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Adampur result rings endorsement bell

By Parveen K Modi

Two messages ring out loud and clear from the outcome of the Adampur by-election. The seat has been won by BJP candidate, Mr Bhavya Bishnoi, son of Mr Kuldeep Bishnoi, who had vacated it in August after he quit the Congress and joined BJP, necessitating the by-election. At 29, Bhavya has become the youngest member of the Haryana Assembly.

He won the Adampur Assembly seat bagging as many as 67,376 votes, while Congress candidate Jai Prakash received 51,662 votes. The Indian National Lok Dal candidate, who has also been a Congress rebel, Kurda Ram Nambardar, got only 5,241, Aam Aadmi Party's Satinder Singh received 3,413 votes. Both lost their security deposit.

Taking first things first, the result makes a ringing endorsement of the policies and programmes of

the Manohar Lal Government and underscores the pull the Chief Minister enjoys with the people of the state. Also, proving cynics and political opponents wrong, the outcome seeks to cement the fact that the gains of various social welfare plans are percolating down to the people who feel satisfied, and that anti-incumbency is no factor at all.

Second, with the Congress candidate, Mr Jai Prakash, biting the dust and INLD and AAP candidates losing their security deposit, the electoral landscape in Haryana largely remains bi-polar. A third force will take time to emerge and make itself acceptable.

The Chief Minister congratulated Bhavya Bishnoi for winning the Adampur seat. He expressed his gratitude to the Adampur voters for reaffirming their faith and trust in the government. "It is a victory of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra



Modi's policies and development vision. Adampur now has a young MLA who would set a new paradigm of development in the area," he said.

The state government provided clean administration to the people by curbing corruption, casteism and crime. Good governance has been

established by changing the system, as a result of which today every section of the state is satisfied with our governance. The result is that today the public has once again shown its faith in the government, the Chief Minister added.

"It is a victory of the policies of the Prime Minister, of the working

of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, of the trust of Adampur in the Chaudhary Bhajan Lal family," said the elder Bishnoi. He expressed his gratitude to the Adampur people for trusting them. "I thank the people of Adampur as they trusted us once again," he added.

The newly-elected MLA seems to have set his priorities right. Providing opportunities to the youth; improving power supply, strengthening the sewage system in mandis, better roads, a state-of-the-art hospital, coaching centres and improved sports infrastructure are on his radar.

"A hospital in Adampur is on top of my list. At present, our people go to Agroha or Hisar and, sometimes, to the PGI, Rohtak. This deprives them of timely treatment. I have a huge responsibility to discharge, given the legacy of my grandfather and father. These are big shoes to fill," says Bhavya.

Highest among big states

GST collection up 37 pc

By Rajeev Ranjan Roy

One more glowing feather in the cap of Haryana! The state has recorded a growth of 37 per cent in the collection of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in the month of October-2022 Rs 7,662 crore as compared to Rs 5,606 crore in the last corresponding month, as per the details shared officially by the Union Ministry of Finance in a statement dated November 1, 2022. Nationally, Rs 1,51,718 crore gross GST revenue was collected for October-2022, the second high-est collection ever



with, next only to the collection in April-2022.

The GST collection growth rate for October-2022 in Punjab has been pegged at 10 per cent (Rs 1,760 crore); Uttarakhand 28 per cent (Rs 1,613 crore); Delhi 15 per cent (Rs 4,670 crore); Rajasthan 10 per cent (Rs 3,761 crore); Uttar Pradesh 16 per cent (Rs 7,839 crore); West Bengal 26 per cent (5,367 crore); Odisha 5 per cent (Rs 3,769 crore); Madhya Pradesh 10 per cent (Rs 2,920 crore); Gujarat 11 per cent (Rs 9,469 crore), and Maharashtra

19 per cent (Rs 23,037 crore).

"Haryana may be a small state, but today it has become a role model for others in terms of the all-round development, tax collection, and for taking several first-of-its-kind initiatives. This could not have been possible but for the trust each Haryanvi reposed in us, and in our good governance.

With our faith firmly rooted in the conviction of 'Satyamev Jayate', my government set upon the journey of 'Vyavastha Parivartan Se Sushasan' in 2014. Today, after eight years, the winds of change can be felt by any person who has an open mind, and harbours no prejudice," says Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal.

Haryana continues to be resilient in terms of GST collection in the country. It had collected Rs 5,433 as GST in the month of October-2021. The state GST revenue had recorded a growth rate of 33.5 per cent in November 2019 over the corresponding month of the previous financial year. The continued resilience in the collection of GST shows Haryana's success in putting in place a foolproof and hassle-free mechanism to ensure the ease of taxpayers.

Robust system to check evasion gives boost to GST mop-up on P2

Stubble fires snuffed out, substantially

CM's initiatives lead to 30 per cent decline in fire incidents

By Ajay Bhardwaj

The focused and persistent efforts of the Haryana government led by Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal have seen a remarkable 30 per cent decline in the number of stubble burning incidents this year. A series of measures that have been taken to avert and to reduce the farm fire incidents have in fact registered a constant down ward trend over the past six years.

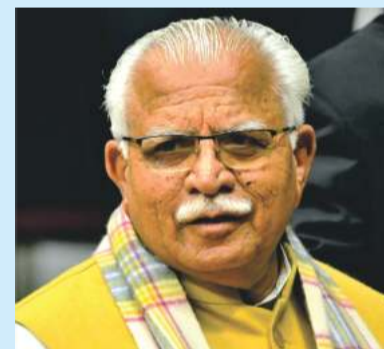
Significantly, Haryana has reduced stubble-burning incidents by more than 55% during the last six years. The total number of such accidents has decreased from 15,686 in 2016 to 6,987 in 2021. Till the first week of November this year the number was around 2,350.

Stubble management

The credit for turning the tables goes to a series of steps that have been envisioned by the chief minister keeping the environmental issues and farmers' interests in mind.

In a novel initiative a provision of giving an incentive of Rs 1000 per acre has been made by the Haryana government to those who do not burn stubble.

Besides this, Rs. 50 per quintal incentive amount and subsidy on straw management



NASA endorses steep decline

In a recent report released by the US National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) that has shown a steep decline in farm fire incidents in Haryana.

The recent satellite images of stubble burning and arson incidents in northern India issued by NASA clearly show that in the last 24 hours, farm fire incidents in Haryana have come down even further, while the live images of stubble burning can be seen in three-fourths of the area of neighbouring state Punjab.

The official data released by NASA certainly indicates that cases of stubble burning have decreased in Haryana

equipment are given to the farmers for making stubble bales. In addition, farmers are being given a 50 percent subsidy on equipment for crop residue management and an 80 percent subsidy on custom hiring centres.

If a farmer takes stubble bales to the Ethanol Plant in Karnal and Panipat, then he is given an incentive of Rs. 2000 per acre. Further more, if a farmer takes stubble in Gaus-halas, then an incentive amount of Rs 1500 is given to them.

Not only this, Haryana is also giving cash rewards of up to Rs 10 lakh to the panchayat for not burning stubble in the Red Zone area. Last year, the government had made a provision of Rs 216 crore for stubble management

The Haryana government has not hesitated from cracking a leash on farmers who have failed to fall in line and has thus far issued 1,041 challans and fined farmers in various paddy sowing districts approximately 26 lakh so far for burning crop residue.

According to reports published on October 28, 2022, Kurukshetra, Kaithal, Jind and Karnal were among the districts where a maximum number of farmers have been issued challans for burning the paddy stubble after harvesting.

Robust anti-evasion steps give boost to GST mop-up

State-wise growth of GST revenues during October 2022

State	Oct-21	Oct-22	Growth	State	Oct-21	Oct-22	Growth
Jammu and Kashmir	648	425	-34%	Odisha	3,593	3,769	5%
Himachal Pradesh	689	784	14%	Chhattisgarh	2,392	2,328	-3%
Punjab	1,595	1,760	10%	Madhya Pradesh	2,666	2,920	10%
Chandigarh	158	203	28%	Gujarat	8,497	9,469	11%
Uttarakhand	1,259	1,613	28%	Daman and Diu	0	0	20%
Haryana	5,606	7,662	37%	Dadra and Nagar Haveli	269	279	4%
Delhi	4,045	4,670	15%	Maharashtra	19,355	23,037	19%
Rajasthan	3,423	3,761	10%	Karnataka	8,259	10,996	33%
Uttar Pradesh	6,775	7,839	16%	Goa	317	420	32%
Bihar	1,351	1,344	-1%	Lakshadweep	2	2	14%
Sikkim	257	265	3%	Kerala	1,932	2,485	29%
Arunachal Pradesh	47	65	39%	Tamil Nadu	7,642	9,540	25%
Nagaland	38	43	13%	Puducherry	152	204	34%
Manipur	64	50	-23%	Andaman & Nicobar Islands	26	23	-10%

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A robust mechanism to check evasion and ensure transparency has given a big boost to the collection of Goods and Services Tax (GST) in Haryana, which registered 37 per cent growth, the highest among large states, in the month of October as compared to the last corresponding month.

The higher growth rate in GST collection is also in line with the trend in economic recovery. The increasing trend in the e-way bills generated every month shows the growing resilience of the state economy.

The rise in GST collection is attributable to multiple reasons. With the improvement of return filing, the focus of the GST Council has been on timely filing of GSTR-1, the statement containing details of invoices. This statement is critical to ensure discipline in taking input tax credit. Various steps have been taken to ensure timely filing of GSTR-1, which have ensured increased compliance

and higher revenues. As a part of overall efforts to plug evasion, more steps to restrict fake ITC are under consideration of the GST Council.

In January last year, the Haryana Police busted four major gangs related to issuing or registration of bogus firms involved in GST fake invoice bills scam which defrauded the government exchequer to the tune of over Rs 464.12 crore through fraudulent means across the state.

The crackdown on the GST fake invoice scam has also led to the recovery of over Rs 112 crore and unearthing fake GST Identification Numbers (GSTIN). The police had also blocked inadmissible ITC worth of Rs 97.22 crore in the Excise and Taxation Department.

To curb the sale of goods and services without bills and check the menace of fake billing, the government established Haryana State GST Intelligence Unit (HSGST-IU) in March 2021. In order to improve ease of doing business and ensure quick sanctioning of refunds, the government also initiated a one-

Key POINTS

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month refund drive to expedite the processing and sanctioning of GST refunds.

An initiative has been undertaken for installing CCTV cameras in all distilleries, bottling plants and breweries in the state

which will be directly connected with the office of Excise and Taxation Commissioner to curb malpractices and protect revenues of the state.

The overall vibrancy of Haryana's economy is also a major factor, which ever boosts the state's business confidence. In real terms, the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) of Haryana posted an annual compound growth rate of 6.47 per cent during 2014-2021, from Rs 3,70,535 crore in 2014-15 to Rs 5,88,771 crore in 2021-22. On the other hand, all-India real GDP recorded an annual compound growth rate of 4.63 per cent during the same period. As a result, the share of the state's GSDP in all-India GDP has also significantly increased.

The state witnessed an increase in its real GSDP with 9.8 per cent growth in 2021-22 as compared to the previous year. The share of the secondary sector in total Gross State Value Added (GSVA) at current prices increased to 33.2 per cent in 2021-22 as a result of consistent thrust given to the

manufacturing sector.

The share of tertiary sector stood at 48.6 per cent while the share of primary sector was 18.2 per cent of the GSVA in 2021-22. The primary, secondary and tertiary sectors have recorded growth of 6.7 per cent, 25.3 per cent, and 16.5 per cent respectively at current prices in 2021-22 as compared to the previous year.

In the secondary sector, manufacturing and construction sectors have emerged as major contributors. It is important to note that the share of manufacturing has increased from 61.61 per cent in 2011-12 to 69.33 per cent in 2021-22, demonstrating the rapid strides in the industrial sector made by Haryana, and GST by bringing benefits to all stakeholders of industry, government and the consumer is giving holistic boost to the economy of the state. It has allowed a set-off of prior-stage taxes for the transactions across the entire value chain, mitigating the ill effects of cascading, improving competitiveness and liquidity of the businesses.

RERA chips in to help home buyers

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

Feeing of home buyers by brokers or agents will be dealt with an iron hand – is the stern message which the Haryana Real Estate Regulatory Authority Gurugram (HRERA-Gurugram) has sent out to the stakeholders.

“Arbitrary brokerage is an offence as apparently defined in the HRERA Act. Yet the agents or brokers have continued adopting this malpractice in defiance of the RERA Act, which is punishable,” said HRERA-Gurugram chairman Dr KK Khandelwal.

The real estate regulatory authority's warning has come in the wake of a number of complaints mushrooming on a daily basis in the city and land up in the authority where the cheated buyers or allottees turn up for relief. The authority has



said that the Haryana Regulation of Property Dealers and Consultants Rules, 2009, provide charging of only half per cent commission each from the buyers and the sellers.

The Authority in one of its decisions passed on September 1, 2022 disallowed the brokerage of more than half per cent which is

currently being deducted by the promoters on surrendering of the units by the allottees. “The authority has decided to fix this problem and is working on blacklisting such agents who have been charging brokerage arbitrarily,” said Dr KK Khandelwal.

“We will revoke, blacklist and

debar agents or brokers who have committed the offence of exorbitant commissions in contravention of the rule,” he said, adding that RERA-Gurugram has decided to come heavily on such malpractices adopted by the real estate agents and brokers to exploit allottees in the name of charging arbitrarily

high brokerage.

It has also come to the notice of HRERA Gurugram that some of the real estate agents are indulging in the sale of plots or apartments in the projects which are not registered or eligible to be registered.

“We have noticed brokers sent emails to lure buyers to buy property in projects which are not even registered, while the real estate agents are required to give all information pertaining to the project along with valid documents so that at the time of booking or concluding the deal of any plot or apartment, the allottees are well informed so that they can have choice whether to invest in a project or not. The registration of such brokers is likely to be revoked and such brokers may be blacklisted,” said Dr Khandelwal.

One more feather in cap

Best State Agribusiness Award-2022

By **Rajeev Ranjan Roy**

One more feather in the glittering cap of Haryana Best State Agri business Award - 2022! The award-conferred by the Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture recognizes Haryana's outstanding contribution under able leadership of Chief Minister Mr Manohar Lal in the areas of policies, programmes, production, inputs, technologies, marketing, value addition, infrastructure and exports in the agriculture sector.

"The award is a testimony to our concerted efforts being made to transform Haryana into a farmer-oriented state from an agriculture-oriented. Along with modernity in agriculture, the big goal is to increase the income of our farmers.

The state government is buying more than 14 crops at minimum support (MSP). We are also encouraging our farmers to adopt modern farming," said Chief Minister Mr Lal.

He said that farmers should adopt crop diversification and



move towards natural farming for better yield at less cost. "The state government has taken several steps to improve the agriculture and horticulture sector including proper use of water for irrigation and adoption of less water consuming crops by the farmers," he added.

The Chief Minister also congratulated the officials and the employees along with the people of the state for the achievement.

Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Mr JP Dalal received the award at a function in New Delhi on November 9 from Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Mr Sanjeev Balyan along with Additional Chief Secretary Mrs Sumita Misra in the presence of Director General Horticulture Mr Arjun Saini and other senior

officials.

Mr Dalal said that today Haryana has once again proved its mettle in the agriculture sector. "As one of the largest contributors to the national food pool, Haryana has taken several policy initiatives for diversification and promotion of horticulture and agri business," he said, adding that the state has mapped around 400 horticultural crop clusters and formed 700

Farmer Producer Organizations (FPOs).

In order to strengthen backward and forward linkages in the clusters, Haryana has launched an ambitious scheme – Crop Cluster Development Program (CCDP), through FPOs with a provision of Rs 510.35 crore for setting up integrated pack houses. So far 30 integrated pack houses have been established and the work on 35 others is in progress. "A total of 100 such integrated pack houses are targeted to be set up by the end of the current financial year," said Mr Dalal.

He said that in a short span of 10 months, trade of 13,400 metric tonnes of horticulture products has been carried out; of which work worth Rs 14 crore has been completed and it is expected to exceed Rs 200 crore.

Haryana has also been a pioneer in price protection through 'Bhavantar Bharpai Yojana (BBY)' and has reimbursed Rs 24 crore to farmers in the last three years for horticulture crops and about Rs 750 crore.

UAV-driven governance on the cards

By **Parveen K Modi**

With drones set to play a greater role, Haryana is headed for unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)-driven governance modules. If the plans drawn are any indication, apart from the Revenue Department, drones may also be used in other departments, including Urban Local Bodies, Power, Disaster Management, Mining, Forest, Traffic, Town and Country Planning, and Agriculture.

Besides rendering help in mapping land records, drones will also facilitate disaster management, delivery of emergency services, and execution of development plans in the urban areas. Notably, Haryana is the first state to create a separate corporation to speed up the

UAV-driven governance.

In what is being described as a pivotal step towards ensuring maximum use of information technology, the Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has directed officers of the Drone Imaging and Information Services of Haryana Limited (DRIISHYA) to work on developing anti-drone technology. Apart from this, sensors should also be procured for mapping to be done up to 15 meters under the ground with drones, he said.

Mr Manohar Lal, who is also Chairman of DRIISHYA, gave these directions while presiding over third meeting of the Board of Directors. He told the officers to complete the process of taking permission for flying drones from the Directorate General of Civil



Large-scale mapping done in 8 urban areas

Large-scale mapping has been done in eight urban areas of Jind, Karnal and Sonapat districts which means that each property in these areas can now be identified. Information about the area of the property, its location on the map and details of the property owner can also be easily obtained.

This was made known at the meeting of officers associated with this project held under the chairmanship of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal. He

congratulated them on the completion of this work and said the department concerned should complete the technical works related to the large scale mapping project in each village sequentially so that no work remains pending in any village.

The Chief Minister said digital records of every inch of land in the state would be maintained to have real time data about the number of ponds, roads or infrastructure. He directed the Survey of India and the Revenue Department to com-

plete a large scale mapping project for this work at the earliest.

He said complete mapping should be done outside the villages as well while executing large-scale mapping.

This should also include houses and other infrastructural constructions built in the fields outside the village. The Survey of India should complete large-scale mapping at the earliest by increasing the workforce of the employees.

Aviation, Government of India, at the earliest. The services of experienced people associated with aviation should be taken by DRIISHYA.

DRIISHYA has done a successful survey of Khanak mines using a fixing wing drone (F-90) for volumetric analysis in the mining areas of Bhiwani district, Dadam and Khanak. Apart from this, the work of inspection of the Bahadurgarh - Daulatabad high tension power line, and survey work of a water-logged area in 11.55 square kilo-metre area of 10 villages along the Yamuna river in Karnal district has also been done.

With this, large-scale mapping work has also been done in Sector

15-A and Sector 75 of the Faridabad and Rakhigadhi heritage area of Hisar district. The establishment of DRIISHYA marks a unique beginning in Haryana, as now with the help of drones the extension of the area can be traced as well as illegal encroachments can be controlled. Earlier manual surveys were conducted from time to time, which was time-consuming and costly. Manual surveys require more manpower.



Some firsts Haryana

The eight-year tenure of the Manohar Lal Government has been momentous, marked as it was by many firsts belted by Haryana in various fields, making it a Chief Minister who constantly thinks of the state and betterment of its people. And this came from none other than the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi. Programs of the Haryana Government had been adopted by the Central Government. All this is a matter of record. Among others, Haryana is the first state to start sugarcane; first to introduce online teacher transfer policy; first to have Mahila Police Stations; first to introduce 75 per cent reservation for locals in private facilities. Haryana Review has a close and prying look at some of these firsts the state decorated its cap with during the last eight years to bring out their importance.

By **Parveen K Modi**

Haryana, under the visionary leadership of the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, is the first state in the country to have educated representatives of panchayati raj institutions (PRIs). Reviled first but revered later, the decision to fix educational qualifications for panches and sarpanches has worked wonders.

Their thoughtfulness and indulgence have endowed the villages with modern facilities and amenities, making them look like mini towns. This is more than mirrored by pucca roads, street lights, sewage system, optical fibre, Wi-Fi hotspots and the gram sachivalays equipped with basic IT facilities. Educated panchayats have made all the difference.

Since panchayats know best what a village needs most, more functions and financial powers have been devolved to the educated panches and sarpanches to manage their affairs, and ensure holistic development of villages.

“Drawing inspiration from the vision of the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, who wants ‘Gram Uday Se Bharat Uday’ made a reality, we have given more powers and lend financial muscle to the PRIs in the state. The educated panches and sarpanches have worked this decision to great advantage of the villagers”, says the Chief Minister.

The vision of the Chief Minister to have educated panchayats was translated into reality by amending the Panchayati Raj Act. Today, educated, young and honest people represent the PRIs in Haryana. With the average age of the elected members being 34.7 years, the PRIs have got dynamic leadership.

This move drew a lot of flak and was even challenged in the Supreme Court. But the apex court not only upheld the decision but also appreciated it. Representatives of educated panchayats have proved that we took the right decision, the Chief Minister says.

Educated panchayats work in tandem with the state government to realize the professed goal of making the rural areas look less rural and more urban. These have not only implemented government schemes for the development of villages effectively but also lend impetus to their holistic development by working on local plans evolved to meet local needs.

Reviled, then revered, educated panchayats make villages look more urban, less rural

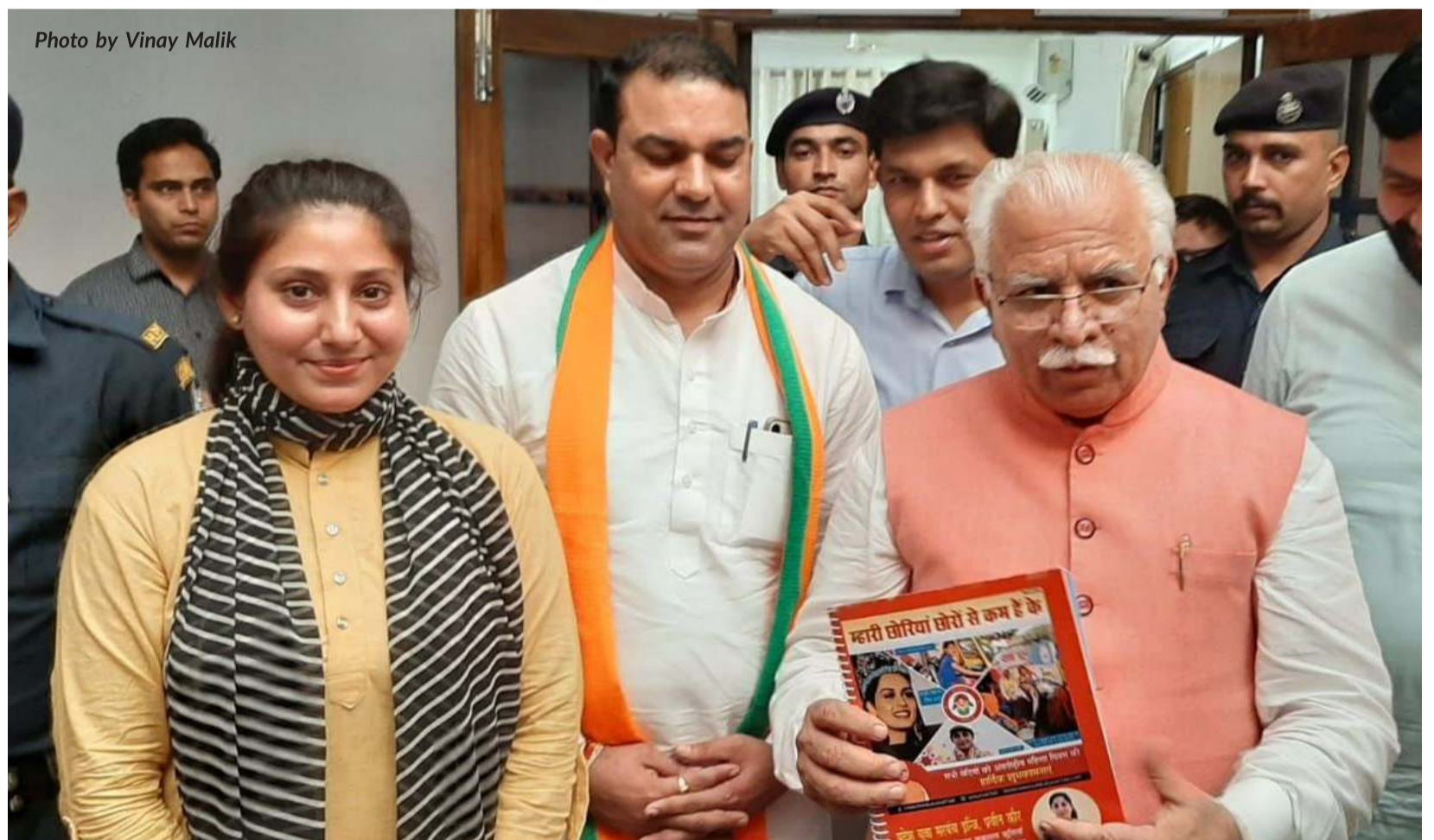


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MSP for 14 crops

Besides several schemes aimed at making farming profitable, Haryana is the first state to offer minimum support price (MSP) on as many as 14 crops:

These are: wheat, mustard,



barley, gram, paddy, maize, bajra, cotton, sunflower, moong, groundnut, tur, urad and sesame. Besides, if needed, the state also pays a bonus to the farmers on certain crops the amount of which varies

from year to year.

Recently, the Central Government announced the decision to increase the MSP of six Rabi crops of pulses and oilseeds from Rs 105 to Rs 500 per quintal. The move was hailed by the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal.

“This decision is another move in the direction of the Modi Government’s commitment to double the income of farmers,” he said, adding that wheat, mustard, gram and barley are among the major rabi crops of Haryana.

The MSP of wheat has been increased from Rs. 2,015 to Rs. 2,125 per quintal; mustard from Rs. 5,050 per quintal to Rs. 5,450; gram from Rs. 5,250 per quintal to Rs.5,335; barley from Rs.1,635 per quintal to Rs.1,735; and lentils from Rs. 5,500 per quintal to Rs. 6,000.

The Haryana Government has been increasingly adopting digital governance means in its effort to ensure enhanced income for farmers. Among others, a successful initiative in this regard is the Meri Fasal-Mera Byora e-procure-

ment portal that was launched by the Chief Minister in 2020.

Online transfer policy

Haryana is the first state in the country to implement an online teacher transfer policy; 83 percent of teachers in the state have been posted as per their preferences. This has helped slam the doors shut on corruption. Encouraged by the success of the policy, it is now being extended to other departments also.

Haryana is also the first state to have set the target to implement the New Education Policy-2020 by 2025 though the Centre had set the deadline at 2030. A high-level committee has been constituted under the chair-manship of the Education Minister to take things forward.

“We have made extensive efforts to ensure easy access to education for every child, prepare teachers for teaching in line with the New Education Policy and to provide state-of-the-art infrastructure. In Haryana, one primary and

one secondary school is there within a radius of one kilometer and three kilometers respectively. Along with this free transportation facility is also being provided to the students,” says the Chief Minister.

Highest cash awards



One state which pays the highest cash award to its medal winners in global sporting events is Haryana. The Manohar Lal Government also offers jobs to them in keeping with the state’s

Logged in eight years

ing the state a talking point at national fora. Together with the all-round progress logged by the state, these firsts have earned Mr Manohar Lal the sobriquet of Modi. Lauding the innovative approach and vision of the Haryana government, he said the Chief Minister worked with dedication and innovation and some state to have taken the decision to have educated panchayats; first to make its villages Lal-Dora free; first to procure 14 crops at MSP and pay the highest price for private jobs; first to pay the highest cash award to the medal winners in global events; and is well on way to becoming the first to set up district-wise helipad impact.

sports policy.

A jewel in the Olympic crown of India, Haryana which earned the epithet of a sporting power house, has now acquired a name that finds a synonym in excellence. In the Olympics, while India bagged seven medals (1 Gold, 2 Silver and 4 Bronze), quick-footed and keen-on-making-the-kill athletes from the state did the country proud by belting four, including the Gold. Both for India as well as Haryana, Tokyo was the best-ever Olympics.

While Neeraj Chopra gave India its National Anthem moment, wrestlers Ravi Dahiya won silver and Bajrang Punia bagged bronze. Two medals went to hockey. In all 31 players were felicitated at a state-level function and handed cheques by the Governor, Mr Bandaru Dattatreya, for Rs 23 crore-Rs 6 crore for gold; Rs 4 crore for silver and Rs 2.5 crore for bronze-along with job offers in keeping with the state policy.

Besides, the Chief Minister has asked Neeraj to head a centre of excellence to groom athletes for the Olympics. India's women hockey team qualified for back-to-back Olympic Games for the first time. Now, the state government has decided to give a cash award of ₹15 lakh each to the sportspersons who finished fourth at the Birmingham Commonwealth Games (CWG).

That Haryana dominates sporting space in India is no hearsay. It is borne out by the fact that the 127-strong Indian contingent at Tokyo Olympics included 30 from Haryana, and 17 out of the 30 female players.

Also, of the 16 players in the women hockey team, nine trail-blazers were from Haryana, including Captain Rani Rampal. Making news is second nature to this 27-year-old: under her captaincy, India made history winning Women's Asia Cup in 2017.

Mahila Police Stations

Women's safety is one of the most important areas of focus of the Haryana Government and its police force. The aim is to provide a safe environment for women in all spheres of life, empower them and give them agency to participate in the growth process. Haryana is among the first states in the country to set up Mahila Police Stations. This has helped women shed their inhibition and come forward to lodge complaints.

Thirty-three notified Mahila Police Stations are functioning in the state. Each station also has a

Centre adopts scheme to make villages Lal Dora free as Svamitva Yojana

By Parveen K Modi

Haryana has acquired the distinction of being the first state in the country to make its villages Lal Dora-free. This has been made possible with the completion of drone flying targets in 6,286 Lal Dora villages. Under the path-breaking initiative taken by the Chief Minister, people in the villages have been bestowed with the right to become owners of property by abolishing Lal Dora.

Interestingly, this scheme has now been adopted by the Central Government under the name of "Svamitva Yojana" and is being implemented all over the country. No less than the Prime Minister, Mr Narendra Modi, heaped lavish accolades on Haryana for this initiative and directed the Central Government officials to implement the scheme in the entire country.

Ownership fills the owner with a sense of fulfillment and empowerment. Committed to empowering people, the Chief Minister keeps taking decisions to decentralize powers, strengthen institutions and empower the people. He is of the firm conviction that while empowered people strengthen democracy, strong institutions are the pillars its edifice rests on. The decision to make villages Lal Dora-free has the potential to empower villagers, unlock the value of land, and open up vast vistas of opportunities. Svamitva Yojana seeks to confer ownership rights on the villagers over land.

The monumental administrative reform was undertaken in order to end the practice of

counselling centre, Women Help Line (1091), Mahila PCRs and scooty riders, anti-eve-teasing staff and office of the District Protection Officer appointed by the Women and Child Development Department.

A woman lawyer has been appointed at each station by the Haryana State Legal Service Authority to provide free legal aid to women in distress. This system has not only made police more



Lal Dora which has been prevalent since 1908 under the British era. In order to separate Lal Dora from the agricultural land, the Revenue Department used to mark Lal Dora around the village extension land.

Under Svamitva, the Haryana Government has so far made 19 lakh property cards. The Chief Minister personally monitors the progress in implementation of the scheme which was launched on January 26, 2020. The Chief Minister says his government has made many such schemes which are being followed across the country.

In the run-up to implementation of the Svamitva Yojana, the Chief Minister had asked the Surveyor General of India, Lt. General Girish

Kumar, to review the Haryana Large Scale Mapping Project. He had asked officers of the Survey of India to prepare Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the departments, including Development and Panchayat, Revenue and Disaster Management and Urban Local Bodies, so that they could freely carry out the work related to this scheme. He desired that SOP should be prepared for getting administrative approval from the Chief Secretary's Office.

Enthusied by the success the scheme has been in the villages, the Haryana Government has set the ball rolling to make the urban areas also Lal Dora-free.

The Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, has directed the

officers to prepare an action plan to map the assets inside Lal Dora and drone flying etc. in urban areas as well.

He has directed the officers to prepare master data of property IDs issued by the Urban Local Bodies Department, Town and Country Planning Department, and Haryana Shehri Vikas Pradhikaran, and in private colonies in order to know the actual situation. They will share the information about Lal Dora with all Municipal Corporations, Municipalities and Municipal Committees. If any change is found, the data should be updated accordingly, said the Chief Secretary.

accessible to women while easing the entire process but also created an entire cadre of women police personnel trained and equipped to respond to cases of crime against women as well as children.

Some other feats

Though a small state, Haryana has made a significant contribution to the country's economy. The per

capita income of Haryana is Rs 2,74,635, the highest among the major states of India. Haryana is also included in the leading states of the country on the parameters of economic development.

Between 2015-16 and 2020-21, the state's growth rate has been continuously recorded at more than 6 percent. Haryana's manufactu-

ring growth rate is 10 percent, which is the highest in the country.

Besides, 400 Fortune companies of the world have set up offices in Gurugram. Haryana is also the largest software exporting state in the country, while in terms of providing logistics facilities to industries Haryana is placed at the second position in the country, and first in north India.

A deep dive into cyber security cesspool

HIPA conducts five-day training programme on cyber security

By Parveen K Modi

With Haryana emerging as a front-runner in making digital governance a reality in various fields of administration, the Haryana Institute of Public Administration (HIPA) has emerged as a preferred institute for training in digital governance and challenges.

With a view to ensuring minimum government, maximum governance, HIPA organised a dedicated five-day training programme for Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) from different departments/ministries from different parts of the country.

Named "Deep Dive In Cyber Security", the programme was held at HIPA, Gurugram. Attended by 42 officers, it was organised in collaboration with National E-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Cyber Surakshit Bharat Initiative of the Government of India.

Mr V. Umashankar IAS, Principal Secretary to the Chief Minister of Haryana, graced the inaugural session as chief guest. Mrs Surina Rajan IAS, Director General, HIPA, welcomed the participants. She emphasized the importance of peer learning, exchange of ideas and further deliberations on the relevance of cyber security in digital governance.

Touching upon various aspects of cyber security in digital governance, Mr Umashankar said cyber security



is constantly evolving and cannot be limited to a single template. Hence, it cannot be solely regarded as a skill. Rather, it is an attitude and an approach to anticipate a cyber fraud by understanding the mind of the criminal.

This may help in determining the future course of action.

To ensure cultivation of this thought process, it is pertinent to connect with each other and learn about the nuances of cyber security from each other's experiences. Given the increased usage of technology and digital infrastructure in workspaces, it is important to cultivate general cyber hygiene at all levels.

Mr Umashankar also spoke about access control, data protection, area of incident management and general understanding and awareness of cyber security. He stressed the need for

making cyber hygiene common for everyone and urged all participants to be aware of the cyber laws and potential cyber threats posed to their respective organizations.

Mr Deepak Singh, Cyber Security Division, MeitY, highlighted the fact that integrated usage of technology had increased the possibility of misuse by hackers who can easily take advantage of vulnerabilities such as weak infrastructure and pose cyber threats like malware, ransomware and phishing etc. In order to address these challenges, the users should be made aware of various types of cyber threats and strategies to mitigate cyber risks.

Talking about cyber security-related initiatives and learnings, Mr Singh said Haryana ranked among the first states in the country to notify a Cyber Security Policy in 2017. The state has a dedicated

Information Security Management Office (ISMO) set up to address the cyber security concerns as its primary function.

ISMO is positioned as an independent agency under the State eGovernance Society, progressively capable of supporting all departments and agencies of the government to prevent, detect and react to cyber threats. ISMO also carries out monitoring, risk-assessment, risk management and other security governance/ oversight activities for all state government departments/ organisations, he added.

At a time when the entire cyber world is vulnerable to cyber threats, all major web portals, web applications of Haryana Government are thoroughly tested and certified by the in-house ISMO team, making them secure for usage and preventing any potential cyber

risks, Mr Singh added.

During the five-day programme, different topics like network security, mobile security, endpoint security, email security, cloud security, standard security, cyber security policy, Information Technology Act, incident response etc. were discussed in detail. Resource persons from the corporate sector, academia and the senior-most government officials, who have been instrumental in shaping the National Cyber Security Policy, delivered talks.

They were sourced from the government; NIC, CDAC, Standard Testing, Quality and Certification (STQC); National Telecommunication Institute of Policy, Research, Innovation Training (NTIPRIT); and Industry leaders like Ernst & Young, Data Security Council of India (DSCI); NASSCOM, Microsoft, F5, AWS & Deloitte.

The participants felt enriched and supplemented with the latest information after the event. They were all praises for the HIPA team and openly appreciated excellent delivery of course contents, serene environment and warm hospitality of the HIPA fraternity.

The trainees also expressed the desire for follow-up courses on a periodic basis to help them remain abreast with the latest trends, prevention techniques, new challenges in the cyber ecosystem and solutions there of.

FORTNIGHT IN RETROSPECT



Two big projects worth Rs 141 cr for Gurugram

The Chief Minister has dedicated two important projects to the people of Gurugram costing Rs. 141 crore. The new projects are the newly constructed flyover at Basai Chowk and Mahavir Chowk underpass near the main bus stand.

A new chapter has been added to the journey that started eight years ago to make Gurugram a developed city. With these new projects, people will get relief from traffic jams, he said.

On this occasion, the people of village Basai honoured the Chief Minister by presenting him with a turban on behalf of the residents of village Basai and surrounding areas.

Referring to the development of Gurugram done during the tenure of the present government, Mr Manohar Lal said that with the inauguration of two big projects, Gurugram has taken another giant leap forward in terms of development.

"When our government came to power in 2014, Gurugram Metropolitan Development Authority was formed to expand the development

and further ensure that the development schemes related to Gurugram are formulated and approved here only and there is no need to send the file to Chandigarh to get any approval. The development of Gurugram has gained momentum with the formation of GMDA", he said.

In the works: Corpn for ex-servicemen

For the welfare of ex-servicemen in Haryana, on the lines of other states, steps have been taken to form an Ex-Servicemen Corporation in the state. The Chief Secretary, Mr Sanjeev Kaushal, held an important meeting with the Additional Director General, Directorate General of Rehabilitation, Brig LK Bhardwaj, in this connection.

"Setting up an ex-servicemen corporation in the state is a good step. The final decision will be

taken after consultation with the Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal", Mr Kaushal said.

Brig. Bhardwaj apprised the Chief Secretary of the fact that similar corporations existed in other states as well. These carry out various initiatives for the welfare of ex-servicemen by giving them employment opportunities or providing means for self-employment and welfare of their families. Since there are about 2 lakh ex-servicemen in Haryana, such a corporation should be formed, he said.

Mr Kaushal directed the officers to study the annual reports of the last two years of states where such corporations existed so that the nuances of the basic principles and policies for forming a corporation in Haryana can be understood.

CM hails SC verdict on EWS reservation

The Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal, has welcomed the

Supreme Court's decision on EWS reservation. The SC has put its stamp on the law made by the central and state governments.

This decision of the court will definitely benefit the people belonging to the economically weaker sections, said the Chief Minister after hearing the grievances of the general public in Karnal.

He heard the grievances of more than 100 people. Most of the issues were resolved on the spot and necessary directions were given to the higher officers to resolve the issues immediately. During the public hearing, the Chief Minister was briefed on a problem of Kunjpura Sainik School by the school Principal.

Taking immediate cognizance, he spoke to the Chief Secretary over the telephone and asked him to find a concrete solution to the problem.



Ballet of ballot resonates villages



Photos by Vinay Malik

Mhari Panchayat Portal

The activities of Panchayat elections have been updated on the 'Mhari Panchayat Portal'. The voting percentages can be seen anywhere in the state by opening the Mhari Panchayat Portal through the internet. At the same time, the results have been made available on the e-dashboard on the day of counting. Anyone can see the election trends, voting percentages, and final results on the portal while sitting at home.



17,158 panches elected unanimously

The State Election Commissioner informed that 39,619 candidates had filled nominations for 25,967 Panch posts in the first phase, out of which 765 nominations were rejected and 4,869 candidates withdrew their applications.

Meanwhile, 17,158 Panches were unanimously elected, including 8708 males and 8450 females. 16,832 candidates contested for the 8,809 Panch posts.

By **Ajay Bhardwaj**

It has been celebration of democracy at the grassroots level in Haryana that saw the exuberance and vibrance of voters in the Gram panchayat elections reverberating down to the core of every village.

Though the process of electing village representatives is still underway yet the manner in which the entire exercise has been carried out so far surely deserves accolades.

In the second phase of polling for Gram Panchayats voting was held for 2683 sarpanch and 25,655 panch posts in 57 blocks of 9 districts namely Ambala, Charkhi Dadri, Gurugram, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Rewari, Rohtak, Sirsa and Sonipat.

There have been practically untoward disturbing factors. Hardly any incidents of violence. Happily enough those elected unopposed really took the cake.

In the first phase of polling for Gram Panchayats in Haryana that took place in first week of November a total of 2,605 sarpanches and 25,967 panches were elected.

The polling for Panch and Sarpanch posts was held in 9 districts-Bhiwani, Jhajjar, Jind, Kaithal, Mahendragarh, Nuh, Panchkula, Panipat and Yamunanagar. The election results were declared immediately after the

counting of votes.

Haryana State election Commissioner Dhanpat Singh said that "in the first phase, there were a total of 48,80,506 voters. The overall voter turn out was around 81 per cent."

2,605 sarpanches were elected unanimously

Sh. Dhanpat Singh informed that 17,597 candidates had filled nominations for 2,605 Sarpanch posts, out of which 192 nominations were rejected and 5,880 candidates withdrew their nominations. 133 were elected unanimously for the post of Sarpanch including 74 male and 59 female. 11,391 candidates contested for 2,472 sarpanch posts.

The State Election Commissioner informed that elections for the post of Sarpanch of Gram Panchayat Asoda Siwan, Block-Bahadurgarh, District Jhajjar and Gram Panchayat Khodma, Block Narnaul and Ward No. 6 of Gram Panchayat Floor Majra, Block Siwan, District Kaithal has been postponed due to the orders of the High Court.

Second phase

In the second phase voting was held for Panchayat Samiti members and Zilla Parishad members in 9 districts namely Ambala, Charkhi Dadri, Gurugram, Karnal, Kurukshetra, Rewari, Rohtak, Sirsa and Sonipat.

The fate of 1244 Panchayat Samiti members and 158 Zilla Parishad members in 57 blocks of 9 districts was sealed. Now after the completion of the polling of all phases of Panchayati Raj Institutions in the state, the results of the Zilla Parishad and Panchayat Samiti members will be declared after the counting of votes on November 27.

The State Election Commissioner congratulated all the employees and officers engaged in election duty on the completion of voting for the second phase of Panchayat Samiti and Zilla Parishad members.

He informed that a total of 48,67,132 voters were enrolled in this second phase.

These include 25,89,270 males, 22,77,795 females, and 67 others. In all there were 5,963 polling stations in these 9 districts, out of which 976 are sensitive and 1023 were declared highly sensitive stations.

Sh. Dhanpat Singh informed that polling was held peacefully in all 9 districts, no untoward incident was reported anywhere.

Some incidents of malfunctioning of EVMs was reported at some places, but the officials involved in the election process got those machines replaced immediately and the polling was completed, he added.



VP lauds Haryana youth for hard work

Haryana Review Bureau

Vice President Sh Jagdeep Dhankhar lauded the youth of Haryana saying that "patriotism has always been paramount among the youth of Haryana and they never step back while making their supreme sacrifice for the nation".

Addressing the third convocation of Baba Mastnath University at Asthal Bohar in Rohtak district, the Vice President, who was accompanied by Chief Minister Sh Manohar Lal, said that the youth of Haryana has always led from the front.

The Vice President presented degrees and medals to 2145 students at the convocation.

Congratulating the students who received the degree, he said that education has the power of transformation. The convocation is a very important moment in the life of the students, which they should never forget. After leaving University, students should work for the society with a sense of service, considering the nation and society paramount.

Sainik school soon

He said that Baba Mastnath University is educating the cultured and patriotic youth for the country and he is happy that Chancellor Mahant Balak Nath Yogi has informed that Sainik School is also being opened here soon.

The Vice President said that he is feeling extremely proud to be in Haryana as the farmers and soldiers of Haryana have always given their best for the security of the nation. Today the sports persons of Haryana are also bringing laurels to the state and the country.

He said that the Haryana tour has started from the birthplace of

Presents degrees to 2145 students at convocation



Deenbandhu Sir Chhotu Ram and he is feeling proud and motivated by paying homage to Chhotu Ram, he added.

Praising the sports policy of Haryana Government formulated under the visionary leadership of Chief Minister, Sh. Manohar Lal, Sh. Jagdeep Dhankhar said that earlier if children were interested in sports, their parents used to scold them for studying instead of playing. But today the parents of Haryana perceive sports as a career due to the great achievements of the players of Haryana in the field of sports.

Sh. Jagdeep Dhankhar appealed to the youth to take an oath today

that they will give equal emphasis on Fundamental Duties as enshrined in the Constitution, as given to Fundamental Rights. It is necessary to follow the fundamental duties, as it will draw positive results. He urged the youth to always respect their parents, teachers, and elders and contribute to nation-building.

CM felicitates students

While congratulating the degree holders and their parents, the Chief Minister said that from today onwards the students are going to climb a new ladder in their lives and only after working with the

spirit of service to society, they will relish great heights.

He said that students should move ahead in life with the spirit of 'come to learn-go to serve'. They should never forget today's moment because after getting the degree they are going to work for society and the nation.

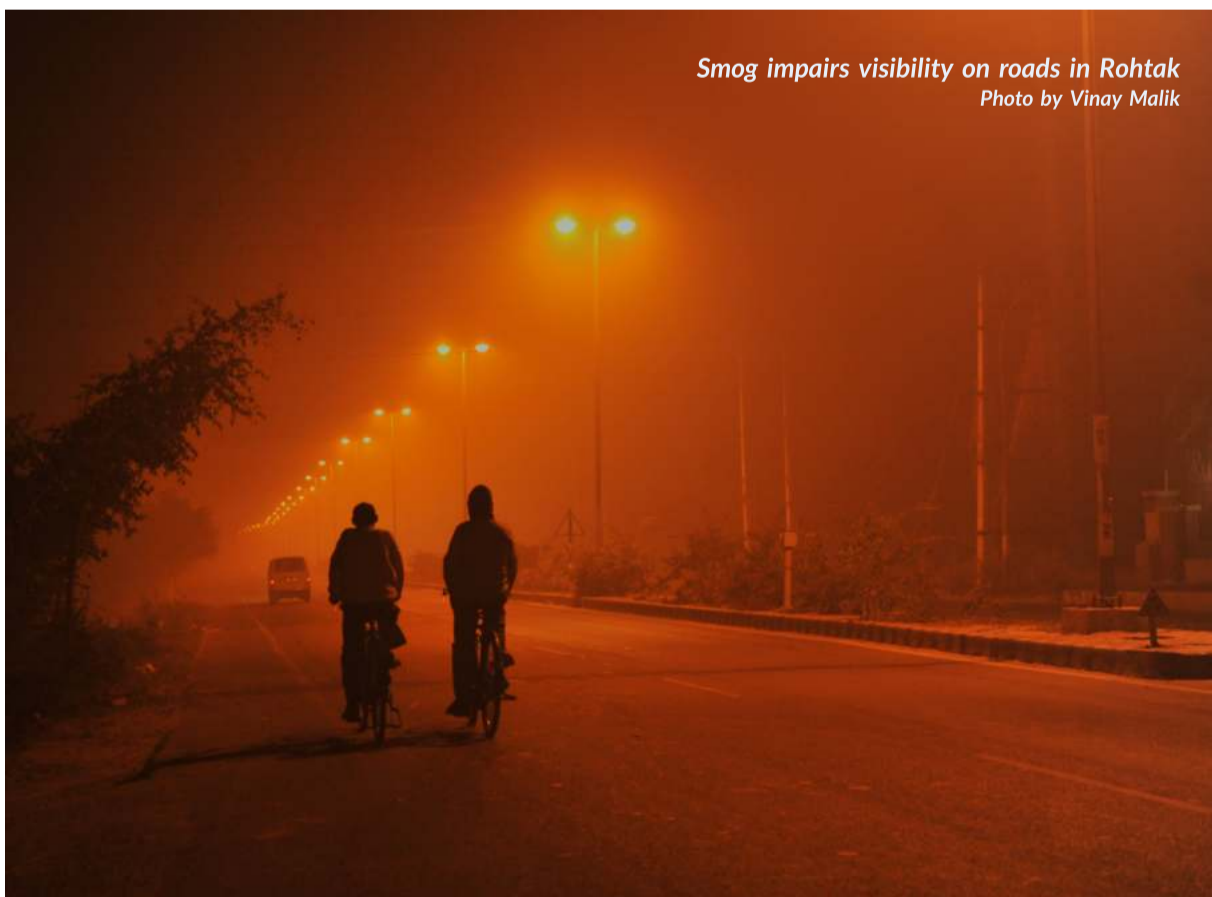
Sh. Manohar Lal said that a lot of progress has been made in the education sector in Haryana during his tenure. The new education policy implemented by the central government has set a target to be implemented in the states by the year 2030, but we will implement it by the year 2025.

He said that Ayurveda has the

art of keeping the human body healthy, whereas in Allopathy there is treatment after the illness. Therefore, efforts will be made to get the same degree in systems like Allopathy, Ayurveda, Unani, etc.

Sh. Manohar Lal said that in the year 2014, there were only 750 MBBS seats in Haryana, which has increased to 1700 today. We are opening medical colleges in every district and with the opening of medical colleges in every district, MBBS seats will also be enhanced to 3050. He said that AIIMS of Ayurveda is also being opened in Panchkula. Apart from this, Ayurveda centres will also be opened in the village.

Smog impairs visibility on roads in Rohtak
Photo by Vinay Malik



Rs 16k cr for medical education

By Shagun Kapoor

The Governor of Haryana and the Chancellor of Pandit Bhagwat Dayal Sharma University of Health Sciences, Mr Bandaru Dattatraya along with the Haryana Chief Minister, Mr Manohar Lal during the second convocation ceremony of the university presented the degrees to the students of various courses related to health sciences. Further, the Chief Minister distributed the degrees of MCh, MD, MS, MDS, M Pharmacy, MBBS, BDS, BSE Nursing, Bachelor of Physio-therapy and gold and silver medals to the outstanding students.

While addressing the students on the occasion, the Chancellor, Mr Bandaru Dattatraya said that in the era of digitalisation, bio engineering and medical

engineering will usher in a new revolution in the medical field. With this, the students should keep updating themselves with the new research happening around the world and provide better medical services to the people with modern technology, he added.

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