritized spending in key areas, not populism, informs the proposals which put the money where the mouth is. Allocations have been increased for most key sectors: Health and Medical Education up by 21.65 pc; Education (17.6 pc); Agriculture (27.7 pc); Road and Rail Infrastructure (59.2 pc); Social Justice (22.47 pc); Rural and Urban sectors up by 83.3 pc and 54.28 pc, respectively. They get due focus to

ensure comprehensive socio-economic growth. Aptly christened as 'Vajra Budget,' it has the potential to lend the strength of steel to the economy.

The decisions to set up four new medical colleges at Palwal, Charkhi

burnish the credentials of the state as a sports powerhouse.

Going beyond the remit of being an annual statement of accounts, the Budget builds the foundation of a bright economic future of the state. The stones used to lay the foundation

and the reforms made to weigh the effect of every rupee spent and fix accountability.

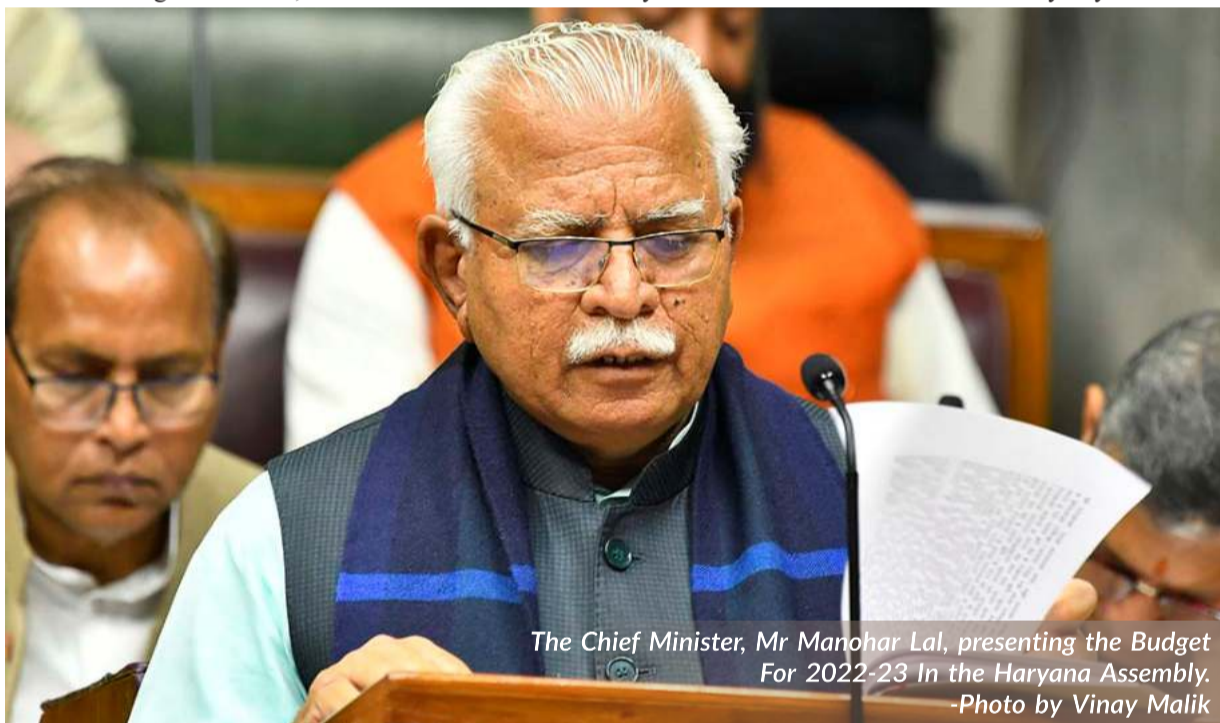
That the economy is on the uptick post-Pandemic, and revenue collection is buoyant explains the decision not to levy any new taxes.

taxes at Rs 8,925.98 crore, and grants-in-aid of Rs 11,565.86 crore. Besides, capital receipts are projected at ₹ 5,393.89 crore. The expenditure has been projected to increase to Rs. 1,77,255.99 crore from Rs. 1,53,384.40 crore in RE 2021-22, up by 15.6 percent.

Fiscal discipline has helped in keeping the parameters intact. Haryana has succeeded in keeping the fiscal deficit within the percentage of GSDP as recommended by the Fifteenth Central Finance Commission for 2021-22. It is estimated to be 2.99 pc of GSDP in 2021-22. For 2022-23, it is estimated to come down to 2.98 pc. This is well within the limit of 3.5 pc fixed by the Finance Commission.

The debt-to-GSDP in the Revised Estimates for 2021-22 is estimated at 24.98 pc against the 32.6 pc limit recommended by the Finance Commission. In the Budget Estimates for 2022-23, the debt stock is expected to be 24.52 pc of GSDP, well below the stipulated limit of 33.3 pc. The SGDP has increased from Rs 3,70,535 crore in 2014-15 to Rs 5,88,771 crore in 2021-22, an annual increase of 6.5 percent.

The 'Vajra' model of growth the Budget envisages will not only steel-frame economic and human development but will also make the ease of living easy still; uplift the poor and the underprivileged; increase productivity by adopting new technology, generate jobs and promote entrepreneurship.



The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, presenting the Budget For 2022-23 In the Haryana Assembly.
-Photo by Vinay Malik

Dadri, Panchkula and Fatehabad; give the students of Class X to X11 tablets; lay stress on natural farming; create Rs 1,000-crore infrastructure fund more than underscore the intent of the Chief Minister to ensure holistic growth. A sports academy at Panchkula, patterned on the National Institute of Sports, will further

include thrust on capital expenditure which has a direct impact on economic development increased by 34.4 per cent to Rs 61,057.35 crore to help create assets and job opportunities; creation of separate funds to give greening of the economy and women entrepreneurship a decisive push;

The Rs 1,77,255.99-crore Budget for 2022-23 is 15.6 per cent higher than Rs 1,53,384.40 crore presented for 2021-22.

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Anti-conversion bill to check nefarious practices: CM

By Ajay Bhardwaj

The Prevention of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2022, does not stop anyone who is willingly taking recourse to conversion but is meant to address social anxiety in the state following a spate of incidents in which the conversions took place surreptitiously.

It simply manifests the state's determination not to allow forced conversions through allurement or any other fraudulent means which is disastrous for society.

Chief Minister Manohar Lal said that this Bill does not stop anyone who is willingly doing a conversion. It just makes a provision that such a person

has to submit an application for willful conversion before the District Magistrate. The chief minister said the state government wanted to check nefarious activities in the name of conversions.

He said that any religious priest or any person intending to organise a conversion shall give prior notice to the District Magistrate giving information about the venue where such conversion is proposed to be conducted.

If any person has an objection to this conversion, then they can file their objection in writing within 30 days. The District Magistrate shall investigate and decide whether the conversion is intended to be in contravention of Section 3 of the Bill. If so, then he shall decline the intended

conversion by passing a reasoned order. An appeal can be made against the order passed by the District Magistrate before the Divisional Commissioner within 30 days.

If the conversion is done by allurement, use of force, or fraudulent means, coercion, then there is a provision of imprisonment of 1 year to 5 years and a fine of not less than Rs 1 lakh. If religion is concealed with the intention to marry, then the person shall be punished with imprisonment of 3 years to 10 years and shall also be liable to pay a fine which shall not be less than Rs. 3 lakh.

Whoever contravenes the provision of section 3 of this bill in respect of mass conversion shall be punished with the imprisonment for a term which shall not be less than five

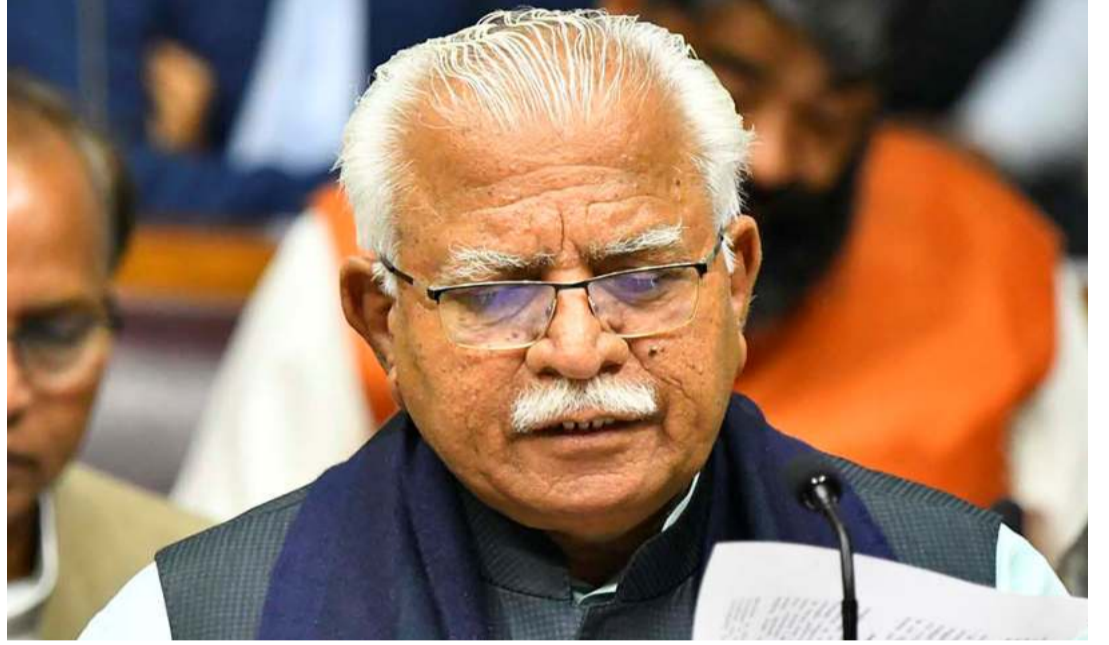
years, which may extend to ten years, and shall also be liable to pay a fine not less than Rs 4 lakh.

The Chief Minister clarified that many incidents have come to the notice of the state wherein people are being converted through various allurements. Some of them were even forcibly converted. Besides this, there have also been cases where girls of other religions were married by misinterpreting their religion and such girls were forced to convert after marriage.

Such incidents not only violate our religious freedom but also hurt the socio-religious fabric of society. To stop such incidents, The Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2022 has been introduced, said the chief minister.

GLIMPSES FROM BUDGET SESSION

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Equitable development gaining ground, says Governor

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Equitable development has gained ground and momentum in the state. In his address on the first day of the Budget Session of 14th Haryana Vidhan Sabha on March 2, Haryana Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya lauded the state government's efforts made for ensuring equitable development of every region and every section by rising above regionalism and nepotism. Today a strong wind of change can be felt from Panchkula to Palwal and from Sirsa to Faridabad, which clearly indicates that Haryana is rapidly moving ahead to achieve the set goals and objectives of development, he said.

With the resolve of public service through good governance, holistic development of Haryana is being ensured by the state government while upholding the spirit of Pandit Deen Dayal Upadhyaya's Antyodaya philosophy along with working on the guiding principles of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas' and 'Haryana Ek, Haryanvi Ek.'

The Governor said that Baba Saheb Dr Bhimrao Ambedkar was of the view that 'an ideal society is based on liberty, equality and fraternity.' Following this principle of Dr Ambedkar, the state government has ensured equitable development of every region and every section by rising above the considerations of caste, regionalism and nepotism. In the NITI Aayog SDG India Index 2020-21, Haryana is among the leading states of the country," he added.

He also appreciated the efforts of the government for efficiently tackling Covid-19 pandemic during its three waves by making adequate arrangements for containment, providing relief and ensuring treatment to the needy. The present government has brought unprecedented changes in the state to



The Haryana Governor, Mr Bandaru Dattatraya, addressing the Budget session of the Haryana Assembly. -Photo by Vinay Malik

realize the dream of 'Ram Rajya,' the epitome of good Government.

With the objective of uplifting those at the bottom of the pyramid, the government has started 'Mukhyamantri Antyodaya Parivar Utthaan Yojana. About 11 lakh such families are identified on the Parivar Pehchan Patra portal whose annual income is less than or equal to Rs 1.80 lakh. Special emphasis is given to offer ample employment and skill development opportunities to them so as to increase the family income of such families to at least Rs 1.80 lakh per annum. In the first phase of the scheme,

about 37,000 families have been identified through 289 Antyodaya Melas organized at 156 places so as to give them required assistance.

'Lal Dora Mukta' scheme to give ownership rights has been implemented by the Central government under the name of 'SVAMITVA Yojana' across the country. Mr Dattatraya said that a massive good governance campaign has been launched across Haryana encompassing all the departments and the sectors and for this the State Government has adopted the path of e-Governance while using modern

technologies.

"To ensure 'Maximum Governance, Minimum Government' new e-governance initiatives have been brought in every field like Land Revenue management, Agriculture, Industry, Health, Education, Social Security, etc. With the help of e-Governance, several processes have been reengineered by the government to reduce human interference and to curb malpractices," added Mr Dattatraya. As many as 570 services have been linked to 'Auto Appeal Software' (AAS).

HIGHLIGHTS

- In 2020-21, the value of exports from the state touched Rs 1,74,572 crore. In Mahendragarh, an integrated multi-modal logistic hub is being developed in an area of 886 acre at the cost about Rs 5000 crore, under Delhi-Mumbai Industrial Corridor Project!

- The State GST collection has been outstanding in the financial year 2021-22. As against the target Rs 24,300 crore, the state till January 2022 collected Rs 22,856 crore, which is 24.77 per cent more than collection in 2020-21.

- Under 'Mhara Gaon Jagmag Gaon' scheme, 5,569 villages of the state are being provided 24 hours electricity. Power distribution corporation has earned a profit of Rs 636.67 crore in 2020-21.

- In order to improve the system of Haryana Roadways, the effort is afoot to add a new fleet of 809 buses under the km scheme for which 562 buses have already been introduced. The government proposes to add 124 electric buses shortly.

- During the current financial year, 21 urban canal-based water houses, 619 tube wells and 62 boosting stations will be made operative. With the help of NABARD, drinking-water projects have been underway in rural areas of Mahendragarh, Rewari, Hisar, Jind, Panipat, Palwal, Nuh, Karnal, Charkhi Dabri, Bhiwani, Sonapat and Rohtak at the cost of Rs 1,275 crore.

- During 2022-23 and 2023-24, through wetland technology the Authority will take up the task of restoring, reviving and upgrading 4554 ponds in 1802 villages in the first phase.

- Under the Smart City Project, development works worth Rs 824 crore are being done in Faridabad and Karnal out of which 30 projects worth Rs 327.39 crores have been completed.

- 'Super-100 program' is being run to provide coaching to the promising students of government schools at government expense so that talent does not remain suppressed due to lack of funds.

Make constructive criticism: CM

Haryana Review Bureau

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal on Monday gave a befitting reply to every issue raised during discussion on the address of Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya on the first day of the Budget Session of the Vidhan Sabha. Keeping democratic values alive by maintaining the dignity of the House, the Leader of the House urged Speaker Mr Gian Chand Gupta to cancel the suspension of former Speaker and MLA Dr Raghbir Kadian.

Responding to the question

raised by MLA Ram Kumar Gautam, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said that every person seeking work under MGNREGA has been given work. In 2021-22 till February 2022, there were 675487 applicants and 674947 persons were offered employment, out of which 541000 persons worked under the MGNREGA.

The Chief Minister, while discussing the Governor's address, welcomed the criticisms made by the members of the opposition, and said that he is also in favour of criticisms provided these are constructive. He said that some people keep creating obstacles but the present

government will continue to talk about public welfare and their interests.

Replying to the issue raised by Leader of Opposition Mr Bhupinder Singh Hooda about the National Capital Region Planning Board, he said the NCR Board was formed in 1985. At that time, there were eight districts in Haryana. In 2013, Bhiwani, Mahendragarh, Karnal, Jind, and Panipat were included. The NCR Planning Board provides loans to the states at an interest rate of 7 to 8 per cent. The economic condition of Haryana is good and loans are being received from other agencies at the rate of 6.9 per cent. /HR/



BUDGET AIMS TO BUILD RESU

By Parveen K Modi

The futuristic Budget proposals for 2022-23, presented to the Haryana Assembly by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, on March 8, 2022, seek to put the economy in high-growth trajectory and ensure that the fruits of development percolate down to the last man standing in the true spirit of Antodaya.

Given the emphasis on key sectors of the economy; taking the capital expenditure route to create assets; hand-holding such sectors as need support; and the fixation of the state government on equitable growth, the objectives seem quite gettable.

The strategy the proposals lay out for building a resurgent and resilient Haryana rests on the edifice of three key prongs: welfare of the poorest of the poor in the spirit of Antyodaya; increased productivity with effective income redistribution; and creation of opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship.

That the economy of Haryana is maturing is more than underscored by the structural transformation it is going through. Experts read in this sure signs of sustainable growth. *Haryana Review* so unfolds the contents of the Budget as to bring out their import and the long-term effect these will have on the economic and social growth of the state.

Here go some important facets that define the Budget and open a window on the state of the economy:

Structural transformation
Haryana's economy is undergoing a structural transformation and maturing. Primarily agrarian in 1966, it has undergone significant structural transformation. In 2021-22, the contribution of the primary sector stood at 17.2 percent; of secondary sector 35.3 percent; and of tertiary sector 47.5 percent.

While the tertiary sector faces noticeable challenges due to COVID-19 Pandemic, the state government plans to provide necessary impetus to propel growth through expansion of the manufacturing activity, and, in the primary sector, through exploring new avenues for vertical growth

and diversification of activities undertaken to keep the focus on sustainability.

Growth, per capita income up
the government's commitment to promoting balanced economic growth across sectors has resulted in an annual compound growth of 6.5 percent in GSDP from 2014-15 to 2021-22. This was accompanied by 4.9 percent growth in per capita income at constant prices, indicating growth in the state economy.

Fiscal parameters intact as a result of prudent fiscal management, all fiscal parameters,

projects on revenue side as per CAG classification. However, this amount is to be utilized for the creation of capital infrastructure. Thus, the revenue deficit would potentially further reduce to 0.88 per cent of GSDP.

Debt-to-GSDP ratio within limits the overall debt stock has been contained, with debt-to-GSDP ratio remaining at 24.98 per cent for fiscal 2021-22 (RE) against the limit of 32.6 per cent of GSDP prescribed by the Fifteenth Finance Commission. For the next fiscal as well, the debt stock is expected to be much below the stipulated limit

been consistently undertaking systemic changes in the budgetary process over the past few years. These are as follows:

- Performance Linked Outlay (PLO) mechanism introduced to link the allocations to performance and absorptive capacity of departments, to incentivise improvement in their implementation capacity.

- Rationalisation of 132 schemes for achieving pronounced focus on implementation

- Introduction of Medium-Term Expenditure Fund to accentuate spending on capital assets

synergies of departments that contribute jointly to common developmental objectives. Resultantly, 47 existing budgetary demands for grants have been consolidated into 20 budgetary demands for grants.

- Further, organisation of the demands for grants into eight thematic areas: this exercise will help improve ease of implementation, inter-departmental coordination, and help sharpen focus on achieving developmental outcomes and SDGs.

System of accounting for the expenditure on capital assets improved with funds allocated through the budget, particularly those created by local bodies and autonomous institutions such as universities. This will facilitate maintenance of Subsidiary Asset Registers and provision of funds on a continued basis for maintenance of these assets.

Three dedicated funds in order to achieve fiscal consolidation by unlocking the economic potential in various sectors to open fiscal space, three dedicated funds are being set up:

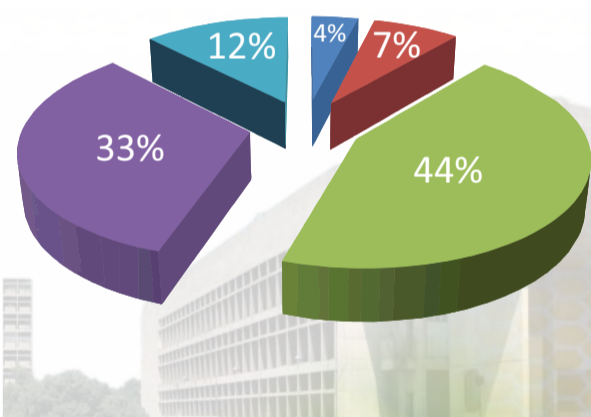
- Climate & Sustainable Development Fund: It will seek to achieve green development objectives. The triple crises the planet is facing in terms of climate change, biodiversity and nature loss, pollution and waste including spread of plastic, urgently demand the need to mainstream strategies to tackle these challenges in regular economic activity. The proposed fund will undertake targeted activities in this regard including solid and liquid waste management, controlling water and air pollution, eliminate stubble burning, recycle plastic and undertake circular economic activities among others.

- Research & Innovation Fund: This fund will help finance promote scientific activity and scholarship in universities, other educational institutions, and economic enterprises in public and private sectors to link science and scholarship to decision-making, investments and leverage growth.

- Venture Capital Fund: It will promote entrepreneurship and support youth in establishing start-ups in terms of financial assistance as well as developing market linkages.

Consolidated Fund (2022-23) Rupee comes from (percent)

- Non Tax Revenue
- Borrowing
- Others Receipts
- State Own Tax Revenue
- Devolution from Centre



excluding the revenue deficit, have been brought within the limits prescribed by the Fifteenth Finance Commission under the FRBM Act. Fiscal deficit has been projected at 2.99 percent in RE 2021-22, and 2.98 percent in BE 2022-23, which is well under the 3.5 percent limit imposed by the FRBM Act.

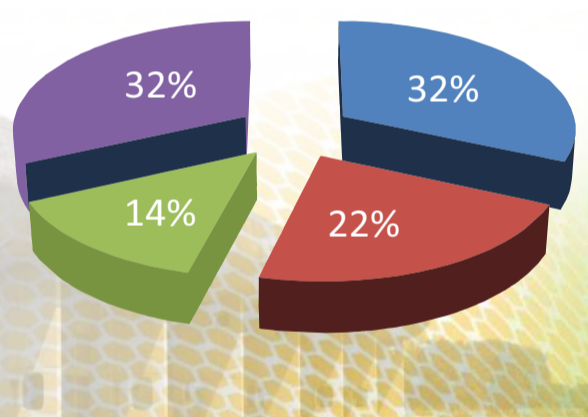
Rs 1,000-cr fund to give infra push in BE 2022-23, provision of Reserve Fund of Rs 1,000 crore has been made for infrastructure

of 33.3 per cent of GSDP recommended by the Fifteenth Finance Commission at 24.52 per cent of GSDP (BE 2022-23). Fiscal Deficit is the difference between the Revenue Receipts plus Non-debt Capital Receipts and the total expenditure; Revenue Deficit refers to the excess of revenue expenditure over revenue receipts.

Reforms in Budgetary processes riding the horse of reforms, the state government has

Consolidated Fund (2022-23) Rupee Goes to (percent)

- Repayment of Debt
- Economic Service
- General Services
- Social Service



recognising the reality that typically such projects need a medium-term gestation period

- Aligning developmental allocations to the Sustainable Development Goals and introduction of output-outcome results report pertaining to the budgetary allocations to ensure realisation of desired goals.

- Merging various departmental allocations into new rationalised budgetary demands to harness

In a first, panels of MLAs to go into BUDGET

Haryana Review Bureau

For the first time since Haryana was carved out as a separate unit of federal India, the state has adopted the Lok Sabha procedure for passing the Budget.

The Speaker, Mr Gian Chand

Gupta, has announced the constitution of eight committees on various topics to get the Budget passed through these committees on the pattern of the Lok Sabha. In all, 75 MLAs have been nominated as chairmen and members of these committees.

After the Chief Minister's two-

and-and-a-half-hour Budget speech, Mr Gupta announced the formation of committees in the House. While Deputy Speaker, Mr Ranbir Singh Gangwa, will be chairman of the first committee, MLA Mr Aseem Goel will chair the second committee. MLA Mrs Geeta Bhukkal will head the third

committee, MLA Mr Ishwar Singh will chair the fourth; MLA Mrs Seema Trikha, will chair the fifth; MLA Mrs Kiran Choudhary will chair the sixth; MLA Mr Parmod Kumar Vij will chair the seventh; and MLA Mr Ghanshyam Dass Arora will be chairman of the eighth committee.

After discussing various topics of the Budget over three days—March 9 to 11--these committees will present their report in the House on March 14. The Speaker has announced to include Saturday as a working day in the official proceedings of the Assembly.

URGENT, RESILIENT HARYANA

CM celebrates Women's Day in style

Hikes outlay by 33.7 pc; announces gifts and award in the name of **Sushma Swaraj**



Anganwadi worker watching live Haryana Budget Sessions on the social media on the occasion of "International Women's Day - 2022" in Haryana. -photo by Vinay Malik

By **Parveen K Modi**

Celebrating March 8, the International Women's Day in style, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, dedicated his Budget for 2022-23 to women.

Wedded to the cause of their empowerment, he announced a slew of concessions and incentives for women, hiked the outlay for the Women and Social Welfare Department by 33.7 per cent to underscore his intent, and capped all these with an award of Rs 5 lakh in the name of Mrs Sushma Swaraj, the daughter of Haryana and a woman icon. It will be given to a woman achiever.

Lauding the power of mothers, he said society cannot be imagined without women. The women of Haryana have shattered many a glass ceiling, made their mark in many fields at the national and international level and done the state and the country proud.

They made their presence felt in the state Assembly also. Referring to the first female Haryana Vidhan Sabha Speaker, Mrs Shanno Devi, and the first

woman Deputy Speaker, Mrs Lekhvati Jain, the Chief Minister said this showed that women had been represented in this great House from the very beginning.

Determined to empower women, he announced the decision to increase the participation of women in Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) to 50 per cent seats, instead of 33 per cent reserved at present, and a new scheme Haryana Mukhyamantri Udyami Yojana to incentivize women towards entrepreneurship.

For this, assuming that the annual income of the woman and members of her family is less than Rs. 5 lakh on the basis of the data of the Parivar Pehchan Patra, financial assistance of up to Rs. 3 lakh will be given to the self-help group in the form of a loan. Under this scheme, the Haryana Women Development Corporation will give a rebate of up to 7 percent in interest for three years.

Not stopping at that, Mr Manohar Lal also announced the decision to provide the facility of affordable housing to working women, and for this, working women hostels would be set up in Panchkula, Gurugram and

Faridabad. Apart from this, possibilities of setting up three women's ashrams through 'Sahbhagita' will be explored during 2022-23.

That women's education is one of the top priorities of the Chief Minister is old hat. The process of opening a women's college within a radius of 20 km has already been set in motion. The Chief Minister announced the opening of three new women's colleges at Kudal and Chhappar in Bhiwani district and Gannaur in Sonapat district.

Self-Help Groups have played an important role to ensure women's empowerment. Adding weight to their value, the Chief Minister has set a target of setting up 10,000 Self Help Groups in 2022-23. Apart from this, families of women whose annual income is Rs 1.8 lakh or less, will be given assistance from the central and state government. This will benefit about 50,000 families of the state and increase their income.

He laced these incentives and concessions with asking the House to pass a unanimous resolution to increase the representation of women to 50 per cent in Panchayati Raj Institutions.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

'VAJRA' BUDGET: With focus set on giving impetus to recovery of the economy, the budget presented by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, for 2022-23 is called "Vajra Budget". It will not only give 'vajra-like' power to the state's economy, but will also lend pace to development in the next 25 years.

FIVE PILLARS OF STRENGTH: Samarth Haryana--structural and institutional reforms using information technology; Antyodaya--upliftment of the poorest of the poor; Sustainable Development; Environmental Stability; and Public-Private Partnership

THREE KEY OBJECTIVES: The strategy for building a resilient Haryana rests on prioritization of three key objectives: welfare of the poorest of the poor in the spirit of Antyodaya; increased productivity with effective income redistribution strategies; and creation of opportunities for employment and entrepreneurship.

OUTLAY 15.6 PC HIGHER: A Budget of Rs 1,77,255.99 crore has been proposed for 2022-23, which is 15.6 per cent higher than Rs 1,53,384.40 crore in 2021-22. The total revenue receipts in the Budget Estimates for 2022-23 are projected at Rs 1,06,424.70 crore, including tax revenue of Rs 73,727.50 crore, non-tax revenue of Rs 12,205.36 crore, share of central taxes at Rs 8,925.98 crore, and grants-in-aid of Rs 11,565.86 crore. Besides, capital receipts are projected at ₹ 5,393.89 crore.

ALLOCATIONS ALIGNED WITH SDGs: The allocations have been aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): out of the total budget of Rs 1,77,255.99 crore, Rs 1,14,444.77 crore has been allocated for schemes related to the SDGs.

GSDP UP, FISCAL DEFICIT DOWN: The State Gross Domestic Product (GSDP) has increased from Rs 3,70, 535 crore in 2014-15 to Rs 5,88,771 crore in 2021-22, an annual increase of 6.5 per cent. Haryana has succeeded in keeping the fiscal deficit within the percentage of GSDP as recommended by the Fifteenth Central Finance Commission for 2021-22. It is estimated to be 2.99 per cent of GSDP in 2021-22. For fiscal year 2022-23, it is estimated to reduce to 2.98 per cent. This is well within the limit of 3.5 per cent fixed by Finance Commission for 2022-23.

REVENUE DEFICIT ALSO DOWN: The revenue deficit is also decreasing: the revised estimates put it at 1.4 per cent in 2021-22. It has been projected to further decrease to 0.98 per cent of GSDP in the Budget Estimates for 2022-23

BORROWING BELOW LIMITS: Despite COVID-19, only about Rs 30,820 crore was borrowed from the market against the permissible limit laid down by the Fifteenth Finance Commission of Rs 40,872 crore.

DEBT STOCK TOO: The debt-to-GSDP in the Revised Estimates for 2021-22 is estimated at 24.98 per cent against the 32.6 pc limit recommended by the Fifteenth Finance Commission. In the Budget Estimates for 2022-23, the debt stock is expected to be 24.52 pc of GSDP, below the stipulated limit of 33.3 pc recommended by the Finance Commission.

Rs 1000-CR FOR INFRA: Investment of Rs 1,000 crore for improvement and upgradation of power infrastructure in industrial areas; Government buildings having electricity demand of 10 kW or more will get electricity from roof tops or other solar systems in the next two years; 75 percent subsidy on 50,000 solar pumps in the state consisting power upto 10 HP.

Haryana committed to Right to Education mission

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Haryana Education Minister, Mr Kanwar Pal, has said that Haryana is committed to providing all assistance to meritorious students coming from economically weaker sections of the society and under Rule 134-A, ten per cent of seats in recognized private school are reserved for them.

While responding to a call attention motion moved during the budget session of the Vidhan Sabha the minister said an evaluation test of 55,029 students was taken for private schools, of which 36,167 students passed and 11,466 students passed for admission in government schools.

CALL ATTENTION MOTION

Out of these eligible children, 45,289 children were allotted schools on the basis of their choice for Phase I and II.

He informed that in the 2021-22 academic session also, due to the closure of government - non-government schools in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic, the time-table could not be issued even in February-March 2021.

Subsequently, a writ petition was filed by the Haryana Progressive Schools Conference (Regd.) in which the letter issued by the department on October 8, 2021 and the letter dated October 19, 2021 of the District Elementary Education Officer, Faridabad was demanded to be cancelled.

No coercive steps adopted

• He said that a total of 21,577

children (20,385 in class 2 to 8 and 1192 in class 9) were enrolled by the department in various private schools in the year 2021-22 and 11,706 children had refused admission or were disqualified.

• Some private schools in the state did not admit 12,006 following which notices for cancellation of the registration were sent.

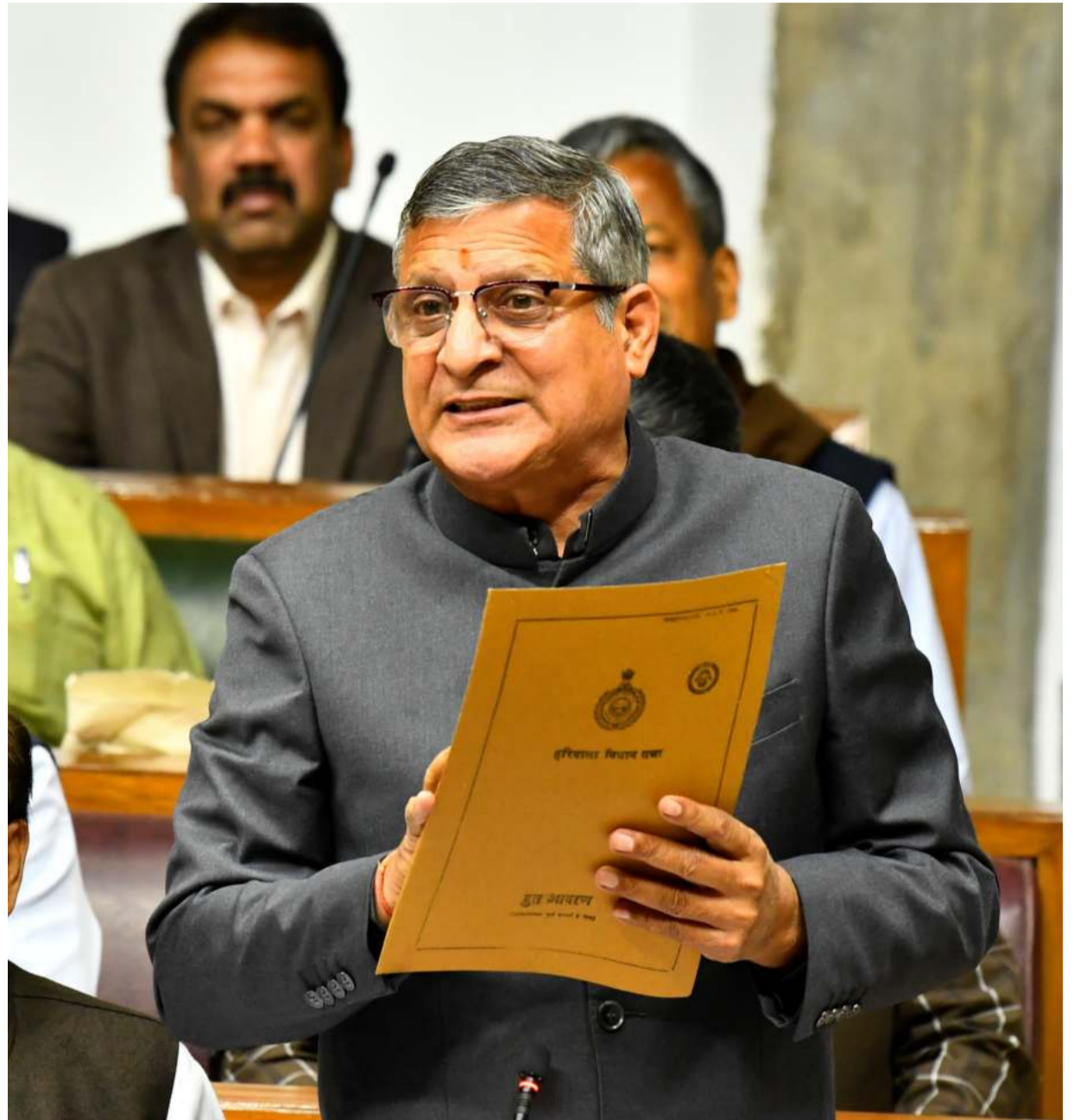
• The Education Minister informed that for the convenience of the parents of the eligible students, who had taken the school leaving certificates from the previous schools, the department has made the provision for their admission from December 15, 2021 to February 18, 2022.

• All possible efforts have been made by the State Government at its level to get admission in private schools under Rule 134-A, but due to the matter being pending in the High Court, the department could not take legal action against the erring private schools.

• The Education Minister said that to ensure that the academic session of the eligible students for admission under Rule 134-A is not spoiled, the government passed an order on February 7, 2022 to re-admit the students in their former private school or government schools.

• He said that according to Article 21A, under the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act-2009, the Haryana government was committed to provide education to children between the ages of six and fourteen years. In the state 8656 primary level and 2421 upper primary level government independent schools have been opened in the state so that no student between the age of six to fourteen years is deprived of education.

• The Education Minister said that no land allotment work is done by the School Education Department and



according to the information from the Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran, the plots available for the school in various urban estates which are developed by the H.S.V.P. and sold through open auction from

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• He said that due to the close of the academic session 2021-22, the conduct of the regular examination of the current academic session has been postponed.

QUESTIONS HOUR

Special girdawari of crop damage : CM

Haryana Review Bureau

Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal has announced that the work of special girdawari for the Rabi 2021-22 crop damaged due to a recent hailstorm in some districts of the state has been started from March 1, 2022.

Replying to a question in the Vidhan Sabha during the budget session the chief minister said that the work of general girdawari of Rabi crops in the state is done till February 28.

He said that the crop damage caused due to hailstorms across the State was reported on February 25-26, therefore special Girdawari for this will be done in March.

Mapping for health facilities
Haryana Health Minister, Sh.

Anil Vij said that mapping will be conducted in the State to provide health facilities to the people as per requirement and the tender process for the same (tender float) has been initiated.

Replying to a question in the Haryana Vidhan Sabha he said that the mapping will be conducted for providing speedy health care facilities. He elaborated that no one had conducted a study in this regard as yet through which a fair idea can be made as to the number of Community Health Centres, Primary Health Centres, 100-bedded hospitals, 300-bedded hospitals, 500-bedded hospitals and the number of medical colleges and nursing colleges are to be built and now we have to move towards providing need-based facilities.

Tablets for school students
Haryana Education Minister, Sh.

Kanwar Pal said that tablets with preloaded content along with Personalised & Adaptive Learning (PAL) Software and free internet data will be provided to more than five lakh students of secondary classes studying in the government schools during the next academic session by May 2022.

Answering a question in Vidhan Sabha he said that about Rs 620 crore will be spent by the government to provide tablets to all the students so that no student of class X to XII is deprived of this facility.

He said that its basic objective is to bridge the gap in the digital education of most of the children studying in government schools, who are from economically weaker and deprived sections and who are not able to buy devices like smart phones and tablets etc.

845 colonies to be regularised

Haryana Urban Local Bodies Minister, Dr. Kamal Gupta said that the State Government had decided to regularize 845 colonies falling within the limits of municipalities with less civic amenities and infrastructure.

Replying to a question during the Question Hour in the Vidhan Sabha he said that a notification was issued on September 10, 2021, to amend the Haryana Management of Municipal Areas (Special Provisions) Act, 2016 which lacks civic amenities and infrastructure. According to the amendment, the condition of construction work on 50 per cent of the plots in the new colony before March 31, 2015, has been removed.

Rozgar Melas

Haryana Minister of State for Labour and Employment, Sh. Anoop Dhanak informed that the government has set a target of

organizing 200 Rozgar Melas every year to increase employment opportunities in the state.

Responding to a question raised in this regard during Question Hour he informed that a new employment portal has been launched in the state to connect the youth of Haryana with employment in the private sector.

A 35 seater call centre has been set up by the department to promote the details of the applicants on the employment portal and to connect these applicants with employment opportunities in the private sector.

He said that to enable 50,000 meritorious youth of Haryana state to clear competitive examinations for government jobs in Haryana as well as jobs in Central Government free of cost online coaching is being given.



11 scientists honoured on National Science Day

Haryana Review Bureau

Haryana Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya stressed the need for quality science and technology education at school level in sync with the vision of Prime Minister Mr Narendra Modi, which not only leads to a new global identity for the country but will also help us realize the dream of a new and modern India.

Mr Dattatraya was speaking at the Haryana Vigyan Ratna Award and Haryana Yuva Vigyan Ratna award distribution function organized by the Department of Science and Technology at Raj Bhavan on the occasion of National Science Day here. Haryana Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal and Home, Science and Technology Minister Mr Anil Vij were also present on the occasion.

He said that better laboratories should be made available to students in all universities and colleges so that students can undertake new research works. Apart from this, the university should get patents for research at

its level so that the dream of 'Vocal for Local' will come true and the country will become self-reliant.

The Governor presented awards to 11 scientists, out of which two women scientists were honoured with the Haryana Vigyan Ratna Award. This is the first time in the history of Haryana that two women have been conferred with this award. Outstanding scientists of Haryana Prof Neeraj and Prof Mukesh were honoured with Haryana Vigyan Ratna Award for 2019, while Prof Motilal Madan and Dr Sushila Mann were honoured with the Haryana Vigyan Ratna Award for the year 2020, and Dr Chetan Prakash Kaushik and Dr Elora Sen for the year 2021. They were honoured with a citation, trophy, shawl and cash amounting to Rs 4 lakh as an award.

Governor Mr Dattatraya gave away Haryana Yuva Vigyan Ratna Award to Dr Pooja Devi and Dr Ram Jiwari for the year 2019, Dr Pawan Kumar and Shri Satish Khurana for the year 2020 and Dr Kalpana Nagpal for the year 2021.

They were presented a citation, trophy, shawl and cash amounting to Rs one lakh as an award.

The Governor said that he is very proud to have awarded four women in the field of science in this program. To empower women in education and other fields, the Haryana government is working with a positive approach and the women of Haryana are progressing in every field. He said that our scientists have made research and inventions in various fields. Our great scientist Nobel laureate Dr CV Raman invented the Raman Effect a century ago and made a unique invention for the treatment of cancer by understanding the structure of the tumour.

Mr Dattatraya said that during Covid-19 pandemic, the scientists of India proved their mettle and merit globally by preparing vaccines to prevent infection of Covid-19. These vaccines have been to more than 90 countries of the world. This is a wonderful work done by the scientists of India, he said.

Haryana Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said that science and

technology has made life easier. The access to other planets is a sign of the progress of science. He said that our scientific community has done the work of changing the direction of life. Why and how small events happen in life and what will be their results generate curiosity among scientists, leading to new discoveries and interventions.

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said that the knowledge of India's culture and civilization is going to lead the world towards peace. Unlimited curiosity of science will take our country towards progress. For this, the education of science is being promoted by the government at the school and college level and scholarships are being provided to the students in many fields. He said that it is the endeavor of the government that young scientists should get awards at the state level and they move forward for the progress of the country.

Haryana Home, Science and Technology Minister Mr Anil Vij said that efforts are being made for research in physics, besides

improving infrastructure through medical education. He said that the use of scientific techniques proved effective in dealing with Covid-19. The use of technology for social welfare will touch new heights.

Mr Vij said that to promote astronomy and astrophysics, a constellation has been established in the memory of Kalpana Chawla. Apart from this, to promote science from Class XI, scholarships ranging from one thousand to three thousand five hundred rupees and science competitions and science conclave are being organized at district level.

On this occasion, Haryana Chief Secretary Mr Sanjeev Kaushal; Additional Chief Secretaries Dr Ashok Khemka, Mr AK Singh; Additional Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister and Director General, Information Public Relations, Mr Amit Kumar Agrawal; Secretary to Governor Mr Atul Dwivedi; Director, Science and Technology Mr Chandra Shekhar Khare and other senior officers were present

Process for seeking aid from CMRF goes online

Haryana Review Bureau

The process for seeking financial assistance on medical grounds from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) has been made easy and convenient in Haryana. Mr Mnaohar Lal has launched a portal for the convenience of the applicants seeking such assistance.

Now the applicants can simply apply on the SARAL Portal through her/ his PPP ID, upload relevant documents like medical bills, OPD bills etc. and apply for financial assistance on medical

grounds from CMRF. The portal which will ease the process, marks another towards providing better health services to the people of the state.

While launching the portal, Mr Manohar Lal said it was found that with the CMRF running offline, the benefits of the scheme were not reaching the beneficiaries on time. after re-examining the earlier procedure, directions were given to digitalize the process through the SARAL Portal for the convenience of the general public seeking financial assistance. "Our



government's mandate is to ensure good governance across the state and provide benefits to the applicants within the stipulated

time-frame", he added.

Giving detailed information regarding the portal, OSD to the Chief Minister, Mr Sudhanshu Gautam, said after an application is received on the portal, it is marked to the login of public representatives of the concerned area (MP, MLA, Chairman Zila Parishad, Chairman Block Samiti, Mayor/President of MCs) for which they may recommend the case within five days.

Thereafter, the application will be pushed to the deputy commissioner concerned, who, in

turn, will simultaneously forward it to the Tehsildar and Civil Surgeon concerned for verification of the land details and medical documents, respectively.

A district level committee will meet fortnightly and recommend the cases for grant of financial assistance on medical grounds to the Chief Minister's office. The amount shall be transferred directly in the account of the applicant or beneficiary.

Mr Gautam said the Chief Minister had taken the decision to include another 22 serious diseases under the CMRF.

Haryana to clock zero budget farming : CM

Haryana Review Bureau

The three-day 38th State-Level Livestock Exhibition held recently at Bhiwani had once again world-class breed of cattle heads including Murrah buffalo and Sahiwal breed to cow, From Ateli village in Jind a buffalo worth Rs 11 crores was among the main attractions.

Addressing farmers Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal hailed the contribution of farmers in boosting the economy of the state and said that his government was committed to realise the target of zero budget farming.

Amid slogans of "Kisan Bhagwan Ki Jai" the chief minister reiterated his government's determination to double farmers' income and suggested farmers to take to professions like bee-keeping, dairy farming, mushroom production, fish rearing to enhance their income.

He said animal husbandry seemed to be catching on with farmers' imagination very fast as was indicated in the recent fairs organised for Antyodaya families. In these fairs of the 38,000

applications received 23,500 were for dairy farming which indicated farmers' inclination to take to it in a big way.

While distributing prizes worth Rs 60 lakh to farmers the chief minister announced to double the budget for medicines for animals.

will be set up in Haryana during 2022-23, which will provide employment to thousands of people.

The Governor said Haryana was the second largest producer of milk after Punjab. The day was not far when the state would be the number



The Chief Minister, Mr. Manohar Lal, having a camel ride at livestock exhibition.

Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya stated that the state government had so far disbursed an amount of Rs 924 crore under the Livestock Credit Card and Kisan Credit Card.

He said 25,000 units of animal husbandry, piggery and fisheries

one state in milk production by adopting best practices, he added.

He said to further improve the breed of milch animals such events to a long way in educating farmers and provide them exposure to the improved breeds of cattle and technology about livestock farming.

CM lays stone of adventure tourism centre

Haryana Review Bureau

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, took a historic step on March 13 towards promoting tourism in the state by laying the foundation stone of Adventure Tourism Centre at Damdama village in Gurugram district and flagging off two-day Haryana Aero Sports Carnival.

This Adventure Tourism Centre will be spread over about 19 acres of land, for the development of which the Haryana Tourism Department will coordinate with Aero Club of India. While conveying his warm greetings and best wishes for the function organized by Haryana Tourism and Aero Club of India, the Chief Minister said that infrastructure would be created for various adventure

activities at the centre to be started in Damdama village.

Situated in the lap of Aravalli hills it will have camping sites, air strip for paramotors, aero sports activities, cafeteria and other activities. "Adventure instills in a person the courage to face the risks, as well as to face the challenges. This helps develop confidence, determination and leadership ability in a person", he remarked.

The Chief Minister said that both roads leading to Bhondsi and Sohna connecting this centre would be widened and strengthened so that tourists can reach here easily. Apart from this, with the aim of promoting tourism on Damdama Lake, arrangements will be made to excavate this lake and keep water in it throughout the year.

Haryana Agriculture Minister JP Dalal said the best breeds of animals had been showcased in the exhibition. Pankaj Aggarwal, Financial Commissioner and Principal Secretary, Animal Husbandry Department, said

artificial insemination was being promoted to improve the breed of animals in Haryana. The government has reduced the fee of artificial insemination from Rs 500 to Rs 200.

Education sector gets Rs 20,250.57 crore

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

There is an impressive allocation of Rs 20,250.57 crore in the state budget of FY 2022-23 for the education sector, an increase of 17 per cent over the revised estimates of the current fiscal, thus sending a strong signal about the government's commitment to provide quality education to all aspirants in a seamless manner. The state government is also establishing an Institute of Emerging Technologies in Manesar to promote education and research in advanced and emerging technologies.

Presenting the budget in the Vidhan Sabha on March 8, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, who also holds the finance portfolio, said: "Education is the key to national development and societal advancement. The National Education Policy-2020 provides a frame work for the national objectives and goals in the education sector leading up to 2030. The state has set its implementation target of 2025 as against the national

Key POINTS

- Subject wise Olympiads for students of classes 8th to 12th to enhance higher level of learning and to improve competitiveness.
- The government proposes to provide tablets with connectivity to all students from Classes 10th to 12th studying in the government schools from the coming academic session.
- Libraries in all Government Senior Secondary Schools to provide additional learning opportunities
- Remedial teaching to children in classes one to 10 who require remedial coaching and to the children of serving defence and paramilitary personnel.
- The government proposes to connect government and private schools through twinning programmes for students to learn from each other.

target of 2030."

To provide safe transportation facilities for students in educational institutions, the government proposes to start a scheme called – SATHI (Safe and Accessible Transport: Haryana Initiative). It aims at providing transportation to every child, especially every girl child who wishes to commute for educational purposes. This facility

will be provided to all girls studying in government institutions including senior secondary schools, colleges, Industrial Training Institutes, polytechnics, medical, para-medical and nursing institutions

The government proposes to start a new school health programme which proposes to screen 25 lakh school children twice a year will be launched from

the next academic session. The schools apart from being centres of quality

learning will also act as centres to identify health issues of children and link up with Primary Health Centres (PHCs) and District Hospitals for finding remedies to such health issues. The data collected from the children will be linked with the e-Upchar portal enabling easy



access of digital health records anywhere and everywhere," said the Chief Minister.

The government proposes to increase the number of Sanskriti Model Schools from 138 to 500. Computer education will be provided in these schools from Class 5th onwards. To promote 21st century skills, fifty STEM Labs, on the lines of Atal Tinkering Labs (ATL), will be established where exposure and training in 3D printing, drone technologies, artificial intelligence, augmented reality, virtual reality, block chain management and so on will be imparted.

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