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## Khelo India: Haryana tops the chart

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

It was thoroughly impressive, indeed! Haryana has added an ever scintillating feather to its glowing cap by not only organizing Khelo India Youth Games-2021 smoothly but also bagging a record number of medals, showing the resilience and perseverance of the state's youths to excel in the field of sports. Their dominance in the games has rightly brought home the point that Haryana is fast consolidating itself as the sports hub of India in more ways than one!

Union Home Minister Mr Amit Shah officially launched the mega sporting event in Panchkula on June 4. Around 8,500 players, coaches and support staff from across the country participated in the fourth edition of Khelo India Youth Games-2021. Competitions were held in as many as 25 types of sports at five venues, namely, Panchkula, Ambala, Shahabad, Chandigarh, and Delhi. Five traditional sports - Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta, Mallakhamba, and Yogasana - had also been included in this prestigious competition for the first time.

"Haryana and its sports persons have set a great example worth emulating by all in the country.



Photo by Vinay Malik

Boys and girls of the state have done so well in various competitions. Affirmative measures of the state government have yielded positive results, said Governor Mr Bandaru Dattatraya while presiding over the concluding ceremony of Khelo India Youth Games-2021 on June 13 held at Indradhanush Auditorium, Panchkula.

Praising players and all those engaged in organizing the Khelo

India Youth Games-2021, Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal said that Haryana has once again proved its sports standards and qualities to achieve the pinnacle of success. "If our players did exceedingly well in the games, our officers and others proved their administrative and organizational edge by holding the mega event in a hassle free manner," said Chief Minister Mr Lal.

Haryana has secured the first position with 52 gold medals,

pushing Maharashtra to the second place as they won 45 gold medals. The promising players of the state have bagged a total of 137 medals including 52 Gold, 39 Silver and 46 Bronze, while Maharashtra has bagged a total of 125 medals including 45 Gold, 40 Silver and 40 Bronze. Karnataka remained at number three with a total of 67 medals including 22 Gold, 17 Silver and 28 Bronze medals.

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### Sports policy plays the anchor

By Ajay Bhardwaj

During the 'Khelo India' tournament when Union Sports Minister Anurag Thakur made a candid observation that only Haryana deserved to host it after winning worldwide accolades for the nation in sports, he simply underlined Haryana's long-standing commitment to sports and its efforts in grooming Olympians assiduously.

Ever since the Manohar Lal government took over in 2014 special attention has been paid to promote sports with initiatives like allocating extra budget for Sports, ensuring the best possible infrastructure, imparting quality training to sportspersons, giving a huge amount of cash prizes, providing government jobs on a merit basis. A new sports policy was ushered in that embarked on creating state-of-the-art sports infrastructure in the state and earmarked a huge hike in the prize money of the players. As a result of these cutting-edge initiatives, sports culture got a gigantic boost in Haryana and enormous zeal and enthusiasm was infused among the sportspersons.

The Chief Minister reiterates that there is a lot of sports talent in Haryana, it just needs to be refined and in that path this sports infrastructure will play an important role and the government's objective to provide international level facilities to the players of Haryana and continuous work is being done in this direction.

#### Padak Lao-Pad Pao

Close on the heels of Haryana being conferred the 'Best State Award for Promotion of Sports' the State Government has assured sportspersons excelling at international and national levels that under the 'Padak Lao, Pad Pao' programme they would be provided government jobs in future as well. With the restoration of the 3 per cent job quota in Group -C posts, around 400-450 players are expected to be benefitted.

## Games fetch 'Sports Capital' more than medals

By Parveen K Modi

The 10-day sporting extravaganza may have concluded but its ripple effects will be felt for long. Firstly, the scale, scope and spread of the successfully executed fourth edition of the Khelo India Youth Games have further burnished the credentials of Haryana as a sports powerhouse. Winning medals does matter—Haryana topped the chart with a tally of 137, including 52 Gold—but the honorific of "Sports Capital" of the country the Union Home Minister, Mr Amit Shah, bestowed on the state packs no small punch.

Hugely impressed by the massive arrangements made for the contingents and the clock-like precision with which the events were run made the players and officials carry along with their baggage the message what

Haryana is capable of. They rightly say there is no publicity better than by word of mouth.

Secondly, the rich state-of-the-art infrastructure assiduously built by the state government led by a pro-active and indulgent Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, in the run-up to the mega event will do Haryana good. That the Union Sports Minister, Mr Anurag Thakur, asked other states to emulate Haryana will shore up the prospects of the state playing host to similar events in the years to come. That the domiciled players stand to benefit from the latest facilities to hone their skills can hardly be overstated.

Significantly, after New Delhi, Maharashtra and Assam, Haryana has become the fourth unit of federal India to hold the distinction of hosting the Khelo India Youth Games, launched as Khelo India School Games at the inaugural edition inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, in



New Delhi on January 31, 2018.

The rechristening-cum-elevation was done before the 2019 event at Pune in Maharashtra after the Indian Olympic Association came on board in September, 2018. Guwahati in Assam organized the Games in 2020 but the sequential session in 2021 could not be held as the Covid 19 Pandemic played the spoilsport. It was held in Haryana with Panchkula as the epicenter. Haryana made a debut in the first edition bagging the highest number of 102 medals. The count went up to 178 and 200 medals in 2019 and 2020, respectively.

Three key factors tilted the scales in favour of Haryana playing the host to the much vaunted annual

national multidisciplinary grass roots games. First, of course, is the weight the voice of the Chief Minister carries at the Centre. Second, what played the magnet was the huge sporting infrastructure built right up the village level with his active involvement. Even a novice knows that Mr Manohar Lal has done all that was needed to make sports a culture, a way of life, in the state.

Third, the swelling kitty of medals won by the players from the state in national and international games, thanks to the cradle-to medal policy personally anchored by the Chief Minister which has made Haryana shine like the brightest of stars on the sporting sky of the country.

Even before the curtain came down on Khelo India Games, many were heard saying, "Ye Dil Mange More". (More on P2, 3, 4, 5 and 8)

**SIDELIGHTS**

**Harnessing tech to perform better**

On the lines of foreign countries, the performance of players in India will also be enhanced with artificial intelligence and data science. For this, a team of professors from the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Madras, has been engaged. Their aim is to develop a model the benefit of which can also be availed by the players coming from small towns.

In the Khelo India Youth Games organized at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, Panchkula, a programme was organized by the Haryana Government and the National Centre for Sports Science and Research (SCSSR), New Delhi, on the contribution of new technology in improving the performance of players.

Prof Mahesh Panchagnula and Prof Nandan of the Analytics Centre of the IIT, Madras, who attended the programme, said that technology is making an important contribution in improving the performance of players. It is often seen that big players go abroad for practice and take coaching abroad. The major reason for this is the state-of-the-art technology, artificial intelligence and data science available there. The team at IIT Madras is now working to make all this easily available to our players in India as well.



**400-yr-old Thang-Ta art reaches Games**



The art started by kings in Manipur about 400 years ago has reached Khelo India Youth Games. Not only Manipur but 22 teams from all over the country are participating in this game. The name of this art is Thang-Ta. Thang means sword and Ta means spear. This art played with sword and spear was banned by the British. The local people of Manipur have not only revived this art with their efforts but have also taken it to Khelo India.

Mr Prem Kumar Singh of the Thang-Ta Federation of India, who gave this art the form of a sport, says he felt that when martial arts could make their place as a sport by coming from abroad, why not Thang-Ta of Manipur? With this thought in mind, he decided to bring Thang-Ta into the form of a game. The first challenge was its rules.

But what could be used instead of sword and spear? In such a situation, he gave stick in place of sword and used a shield. The stick was made like a sword. Gradually they started organizing Thang-Ta in Manipur.

**Tips given to players at anti-doping workshop**

The National Anti-Doping Agency which works to promote dope-free sport in the country is raising awareness against doping among sportspersons and those concerned. NADA India in association with SAI and the Directorate of Sports, Haryana, organized an awareness workshop at the Khelo India Games.



Commonwealth Games Gold Medalist Satish Sivalingam encouraged all players to stay away from banned substances. He also shared some personal experiences of his life with the players.

NADA India briefed the attendees about the Anti-Doping Rule violations, medical use waivers and Speak-Up Initiatives at the workshop.

**Haryana players dazzle at Khelo India Games**



Photo by Vinay Malik

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Riding high on their indomitable spirit and perseverance to excel, young and dynamic players of Haryana rose to the occasion in fashion at the 4th edition of Khelo India Youth Games-2021 and bagged maximum number of medals, thus proving their supremacy and resilience in one of the mega sporting events! Haryana topped the medal chart with 52 Gold medals, pushing Maharashtra to the second place with 45 Gold medals in their kitty.

Haryana has bagged a total of 137 medals including 52 Gold, 39 Silver and 46 Bronze, while Maharashtra got a total of 125 medals including 45 Gold, 40 Silver and 40 Bronze medals. The state players wrestled with determination by winning a maximum 38 medals in wrestling, including 16 Gold, 10 Silver and 12 Bronze. In boxing, Haryana won 10 Gold, 3 Silver and 2 Bronze medals while 3 Gold, 6 Silver and 5 Bronze were bagged in Athletics.

Similarly, in Judo, Haryana players have won 3 Gold, 4 Silver and 4 Bronze medals and in Cycling, the state got 2 Gold and 6 Bronze medals. The state players won 4 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals in Swimming and 3 Gold, 2 Silver and 2 Bronze medals in Shooting. Similarly, 4 Gold, 2 Silver and 1 Bronze were bagged in Weightlifting and one Gold and 5 Bronze in Yogasana were grabbed by the players of the state. In Thang Ta, one Silver and three Bronze medals were bagged by the players of Haryana while in Gatka, they got one Gold and 3 Silver Medals. The state players won one Gold, one Silver medal in handball and one Gold in hockey, one Gold and one Silver medal in archery.

They won one Gold medal and one Bronze medal in badminton, while one Bronze medal in football and one bronze medal in gymnastics. Similarly, Haryana players have won one Gold medal, one Silver medal in Kabaddi, one Silver medal in Table Tennis, one Bronze medal in Tennis and two Silver Medals in Volleyball. Impressed,



Photo by Vinay Malik

Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal announced to double the prize money being given to the medal winning players of the state for their excellent performance in the Khelo India Youth Games-2021.

Chief Minister Mr Lal said that an amount of Rs 1 lakh would be given to the Gold Medal winner, Rs 60,000 to Silver Medal winner and Rs 40,000 to the Bronze Medal winner. Not only this, he also announced to give Rs 5000 as an incentive to the players of the state for participating in the games. "Organizing 'Khelo India Youth Games-2021' in Haryana holds utmost importance, because presently Haryana has a distinct identity in the sports world both nationally and internationally," he said.

Expressing happiness over the making the mega sporting event successful, he said the the results of Khelo India Youth Games-2021 competitions have proved that Haryana has immense sports talent. This is the reason that instead of developing some special sports centres in the state, the state government has done the work of promoting sports at the grass roots levels, he said.

Promising sports facilities to every player and make Haryana a nursery of sports, the Chief Minister said: "On June 4, at the launch of Khelo India Youth Games-2021, I had said that just as the Jawan (soldier) Kisan (farmer) and the wrestler of Haryana are 'Dhakad,' similarly the state's athletes will also perform in a 'Dhakad' way in this sports event. I am glad that our players have

**Key POINTS**

- ❖ Haryana Sports Academy to be set up.
- ❖ International level training Centre for players in Panchkula.
- ❖ The construction of hostel having accommodation for 200 players in Panchkula.
- ❖ 1100 sports nurseries are being opened in the state, which will benefit about 25000 budding players.

proved my point in letter and spirit."

The Chief Minister appreciated the sportsmanship of all players and said that they have brilliantly shown their physical ability and mental toughness by participating in these competitions. Specially congratulating the medal winning players, the Chief Minister wished that by continuing this streak of victory, they should bring laurels to the country on the international stage as well.

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**Haryana tops the chart**

The excellent arrangements put in place for players left them thrilled. Nutritious food was prepared for about 8500 athletes and their staff every day. Apart from eggs, milk, fruit, various local cuisines being provided in the morning breakfast. Players from every state and their accompanying sporting staff were all praise for Haryana for hosting the event so immaculately.

Boxer Lakshita Sharma from Madhya Pradesh said the arrangements made by the Haryana government for their stay and food in Panchkula was very good and they were provided with nutritious food daily. Mohan Lal Dhakad, also a player, said the arrangement for accommodation, travel and food was excellent. Boxer Shantu Datu from Ladakh said that nutritious food was given to the players here which was protein-rich. He said that the ground for training at Panchkula stadium is very big, which also helped him a lot.

# Rich infra for Games to serve Haryana for years

## 400-meter athletics synthetic track in Tau Devi Lal Stadium



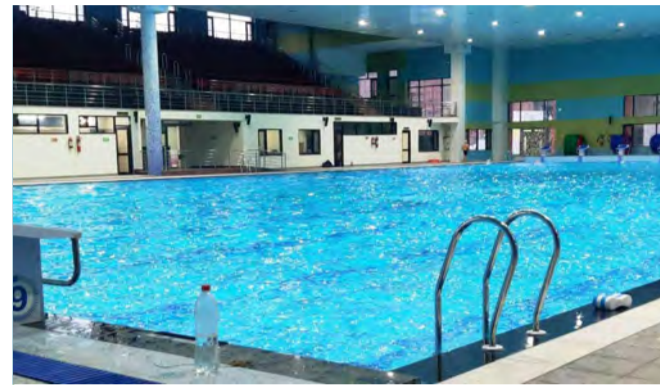
The synthetic track built at Tau Devi Lal Sports Complex in Panchkula

## Modernised Markandeshwar Hockey Stadium, Shahabad



A view of the renovated Hockey Stadium in Shahabad.

## Olympic-sized all-weather swimming pool in Ambala



A modern all-weather swimming pool built in Ambala.

By Parveen K Modi

Besides further burnishing the credentials of Haryana as a sports powerhouse, Khelo India Youth Games have done the state a good and great deal. The avant-garde newly-laid and spruced up old infrastructure will help promote sports culture, facilitate the players to hone their skills, and serve the state well in hosting big sporting events, both domestic and international, in the

years to come.

In the run-up to the mega event, excellent world class sports infrastructure was created in Panchkula, Ambala and Shahabad. As a part of the preparations, Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Panchkula was modernized and global-standard infrastructure has been constructed, done up and enriched.

The state government spent Rs 150 crore on building ultra-modern sports infrastructure last year. A new and futuristic 400-meter

athletics synthetic track and a warm-up synthetic athletics track has been prepared at Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Panchkula.

Apart from this, a football ground and astroturf hockey ground have been constructed. Three multipurpose halls have been constructed and the badminton hall in the stadium has been renovated.

The Markandeshwar Hockey Stadium at Shahabad has been modernized. Similarly, an Olympic sized all-weather swimming pool

of international standard has been built at Ambala and the gymnasium hall and football ground have also been renovated for the games.

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, says, "Haryana has made a distinct identity in the field of sports at national and international levels. The state government is consistently providing modern facilities to the players so that they could bring laurels to the state and the country. Players have proved it by clinching

medals again and again at global level. If they get the right opportunities and correct guidance, they can fetch several awards and medals in the future too."

There is a lot of sports talent in Haryana. It just needs to be refined. It is here that sports infrastructure will play an important role. The government's objective is to provide international level facilities to the players of Haryana and continuous work is being done in this direction, the Chief Minister feels.

## Hard facts, cold figures

Haryana medals tally:  
From 102 in 2018 to 200 in '2020

Haryana's medals tally in the Khelo India Youth Games has gone up with every edition. In the first edition of Khelo India School Games-later the name was changed to Khelo India Youth Games--held in New Delhi in 2018, the players of Haryana achieved the highest position in the country by winning 102 medals. In the Khelo India-2019 and 2020, Haryana stood second by winning 178 medals and 200 medals respectively. The medal count of the state has increased every time

Won four out of 17 Olympics medals

Haryana not only bagged the most number of individual Olympic medals but had also sent the maximum number of participants to the Tokyo event in 2021. Indian players who won 17 medals in the Olympics were from 11 states, with Haryana accounting for four-Vijender Singh, Saina Nehwal, Yogeshwar Dutt, Sakshi Malik-who all won after 2008.

Haryana was followed by West Bengal (three medals) and Delhi (two), while participants from at least eight states won one medal each. As many as 30 players out of the Indian contingent of 127 who represented India in Tokyo, were from Haryana, followed by Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Kerala and Uttar Pradesh.

## Sports expo beckoned one and all

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Haryana's sports expo set up at the Tau Devi Lal Sports Stadium in Panchkula, which was made into an international level sports complex for the Khelo India Youth Games-2021, remained a centre attraction for the players and visitors.

In the expo, players closely watched the Cradle to Medal and Achiever's Arena of Haryana and wanted to get more information about it. This showcases how

Haryana Government lends complete support to its players and motivates them to excel in the international arena.

In Achiever Arena are etched the success stories of the likes of Kapil Dev to Olympic gold medalist Neeraj Chopra, and other medalists, including Olympian and Haryana Sports Minister Sardar Sandeep Singh, Sakshi Malik, Saina Nehwal, Yogeshwar Dutt, Geeta Phogat, Deepa Malik and cricketer Yuzvendra Chahal etc.

**Sandeep Singh vs Flicker Singh**

The players coming to the expo

were surprised to see Sardar Sandeep Singh vs Flicker Singh in Achiever Arena. It is mentioned in detail how Sandeep Singh made golden history in hockey and his complete journey of becoming Flicker Singh from Sandeep Singh.

He holds the record of scoring 16 goals in the Olympic qualifying matches along with his flick speed touching 145 kilometer per hour. The minister became a centre of attraction for the players coming to Khelo India after seeing the expo.

Stalls on HAFED, VITA, National Urban Livelihood

Mission, Haryana State Rural Livelihood Mission, Khadi Gram Udyog, Sports Science Made Easy, Nivia Sports and Health Care gave important information to the players in the exhibition.

The Tau Devi Lal Sports Stadium in Panchkula, situated in the foothills of Shivalik, virtually became a sports village. More than 8,500 players from all states and Union Territories across the country and their accompanying sports officials enjoyed the hills of Panchkula from the stadium.

## “ WHO SAID WHAT ”



"The entire country is proud of the players of Haryana. It is a matter of joy for Haryana that the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, has given the opportunity of hosting the 4th Khelo India Youth Games to Haryana, which is called the Sports Capital of the nation. Khelo India has given a huge platform to the players across the country."

**Amit Shah**  
Union Home Minister



"Haryana is a land of champions in sports. No other state has given so many medals to the country. The soil of Haryana not only spews gold, rather this land produces players like Sakshi Malik, Ravi Dahiya, Bajrang Punia and Babita Phogat. Here, the farmer stands for the country in the field, the jawan on the border, and the player in the field."

**Anurag Thakur**  
Union Minister for Sports & Youth Affairs



"Winning or losing in the game does not matter much, what matters is how you play. Participation in sports competitions is very important. The Mascot of Haryana has been named 'Dhakad' in the 'Khelo India Games. Just as the Jawan (soldier) Kisan (farmer) and the wrestlers of Haryana are 'Dhakad', similarly the state athletes will also perform in a 'Dhakad' way in this sports event. I am sure that players from across every sphere of the country will take back mesmerizing and precious memories of this competition. These memories will motivate them to again visit Haryana in future as well."

**Manohar Lal**  
Chief Minister, Haryana



"It is a matter of joy for the players and residents of Haryana that for the first time the state is hosting Khelo India Youth Games on such a large scale. It is because of the sports policy of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, and his efforts that Haryana has got the opportunity to host the Games. I thank the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, and the Union Sports Minister, Mr Anurag Thakur, on behalf of the people of Haryana."

**Sandeep Singh**  
Haryana Minister of State for Sports and Youth Affairs

# Freezing in frame **Khe**



# Kheelo India Youth Games

-Photos by Vinay Malik



# Taking tech route to better farmers' lot

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

Digital innovations and technologies are transforming farming and farmers in Haryana, a key contributor to India's granaries. Digital technologies are adding a lot of ease and resilience in the state's entire agricultural gamut by integrating smallholders in a digitally driven agri-food system. Massive penetration of the internet and growing access to mobile phones along with policy boost has leapfrogged Haryana towards a digital agriculture revolution.

Fully aware of the fact that 'business as usual' is no longer the norm and digital agricultural revolution is going to be a global reality, Haryana government under the leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal has adopted a wholesome approach towards digital technologies to create a system that is highly productive, anticipatory and adaptable to changes and challenges so that agri ease is not compromised and benefits of agricultural productivity and welfare programmes are delivered well to farmers.

The Department of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare (DoA&FW) has embraced digital technologies to boost agriculture in the state. In view of increasing use of emerging technologies like Remote Sensing (RS), Geographical Information Technology (GIS), Data Analytics,



e-Fasal Kshatipoorti portal was recently launched by Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal, a historic step towards ensuring transparency in the system of application, verification and compensation for crop loss. This portal will also replace the age-old manual compensation system. The Chief Minister said that the farmers who have not registered under the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana would get the benefit given under the portal e-Fasal Kshatipoorti. "With IT reforms, we have worked towards ease of living for every section of the society," he said.

The Chief Minister said that after the unprecedented success of 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' portal, e-Fasal Kshatipoorti portal has been launched. He said the compensation amount will be deposited directly into the verified account of the farmer provided on 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora.' Now the farmers have to just register themselves on 'Meri Fasal-Mera Byora' portal only, he said. The Chief Minister said that the compensation will be given for crop loss due to fire, flood, hailstorm, drought, cold wave, earthquake, landslide, cloudburst, water-logging, heavy rain, insect attack and dust storm.

Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), BlockChain and Internet of Things (IoT) in agriculture, (DoA&FW) has put in place major initiatives to increase agricultural efficiency, productivity and profitability.

According to Dr Sumita Misra, Additional Chief Secretary, DoA&FW, AI along with satellite,

drone imageries will be used for assessing crop yield and crop losses. Pest, weed and diseases surveillance is also planned using satellite or drone images to be acquired at different intervals. The concept of precision farming will also be implemented in Haryana with the use of drones for spray of insecticide, pesticides and chemical

fertilizers.

Drones will require less time in spray and the chemicals would be uniformly sprayed without human touch. Yet another study will be done for source tracking of food grains using block chain technology, which may help in branding, marketing and better price discovery of agricultural

produce. Out of the total project cost of Rs 15.80 crore, Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmer's Welfare, has initially sanctioned a sum of Rs 8.29 crore under National e-Governance Plan for Agriculture (NeGP-A) for promoting the use of digital technologies in agriculture in the state.

## Key POINTS

\* Crop compensation to be given in five slabs including zero to 24 per cent, 25 to 32 per cent, 33 to 49 per cent, 50 to 74 per cent, and 75 to 100 per cent.

\* For crop compensation, 4 per cent of the registered area is required to be verified by the Deputy Commissioner. The Deputy Commissioner will send the amount for the approval of the Commissioner. The Commissioner will send the amount for approval of the nodal officer.

\* The nodal officers will take the approval of the state government for the amount sent by the respective districts. After approval, the amount will be directly deposited in the verified account of the farmer.

## CM renames residence as 'Sant Kabir Kutir'

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It has happened for the first time in the history of the country. Giving a glimpse of his saintly and mystical nature, the Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has renamed the Chief Minister's residence as "Sant Kabir Kutir". He is the first Chief Minister to do so.

That the thoughts of saints and great men have a deep influence on the thinking of the Chief Minister of Haryana, Mr Manohar Lal, is exemplified by the way he lives life. Inspired by the thoughts of saints and great men, he has not only introduced various schemes and programmes for the welfare of the people of the state but has dedicated himself to the cause of the common man.

Having devoted his life completely to social service, the Chief Minister likes to live a simple life. He is continuously working for social harmony and unity in the state. Like Sant Kabir Das ji, the Chief Minister does not believe in caste and creed. He had decided in his childhood that he would dedicate his life not to himself or to his family but to society. It is this thought that made him join the Rashtriya Swam-sevak Sangh and did social service as a pracharak there.

# 99.5 pc houses have power; 98.6 pc potable water supply, says NFHS-5



By Shagun Kapoor

Haryana has excelled in providing household facilities in the recent years.

According to the National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), conducted in the year 2019-21, the percentage of the houses with electricity stood at 99.5% which was otherwise 91.5% in the previous survey; houses with improved source of drinking water as 98.6% which was 95.6 and 96.6% households using toilet facilities; 40.1% households using solid fuel for cooking and about 76.5% people living in

pucca houses.

The survey in Haryana covered 18,229 numbers of total households, about 21,909 women and 3,224 men with the response rate of 96.7%.

In all this survey extended to 11 states covering 636,699 households (urban and rural areas), 724,115 women, and 101,839 men were interviewed with the response rate of 98%.

The survey concluded that about 85% of households of Haryana have been provided with improved/basic sanitation facilities which were recorded as 79.2% in the previous survey and about 96.8% of residents (urban and rural areas) are

having access to a toilet facility.

Haryana has further recorded the percentage distribution of wealth quintiles of the residents as 47.7% (highest) and 2.0% (lowest) and the gini coefficient is 0.12% in NFHS-5.

The National Family Health Survey, series five, further says that the percentage of children under age five years, whose birth was registered with the civil authorities, was about 95.1% of children, 95.7% children (urban areas) and 94.9% children (rural areas).

Furthermore, the state has recorded electronic data while interviewing households, men and



women (age 15-49 years) of the state (urban and local areas) who have exposure to mass media and internet usage. Therefore, about 12.9% women and 29.4% men read newspapers/magazines at least once a week, 62.6% women and 52.7% men watch television, 48.4% of women and 72.4% men have ever used the internet.

Apart from it, Haryana owns more assets and amenities like internet connections, washing machines, coolers, refrigerators, phones televisions etc which are recorded as 95.5% in the latest survey whereas the percentage of assets and amenities recorded as 93% in the previous survey.

# Strict vigil as date is set for municipal polls

By Ajay Bhardwaj

Haryana is all geared up to hold the municipal council election on June 19. Haryana State Election Commissioner, Sh. Dhanpat Singh has asked all the election observers to personally visit each polling booth to ensure that there were no last-minute problems.

The election will take place in 456 wards in the election of 18 municipal councils.

In all, 185 candidates are contesting for the post of President of these Municipal Councils, out of which 100 male and 85 female candidates.

While the BJP has fielded 14 candidates, Aam Aadmi Party 18, INLD 15, BSP 10, LSP 4 and JJP 4 candidates for the post of city council president.

The Election Commissioner informed that 1792 candidates are in the fray for the municipal council members, out of which BJP has fielded 102, Aam Aadmi Party 47, INLD 16, BSP has fielded 1 candidate in the municipal council election.

He said that 220 candidates are contesting for the post of president in a total of 432 wards of 28 municipalities. Of these, BJP has fielded 19, Aam Aadmi Party 26, INLD 11, BSP 7 and JJP



four candidates for the post of Municipality President. A total of 1301 candidates are contesting for the municipal members, out of which 783 are males and 518 are females.

All general supervisors, police supervisors, expenditure supervisors, all Deputy Commissioners, all Superintendents of Police and Returning Officers have been asked to give final touches to the preparations for conducting the election peacefully and fairly.

## Strict vigil Law and order

The police have been asked to maintain law and order during the elections. The police has been asked to keep a strict vigil on the people who are on furlough. "Whoever is found with an unlicensed weapon, immediate action should be taken against him. Illegal distribution of liquor etc. during elections should not be permissible, said an official directive adding that during elections some candidates try to

lure voters through money, action should be taken against such people as well.

As the campaigning picks up in days to come, all supervisors have been asked to ensure that the model code of conduct is properly followed. If any candidate pastes posters etc. on government property, then action should be taken against him. All the Deputy Commissioners should ensure that there is no shortage of EVMs in any district, and if there is a need for

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training regarding EVMs and elections in the districts, then it should be imparted as well. The EVMs should also be shown to all the contesting candidates and the political parties concerned.

All the Deputy Commissioners have been asked to make complete arrangements for drinking water at the polling booths and if there is no electricity connection then alternate arrangements be made. All polling booths must have adequate lights, fans etc. Ramps should be made at polling booths for disabled voters. Apart from this, there should be a wheel chair arrangement. The State Election Commissioner said that masks and sanitizers should also be kept at all polling booths.

## Panwar, Karthikeya elected to RS



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Mr Krishna Lal Panwar, BJP choice, and Mr Karthikeya Sharma, an Independent candidate, have won the Rajya Sabha election from Haryana. The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has congratulated them on their victory. "It is a victory for the people of Haryana", he said, adding that both MPs would go to the Rajya Sabha and raise the issues concerning the state and its people.

The Chief Minister reached the Haryana Legislative Assembly at about 2 am on June 11, congratulated the newly elected MPs and offered them sweets.

The Chief Minister said that the total number of MLAs in the Haryana Legislative Assembly is 90. During the Rajya Sabha elections, one MLA did not cast his vote while the vote of a Congress MLA was cancelled. With this, the total number of MLAs was reduced to 88.

Whichever candidate got one-third of the total number of votes in the elections won and the candidate falling short of the winning figure lost. One-third of the 88 MLAs in the Haryana Legislative Assembly worked out to 29.34. By combining the first and second preferences, both candidates have this number whereas the Congress candidate failed to score this number and was defeated.

The Chief Minister said recounting was also done once during the election. Mr Manohar Lal said Mr Kuldeep Bishnoi cast an open vote. He heard his inner soul voice. He must have done this only after being impressed by the policies of Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, and his government.

Responding to another question, the Chief Minister said he did not know how one vote of Congress was cancelled but BJP got all the votes. The Congress had trained its MLAs for a week before this election but it looks that BJP's one-day training overshadowed their training. "They failed and we passed", remarked the Chief Minister.

## Coming in Oct: New version of e-Office

By Parveen K Modi

The movement of government files through e-office with greater transparency is set to gather speed in Haryana. Come October, and the latest version 7 of e-office will be deployed to do the job.

This was disclosed by the Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, while presiding over a review meeting regarding the implementation of the e-office process. He said the new version 7 of e-office would be made available by October to ensure that no delay is caused in any work.

The new version of e-Office 7 can be accessed on tablets and iPad also. In this multiple documents can be opened simultaneously at the same time.

Besides, the facility of speech to text and paragraph referencing feature will also be available in this new version. There will be the facility to work in both Hindi and English language. This will also improve the working capacity of employees deputed in government offices, said Mr Kaushal.

As envisaged by the Chief Minister, with implementation of the e-office the entire working of the government offices would be made paperless. So far, e-office has been implemented in 146 departments, boards and corporations of the state. These include 123 departments and 22 Public Sector Enterprises.

The Chief Secretary said there are more than 32,000 e-Office users, for which data storage has been increased from 6 to 8 Terabytes. About 75 per cent of work of the Finance Department and 61 per cent work of the office of the Chief Secretary is being done through e-office. Until now, version 5.6 of e-office is being used in the state. It will be upgraded to version 7 and implemented in all departments by October.

The Chief Secretary directed the officers that training video clips should be prepared for smooth implementation of e-office so that all officers and employees can use them from time to time. Mr Kaushal also took suggestions from senior officers and directed them to incorporate these into the e-office software.

## FLASHBACK



## Haryana leads with 137 medals

In the Khelo India Youth Games held in Panchkula secured the first position with 52 gold medals by beating its rival Maharashtra, which won 45 gold. Haryana bagged a total of 137 medals with 52 Gold, 39 Silver and 46 Bronze medals while Maharashtra has managed to fetch a total of 125 medals by bagging 45 Gold, 40 Silver and 40 Bronze medals.

Similarly, Karnataka at number three bagged a total of 67 medals including 22 Gold, 17 Silver and 28 Bronze medals.

## 1,866 medals at stake; 25 sports, 5 venues

About 8,500 players from across the country participated in the fourth edition of Khelo India Youth Games-2021. The players played for a total of 1,866 medals, including 545 Gold, 545 Silver, and 776 Bronze.

Competitions were held in as many as 25 types of sports at five venues, namely, Panchkula, Ambala, Shahabad, Chandigarh, and Delhi. Five traditional sports - Gatka, Kalaripayattu, Thang-Ta, Mallakhamba, and Yogasana - had also been included in this prestigious competition for the first time.

## Fourth state to host Khelo India

Significantly, after New Delhi, Maharashtra and Assam, Haryana has become the fourth unit of federal India to hold the distinction of hosting the Khelo India Youth Games, launched as Khelo India School Games at the inaugural edition inaugurated by the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, in New Delhi on January 31, 2018.

## Prize money doubled for medal winners

The Haryana Government has decided to double the prize money being given to the medal winning players of Haryana for their excellent performance in Khelo India Youth Games-2021. Making this announcement, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, said Rs. 1 lakh would be given to the gold medal winner, Rs. 60,000 to silver medal winner and Rs. 40,000 to the bronze medal winner. He also announced Rs 5,000 as incentive money for the players of Haryana participating in the games.

## Sports Academy, hostel soon at Panchkula

At the grand closing ceremony of the fourth edition of Khelo India Youth Games 2021 held at Indradhanush Auditorium, Panchkula, the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, announced the establishment of Haryana Sports Academy to train the players coming from all over the country. With a view to providing state-of-art sports infrastructure, a hostel would be opened in Panchkula having an accommodation facility for 200 players, he added.

# Champions Nights play the stress buster

-Photos by Vinay Malik



By Parveen K Modi

The well thought-through, exquisitely designed, meticulously executed and rich-in-content cultural evenings, christened 'Champions Cultural Night', turned out to be a big draw and a stress-buster too for the players at the Khelo India Youth Games held at Tau Devi Lal Stadium, in Panchkula.

Organized every evening for the players, accompanying officials and spectators, these not only helped the players de-stress themselves after a hard day out but also enabled them to charge themselves up for the events the morning after.

The cultural bouquet had flowers of different hues and shades, ranging from folk dances to rap and songs which enthralled the audience and had them tapping their feet to the tunes. While on one hand the grand event left the people in awe, on the other, excellent entertainment in the form of cultural evening kept the audiences enthralled. The Champions Nights were replete with captivating performances by the Himalayan Roots Band, rap and pop numbers, MD Desi Rockstar and ASI Virendra enthralling people, and Punjabi singer Ashok Sachdeva, popularly known as Ashok Masti, making the audience tap to the tune

of his numbers.

Besides, Rajasthani Night had artists like Sikander Khan Langa and Sumarnath Kalbelia Group mesmerize people with Rajasthani pop songs and Kalbelia dance. Haryana-origin artist Padamjit Sehrawat mesmerized the players and the audience with a special performance.

## Kathak on haryanvi song

A special moment at the Kathak Night came when artistes performed Kathak on a Haryanvi song, leaving the audience completely astonished as to how there could be one on a Haryanvi song. Everyone present at the expo enjoyed the artists beautifully creating the fusion of Kathak with a Haryanvi song.

Performances on famous Sufi singer Kailash Kher's song mesmerized the audiences. In addition, some artists performed Kathak fusion in aerobics style. Well-known RJ Manav played various games with the players and spectators and also gave them gifts.

Whenever a team or player won any competition, Jai-Vijay and Dhakad danced with enthusiasm on Haryanvi and Punjabi songs. The players also danced with them. Spectators visiting the Tau Devi Lal Stadium were keen on taking selfies with Jay-Vijay and mascot Dhakad.

The students of Government Senior Secondary School, Sector-6, Panchkula, had ushered in the evening programme with a Haryanvi folk dance followed by a gidda performance by the students of Sarthak School, Sector-12, Panchkula.

## 12 from state make it to IAS

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Students of Haryana excelled once again as 12 of them made it to the Civil Services 2022 batch with Mamta Yadav from Mahendragarh clocking the top most place among the Haryana candidates with fifth all-India rank.

Mamata, whose father is working in a private enterprise, had topped the Masters' examination in Delhi University and had secured 502nd rank in 2020 civil services examination.

In her second attempt she brought pride to the state by grabbing the 5th rank.

Besides, Mamta, Mahendragarh district contributed two more successful candidates with Devyani capturing the 11th all-India rank and Pradeep Yadav getting 343rd rank.

Devayani is daughter of senior IAS officer in Haryana Vinay Singh Yadav who is currently serving as Commissioner, Hisar Division. Nisha Grewal from Bhiwani and Rahul from Hisar are the other two candidates who were placed 51st and 76th in the all India ranking.

The other successful candidates include Rajesh Mohan (102), Vivek Arya (131), Nisha Yadav (187), Shailly Raathi (308), Shakti Singh Arya (480), Subhabha Sangwan (320) and Priti Beniwal (745).

## Four Gold, 2 Bronze in Deaflympics

By Shagun Kapoor

Haryana athletes who participated in the Deaflympics held in Brazil won six medals including four gold, out of the total tally of 16. With this, the players have once again proved why Haryana is known as the medals factory. Out of the 65 athletes from India who participated in this international competition, 15 were from the state.

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, congratulated the athletes at a state-level felicitation ceremony organized at Tau Devi Lal Stadium in Panchkula. He distributed cheques worth Rs 1.2 crore each to Haryana's athletes--Rohit Baker, Mahesh, Diksha Dagar and Sumit Dahiya--for winning gold in Badminton, Cricket, Golf and Wrestling respectively.

Besides, wrestlers Virender Singh and Amit were given cheques worth Rs. 40 lakh each for winning bronze medals in Deaflympics. He also gave cheques of



Rs 2.5 lakh each to the other nine participants.

The Chief Minister later inaugurated four state-of-the-art sports facilities built at the cost of Rs.116 crore. These included Scientific Sports Training and Rehabilitation Center built at a cost of about Rs 50 crore, Multipurpose Hall built at the cost of Rs 50 crore, Hockey Astro-Turf built at the cost of about Rs. 10 Crore, and Renovation of Athletics Track at the cost of about Rs 6 crore.

Mr Manohar Lal said the state government had made a provision to give an advance amount of Rs 5 lakh to players for preparing for the games so that they do not face any difficulty. With this, a new policy for the

mountaineers who climb the world's 10 highest mountain peaks has also been implemented under which Rs. 5 lakh and a Grade-C certificate in the sports category will be given to help them in getting government jobs in Sports Quota.

Furthermore, the government has implemented Haryana Outstanding Sportspersons (Recruitment and Conditions of Service Rules 2018) to ensure employment for outstanding sportspersons. Also, 550 new posts have been created in the Sports Department and 156 players have been given government jobs, he added.

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